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Editorial Comment

Roosevelt an Old Friend

We have not heard of a single newspaper in all Canada that did not hail the re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt as president of the United States with a mingled feeling of satisfaction. His opponent Wendell Wilkie expressed his desire to help Great Britain, but Roosevelt is an old friend, and there is nothing like an old friend in time of trouble.

Early Election Dates

Still a number of new municipalities to the scheme are trying out the earlier election date this year, the latest to be added being the village of Port Elgin. The law provides that elections may be held on the first Monday in December or the first Monday in January. The earlier dates gets away from the turmoil of elections during the Christmas season. Nominations are held on Monday, Nov. 22 with elections a week later if the earlier date is adopted.

Up to the present time there is not a single municipality near Stouffville that has ventured to change from the accustomed Christmas and New Year election time, although there is considerable merit in the scheme.

The single objection is that the taxes are not all in for the current year, and councils fear that the financial statement would not prove so satisfactory.

Not True Liberal Organ

Recent issues of the Liberal Advocate, a monthly magazine published in Toronto, are causing concern and embarrassment to the Government.

There has been no official Liberal party publication since the first month of the war. The Liberal monthly organ made its last appearance, until the war is over, in Sept., 1939.

Meantime the Liberal Advocate of Toronto is being widely regarded, without warrant, as a party publication. This misconception apparently results from the somewhat partisan character of the editorial matter. For example, a recent issue carries a large photograph of Hon. C. D. Howe on the cover and it is stated in the issue that one of the chief purposes of the magazine is "to maintain a co-operative spirit between the Government and the people."

Members of the Government, when the magazine was brought to their attention declared that there is no connection between the party and the Liberal Advocate. Moreover, monetary heresies recently advocated in a series of three articles in the magazine find no support in official circles. In a recent issue it was stated:

"Investigation has shown that unemployment and its subsequent ills, such as bad housing conditions, excessive taxation, burdensome public debt and starvation wages, are all directly due to our inefficient money system, which is now controlled as a private monopoly in the hands of the chartered banks."

Nothing could be farther from the point of view of the Government than this statement. The articles were propaganda for the Hallatt system of "rubber" money.

May Bar Fruit and Vegetables

Because Canada needs the American Dollar to buy airplanes, machine tools, and other items of war, there is a possibility that some curtailment of foodstuffs from across the line may become effective before long. In a splendid article on the subject the whole field is surveyed by the Financial Post. Under the caption, "Canadians produce to fill the gap in U. S. Supplies Restricted, The Post has this to say which is of particular interest to our readers in this vegetable section:

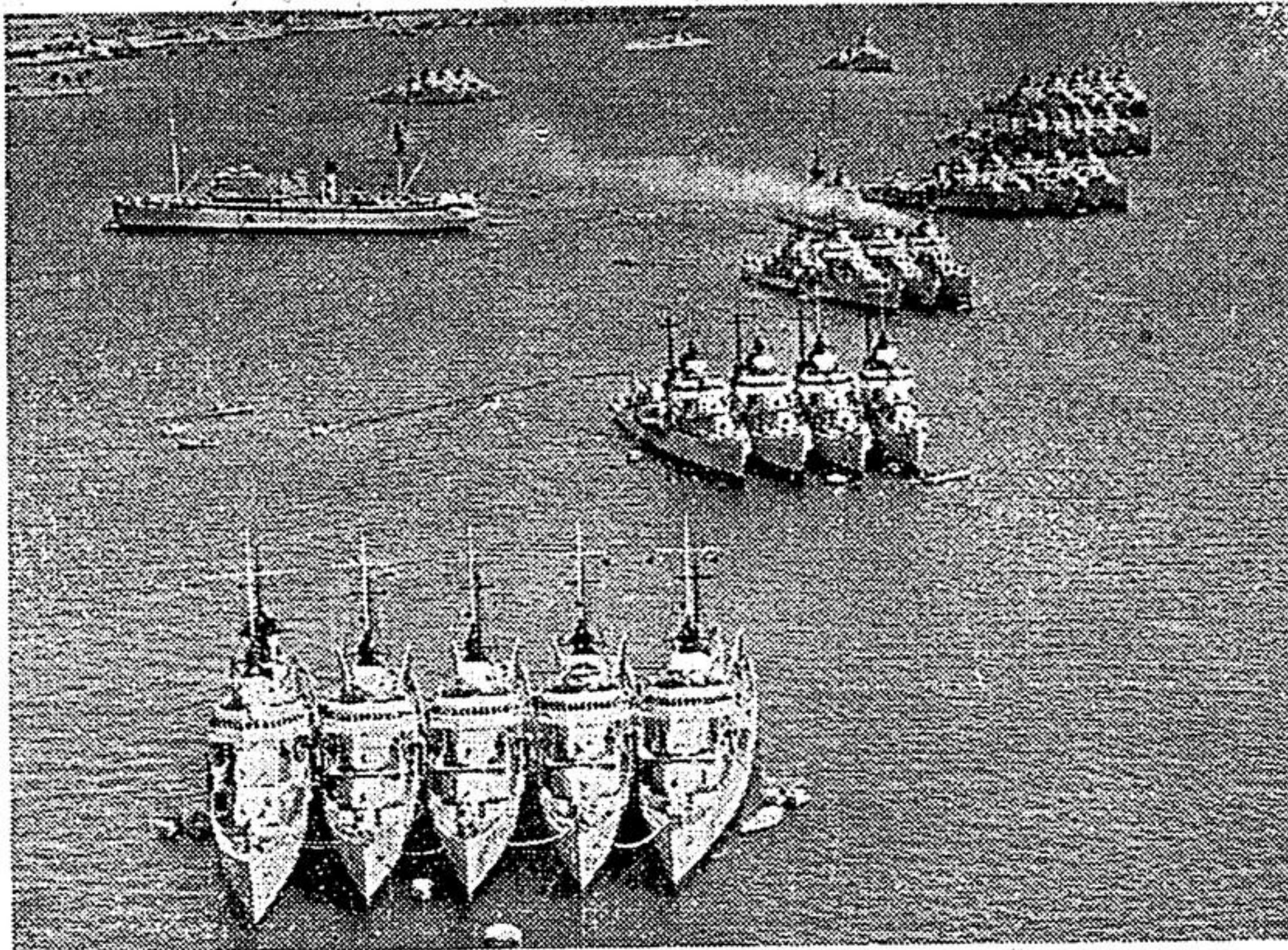
If American fresh fruits and vegetables imports are restricted, Canadian production must largely fill the gap. A quick survey indicates that it can do so, barring some contingencies and excepting a few obvious lines.

Late crops, such as potatoes, cabbage, celery, carrots and beets, were fair to large and, provided these things have been properly stored and keep well, it is believed that there is sufficient on hand to meet all needs. There was not a large crop of apples, but with chance of export there is far more of this fruit on hand than is normally consumed in Canada.

If early vegetables from the United States are cut off, completely or partially, there will have to be, naturally, much greater reliance on Canadian canned goods. Interest centres on tomatoes. This is not only a popular food on its own account, but is one of the very few Canadian-grown products that contribute the same vitamin as is found in citrus fruits. On canned tomatoes and tomato juice housewives will largely depend, if they are asked to sacrifice oranges.

There was a large acreage of tomatoes in Canada this year; but, The Financial Post is informed, the weather was unfavorable during the ripening season and great quantities of the crop rotted. Instead of the 3.5 million case pack anticipated last July only about 2.5 millions materialized. Canadian consumption amounts to about 2 million cases and half a million is needed for a safe carryover. No figures are available yet for the tomato juice pack, but it is believed a fair average is expected. A year ago there was a heavy surplus in tomatoes, following two years of excel-

UNITED STATES DESTROYERS FOR BRITAIN



About 30 American destroyers are shown in this photograph of San Diego Bay in the United States. Quite a formidable line of ships that gives some idea of the sea power the United States has added to Britain by exchanging 50 such vessels for the lease of Atlantic bases.

NORTH YORK PLOWING MATCH

The report of the judges at the North York Plowing Match for classes five and nine are given below: The boys class was not judged until the day after the match owing to the late finish and falling darkness so early in the day. Class nine report as published last week was found to have been incorrect and is given now as it should have appeared.

The officers and supporters of the match have asked The Tribune to express their thanks to all numerous other donors who helped out after the prize list was printed and whose donations were accordingly not publicly acknowledged.

Class 5, Stubble, (boys 18 years and under) Donald Ferguson, King R.R.; H. Meyers, Goodwood; Clare Bennett, Agincourt; Clayton Davis, Stouffville; George Gray, Rockwood. Crown and Finish, Ferguson.

