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FARMERS' PURCHASING POWER RISES IN ONTARIO

(Mail and Empire)
The depression is largely over for the farmers of this province if one may rely on statistics compiled by the Canadian Countryman in two recent issues and published in pamphlet form under the title "Purchasing Power of Farm People in Ontario." It is estimated that the cash returns of farmers were, in millions of dollars, approximately \$182 in 1935; \$161 in 1934; \$145 in 1933; \$131 in 1932; \$169 in 1931; \$237 in 1930 and \$267 in 1929. But this is not the whole of the story. The costs of production in agriculture have fallen. The things farmers buy have, generally speaking, come down in price.

By using index figures of the things bought by Ontario farmers the Canadian Countryman finds that their real purchasing power as a whole in 1935 was 12 per cent greater than in 1934; 24 per cent greater than in 1933; 44 per cent greater than in 1932; 19 per cent greater than in 1931; only five per cent less than in 1930, and only 12 per cent less than in 1929. If the value of such crops as wheat, beans, potatoes and sugar beets that are sold for cash is added to the cash returns of Ontario agriculture estimated as above, it means that the purchasing power of farmers as a whole in this province in 1935 was 14 per cent greater than in 1934; 20 per cent greater than in 1933; 42 per cent greater than in 1932; 21 per cent greater than in 1931; only four per cent less than in 1930, and only 15 per cent less than in 1929.

The Canadian Countryman further points out that agriculture in Ontario in 1935 made a much better showing compared with 1934 and 1929 than Canadian agriculture as a whole and agriculture in the Prairie Provinces. This was because of the advance in the value of live stock and its products and because about 75 per cent of the revenue of farmers in Ontario is derived from the sale of live stock and live stock products. Moreover, interest rates have been reduced, so that money costs farmers less than it did a few years ago, and a very large number of farmers have benefited from a reduction in the principal of their mortgages. Proof of their improved position is to be found in their greatly increased purchases of farm implements during the last few months.

SHOULD THE CHURCH TAKE A HOLIDAY

(The Whicby Gazette)
Weather the churches of Whicby and we presume elsewhere are beginning to see a reduction in the number attending service, particularly in the evening, and various moves have been made to meet this situation. In Whicby for a number of years the union of congregations has been tried, and with a certain measure of success, but the Ministerial Association, having come to the conclusion that these services have proved an excuse for many people to stay away, have decided that but one community service will be held this year, and it will be in the Town Park where citizens of every religious denomination can take part. This serious curtailment of the community services is, regrettable but on the other hand, from our personal knowledge we believe that there is a great deal of truth in the contention of the Ministerial Association. We have seen three congregations merged for one service with not more than two hundred in attendance.

Commenting upon this subject of church attendance in the summer months our esteemed contemporary the Pickering News, has this to say in its last issue: "It will be noticed however, that those who are attending are those who have reached rather mature years, and who have been in the habit of going twice daily all their lives. Those who are inclined to do some thinking on the matter, are viewing with alarm the apparent indifference shown by altogether too many, in this duty of attending divine worship. All agree that the problems of today, national and otherwise would be quickly solved, by a practice of the principles upheld by the Christian church. There is not a man, woman or child today can claim an indifferent attitude to world conditions and affairs, and whose general welfare would not be improved by a correction in many of the practices of today. It therefore behooves everyone to support the only instrument making any serious attempt to reveal the necessity of a correction, the church. Rev. Hugh G. Crozier, on Sunday evening last acknowledged this period of transition through which we are passing and expressed his belief that one of the possible developments would be the creation of a one-service Sabbath.

We rather regretted hearing from the pulpit the statement that such should possibly come about and trust that the clergy will continue to uphold the practice of the observance of the whole of the "seventh day" and not shut down at noon, declaring for the balance of the day, "whoopee" the inevitable result with many, who could see no further obligation for that day. Mr. Crozier also asked those favoring the retaining of the old practice, to be tolerant and not insist that all agree with them, observing no doubt the fact that we are in a period of transition. Fortunately this period had not become operative when our foreign missionaries left for the Foreign Lands."

