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Editorial Comment

Slow But Sure Seems to be our Motto

Stouffville seems to be about one lap behind in the matter of keeping abreast of the many appeals brought on by the war. We were late in organizing for the Red Cross last year, but what a grand job was done when once we got around to it. Then just recently came the nation-wide drive for the promotion and sale of war saving stamps. This is fairly well completed, but Stouffville is just commencing its campaign.

This week with the Canadian War Service Fund being advanced all over the country, Stouffville finds itself with two campaigns incomplete.

Write to The Boys Over There

"Drop us a line, folks." These are familiar words at the end of various letters received and signed by Stouffville town and district sons who are now in England. Thousands of miles away from home, and strangers in the Motherland, it is natural that these boys should want letters from the folks back home. Some of them get The Tribune and look eagerly for it, but a letter seems to have the personal touch. They want those intimate, personally written messages that mean so much to men far away and whose lives are in daily peril, and our boys are in peril, defending us, and yet they breathe earnestness and optimism. The letters will surely be welcome from anyone, whether you know the boys or not. Names and addresses might be checked with the local Veterans. And if you receive any interesting communications from these fellows overseas, we'll be only too glad at this office, if you'll pass it along to us to publish as we're all interested in how they're getting along, you know.

Unfriendly Criticism

Any Canadian who read the editorial from the Chicago Tribune as published in their issue of March 11 concerning the transfer of American destroyers to the British navy must have been stirred by the unfriendly and unfair attitude taken by this newspaper noted for such tactics for some time.

In discussion the friendly bargain between the U. S. and Great Britain here are a couple of paragraphs taken from the editorial of the Tribune as a fair example of their unjustifiable remarks:

"It would not have been at all unreasonable or unfriendly" says the Tribune, to have expected the British Government to buy from British subjects whatever real estate is needed for the bases, and to give it to us in exchange for the ships. In all probability the ships, old as they are, are worth a great deal more than the land in any reckoning."

Further the Tribune makes the amazing observation that, "Long before this war began we had every right to demand not only bases on the islands, but the islands themselves, in exchange for the unpaid debts. We did not demand and, the attitude of our state department being what it was and is of course the British did not offer the islands to us.

We do not start the wars and after all these years of adulation it is not surprising that we are expected to finish them and pay for them," is the base conclusion of a newspaper which scarcely deserves recognition as an ally in the cause of democracy.

645,370 Men Cannot Milk a Cow

We have been trying to get around to tell our readers who may not have examined information compiled of the Dominion-wide registration which took place last year. The information is now compiled and enables one to pick out most interesting facts. For instance there are 645,370 men in Ontario who cannot milk a cow, the registration files show.

The non-farmers were only slightly in the majority, as 500,820 said they could milk and do other farm work. Those who could do everything on a farm but milk numbered 153,360, while 55,690 told the government they could do nothing but milk to help on a farm.

There registered in Ontario, 2,731,580 persons, 1,355,240 men and 1,376,340 women. The largest population group above 16 years was from 20 to 29 years, 601,780. Those from 16 to 18 years were 268,180, from 30 to 39 years 539,990, and from 40 to 49 years, 471,700. Over 70 years there were 97,400 women and 85,570 men.

Married persons in Ontario number 1,636,100 and single, 857,440. Widows and widowers numbered 207,310, while 8,790 were divorced. Legal separations were reported by 16,560, while the condition of 5,380 was not reported.

Most Ontario residents—2,014,500—were born in Canada and 432,520 in the British Empire. From Poland came 48,210; the United States, 64,790; Russia, 25,060; Germany and Austria, 24,220. Those reporting Canada as the birthplace of their parents numbered 1,276,430.

Total foreign-born citizens of Ontario were 265,740. Those naturalized before 1941 were 22,000; between 1922 and 1931, 49,550, and between 1932 and 1935, 32,370.

Those classified as aliens numbered 95,590, with 61,430 men and 34,160 women.

