

TORONTO FLASHES

Goodwood and District in Particular

Miss Greta Hatley visited Quaker Hill and Goodwood the weekend.

Miss Beatrice Davey of Palmerston visited Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday last week.

Mr. Lang Blumman & Son visited the Port Perry district Sunday last. No doubt the country scenery is again attracting our friend.

Goodwood still leads in hockey. Keep up the good work, and it won't be long before we see the sign board at Maple Leaf Gardens reading—"Maple Leafs vs. Goodwood."

Sorry to report that Oswald Lee, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, was taken to St. Michael's Hospital last Friday. We hope his operation was a success.

Mr. Arthur Lee of Rochester, N.Y. motored to Toronto last weekend to see the Maple Leaf and Rangers play

hockey.

Many happy returns to our friend Mrs. Tobias Heywood, of Mount Albert. Her birthday, June 29, was her 75th. Mrs. Heywood is the sister of our friend Chas. Minnie and Cecil Lee, of Goodwood.

It is indeed a pleasure to report the re-election of one of Goodwood's old boys to the position of Rector's Warden, at St. Chad's Anglican Church, Dufferin St. Our friend Art Jones has for more than twenty years held office at this church.

The old saying a drop of ink makes millions think. Yes, sure, it's just the same when a small advertisement is placed in The Tribune. A farm wanted adv. in last week's paper inside of 48 hours brought 14 letters, phone calls, and visits of persons wishing to sell. Some far, some near. The result makes us realize the power of a small adv. in the home district paper.

We're sorry to hear of the accident to Mr. Moore Sr., who is the father of our friend Victor Moore, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown. While crossing the road from

the Moore Bros. Factory, on Gerrard St., he was struck down by a auto breaking both legs. Mr. Moore is in a serious condition and is in the East General Hospital.

Mr. Chas. Lee of Goodwood visited his brother here on Thursday.

How would you like to be called out of bed at night to answer a long distance phone call from a person wanting to sell a farm? This was the case last week when a party thought the Scribe was going farming. Imagine the Scribe starting to farm having never worked a day on the land in his life. But the owner must have been a subscriber of The Tribune and was out to do business so we just had to forget the disturbance to our sleep.

One day last week a gentleman received an order from the Correspondent for 3 lbs. Georgian Bay Herring, all cleaned ready for cooking. The fish were delivered, the following day all parcelled up. To make sure of keeping fresh The Scribe placed some on the window base till going home. Twenty minutes to five, fish were in the same place, five minutes to five, the fish had gone. Yes, folks, this is a fish story but a true one, and we live in Toronto the good.

Well folks the Stouffville Old Girls and Boys Banquet is past for another year. The writer met Mr. Nolan's right hand man, who no doubt knew more people than the Scribe. Yes, the Correspondent and his good wife were there and enjoyed the evening very much. Although perfect strangers to the members, one would not help but feel at home and welcome. May I say the President, Miss A. B. Clark and all her officers seem to be the right people in the right place. One lady stepped up to the Scribe and wife, who at first sight seemed a stranger. But my good lady is much better in remembering, and recalled an old acquaintance. Her name now is Mrs. Carr. (I hope I have this name correct) Before her marriage she was Olive Pugh, daughter of our friend Mr. Alf. Pugh. So friends it's no matter where you go, you meet someone you know. Your humble servant and lady wish the Association best of success. There is certainly no reason why our old village of Goodwood cannot put the same thing over either here in the city or in the old home.

Morgan Baker, Before The Legislature, Defends Hydro Cancellations

Mr. Speaker:

In continuing the debate I wish to say that I have taken little part in the last two sessions, but I have been almost continually in my place, listening carefully to the debates on the various subjects. I confess there were times when it was difficult for me to keep my seat, especially when charges were made against my leader, such as the Honourable Member for East York made last Friday, namely, that the Premier had tried to buy East Hastings. Had the statement been true, those who sit opposite should be the last to mention it. Have they forgotten 1934? Sir, all over the Province of Ontario, 30 or 40 men were to be found filling one or two little trucks. Why, Mr. speaker, in their anxiety they even bought shovels for school children.

Yes—I was down in East Hastings and enjoyed myself. Mr. Acres and I had a wonderful time. I had the privilege of meeting some mighty fine people down there. Well—the Tories won the election and I congratulate the Member for East Hastings. His majority, ordinarily, should have been 3,000, and he got a little over 100—just enough to carry. Yes, I was down at \$10.00 bet to Holly Acres. We have as good reason to rejoice over East Hastings as the Tories, we held our own and that is all they did.

