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Notes and Comments

Every Farmer is Affected
(Bowmanville Statesman)

Ontario farmers are up in arms, and very rightly so, at the discrimination shown by the Canadian Railways toward foreign wheat being shipped through this province at rates far below those paid by the Ontario farmer who exports his wheat. It is perhaps not generally known that Canadian Railways haul Argentine and South African corn from Montreal to Western Ontario points for 13c per hundred pounds, while the Ontario farmer must pay for shipment of his wheat, corn or wheat products as the rate of 21c per hundred pounds to Montreal. This discrimination of more than 50 per cent., when the same rolling stock and same rails are used is not only unfair, but is decidedly depressing to the farmer. It means in reality that he must pay this added rate out of the price of his wheat, and is then expected to compete in world markets. It also means that the Ontario farmer who exports wheat, even if indirectly, is helping to sustain the farmer of the Argentine and of South Africa. This reciprocity might be a good thing if it did not hit the Ontario farmer's pocket to the extent that he must find it difficult to carry on.

It apparently is not the government's duty to set railway rates, but rather the duty of the Dominion Railway Board. Considerable pressure however can be made on the Board by the united action of farmers through approaching their federal member. The farmer who believes he is not interested is only fooling himself. Every farmer who has grain to sell is interested. He does not know whether the grain he sells to a dealer is to be exported or not, but one thing is certain that as long as the dealers and exporters are faced with this unfair competition, the farmer, even if his grain is not exported is going to suffer to the extent of several cents on every bushel as a result of this. The difference in these freight rates is 5 cents per bushel, which means on an Ontario crop of 20 million bushels, a direct loss of one million dollars to the Ontario farmers.

Every farmer, if he values his own living should petition the Department of Agriculture, the federal and provincial members, insisting that they demand of the railways an end to this unfair discrimination against the Ontario farmer.

Should I Have an X-Ray?

It is quite evident that many persons have the idea that in almost every condition from which the human body suffers, an X-ray examination is required to enable the doctor to understand the case. It is also apparent that there exists a popular idea that, by means of the X-ray, the physician can see all parts of the inside of the body and study their action just as clearly and simply as he views the skin with his eyes.

The majority of those who enter a doctor's office, whether because they are ill or because they want to keep well, can be examined thoroughly and satisfactorily by the doctors using such instruments as are found in any properly equipped office and making such tests as can be made, with his ordinary equipment, by any qualified physician.

When the ordinary procedures are inadequate for a particular case, and when the doctor believes that certain special examinations or tests will be of assistance, he will not hesitate to so inform his patient. The public should understand that in any case a diagnosis of disease is not made by special tests, X-ray, or other examination. What these do is to supply additional information which the doctor considers together with the other facts which he has gathered from his questioning of the patient and the result of the examination which he himself has made. Physicians do not make a diagnosis on one symptom or one test or on what is shown by an X-ray, but upon the accumulation of all the findings.

The X-ray is, in many conditions, a most valuable aid to the physician. It has increased its field of usefulness, but it still has certain limitations, and its use and the interpretation of its findings are not as simple as is commonly thought. It seems necessary to refer to this because it is apparent that some persons rather feel they have been cheated when their physician does not order them to have an X-ray. Physicians know when special tests and examinations are needed, and they will use them when they judge them to be necessary.

Wheat Markets Our Big Need

By a stroke of the pen, Premier Mussolini the other day reduced Italy's potential wheat imports by 56 million bushels. If Duce ordered Italian millers to incorporate more coarse grains in their bread flour. He also told them to screen out less bran and shorts, by-products which formerly went into livestock feed, not into bread for human consumption.

Germany has been doing the same thing for several years and as a result has reduced imports of foreign wheat and flour to almost negligible proportions. Ten years ago Germany's annual imports of wheat averaged around 40 million bushels and the bulk came from Canada. Nationalistic countries in Europe maintain tariffs on imported wheat up to \$250 per bushel. They have made wheat flour and white bread a luxury, something to be used sparingly. For such a step they plead two main reasons. First, necessity for self-sufficiency of foodstuffs in the advent of war and, second, reduction of imports to the level of their exports." Financial Pos.

When one reflects on a situation such as exists in Germany and Italy our hearts fairly "bubble" with thankfulness to know that we live in a country where the bare necessities of life are obtainable from our own soil, and where imports when necessary are not actually restricted so that the war lords may be able to accumulate still more money for war preparation. If Germany or Italy would give up their militaristic desires they could afford to import all the flour the countries require for home consumption, and the people could live decently and contented again.

