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WOULD REPEAL CREDITORS' ACT FOR FARMERS

Legislation Being Abused by Persons Who Will Not Pay Debts, County Council Told

Claiming that the Farmers' Creditors Act was being abused by "persons who have no intention of meeting their debts," Reeve J. J. Jefferson introduced a resolution before York County Council to appeal to the Government to revise the Act to protect small investors who have placed their money in farm mortgages.

After a lengthy debate the resolution was amended to urge that the Act be repealed instead of revised. It was unanimously adopted.

Reeve Jefferson pointed out that the Act was instituted for the relief of farmers who purchased property and equipment during the war period at high prices.

Fears Opposition
"The act is encouraging certain people not to pay debts," said Reeve Knowles, of Aurora.

"To revise this Act would be of great help to the farmer for it would renew confidence in farm investments," said Reeve Harry Corner.

Deputy-Reeve Hulbert, of North York, and Deputy Reeve Gardiner of Forest Hill, were of the opinion that the Act should not be revised but repealed.

Reeve Williams said that agitation for the repeal of the Act would do nothing but arouse concentrated opposition from those affected.

"What we must do is to find ways and means of relieving conditions so that such an Act would not be necessary," he said.

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ANOTHER GENERAL ELECTION IN QUEBEC

There was a Provincial general election in Quebec last fall when the Taschereau, a so-called Liberal government, was returned to power with the slim majority of 6; which was reduced to 4 at the session last winter by the election of a government Speaker and a technicality in the election of another Taschereau supporter.

In the latter part of the session a serious charge was brought against the Premier's brother, who as Provincial accountant was appropriating public funds to his own account and also against the Deputy Attorney General who was also involved in misappropriating government funds. The investigation in the Public Accounts Committee resulted in both these high officials and Taschereau resigning their positions.—Godbout, Taschereau's Attorney-General, was recommended for and accepted the Premiership; and a general election will be held on August 15th.

In the general election last fall Taschereau was opposed not only by Duplessis, the Conservative leader, but by the young Liberals of the province headed by Paul Gouin, a Montreal lawyer, and son of a former Liberal Premier who revolted against Taschereau, largely because of the Premier and members of his cabinet appointing relatives to the chief positions in the gift of the government.

In the general election last fall the Taschereau Liberals, who had held office for 40 years under different Premiers and 16 years under the one who has just resigned, elected 48 members, the Gouin rebel Liberals 26 and Conservatives 16. There was an understanding between Gouin and Duplessis that in the event of the defeat last fall of Taschereau, Duplessis was to be Premier and Gouin was to name 60 per cent of the cabinet members.

BLOOMINGTON OLD BOY IS CHAIRMAN

Rev. C. E. Pockler, pastor of Keswick United Church, was elected chairman of Toronto Centre Presbytery succeeding Rev. W. J. Johnston, of Eglington United Church, at a meeting of the Presbytery held at Sutton last week.

More than 100 ministers and their wives from United Churches at Sutton, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill and Toronto were present. Rev. A. Mitchell, who served 41 years in the mission field in India, announced his retirement.

Farewells were tendered to Rev. Garnet Lynd, pastor of Temperanceville United Church, who is taking up a new charge at Stayner, and Rev. T.W.F.G. Andrews, of Trinity United Church, Newmarket, who is moving to Brampton.

The ladies were taken for a tour of the lake in motor cars and the men indulged in golf following the sessions. The Ladies' Auxiliary of Sutton United Church served refreshments.

GORMLEY

Haying operations are now well underway and from indications there will be plenty of fodder again this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Helse of the Fourth Line, are the happy parents of a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Steckley, recently of Beulah College, Upland, California, are spending a short time with relatives around Gormley.

Mr. James Stevens of Toronto, is spending a few weeks with his only daughter, Mrs. Ernest Jones of this place.

Mr. Abram Baker, of Union Street spent Sunday evening at the home of his brother George of New Gormley, who recently injured his back severely while erecting a building, just south of Ringwood.

Mrs. A. Sider, our aged resident, who was recently bedfast is now quite improved and is able to be out occasionally.

BRIDAL COUPLES 50 YEARS AGO IN STOUFFVILLE

They were Popular Events in Those Days as They are Now. Community Doings in 1884 and Thereabout.

Readers will be pleased to read one more consignment of "Back Home Stuff" from the versatile H. S. O'Brien of Indianapolis who hasn't reached the bottom of that old trunk, where letters written to him 50 years ago were stored.—Now Mr. O'Brien, himself a newspaper man, compiles them for The Tribune readers.

Doings 54 Years Back

A letter of Sept. 4, 1882, supplies a little personal and other gossip of the town. "The Uxbridge junior boys beat our boys yesterday, but we expected defeat as our boys were much smaller, and had not practised enough to play with anybody yet. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nichols have had the typhoid fever, and Mrs. Nichols died last week. She was brought out here and buried at Bloomington. Mr. Nichols was so bad, Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty, who were nursing him, could not leave him to come to the funeral; but he is getting better now.—William Silvester feels sad about his aunt Maggie's death. Allie Silvester is in Winnipeg. Fannie is home and so is Jeff. Johnny Urquhart is going to start another drygoods store next to Coulson's in the new block. Ed. Knill is in England. Noah Stouffer is home. Jake Burkholder is in a drug store in Toronto. Jake Barkey is camping out in Muskoka. Jake Sr. is still unmarried, and kicking. Ira Brown is having the phaeton all painted, varnished and fixed up to the nines."