UNION OF CANADA AND U.S. URGED TO BRING PROSPERITY

(The Christian Science Monitor)
Washington, May 27 — Representative William I. Sirovich (D) of New York today turned his attention from problems of drama and microphone to world affairs. He introduced a resolution calling for a special congressional committee to investigate the "practicability" of a union between the United States and Canada as a means of ending the economic depression.

Questioned regarding his resolution, Mr. Sirovich explained that after exhaustive research in American economic history he had discovered that every previous economic depression has ended with the pushing onward of the national frontiers.

After making his discovery, he took a trip through Canada last summer where he observed millions of acres of untilled soil and the vast undeveloped resources of that country and came to the conclusion that there lay the practical solution to the economic distress in his own land.

He sees the problem as one for co-operation for a common good. He would solve American unemployment and develop Canada at the same time. He said that he had not discussed the idea with any Canadian, but saw no reason why Canada should object to an arrangement so advantageous for it as well as for the United States.

No connection is seen in informed quarters here between the Sirovich resolution and President Roosevelt's projected visit to Canada next summer.

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Queen's Park Arena

By the Watchman
Toronto, June 4th. The important element of sportsmanship in politics seems to have been overlooked these days by men who should know better — if one wishes to be a partisan, there is nothing bad enough that can be said about those who are in the political spotlight. According to the Conservatives, or at least, many of them Premier Hepburn is a rogue, a man without a single decent trait, a deceitful, arrogant individual who is doing everything except steal provincial funds for his own pocket. And many Liberals look upon former Premier Henry in pretty much the same way. No doubt Earl Rowe, the newly-elected leader of the Conservative Party in Ontario, will find himself maligned in a hundred different ways before very long.

Because a man happens to be a Conservative or a Liberal, that is not in itself a sin against society. But if we are to believe supporters of either party, the citizens who wear the opposite political stripe are not good Canadians, particularly if in the other faction happens to be in power. Criticism is to be expected and welcomed, but it should be legitimate criticism, based on the policies and actions of the reigning government. Many people forget that under a democratic system, the majority rules. Can a charge of having truly levelled at the majority of citizens who placed the Hepburn government in power? It is a reflection on the intelligence of a great body of men and women in this province. As has been said before in this column, the Hepburn government is open to criticism for its acts as a government, but not as individuals. A halt should be called to this calling of names.

Last week the Conservatives of Ontario met in convention at Toronto. One of the speeches made on the afternoon of the balloting was that of James Lyons, former member for Sault Ste. Marie, who was a member of the Ferguson cabinet, holding the portfolio of Lands and Forests. Mr. Lyons made a good speech and he attacked the Hepburn government vigorously. But he left a bad taste in the mouths of many listeners when he described the Ontario Premier as "an ordinary, damn fool." This was going too far, even for a political convention. Mr. Lyons could have achieved just as much effect by damning the policies of the government without resorting to such language. After all, Premier Hepburn received a mandate from a majority of the voters of Ontario. He is the leader of the government and is entitled to some consideration, even from the hands of his political enemies. Mr. Lyons did not raise his own stock, when he said Mr. Hepburn was "an ordinary, damn fool." By making this charge, he cast a doubt on the intelligence and good common sense of the men and women who elect governments.

Not all the blame goes to the Conservatives. Liberals must shoulder some of the responsibility as well. There has been a tendency in recent years to assail those sitting in the seats of government with all the abuse that can be hurled at them. Once a man reaches the heights of political ambition, he immediately becomes fair game for the throwers of dirt who, like jackals, wish to tear him down. In a democracy such as Canadians enjoy, there is not wide opportunity for dishonest and corrupt men to secure positions of authority, but the remedy is always at hand. In the main, however, the people of Ontario know what they are doing. Men in political life are not crooks, neither are they "ordinary, damn fools."

Goodwood

Toronto Flashes—
Victoria Day has passed and still we are looking for more holidays. All good things they say come to those that wait.

Island Grove, Lake Simcoe, has a new butcher from Zephyr. Mr. Tate is a relative of the Tate family of Stouffville.