English alone was spoken by 2,450,510 and French alone by 34,170, although Ottawa spends millions printing everything in both tongues to please the French.

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE RATEPAYERS HOLD ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Joyous Throng Pack Masonic Temple in Toronto

The big night of the year for the members of the Lake Association has come and gone, but its effects are still with us, according to the advance notice sent out the slogan was "Hurry, Hurry", and "Follow the Crowd which is going to the Annual Get-Together" and believe me they did go and how they enjoyed themselves.

Owing to the fact that the president, Mr. Carter is in the active service forces the vice president, Mr. Ed. Darlow had charge of the arrangements and he made a real job of it. The committee men all put their best effort into the arrangements.

The crowd gathered on a scale hardly expecting and were received by Messrs. W. Turtle, G. Harrison and their helpers and so happy days were here again.

The cards downstairs were in charge of William Vealey and W. S. Vimber and special prizes were sprung for the various tables and game was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, particularly those being winners of the prizes.

During the evening a special draw was made for the benefit of the Telegram War Fund, and over fifty dollars was realized. The total money received was all put in this fund as the tickets and prizes were all donated by members of the committee.

In the meantime those who were out for the dance were being looked after in the upper auditorium and Cliff Lloyd and his orchestra were kept busy making music for the large crowd of young folk (and some of the older ones too) who had the time of their lives in "keeping up with the Jones". There were spot prizes and specialty prizes during the dancing and by the time the card players had finished their game and the luncheon served by Harold Bevens and his helpers from the radio auxiliary those on the dance floor were ready for the eats.

Two hampers of groceries were raffled during the evening giving two more winners a thrill.

We were pleased to see the "regulars" from the lake who were on hand to enjoy themselves. The Windsors, Schells, McLaughlin's, Mitchell's and others, and we are sorry more of the permanent lake residents could not be present with us.

The committee in charge thank all those who helped in any way to make our get-together such a success and under the stress of war conditions.

The committee in charge of Vice President, Ed. Darlow, Lloyd Pyke, secretary, did a remarkable job. They included, Harold Bevens, J. H. Jay, R. Phillips, J. Whitehouse, M. Kerr, A. Sawers, W. Turtle, E. S. Smith, G. Harrison, Burt Lloyd, W. S. Kimber, L. Pringle, A. Green, William Kealey, H. Hayden, J. Ironsides, S.R. Proctor, Bill Evans, A. Jarvis.

After the orchestra played "God Save the King" we all returned to our homes and, "We'll be seeing you later."

It is no mere pun to say that Hitler has put the bulge into Bulgaria, and that he wishes to get Greece in order to roast Turkey.

TELLS OF FIRST TRAIN SEVENTY YEARS AGO

Railroad service was regularly established through Stouffville from Toronto to Uxbridge in April of 1871 seventy years ago this month, Mr. E. J. Davey, veteran railroader of 47 years, told the members of the Women's Institute at their monthly meeting last week.

Work on the line which was then the Toronto Nipissing Railway, started in 1869, and it was ready for regular traffic in two years. This was a narrow gauge line, he said, and a unique situation occurred following its purchase by the Midland R.R. years later, when a third rail was added to take the standard gauge cars which were coupled next to the engine with the old narrow gauge cars running behind using all three rails.

E. J. Davey started to work on the railroad when he was only 14 years of age. His first job was piling cordwood into racks for the old wood-burning engines of which there were two on the line. He recalled the disaster which overtook one of them when it blew up at the Stouffville station in 1873, when it could not have been more than a couple of years in use. The explosion shook the village and a couple of men were killed. He further recalled the disastrous fire at Uxbridge round-house when six engines were destroyed including the other wood-burner known as No. 2 and a mate to the one which blew up. This marked the beginning of the end for Uxbridge as a terminal, for the shops were never rebuilt there, and ultimately centred at York.

