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Editorial Comment

Col. W. P. Mulock Is a Sure Winner

The North York Liberal Association in convention next Saturday at Newmarket, is certain to renominate Col. W. P. Mulock, who is just as certain to win the fight on March 26. Col. Mulock has been steadily growing, in strength and we see no sign of weakness, at this time, or show of new strength on the part of his opponents. His biggest opponent will overconfidence on the part of his friends.

Rationing of Gasoline a Possibility in Canada

If G. A. Gaherty of the Montreal Engineering Co. is right, farmers may be driving their hogs to town for loading or they may even have to fall back on the farm team now discarded, because gasoline may yet be rationed in Canada, because as Mr. Gaherty maintains, foreign exchange is a prime factor in winning the war.

Need for maintaining Canada's supply of foreign exchange might lead to drastic curtailment of oil imports from the United States, he said in an address given last week, and we in Canada may find our oil-burner furnaces and our oil-powered locomotives converted to burn coal. "Gasoline for private automobiles may have to be rationed and buses and truck stopped altogether where passengers and goods can be transported by rail," he said.

This, Mr. Gaherty said, would release oil tankers to carry oil from North to South American ports to the theatre of war, and would release U.S. credits to meet Canada's obligations.

Mr. Gaherty said that American financing of Canadian industry, and direct government borrowing from New York for "extravagant government projects" made it necessary for Canada to pay several hundred million dollars yearly to service debts to the United States.

Qualifications of Candidates

This business of running for a seat in parliament is about as wide open a contest as a person can get into these days. Practically anybody can enter—and there are no cartoon tops or labels to bother about.

All you do is get at least 10 other electors to sign your nomination paper, add your own signature, and the rest is up to the voters.

Candidates for Commons are not required to own any real estate (a Senator has to own \$4,000 worth in the district he represents) or belong to any party or group, and no one has to vouch for their ideas or ability. The only string attached is a \$200 deposit by all candidates, which is refunded later unless the candidate gets less than half as many votes as the winner.

Of course a candidate must be a British subject (by birth or naturalization), either man or woman, and 21 years of age. That's all. It is not necessary that the candidate live in his constituency or even in Canada, although in practice Canadian residence is the rule and most candidates do live in their ridings.

There are a few classes of persons specifically barred from being candidates, however, under the Dominion Elections Act. These include anyone found guilty of corrupt or illegal election practice by a judge, anyone holding a contract with the government (except for public works), a member of a provincial legislature (while a member), employees of the government and certain public officials, such as sheriffs and registrars of deeds.

Refugees Entitled to Full Citizenship

During the last year, owing to the terrible conditions in Europe, steady stream of refugees have located in Canada, many of them in Ontario, and some of them right in our own locality. One of the most annoying things is to have folks looking on these new comers as spies, when all that is necessary is to realize that they are here on the invitation of the Dominion government, who, had they not looked sharp, would not have secured these people with their resources. Their is no ground for supposing that people whom the government induced to come to Canada, instead of Australia, are anything but good citizens.

Canada admitted 5,000 persons who might be classed as refugees between January and August, 1939, an official of the immigration branch of the Mines and Resources Department announced only recently.

"Some of the best and most useful immigration Canada has ever known has come in the past few years," he added.

"The figure of 5,000 is based on the number of persons we know have had trouble in their native land and are seeking new homes. They are not always admitted as families, Sometimes a man who has settled in Canada is permitted to bring in his dependents. In other cases they come in as single individuals.

"In the refugee group there are well-to-do people who brought millions of new capital and are now engaged in establishing new industries in this country. Others are admitted on the ground of special skill required in establishment of these industries. Quite a number came as farmers bringing in their own capital, others are settled in Sask., and British Columbia on funds supplied from overseas."

County Forest in Uxbridge Township

Original Acreage Has Now Been Planted, With Millions of Trees Doing Well—Take an Option on Further Land.

Ontario County's forest, covering hundreds of acres in Uxbridge twp., on which millions of trees have been planted, may be extended. The Committee on reforestation at County Council last week brought in a report which was adopted, pointing out that all land now owned by the county on which trees could be planted had been utilized, and recommended that the Committee take an option on further land available and report at the June Session.

The forest, established many years ago under a reforestation scheme is regarded as one of the finest in the province. The trees have been planted on land unsuitable for farming on account of blow sand, and many of them have almost reached maturity. The forest is operated on a co-operative basis between the county and the Provincial Department of Forests, the province supplying and planting the trees. At the end of a stipulated period both the county and the province will share in the timber revenue.