The correspondent was informed this week of the death of Mrs. Jas. Hutchinson who for many years had lived on Manitoulin Island. Mrs. Hutchinson died May 23, and according to the information given, was buried at Mindemoya. Mrs. Hutchinson is known in Goodwood, being an aunt to Miss Minnie Lee. To the family in their bereavement we ask them to accept our sincere sympathy.

One day last week the scribe overheard a discussion on the science of baking doughnuts. Different bakers' names were mentioned and the names of the city bakers were mentioned. After the talk had gone on for some little time two of the ladies said, "well if you ever want to buy doughnuts that are doughnuts, when you going through Stouffville just call in that up-to-date Bakery of Ambrose Stover, and you sure will get the best ever made."

The marriage of Miss Helen Stuart Beale and Mr. George Wilson

Jacobi will take place in St. Annes Anglican Church, on June 27th: Miss Beale is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beale, of Toronto. Miss Beal's mother is one more of those former Goodwood ladies who had lived in Toronto many years. Well known to many of our Goodwood folks.

We read of the Diamond Jubilee service of the Goodwood Baptist Church, to be held next Sunday. Years ago we attended Sunday school at this church, and take the opportunity to wish the pastor and members best wishes for a fine day.

In last week's issue of the Tribune one could not overlook the long column of news from the correspondent at Goodwood. I wish to commend him on this occasion. The City folk like to read this and we're sure those in the old home village enjoy it too. The Toronto scribe does not come in contact with the people as does the Correspondent at Goodwood and finds it difficult at times to write off something which will interest those at Goodwood and surrounding district. There are lots of things happening in the city which if the names given were not known to the Country folk they would not interest our friends outside.

For some weeks now The Toronto Correspondent has tried to give some items of interest. This so far has been mostly what he personally has heard or read. It is the desire of the writer to try and give news that will interest his many friends. I appreciate the comment which is given lately of the news being more than delighted if any of our country people who are now living in the city would inform us of any items of interest which would be appreciated in the old home villages, any social events, births, marriages, or bereavements, visitors, all these would be a great help in sending news each week to the Tribune. To Mr. Nolan I appreciate his kindness in helping to interest his many friends in my old village. I am at home any night after six o'clock and by giving me a ring on the phone which is Hargrave 3012, I will be pleased to receive any news and put it in the following issue. If you do not get the Stouffville Tribune in your home weekly, I would suggest you write the Editor and no doubt he will send by return mail a copy for you to look over. Fifty one copies a year a little less than four cents each week. This will brighten the home. Bring your minds back to your old village and friends.

To the new officers of the Women's Institute at Goodwood, Stouffville, Altona, we extend a happy and profitable term of office Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown, also the correspondent with his good wife called

on John McCullough K.C. and folks after shaking hands the first words were as each time we call on him, "well what's new in Goodwood." His first thought is of our home village. A visit of about ten minutes to our friend was a pleasant cue. Each day he is feeling a little stronger.

The engagement of the Lindsay Boys Band to the Garden Party, June 24, at Goodwood should be a real treat to the folks. Last year at Sutton Horse Show this band supplied the music, and the scribe can guarantee to the Goodwood people that this is a wonderful group of players.

It is with deep regret we hear that our esteemed friend, Mr. Fred Woodland through ill health has sent in his resignation from Chairman of Goodwood Cemetery Board — Mr. Woodland no doubt with his farm work and extra work through his sons illness finds it necessary to take things easy. The Toronto Representative who with the members at Goodwood has worked with Mr. Woodland hopes that he may with the bright sunshine gain his former strength.

There is an old song, "The Cat Came Back." Well, folks, the correspondent turned his old dog in for a new model 1936 dog. That was two weeks ago, but on arriving home one night this week our old friend stood in the yard to greet me. What a surprise. Then on phoning the present owner I was told that he had just broken through the screen door and decided he would take a trip back to the old home. After a good brushing up and a good square meal he was taken back to the lady who now is his owner (Even among dogs its sure nice to wander back to the old home once more).

The second Sunday in July for the past few years has been set apart as Goodwood Cemetery Decoration Day. This year that Sunday should be a very suitable day, July 12th. We read of the L.O.L. preparing for this years demonstration. The marking of their Brethren who lay resting at this God's Acre. What better respect could be given than to mark the graves by a flag or flowers.

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