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**Notes and Comments**

**When is a "Tenant"**

Many people who have been accustomed to regard themselves as "tenants" within the meaning of the statute relating to municipal elections may find themselves without the right to vote at further elections, for the Legislature has adopted an amendment to the Assessment Act which makes a new definition of "tenants" and alters the status of many people enjoying that position under law.

A tenant is no longer under the Assessment Act anyone who pays for the quarters occupied by himself and his family. Instead, it is provided that he must live in a "domestic establishment of two or more rooms in which the occupants usually sleep and prepare and serve meals."

This means that the legal tenant of the future must not only sleep in his own quarters but must eat there. There are numerous cases in which single persons, either individually or in groups, occupy rooms and cook their own meals in them. They will gain the franchise. Similarly, there are many couples subletting rooms from their parents who will lose the same right because they take their meals with the old people.

The altered definition of a tenant will make considerable differences in future voter's lists prepared for municipal use, and it should be borne in mind by people who wonder why their names do not appear on those lists—Brockville Record and Times.

**New University Graduates**

In some countries there has been a tendency in recent years to overcrowding of the professions, a tendency so serious as to have brought about a special inquiry by the International Institute for Intellectual Co-operation of the League of Nations concerning unemployment of intellectual workers. In Canada there has been an increase of about 50 per cent in the annual number of university graduates since 1923 or 1924, when the abnormalities of enrolment due to the war mainly disappeared, but this increase has been almost entirely in Arts and Science or related faculties, and not in such professional lines of study as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law and theology. The tendency of post-war years and even longer, has been toward a reduction in the proportion of doctors, lawyers and clergymen in the Canadian.

**Vitamin D and Cacao Shell**

Let us have a little chemistry for a change. Possibly we should have more chemistry notes in these Facts than we have, and why we have not is no doubt due to the hesitation a mere layman has to engage in discussions about which he actually knows very little. However, here is some information about one of our Canadian imports from the South Seas which was conveyed to his hearers at Bristol University by Dr. A. Churchman, a distinguished scientist.

He says the Vitamin D potency of milk-chocolate not completely accounted for by the Vitamin D of the milk present, led to the discovery of the fact that cacao nib had a Vitamin D potency of one international unit per gram. This unusual Vitamin D potency in a vegetable product evoked considerable interest and further research showed that cacao shell had at least one-quarter of the Vitamin D content of codliver oil.

Premier Hepburn has confirmed our prediction of last week that he would not risk alienating the support of Ontario Liberals by an active election campaign against Prime Minister King. In a statement issued to clear up the situation, Mr. Hepburn said he would not take a platform in support of the opposition, nor would he indicate to his followers what they should do. They could act as they saw fit.

**Destroy these Noxious Weeds**

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| Sow Thistles     | Ox-Eye Daisy    | Wild Mustards     |
| Bind Weed        | Blue Weed       | Pepper Grasses    |
| Bladder Campion  | Hawkweeds       | Stinkweed         |
| Canada Thistle   | Common Milkweed | White Cockle      |
| Wild Carrot      | Wild Lettuces   | Common Ragweed    |
| Dodder           | Common Burdock  | Poison Ivy        |
| Tumbling Mustard | Cinquofoils     | Spurges           |
| Chicory          | Docks           | Russian Thistle   |
| Hemp             | St. John's Wort | Arkansas Bodstraw |

**The Weed Control Act States**

**CLAUSE 4**  
Every occupant of land, or if the land is unoccupied, the owner shall destroy all weeds designated noxious by the regulations as often in every year as in sufficient to prevent the ripening of their seeds.

**CLAUSE 22**  
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W. G. Cassie, Weed Inspector

**Township of Uxbridge**

**MENACE OF FILTHY STARLINGS**

Jack Miner Killed 17,000 But Million Came to Funeral

Stouffville people have been amazed for some time at the hordes of greedy, quarrelling starlings, which fly across the village and for the most part assemble in the woods adjoining the Dr. Freeland residence. It is now believed they have been driven away from this evening assembly place where the noise was so great coming from the trees that folks could not rest in the neighborhood. A bit of gun shot and few other disturbances have driven them off, but the way the starling is producing its kind in Ontario gives rise to the fear that they may become as great a menace as the western grasshopper.

In the village of Elora last week these birds assembled in such numbers that the village was overcast, while other towns report similar hordes. In view of the menace it is interesting to read how Jack Miner views these birds. He says:

"In 1929 and 1930 they drove out the five to ten thousand purple martins that roosted at Kingsville, Ont., in late July and August. I had over 100 occupied mourning doves' nests on less than one acre, and these birds are driving them out. They have driven out over 90 per cent of our beautiful red-headed woodpeckers and flickers. In every part of America they are occupying the woodpeckers' cavities in trees and telephone poles. In July, 1931, we declared war on them and built a starling net, or trap, and by September 1st we had caught, drowned and buried over 17,000, but bless your life, there were a million more to their funeral. My reason for not reporting them sooner is that I wanted to be absolutely sure of what I was talking about. Now, between two and three thousand of my choice white and Scotch pines are dead, dead, dead—killed by the slimy, poisonous droppings of the starlings, and now this beautiful nature's cathedral that I planned and planted in 1914 is a sight to look at. Yes, that lovely green canopy overhead and carpeted with fully four inches of pine needles below, where less than a year ago not a weed could be seen, is now grown up with about all varieties of common weeds mentionable, weeds from four to seven feet high, grown from seeds carried there by these destructive starlings.