Among the family items I find that "Herbert has just come down from Ballantrae. Saw your letter on the table, asked: 'where did all those letters come from and when told it was 'one letter from you, opened his eyes and mouth and exclaimed: 'By jingo, he must be hard up for something to do.'

An October letter announces the death of little Joey Hartney, and of Mr. Robert Johnson who lived on the Ninth whose death was very sudden. He appeared to be in perfect health, as far as known and in 15 minutes threw up his arms, and was dead.

Cruet or Ten Knives—Which?

This was the month, also, for the O'Brien silver wedding anniversary, and the debate was which would be liked best, a cruet stand or a set of tea knives. Fred was drawing \$2 a week at Wheeler's, out of which he managed to save enough for a \$16 suit, and to go to the Exhibition. In November, the first and foremost news was Laura Leaney's marriage to E. G. Tramer in the English Church with only relatives at the house, but the church crowded, Lillie O'Brien playing the wedding march; Ed Knill was best man, and Carrie Krebs bridesmaid, bride was dressed in wine-colored broadened silk and satin, got from Murray's, Toronto, cost \$70. Miss Gould, of Stouffville, made all the bride's clothes. Among the many handsome presents was a \$10 pickle cruet, and a napkin ring with Laura's name engraved on it (by David Stouffer with the finest file he could find at J. Dougherty's); bridegroom's present a locked and chained, with a diamond set in one side of the locket. A \$20 bill came from Mr. Tramer, Sr. Mr. Leaney gave Laura one thousand dollars just as they were leaving the house, and when they got to the station, Mr. Tramer gave his son Ed, also one thousand dollars, and the letter-writer comments: "They are the right sort of daddys to have." The cruet won at the silver wedding, it turned out, and it is explained it was better that way for a cruet is a necessary article on a table, while silver knives are not absolutely so."

A letter dated March 7, '84 records the death of Mrs. Macklem; a cousin of David Stouffer who died suddenly of apoplexy. "On March 6 occurred the funeral of Mrs. Thomas Steele, at Lemonville. She was Lillie Lemon and die at Bobaygeon. Her parents lived in Lemonville, and her husband was Methodist minister at Stouffville two years. It was one of the largest funerals ever seen in that community and most of the Stouffville church choir was there to sing. Our present young minister is trying to rush Miss— as much as he gets a chance, but she appears not to like him well enough to "rush."

Phoney Scandal in Stouffville

Stouffville about this time was treated to a dose of anonymous scandal through the columns of a Toronto evening paper. No names were mentioned, apparently, but enough was said that Stouffville people knew who were meant. A well-known young man about town was a frequent visitor to the home of a woman whose husband was subject to fits, during which he occupied himself in smashing furniture, knocking over the cooking-stove with fire in it, tossing chairs, etc. out of the window, and abusing his

wife. So tongues of the gossips got busy, for the young man in question had no fits, and was a pretty good fit socially. The gossips, however, overlooked the fact that the woman had an attractive young sister living with her, and they did not know she was the real attraction at the home. They "got up a scurrilous attack on Mrs.— and the husband's mental condition was a subject of a trial at which an effort was made to have him sent to an asylum. Results, he was committed to the care of his father and of a Stouffville lawyer.

English Church Wedding 1884

Weddings, always events of consequence, probably created more stir a half-century ago than now. They were rarer when the population was smaller, especially church weddings. The date for Maggie Dougherty's marriage to Albert Barkey, as previously announced here, was Nov. 4, '84. It occurred at the English Church. Maggie was known probably to everybody in Stouffville, consequently considerable interest was created when it was announced he was to become a Mrs. Among those present for the ceremony were Dr. S. Freel, Dr. Ira Freel, Miss Mary Unsworth, Miss Moore, Miss Ratcliff, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Clendennin, Josie McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Bray, Miss Bentley, the bridegroom's brother, the bride's father's brother; Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Andy Stouffer, and Lillie O'Brien, who played the wedding march. The ceremony was at 4:30 p.m., after which the wedding supper, and the trip to Toronto on the 7:30. The bride's father and mother stood up with her. The weather, that day, unfortunately was miserable, but failed to dim the brightness of the occasion. The couple looked handsome.

H. S. O'Brien,
Indianapolis, Ill.

napkin rings, Uncle Jake Burkholder; handpainted bracket, Josie McCarty; satin sofa cushion, Emma Brillinger; plush wisp holder, Mrs. Bray; two cups and saucers, Mrs. Bartholomew; pair of vases, Miss Ratcliff; gold bracelets to bride from bridegroom. This is only part of the list of gifts.

The marriage gown was white satin and merino, trimmed with orange blossoms, white kid slippers, immense white veil, white kid gloves and a wreath of flowers on her head.—The ladies all agreed she looked very pretty. The bridegroom stood up like a gentleman, after making himself very presentable, and was not exactly submerged, as many are, by the glamour of the bride. The bride's travelling outfit was a green broadened silk and velvet, a \$7 hat and a new black satin jacket, according to my veracious correspondent.

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