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Editorial Comment

Spraying Watched With Interest

Township of Pickering has completed the spraying of twelve miles of roadway with the chemical spraying machine owned by the County of Ontario, at a cost in the neighborhood of \$300. Pickering is the first township in the County to adopt this method of weed destruction on roads, but it is expected that others will follow suit when they see its advantages.

Horticultural Society Hits on Splendid Idea

The Stouffville Horticultural Society Flower Show will be held this year on September 5. It is more or less a patriotic venture this year, and all prizes will be paid in war revenue stamps. Points will be allotted for first, second or third prizes. Every four points won will entitle the winner to a 25c revenue stamp. The idea is a splendid one, and the citizens in general should get behind the show.

Since the Horticultural Society was formed here sixteen years ago, Stouffville has been a finer looking town, for it has been the means of inducing more home owners to grow flowers, thus making the general surroundings more beautiful, and everybody loves beauty.

No Excuse For Idlers

A call has gone out from the Dept. of Labor in Toronto for every able bodied boy to take a job on the farm for a few weeks. It would seem that this is being done in the local district, for there is scarcely a lad who is fit for this work or some other job, is found fooling the time away.

The harvest is well advanced and the best guess is that locally the High School in Stouffville will be able to open about the middle of September, for by that time the rush will be over.

Whitchurch Ratepayers Fortunate

The ratepayers of Whitchurch Township read with satisfaction last week the council of that municipality had undertaken to cut expenses so that the loss of over a thousand dollars by reason of a smaller government subsidy on the general tax rate would be absorbed, and not passed on by way of increased taxation. This is a difficult year, and farm prices have not advanced with other commodities, hence the effort of the council in holding the tax payment at the old level in face of a substantial loss, is more than ever appreciated by those who have to pay taxes.

It would have been an easy matter to pass on the increase to the ratepayers and blame it on the government, but this outlet was resorted to. Many other municipalities found they could not do this, and were forced to advance the rate to take care of the loss. Last year the Ontario Government paid to each municipality one and a half mills on the general tax rate, but this year this was reduced to one mill. It is regarded as a return to municipalities of a portion of the gasoline tax, while some construed it as a rebate because the right of municipalities to collect income tax was removed. Many or all rural places, however, never collected any income tax, and so it was better to collect it by the government in fairness to all who should pay this tax.

Farmers and the Income Tax

The major new war taxation so far has been imposed on incomes. That means that the levies will be paid largely in urban communities. Farmers are not income taxpayers, generally speaking. Only a thousand agrarians in all Canada pay income tax to the Dominion. The new defense contribution levy and the lower exemptions will hardly combine to increase that number very much.

At first glance this looks most unfair. Why should not the farmers share in the general sacrifices of the war, it is asked by many people.

People who recall the huge expansion in farm incomes during the past war may have difficulty in seeing why farmers are excused from these levies.

Let us look at the facts. There has been no expansion in farm income in this war. Farmers generally are much worse off. They are not being "excused" from income taxes. They just are not earning incomes large enough to come up to the minimum income brackets.

As a result of the war, Canadian farmers have seen their best markets wiped out. They hold huge surpluses of wheat, bacon, tobacco, apples, cheese, and other farm produce. Prices are still low, although prices of the goods that farmers buy are creeping upward.

If records could be coldly investigated it would be found that in recent years a large proportion of Canadian farmers have had an actual cash deficit. Not many have earned a cash income sufficient to offset depreciation on their buildings and equipment and only a rare farmer has earned a return on his investment over and above the sustenance of his family.

The next group of war taxes will probably have to be placed upon commodities, such as through an increase in the sales tax or elimination of some sales exemptions. Here the farmer will be hit. If, in the meantime, his income position does not improve, his sacrifice to meet the new levies will be a heavy one.

ACE PILOTS WILL FERRY PLANES TO BRITAIN



Three crack fliers trained on Imperial Airways' long-distance routes landed at a Canadian port on July 31, to begin flying planes from Canada to Britain. They are Capt. Arthur Wilcockson (Left), chief of Imperial Airways Transatlantic service who was one of the pioneers of the Newfoundland - to - England route; I. G. Ross (Centre), a native of Montreal and former "bush flier" to the northern Quebec mining camps, and Capt. D.C.T. Bennett, who made several Atlantic crossings in the Caledonia in 1937.

My Old Home By the Stream

Would you come with me some evening
To that path now turning gray,
Where the cows are winding homeward
At the silent close of day;
And the hills stretch far and lonely
-In the sun's last fading gleam,
Just beside the cedar woodland
Nearing my old home by the stream?

Soft and low the church bell's ringing
From the hill the chimes sound clear,
On the old sixth line of Markham
I can see the spire from here;
And the mill has long since vanished,
Yet the old rauge waters teem,
Bringing back forgotten memories
Near my old home, by the stream.

There high in the swaying branches
A bird's nest in twilight swings,
Just above my bedroom window
A sweet lullaby he sings;
And the hush of night steals softly
In that most consoling scene,
Where a dear enchantment lingers
Near my old home by the stream.

Now the nights are long and lonely
While through tears I see your face,
With your golden tresses hanging
In that old-time trysting place;
And tonight we're young together,
"But 'tis only in a dream."

Anthony Eden's Kin Here



Lady Eden, wife of Sir Timothy Eden, brother of the British secretary for war, is on her way to Vernon, B.C., with a party of English school children, five of them her own. The group attended Fritham House, an "ideal school," operated in England by Lady Eden. She plans to transplant the school to Vernon, where it will provide its pupils with "luxury with discipline" with an accent on manners and deportment.

PREMIER REGISTERS PICKS OLD JOB

National registration got under way during the week with Premier King and members of the cabinet signing on the dotted line and receiving their cards. One of the Questions is: "What other work do you perform well?" to which Mr. King replied: "Leader of the Opposition."

Canada's grand old man, Sir William Mulock, confessed he was 96 years old when he filled in his form. He also said he had not been turned down for military service during this war. He answered in the affirmative the question: "Can you milk?"

Send The Tribune to absent friends.

Sighs a whisper in the willows,
Near my old home by the stream.
The above lines were penned by Wellington P. Mackenzie of New Liskeard, Ontario and are dedicated to his grandfather's farm on the 6th concession of Markham where as he describes it, he spent his "barefoot days."

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Ace Yake Accepted by Two Units

Some weeks ago Floyd "Ace" Yake attempted to join the Toronto Irish regiment, and after passing his medical examination was told to wait word to report, says the Newmarket Era. Weeks passed and hearing no word from the Irish regiment, he journeyed to Toronto, and joined the Dufferin-Haldimand Rifles, to which unit he reported for service last Thursday.

The previous day at the Aurora post office he received a notice dated weeks before to report to the Irish regiment. The letter had come to Aurora marked "unknown" from the Newmarket rural route to which it had been originally sent, Yake's parents residing in Whitchurch township.

Two sea monsters have been reported near Kincardine, one 25 and the other 30 feet long. Possibly a couple of perch which have found out something about a vitamin diet.

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