I have been surprised at the line of argument used by His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, whenever the Power Bill is under discussion. Their speeches consist of an attempt to justify their own action in buying 7 or 8 thousand H.P. which we did not need and which we could not use and a strong defense of those from whom they bought the power. Not one word have I heard from the Honourable Gentlemen opposite in defense of the people of this Province—those who have to pay.

Their defense of the contracts is that they did not know there was going to be a depression, when the contracts were made. Did the Government know there was a depression in 1931? The Honourable Gentlemen knew full well that the people of this province had never seen or heard tell of a depression such as we went through from 1931 to 1934. They knew that that year they purchased seven hundred thousand H.P. that the people could not use, yet all these years they were proclaiming from the hill-tops that all was well with hydro. An organized effort was made to deceive the people and make it appear that the Liberal Party were the enemies of hydro. During all those years, not one attempt was made by the government of the day to make any adjustment with those from whom power had been purchased, and had the Tory Government been returned in 1934 the people would have been made to pay for every horse power that had been contracted for.

No, Mr. Speaker, the Power Barons will not deal with the present Attorney-General—they will pour barrels of money into this Province at the next Election in the hope of electing their friends, the Tories across the way, and then they will get everything they ask for.

When the "Power Bill" was introduced in 1935, every Tory stood in his place reading articles that had been prepared by Gaby, Waldon and The Power Interests. The Bogey Repudiation was used. When the Honourable Leader of the opposition spoke last Friday he made the statement there was not a man in the Legislature who would repudiate a contract. May I remind His Majesty's Loyal Opposition that there are other contracts besides Power and Road Contracts. To use the words of Ross contracts "to use" is a contract. A contract whereby the people concentrate all their wills in one man, or a group of men. They say—we are trusting you with all that we have, there is a constitution for your guidance and our protection the individual, or group of individuals contract, of their part, to keep their man in peaceable possession of this property, and sacrifice, if necessary, their own privileges in order to carry out their part of the bargain. Had the late government been true to that contract, had the Government been true to the moral obligations placed on them, the contracts now under dispute would never have been written. They forgot those they were sworn to serve and obligated to the people to the tune of 11,000,000 million dollars per year—the most vicious repudiation of moral obligation and betrayal of public confidence that the people of Ontario have ever seen. There isn't a man on the opposition benches that would do business for himself as the late Government did for the people.

If I hire a man to run my farm, pay him good money for his services and trust him because he promised to be true, then, after a little time, I am told by a neighbor that he bought 100 head of cattle, which I can neither stable or feed—must I for the sake of the seller be responsible for that contract, which would force me into bankruptcy, throw my family on the road and also make it impossible for me to pay the honest debts I owe my neighbor, or should I cancel the contract and throw that servant out a traitor to his trust—as the people of Ontario in 1934 threw the late Government out for doing that very thing. The "Seller" has rights, but his rights end at precisely that point where they infringe on the rights of others. I owe something to my family and this Government owes something to the people of Ontario—whose servants we are, and are going to give them the protection they are entitled to, no

matter how much the opposition may dislike it.

The policy of the present Commission has saved Hydro from its enemies. That policy has brought a material reduction in rates enabling many who had ceased using electrical power to begin using it again. Thousands of farmers are installing hydro today, because of the reduction in price. Sir, it more power is being used, it is only because the price has been reduced. If anyone needs hydro, surely it is the farmer. Two years ago we were paying \$2.55 service charge per month, today we pay \$1.00 per month. This has been made possible through the efforts of this Government, which action every Tory in the House most strenuously opposed. I am not going to vote to return to the \$2.55 rate, neither am I going to force my neighbor back to the \$2.55 rate.

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition made the statement the other day that he would be glad to see the cost reduced, if it did not interfere with the service. Judging from his words and actions during the last two sessions, and those who sit behind him, he should have said—if it did not interfere with the profits of the Power Barons of Quebec.

The bill now before the House only makes possible the cancellation bill passed two years ago and the success that has attended hydro



Morgan Baker, M.L.A.

since that time has justified the action taken. It has meant:

It has made Hydro possible to the Farmer of Ontario.

It has meant extensions of lines, giving work to the unemployed.

It has meant a reduction in the cost of power to industry, enabling industry to compete more favourably with the nations of the world.

It has put back into operation our own plants, some of which were practically idle.