SET OCT. 15 FOR CONVENTION TO SELECT ROWE SUCCESSOR

Ontario Conservatives will meet in convention on Oct. 15, to select a successor to Hon. Earl Rowe, who last week relinquished the leadership by submitting his resignation to the annual meeting of the Ontario Conservative Association.

Mr. Rowe will in future confine his activities to the Dominion field. Hon. Leopold Macaulay, leader of the Conservative Opposition in the Legislature, and Col. Geo. A. Drew will fight it out as the two strong contenders for the office. A. H. Acres, M.P.P. for Carleton, will also be a contender for the honor.

While Hon. Earl Rowe announced his intention of resigning the early hours of the morning session, it was the dying minutes of the meeting that saw the introduction and approval of Oct. 15 as the convention date. The resolution proposing the October convention was placed before the meeting by W. A. Calder, of Woodstock, seconded by Mrs. Harold Homuth of Preston. Only some 400 of the delegates of the 1,500 registered were in the room when the motion carried.

With the contest for the leadership narrowed down, campaigning commenced at once with considerable vigor. The suggestion was put forward that Col. Drew might seek election in Parkdale, the seat made vacant by the death of the late Frederick G. McBrian. Cecil G. Frost, Lindsay, was elected president of the association to succeed W. H. Ireland.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR WILL VISIT PLOWING MATCH OCTOBER 13th

An official visit by His Excellency, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, to the International Plowing Match at Minesing, near Barrie, Ont., on Thursday, October 13th, was announced last week by J. A. Carroll, Manager of this annual agricultural event, the greatest plowing match not only in the British Empire, but in the entire world.

Last year the attendance was over 100,000 at the four day event and this record, it is expected, will be shattered this year. The dates are October 11th to 14th inclusive.

"There is no doubt" said Mr. Carroll, "that the invitation of the Ontario Plowmen's Association was accepted by His Excellency because of his genuine interest in all phases of agriculture and particularly good plowing and fine horses."

Scotland, the birthplace of Lord Tweedsmuir, is rich in plowing lore, and her sons, well-skilled in the art, have transplanted a desire for good cultivation in every part of the British Empire, particularly Canada, where for over 100 years plowing matches have been held.

"While there may be 70 or more modern and powerful tractors in operation on a busy day, double that number, about 14, competitors, will use strong reliable and well-groomed horses, the cream of the plowing teams in Canada. "A Horse Show is a special feature of the Match" said Mr. Carroll.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Crowded out of the report of the O.R.E.C. held at Hartman, and printed last week was the list of officers. These officials for this year were installed by Rev. Mr. Patterson. Those elected are as follows: honorary president, Isaac Pike; honorary member, J. P. Forester; prest., James Hope, Newmarket; vice-prest., Wm. Paisley, Stouffville; second vice-prest., Howard Dike, Aurora; sec'y-treas., Jacob Grove, Ringwood; children's division, Mrs. Clifford Burkholder, Stouffville; girls' division, Mrs. Orval Drewery, Stouffville; boys' division, Hoyle Brethour, Stouffville; young people's Roy Stewart, Mount Albert; adult division Isaac Morton, Newmarket; teacher training, Mrs. Roy Grove Ringwood; missionary department, Mrs. Robert Filyer, Ringwood; temperance department, Mrs. Elmer Starr, Newmarket; home department, Mrs. E. A. Cole, Gormley; church vacation school, Mrs. Ralph Willis Gormley.

FORESTRY FIELD DAY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

The Counties of York and Ontario plan on holding a Joint Forestry Field Day, on Wednesday, August 17th. The program includes an inspection of the two County forests located at Vivian in York County, and Uxbridge in Ontario County, which in all more than 2,000 acres.

The guests will assemble at Vivian Reforestation area at 11:00 a.m., (standard time), when after an inspection of the Forest, luncheon will be served at 12:30 noon (standard time.) At 3.30 p.m. (Standard Time), it is proposed to leave Vivian in a group, by automobile, and proceed to the County of Ontario Reforestation area near Uxbridge. Supper will be served at 6.30 p.m. (Standard Time), Music Hall, Uxbridge.

Letter from China

Loping, Kiangsi, China.
June 6th, 1938

Dear Praying Friends:

June! does it seem possible? and I have passed six happy months here alone; having come in November last year, but with the break of one month in Kian during Christmas and the New Year. And so I thought I would give this letter to a more detailed account of the work here.