FARM PAPER TO PLAY WAR TIME ROLE

A progressive policy for 1940, designed to help the farmer adapt himself to changing war-time conditions, has been announced by the Family Herald and Weekly Star.

Throughout 1940, Family Herald articles, written by staff editors in co-operation with leading agricultural experts, will show how the farmer may plan to avoid losses through changing markets... how he can take advantage of new opportunities that are likely to present themselves as a result of the war.

Because the markets for bacon, wool, and, to some extent, beef, are likely to be profitable ones, the Family Herald will feature practical, specially prepared articles on the raising of hogs, sheep and beef cattle. Articles showing how poultry production may be started, increased and adjusted to war conditions, also will be featured. It is evident that the progressive, go-ahead policy of the Family Herald noted in 1939, will be maintained throughout 1940.

YORK LEADING BUTTER PRODUCER

With the single exception of the County of Perth, York County led all others in the manufacture of creamery butter for the month of January, we learn from the monthly dairy report of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture. York county creameries made a total of 277,807 pounds, while Perth county turned out 411,402 pounds. The county of Bruce ran neck and neck with York producing 277,451 pounds, and the next in line were Middlesex, Wellington, Grey and Waterloo. About twenty-five counties out of some fifty-four have cheese making plants, with Dundas leading the lot with a production for the first month of this year of 104,635 pounds of Cheddar cheese. The make of creamery butter was only 2,492 pounds.

WHITCHURCH TEACHERS ORGANIZE

On Tuesday evening, February 6th the public school teachers of Whitchurch township met at the Hartman's Corners, S.S. No.1 to discuss new and practical ideas for rural schools. Mr. Jno. G. McDonald, Principal of the Aurora Public School was the guest speaker.

It was decided that a similar meeting be held in Hillcrest School S.S.No.8 Whitchurch, on Tuesday evening, March 5th.

Members of the school board of S.S. No.1 were present and refreshments were served to the teachers by Mrs. Lambert Willson, Mrs. John Petch, Miss Mary Bowser and Mrs. Ewart Pinder.

Mr. Morley C. Sanders of Lemonville was appointed convener and Miss Mildred Foote, Hartman's Corners, secretary.



The \$7,000,000 institution built recently by the government as a mental hospital at St. Thomas now displays scenes such as this shown above, as the big building has been converted into a technical

air training centre and is a continuous hive of activity these days. More than a 1000 officers and men are hard at work. The first class of aeronautic experts will graduate in April. Every

angle of the important study is being undertaken. This is a scene from one of the lecture rooms, where a class is being taught by an instructor.

KILLED THREE DOGS WITH ONE SHOT

An interesting case was heard at division court at Hanover last week, when a Hanover man sued a Bentinck Township farmer for shooting his dog. The evidence was to the effect that about five dogs, apparently from Hanover, had been congregating at the farms just out of town, and one night a farmer was aroused by them and he got up and chased them away. They went to a neighbor's, who was awakened by them, and grabbing his double-barreled shotgun, he sought to chase them away, and they left without the farmer getting a shot at them. Just as day was breaking, he again heard the dogs raising a fuss near his house, and, opening an upstairs window, he saw the five of them in a group starting to fight among themselves. Letting go with both barrels, he found that the double shot killed two of the dogs and a third crawled away a short distance and died there. The court held that the case should be dismissed, as the law provides that dogs may be destroyed if they are found singly or in groups where cattle and sheep are habitually kept.

—Hanover Post

BEAR DISAPPOINTS, BUT ROBIN RAISES HOPES

Just when the pessimistic ones were going into a frantic state over the failure of the bear to declare winter at an end, because the saw his shadow on February 1, along comes Robin Red Breast to cheer one up. Harold Warriner and Ira Burkholder are prepared to take a solemn oath that they saw a robin red breast in the east end of the town a few mornings ago, and so we will wait and see who really runs the weather, Mr. Bear or Miss Robin.