It has taken Hydro out of the Red, changing deficits into surpluses in every part of the Province of Ontario.

The other side of the picture is to force the people to pay for hundreds of thousands of horse power from Quebec interests, which they use.

To increase the price of power to a point where the farmer will not be able to install.

To force industry out of business or back to steam.

To close our own plants, in order to absorb power generated in Quebec plants.

To throw men out of work and place them again on relief rolls.

In fine—to wreck the whole of "Hy" as an enterprise and throw it back into the hands of private interests.

The charge of a shortage of power has been shown by the Attorney-General to be untrue. We have one hundred and twenty thousand horse power which we can call on at any time. The Honourable Mr. Rowe is telling the people there is a shortage—I suppose he got this idea from the Honourable Gentlemen Opposite. Speaking to the Albany Club he said there was a shortage in Toronto—it remained for the Mayor of Toronto and the Chairman of the Toronto Hydro Commission to tell him his whole speech was a tissue of falsehoods. I suppose he and his followers will continue to tell this for the want of something to talk about.

The door has never been closed to the Quebec Companies. I deny the statement of the leader of the opposition that they were met with a club. Satisfactory adjustments were made with those who were willing to be reasonable, when others, who through their agents, sought to intimidate, they were met just as they ought to be met.

And, now, Mr. Speaker, we are charged even by the Globe & Mail with taking away the power of the Courts and they speak of the Courts as "the bulwark against arbitrary governments. One hundred years ago when the people were fighting against the tyrannical family compact, was it the Courts that interceded on behalf of the people? No, Mr. Speaker, it was the people themselves, led by William Lyon Mackenzie who brought freedom to a people that were enslaved, that finally resulted in responsible government and liberty.

Was it the Courts that brought about Confederation?

Was it the Courts that gave us Provincial Autonomy?

Can the Mall & Globe name one single instance where the Courts have superceded the Parliaments of Canada?

Would the Globe and Mail make the Courts the "Sovereign Body" of this Province?

The Judiciary have no power to make laws; it is not their function to say whether the laws are good or

bad—their only function is to interpret laws made by the Legislature, representing the people who are Sovereign.

The bulwark against arbitrary, autocratic, and dishonest government rests in the final analysis with the people. The Legislative Assembly is the People. If a law is enacted that does not speak the mind of the Government that enacted it, then the Government has the right to amend the law in such a way as to make it speak the minds of the Government.

The Bill now before the House only makes possible the Act passed two years ago cancelling the contracts. Those who voted for it then, will consistently vote for it now. In 1906, Sir James Whitney did the very thing that we are now doing. The Florence Mining Company had discovered silver in the bed of Cobalt Lake, before the Government withdrew that area from prospectors in 1905. In 1906 the Government took away any possible rights the Company may have had sold the mine for over a million dollars. An appeal was made to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, who decided that the Federal Authority should not veto the Bill. The dispute was taken to the Courts and Justice Riddell said that if the Plaintiffs had any rights, the legislature had power to take them away. That decision makes the People supreme and not the Courts and I deny most emphatically that we are in any way interfering with the Courts of Justice. It is a last attempt to scare the members and thwart the will of the people.

Mr. Speaker, the dispute now centered around this Bill, does not tell half the story. Those who are opposed to this Bill, both inside the House and out, are opposed to this Government in its attitude towards money:

They do not like cutting interest rates.

They are opposed to refunding the debt of Ontario at a lower rate of interest.

They do not like the Income Tax Bill.

They are opposed to the collection of all that is due to the Province in Succession Duties.

They are opposed to any Legislation that will prevent them from taking their ill-gotten gains

to Nassau where they can escape Income Tax and Succession Duty.

Let me warn the people that the fight that is going on today is not a fight between the Liberals and Conservatives, it is a battle between the People and certain monied interests, who recognize that the struggle hold they have had on the people is being broken and are making a desperate attempt to retain their hold.

I am standing by my leader, who says "When he must decide between the People and the Mounted Barons, he will stand with the People."

Those to the left of you, Mr. Speaker, can stand by Mr. Rowe, their leader, who says he would have Ontario go bankrupt before he would cancel the contracts.

"If we have a Prince" said Placey, "It is that he may keep us from having a Master." The late government became our masters and enslaved the people, but Ontario has today, in the Honourable Mitchell Hepburn, a "Prince" who is determined to make Ontario a better place for the masses and when the next election comes we will trust the people.

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