Class 9, Stubble, Tractors, (boys 15 years and under). Bob Timbers, Stouffville; Allan Wells, Stouffville; Carl Micks, Sharon; David Rateiff, Stouffville; Rae Kennedy, Uxbridge; A. Flemming, Unionville; Arnold Harper, Stouffville. Crown and Finish, Timbers.

lent crops, but an export of 900,000 cases to Britain solved any surplus problem.

Normally present stocks of tomatoes would be considered ample, but if American citrus fruits are restricted, the situation may change quickly. Another factor is the possibility of British imports. At present Old Country authorities don't want canned goods, have virtually an embargo against them, but, of course, this restriction is not permanent. If it was lifted, as it was for a time last year, then certainly shortage of tomatoes and other canned goods would be a possibility.

In other canned lines there is reported to be ample stocks of peas, peaches and pears, a fair amount of grapes and grape products, but shortages of corn, and all berries.

There is some hope in official circles that Canadian housewives will turn more to apples. While not possessing the same vitamin values as tomatoes or citrus fruits, they have the big advantage of being both cheap and available. Indeed with practically no export market since early in the war the Dominion authorities have felt it necessary to subsidize the Canadian apple industry to the tune of at least a million dollars a year.

Fair Deal to Let the Ratepayers Vote

In submitting the two-year term for reeves and councillors to the electors, the Whitchurch Council are taking the fairest course. Why should a council wait until they are forced to submit the issue, or the time slips by when there can be nothing done about it? The Government realized that it was an unpopular law, and so provided a means to allow those who stand up and fight for their rights, a way out. There is however, only one way out, and that is to vote against the measure on January 6th next. If the by-law is not passed by the council of the municipality in another two weeks, it is too late to submit the issue and municipalities are automatically swept into the new deal.

What might the ratepayers have said to the councillors of Whitchurch when the full force of the issue confronts them on nomination day, showing that under the two-year term remaining members of the council appoint a new reeve or member of council should a vacancy occur in any of these officers. Under the present system, the ratepayers make that choice. We can't imagine them giving it up.

So far as two-year terms go, the present system provides for them through acclamation, after the ratepayers have passed on the record of the council they acclaim. Is it reasonable to suppose the electors will pass that up too?

FARMERS' DEBTS CUT UNDER ACT

(Reduction in farm debts amounting to \$35,328,960 have been effected since 1934 as a result, of the operations of the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the fifth annual report of the organization under the act showed. Many adjustments are recorded in the Stouffville area.

The report, tabled in the Commons, indicated that since inception of the act, 46,077 farmers had made application to have their debts adjusted, and 40,440 cases had been reviewed, the total debt involved amounting to \$234,906,435.

An annual benefit of farmers of \$6,642,519, in the form of interest reduction, had been effected, according to the report.

In the year ending March 31, 1940, when the act was in full operation in Saskatchewan and Alberta and for three months in Manitoba and British Columbia, cases dealt with numbered 6,900.

Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 1940, were \$497,289.

SECOND CALL-UP DUE ON NOVEMBER 22

Divisional registrars across Canada are preparing their selection

BINGO PROCEEDS FOR OVERSEAS COMFORTS

Markham Township War Veterans held the first euchre of their annual pre-holiday series in the Township Hall last Thursday evening.

The euchre was preceded by a half hour of Bingo, the proceeds of which will go toward the purchase of cigarettes for the boys overseas. The money realised from the euchres goes towards comforts and benefits for the families of veterans of the last war.

It was resolved by an almost unanimous vote to give all euchre prizes in War Stamps.

Twenty-seven tables turned out and the series will close with the annual Turkey Draw when twelve turkeys will be given away to lucky ticket holders.

lists of young men 21, 22 and 23 years who are single or widowers without children for the second compulsory military training period scheduled to start November 22, the Department of National War Services said last week.

A spokesman said the second call may take a few single men of 24 in some areas to bring quotas up to strength, but for the most part it will be concentrated on cleaning up those classes already called.

Young men of 21, 22 and 23, now are in centres for the first who were in centres for the first training period finished on Friday.

When the registrars have completed their second selection lists they will send out individual notices by mail, advising selected men that they must take a medical examination preparatory to reporting at the nearest training centre.

FARMERS TRAILER CONSCIOUS

Subject for debate in the past has often been to what extent the motor car has revolutionized farm life. In recent years the trailer has done almost as much to change the habits of those who live in rural communities as has the motor car. Each year there are more and more trailers in Ontario, and by far the greater percentage of them are farm owned. In 1937 there were just 31,177 of them in the province. In 1939 there were 41,596 and complete figures for 1940 are expected to show an even larger number in use.

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