SOME STRANGE COINCIDENCES

When Rev. G. W. Moore declared from his United Church pulpit two years in succession, "Let the Bells Ring Out," and no sooner said that on each occasion the fire bell rang, a member of the Session is re-

GOING BACK



When Helsingfors was bombed, Urho Gustafsson decided it was time to leave Canada to defend his homeland. Four of his brothers are fighting, two of his sisters are in the Lotta Svard and one is a military nurse.

ported to have urged the sky pilot to refrain from again performing the feat of Elijah by calling down a fire on the people, says the Walkerton Herald. But the congregation were hardly prepared for the coincidence on Sunday of last week when in emphasizing what materialism was doing to the world, the local divine climaxed the situation by shouting "Now are we in darkness," when suddenly the lights went out and the congregation were shocked by a "black-out," which practically terminated the service. An investigation revealed that a limb had broken from a tree, and fallen across the Hydro wires, thus causing a "short" that blew out nearly all the street lights in town and necessitated a complete shut-down of the hydro service in the United Church sector.

CURLING

Remaining games in the East York League are as follows:

Feb. 20—
Richmond Hill at Agincourt
Locust Hill at Unionville
Agincourt at Stouffville
Unionville at Scarborough
Stouffville at Richmond Hill
Scarboro at Locust Hill
Feb. 27—
Agincourt at Richmond Hill
Unionville at Locust Hill
Stouffville at Agincourt
Scarboro at Unionville
Richmond Hill at Stouffville
Locust Hill at Scarborough

GEORGE AND JOHN AND THE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL AREA

"I didn't see you at the Trustees and Ratepayers' Association meeting on Saturday, John—You missed some fun. You certainly gave the Township School Area Plan a black eye. Voted it down ten to one."

"Well George, I am not sure you should be proud of it. Chances are that very few knew what it was all about. I think it is time we increased the area under one school board. The school section was fine in the early days when settlements were separated from each other, but right now there isn't any need for so many school boards."

"There you go along the same line as the school inspectors. I can't see anything wrong with the school section. We've always run our own school and we aim to keep on running it. I don't see any need to change a set up that has served us so well."

"Perhaps it has served pretty well George, but that isn't to say we wouldn't have better schools under the Township Area Plan. There must be some advantage in larger areas of administration because they have been adopted in so many countries. Look at England. They administer their schools as well as or better than any country in the world and they require only 317 school boards in the whole country. Scotland has only 37 boards in place of the hundreds they used to have. Northern Ireland struggles along with only 8 boards for the whole country."

"But John you're talking about countries where conditions are very different. We haven't densely populated areas as they have in the British Isles; so talking about England, Ireland and Scotland doesn't mean anything to me."

"I thought you'd bite there George. What about British Columbia? There are no school sections there. Each municipality has one school board. Alberta is trying out larger units of administration successfully. In 22 states of the United States where conditions are usually similar to those in Ontario, they have county or township boards. South Africa has one board for every 40 schools. Australia and New Zealand have no local school authorities at all. You see George, it can't be that all the people in those countries are wrong and you're right."

"It may be all right for them, but I'll tell you that nobody is going to push any Township Area Plan down my throat and there are a whole lot just like me. You have been reading a lot of nonsense written by people who want to take our schools from us. I guess we know what our children need better than somebody living miles away."

"Maybe you do George, and maybe you don't. There are a good many people like you, but some Ontario people think the idea is sound. Do you know that 45 Township Areas were organized in Ontario this year and that there are now 73 altogether?"

"Yes John, but where are they?" Up in the districts, that's where. You don't see them down in settled Ontario."

"Wrong again George, as usual. Twenty were organized in 1939 right in the older counties. We have them in Simcoe, Halton and York and that's not so far away. And we'll have more soon, because people are beginning to realize that 7,000 school boards in Ontario cannot do the most efficient job of school administration."

WESTERN CANADA SPECIAL BARGAIN EXCURSIONS

From All Stations in Eastern Canada
GOING DAILY FEB. 17 — MARCH 2 INCLUSIVE
Return Limit — 45 Days

TICKETS GOOD IN:
COACHES at fares approximately 1 1/2 c per mile
TOURIST SLEEPING CARS at fares approximately 1 1/2 c per mile.
STANDARD SLEEPING CARS at fares approximately 1 1/2 c per mile
Cost of accommodation in sleeping cars additional.
Baggage checked—\$ Ask for hand bill

SIMILAR EXCURSIONS from WESTERN CANADA DURING SAME PERIOD.

Tickets, Sleeping Car Reservations and all information as to stopover privileges from any agent.

Fares, Tickets, Return Limits and Train Information from Agents. ASK FOR HANDBILL

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