"Ta kai ticn men"—and so the words greet us as we go to the prison on Sunday afternoons about 2.00, 'Open heaven's gate', and they are followed with 'and you must all come to hear.' So the doors of the inner prison are opened and all who wish to come may, and assemble in the main room—where we are all locked in together. The reason for the rather unusual statement at the beginning is due to the fact that the hymn, "There is a gate that stands ajar" was one of the favourites of the Pastor's and used almost every Sunday there! The Lord has certainly been blessing this work, and we praise Him for the 30 or 40 who gather every Sunday. Some who can read and are more interested have been given Gospel portions, about 20 and so now the Pastor is taking up Matthew with them. Please pray definitely for this work; when asked whether they want to believe and do believe they all say 'iao'—'want'; may they really know what it is to be loosed though bound.

The Wounded Soldier's Hospital work is at a stand still at present, due to the fact of the old batch of soldiers having returned to the front—but they are expecting more to come here from there shortly. There is also the difficulty of not being able to find a suitable time to visit them, sometimes going there only to find that they are all out somewhere (none of them are confined to their beds). We are hoping that some definite time can be assigned to us every week, and then all who are interested will know that at that time we will be there and they can hear. Please pray for this, and also for the several hundred who have passed through the Hospital here and have heard something of the Gospel either by mouth or printed Word. Praise God for one or two of the Doctors who are really keen.

We are certainly looking forward to Mr. and Mrs. Brown coming here to take up the work—they are being married this Wednesday, in Hankow—and then after a short time on Kuling will be coming here to take charge. On Sunday mornings the women's side of the church is almost full, with a good number of the better class amongst them; and at present this work is just waiting for someone to come and take charge.

On Tuesday and Friday evenings we have re-begun meetings in the Christians' homes in the different parts of the city, and thus in this way hope to be able to reach more people in the city here. Do pray that the Lord may use this small effort for the saving of souls, to His Glory. Wednesday is Bible Reading night with the Pastor leading; and Saturday is Prayer Meeting night; we wish more would come and join us on these two nights, and will be looking to you for help by prayer. Previously this year we have had a Praise Service on Sunday night, but with last Sunday we are beginning again the Christian Endeavour, and there seems to be a revived

interest, may this continue and grow.

Now you will know a little clearer how the work is divided up, and I trust, will be able to pray more definitely for each phase of it, and we know your prayers will be answered according as we are faithful—for we know He is Faithful.

Yours in His Fellowship,
Wm. W. Tyler

SIX ONTARIO CENTRES GET BASEBALL SCHOOLS

Toronto Club Officials Will Assist Amateur Clubs Throughout Province

Continuing the effort made last year to assist in the instruction and development of young baseball players in Ontario, the Toronto Baseball Club has announced that it will conduct baseball schools this year at St. Catharines, London, Kitchener, Owen Sound, Barrie and Peterboro.

Last year, the Club held a school at Maple Leaf Stadium in Toronto, but owing to the fact that a great many players were unable to make the trip to the Queen City, it was deemed advisable to go out into the Province this summer and reach as many points as possible. The places selected are regarded as central points embracing the Ontario Baseball Association. It is planned to spend two days in each place. The dates selected are St. Catharines, August 15-16, London, August 17-18, Kitchener, August 19-20, Owen Sound, August 22-23, Barrie, August 24-25 and Peterboro, August 26-27.

Clyde Engle, Dan Howley and Bert Perry of the Toronto Club will assist the amateur club officials in the instruction of the players and the operation of the school. The various amateur clubs in Ontario are co-operating in every way to make the tour a success, and it is expected that a large number of amateur players will take advantage of the opportunity to improve their knowledge of the game.

There will be no tuition fee and players of all classes are eligible to attend. Preference will be given, of course, to those players already registered with the O.B.A. It is planned to hold the school session from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

7,000 at Field Day

More than 7,000 persons attended the annual field day held at Cedar Beach Park, Lake Musselman, on Civic Holiday. In a softball tournament contested by eight teams, Uxbridge won the final, defeating Agincourt by 22 to 4. Mr. and Mrs. George Nodwell, Toronto, had the largest family on the field, while Mr. and Mrs. John Daly, Toronto, were the oldest couple present. Winners in the various contests included: Mrs. A. E. Robinson, Logan Avenue, Toronto, who won the grandmothers' race, in which all the contestants were over 60.

Other results: married ladies' race Mrs. James Rattle, Milliken—married men's race, John Young, Unionville; senior canoe doubles, Harold Porter and Jean Eagle, Toronto; canoe singles, M. Plumb, Toronto; canoe tilting Sam Lipam and George McGregor, Toronto; across-the-lake swim, Tom McQuiddy and Vic Mote of the Dentonia Park Men's Club, Toronto; men's rowboat singles, William Bryce, John Thompson, both of Musselman's Lake; men's quarter-mile swim, Harvey ance and Walter Sharpe, both of Toronto; women's quarter-mile swim, Yoland Hill and Irene Taylor, Toronto. Charlie Reeves supervised the aquatic events.

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