An interesting episode was told by Mr. Davey concerning another accident at Stouffville long after the explosion. E. J. Davey was brakeman at the time. It was in 1878 or 1879. He was in charge of a car load of brick being shunted from the main line down a spur that ran from the main tracks just east of the present Free property to a point just east of the present Baptist church. The spur passed the old tannery which stood on the site of Beebe's blacksmith and now Silverthorn's garage. It was down grade, and the engine started the car of brick from the main line, with E. J. in control of the car standing at the brake wheel. The car lumbered south on its own power, gathering speed on the down grade. As it passed the tannery, grease on the rails transferred to the brakes and they became useless. E. J. jumped for his life as the car passed over the main street crossing, and the bricks landed up against a car of lumber, smashing a few hundred. The bricks, said Mr. Davey, were for Squire Wheeler. No one was ever penalized for the accident.

Senator Wheeler thinks of starting a speaking campaign to oppose U. S. foreign policy, and Wendell Willkie is prepared to follow him "from Boston to California" if necessary. What Willkie would do to Wheeler would be sufficient to cancel the proposed spouting excursion.

Send The Tribune to absent friends

"In Days Of Yore"

From the Stouffville Tribune, February 17, 1916

Fifteen former pupils of Mrs. J.F. Madill's Sunday School have enlisted.

E. A. Button attended the Ford Agents Convention held in Toronto this week.

Miss Erma Burkholder has for some time been filling a position in the Standard Bank of which her father is manager.

Forms II and III of the local high school engaged in an inter-form-debate this week on the subject, "Resolved that Canada Should Have Free Trade with All Nations." The affirmative was upheld by Kathleen Freel and Luella Holden of Form II. The negative was debated by Kenneth Coulson and George Honey. The affirmative won.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hamilton are victims of LaGrippe.

Mrs. Barker of Richmond Hill is spending a couple of weeks with her son, Morley.

Mr. W. H. Huntley is making improvements in the Ice Cream Parlors. Floyd R. Fisher has enlisted with the Irish Fusiliers, in Toronto.

Our town bell has undergone repairs after being broken on Sunday morning giving the fire alarm.

The Auditorium narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Sunday morning. Mr. Jos. Mertens who happened to be passing the building about 3 o'clock in the morning, noticed the flames and at once rang the alarm. The brigade was soon on the scene and quickly extinguished the fire.

Mr. C. W. Wismer is very ill with appendicitis.

From the Stouffville Free Press August 1896

Mr. P. C. Fleury has sold out his boot and shoe business to Mr. T. E. Perkins.

The Stouffville Lacrosse Club took in the Capital-Tecumseh lacrosse match at Toronto on Satur-

day. On Monday afternoon of last week this village was thrown into a state of excitement when the sad news was brought to town that little Merrill Fitch, six-year-old son of Mr. C. Fitch, barrister, had been drowned in Byer's pond.

About sixty attended the parlor social at the Rev. W. Percy's on Tuesday evening. The wet weather no doubt kept a number away.

The Lacrosse Concert on Monday night was a huge success in every way. J. H. Cameron of Toronto in his comic songs and recitations was encored again and again. Local talent included selections by Misses Jewell, Russell, Young and Johnson and Messrs. Hand Stouffer and Bray. Miss Blanche O'Brien who has been teaching in the Conservatory of Music, Chicago favored the audience with an instrumental selection. The Cornet Band was present and rendered several numbers.

The Grand Trunk authorities have started erecting temporary storm fences along the line so as to do away with the great delays experienced last week. The work is under the direct charge of Mr. E. H. Fitzhugh, supt. of the middle division.

Miss Addie Smyth and Mr. C. W. Flint, of the Toronto Junction Model School spent Sunday at their homes here.

Mr. Jos. Lehman returned last Friday from Douglas where he has been for the last three months putting in a new grist mill.

Wendell Willkie, defeated candidate for U. S. presidency, gives full support to the Roosevelt program for aid to Britain, and we take it that is the one way to explain what is meant by national unity.

Eire has a representative in United States seeking arms and munitions. Trouble in United States at the moment is extending aid to those who are out front fighting Hitler.

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