"My personal findings of the starlings up-to-date are that they are driving out our best weed seed and insect-destroying song birds, such as the Kentucky cardinal and lovable mourning doves, purple martins, swallows, woodpeckers flickers and so forth. They are the worst weed-seed distributors America ever knew; they carry deathly chicken diseases. They are very destructive to fruit and vegetables, and they are death to trees where they roost. In closing, let me earnestly say to one and all if the starlings multiply the next three years as they have the last three, they will be the worst pest America has ever met with."

Some of the friends from this line attended the Menonite Sunday School picnic of the Dickson Hill Church last Tuesday at Robert Ratcliff's park and report a most enjoyable time.

**WINDOW IN CHURCH IN MEMORY OF KEN**

The Alleyne family—one of the oldest in Whitchurch township was commemorated in a window dedicated at St. John's Anglican church Yonge Street on Sunday.

The rector, Rev. E.W.G. Worrall, was in charge of the special service and Archdeacon Warren dedicated the window which is donated by Arthur Alleyne. His father, Arthur Leslie Alleyne, was married and settled in the township 112 years ago. Their home was the centre of great social activity all through the years.

There were nine children in the family: Elizabeth, Phillip, Henrietta, Josephine, Mary Edith, Caroline, Helen, Arthur and Charles. Phillip was the only one to marry and he had no children. Arthur and Charles are the only surviving members of the family. Arthur lives on the homestead which is lot 8, Con. 3, and on which Archie Duncan is the tenant.

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(Too late last week)

George Reesor of Markham spent last Thursday with his sister Mrs. Joseph Kirk.

Mrs. Forsyth of Stouffville was a weekend visitor with her brother Harry Spang.

Albert Honsberger of Kitchener who is attending the Ontario Educational Council in Toronto spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wideman.

Miss Thompson of Toronto was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leadley visited with friends at Sharon last Sunday.

Miss Margaret Eby has recovered from her recent illness and is now enjoying her holidays.

A car load from north Markham made a trip up north of Kirkfield last week to pick blueberries and report this delicious fruit as quite plentiful and also an abundance of mosquitos.

Many friends were in attendance at the morning service at the M.B.C. Church at North Markham to hear Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Brubacher who addressed the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Brubacher are leaving in September for Africa to take up work on the mission field. The best wishes of their many friends go with them to their new field of labor.

**ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

A real contribution to the summer colony at Musselman's Lake is the little white church, high on the hill, overlooking Windsor Lake.

It was back in 1926, that Mass was first celebrated at the Lake; Handed by Mr. William and the late Herbert Regan, those few Catholics, summering there in that year with Reverend Father Wedlock and Reverend Dr. Keogh held Mass in a small tent erected for the purpose. With apparent prophetic foresight, this first pastor foresaw "a rustic chapel, nestled on the hillside, overlooking the lake." By progressive stages, this vision has come true.

For some few years the tent sufficed until the number of attendants overflowed its confines, and Mass was then held in the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Martin. With true Catholic zeal, these good people were only too glad to have their home so honoured,

although each Sunday morning meant that the front room had to be cleared of furniture to make room for the rapidly increasing attendance.

After three such seasons, the crowd had grown to such proportions as to tax even this accommodation. Mr. Fred Coultice then offered the Pavilion, and his kind offer was gladly accepted. For two seasons, Mass continued to be said there.

At this time Reverend Martin Johnson, now Bishop of Nelson, B.C., journeyed from St. Augustine's Seminary each Sunday to celebrate Mass at the Lake. It was obvious to all that each year brought a greater number, and so this great priest suggested the erection of a chapel. In the meantime, and unknown to the majority of the Catholics, the Elders of the United Church had offered the Catholic pastor the use of their Church at a time convenient to both congregations. Decision however had been made to proceed with construction, and so this very Christian gesture was declined with sincere gratitude.

Mr. John Windsor was approached, and he readily donated half the purchase price of a piece of property as his contribution and welcome to this newest church. The small but active group behind the undertaking equally contributed the remainder of the required funds to secure the property. With ownership vested in the name of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Father Johnson and Mr. E. L. Grant then approached the late Archbishop McNeil for permission and financial support for the project; The instruction to present plans of the contemplated building was readily fulfilled by Mr. Collin Grant, and the plans received the approval of the venerable Archbishop. Contract for construction was awarded to Mr. Robert Windsor, and actual proceedings were commenced in the early spring of 1934, and completed in time to receive the visitors that same summer.

Each Sunday throughout the summer months, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has continued to be said in this way-side chapel, and visiting clerics, notably the sons of the late Herbert Regan, Fathers Bernard, Oscar and Basil Regan enjoy their vacation at the lake because of the presence of this little church.

The altar, pews, railings and many other appointments in the Church bear mute testimony to the handiwork and devotion of Mr. Collin Grant, and it was a happy group which witnessed in August 1934, the consecration of the building to St. William; their fondest dreams and hopes had been realized, and they could now look back with pardonable pride on their efforts in assisting in this accomplishment.

And so from this most humble and modest beginning, has come this imposing little edifice, devoted to the glory of God, and to the love of mankind, and that the presence of this chapel fills a long-felt need at Musselman's Lake can be readily judged by the knowledge that over two hundred cottagers and visitors

assemble there to worship their Creator each Sunday morning at 8.30 a.m. standard time during the summer months.

The present pastor is Reverend L. J. Hodgins, Bursar of St. Augustine's Seminary.

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