

York County Well Within 1944 Budget

Hospital Grants to Be Paid Out of Available Surplus or Reserves, Finance Committee Reports

York County is well within its 1944 budget and should end the year with a surplus, it was reported by the finance committee, under the chairmanship of Deputy Reeve W. F. Hearst, North York, at last week's session of York County Council.

The committee reported the making of a grant of \$1,000 to the Society for Crippled Civilians, which planned to purchase a new building for its training and rehabilitation program. Reeve F. G. Gardner, Forest Hill Village, commended the work of the organization, stating that it was financed solely by voluntary contributions. "By training men and women and placing them back in positions, this society has taken hundreds off relief and made them self-supporting," he explained.

The committee reported further that grants voted at the June session to Toronto East General, St. Joseph's and York County Hospital, Newmarket, would be made out of any surplus for the year or, if necessary, out of any available reserves.

It was reported further that York County's debenture debt stands at approximately \$600,000, as compared with \$1,600,000 in 1933. Outstanding debentures bear interest at 5 per cent, but are not callable. Wilbur Gardhouse, treasurer, reported, "Your committee is pleased to report that the City of Toronto has paid its share of the 1943 commitments of the Toronto and York Roads Commission and as arrangement has been made whereby the city will pay an interim amount on account of its share at the end of August in each current year. This should result in a saving of interest in the county," it was reported further. Heretofore the city has been more than a year late in making such payments.

The police committee reported that "the police force is being operated as economically as possible consistent with the services which the force is established to provide."

The market committee reported that East York Market has been well patronized and shows a net operating surplus to date of \$479. It recommended improvement to the lighting. Reeve B. L. Clutterbuck, Scarborough, is chairman of the committee, and Deputy Reeve George S. Treadway, secretary.

It is requested that the units, Altona, Brougham, Clarendon, Green River and Mt. Zion, will come prepared to give a full report of the past year's activities.

An increased interest is observed in sewing and knitting for the winter, since the last meeting, whatever the reason for the surge of activity, the work convener is grateful for the co-operation.

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The charge of selling a motor car and rug contrary to regulations of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board against Orville Roach, F.A. Forsyth, executors of the estate of the late Hezekiah Roach and A.S. Farmer, auctioneer, will come up at Newmarket tomorrow, Friday, having been adjourned two weeks ago at the request of the defence counsel. The case will undoubtedly attract widespread interest over the district.

BIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question—What is the difference between Abram and Abraham?

Answer—Both names refer to the same person. When he was 99 years old, God changed his name from Abram (exalted father) to Abraham (father of a multitude) at the time that He promised to make him a father of many nations. Genesis 17:5.

Q.—Is hell real?

A.—Real enough for those unfortunate enough to find themselves in it, for we read in Matthew 10:28: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Q.—Does the Bible uphold fasting?

A.—Jesus said that His disciples would fast when He was gone. (Matthew 9:15.) In Matthew 6:17, 18, He tells us how we should fast: "But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father, which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

Q.—When a man is converted, does God forgive his debts so that he does not have to pay them?

A.—When God forgives a man's sins it is on condition that he is sorry for them and forsakes them. A converted man will do his utmost to pay all debts to others. His goal will be to "owe no man any thing, but to love one another." Romans 13:8. Every true Christian will recognize just debts and will pay them as far as in him lies. Otherwise he would be a thief; and the eighth commandment says, "Thou shalt not steal."

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Massey-Harris Head Tells of France today.

James S. Duncan, president and general manager of Massey-Harris Company, Ltd., brings back from a tour of France the impression that that country will emerge from its harrowing experiences during the war and even harder times in the next six months much stronger than its outside friends could have had reason to hope in the earlier years of the struggle.

Mr. Duncan went to France in his capacity of chairman of the Farm Machinery subcommittee of the Combined Production Resources Board of Canada and the United States. In all the districts which he visited and as a result of the best information he could get about other districts, he believes agriculture to be in a fairly prosperous condition. It had been thought that difficulties in the way of getting artificial fertilizers, of which France has always been a great consumer, would bring down output but does not seem to have done so.

Prosperous Franc Farmers
"The French farmers have had very good crops during the war and have sold most of their surplus in France. They continued to supply Paris until D-Day and they were paid in French money. Prices throughout the war were for them on a steadily increasing scale and that applied as well to things they had to buy. A great black market operated because rationed supplies of staple articles were not sufficient and prices in that market were higher still. As everybody was forced to deal to some degree in that market, the farmers did better than they had done before, that is, as measured by francs."

Asked whether there were many shortages of staple goods, Mr. Duncan said:

"With the aid of the black market there was enough to eat. The production of clothing was substantially reduced. Correspondents have referred to the general shabbiness of the French people. Overcoats and other clothing, for instance, had been turned. Shoes were so short that wooden soles were used instead of leather. This was particularly noticeable to me because I was born in Paris and grew up there. In the workmen's districts I did not notice much difference but in all the better districts where I had been accustomed to see well dressed people the difference was very noticeable."

Transport Problem Great
"The great problem of France now is one of transportation. The railways have been paralyzed by destruction of 4,000 bridges. The ports were in many cases put completely out of business, especially where the Germans established pockets of resistance. There were 360,000 railway trucks in 1939, now 31,000; and in 1939 there were 6,000 locomotives, now 1,200 or much less because a lot of these were taken back into Germany where transportation problems are also acute."

In their retreat the Germans requisitioned everything on wheels: horse-drawn carts, motor cars, trucks, anything they could get. With all this destruction of railroads, canals, telegraph and telephone lines added to by sabotage from the underground, it is scarcely to be wondered at that the events of recent months have produced an abundance of food and other products in rural districts and shortage of food in populous centres. I found the same conditions in North Africa where high prices and a black market were directly traceable to difficulties in transportation.

"Imagine how Canada would be if there were no outgoing mail and very little internal mail being moved. In France efforts are now in hand to remedy that and in a few weeks there may be a great difference."

In my opinion France is going to have a six months period of great difficulty.

France Coming Back
"But six months from now, I am confident, there will be a great difference. Correct that fundamental disorganization and France will get to work again in a large way. I think France is going to be much stronger and more influential in the future than commentators guessed some few months ago."

As to how far the Government will go on entering business in France, he said:
"I found the de Gaulle Government strong in popular favor. It is not a Communist Government, as some people on this side seem to think. I would say that it has definite socialistic tendencies. I think it goes so far as to intend State ownership of certain public enterprises and mines, but I do not think it intends to go down as far as business or industry."

France is a country of small farm holdings and of numerous highly developed but small industries. I do not think any Government would attempt to get in between the people and these assets which they own and value."

Motive power on Canadian farms costs a lot of money. The number of horses in Canada shown at the last census in 1941 was 2,789,391 valued at approximately \$185,000,000. The number of tractors was 158,844 which at a value of \$750 each would approximate \$120,000,000.



Grand champion baby at the Canadian National Exhibition in 1940, Jimmy Steele, shown here with his mother, Mrs. James Steele, died in hospital on Nov. 11 after an illness of three and a half weeks. Jimmy's father is a wireless air gunner with the R.C.A.F. Jimmy, at the age of five, is shown in a recent photo with his parents. Judged by the highest standards of physical perfection, the child won over 580 entries in the Exhibition.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Yankeetown, Florida, Nov. 22, 1945.

Dear Mr. Nolan;

We reached here in due time without misfortune, after leaving Ringwood to spend the winter in the South. As many at home have asked me as to the best way to come to the South let me tell you of one that is comfortable and economic. In a later note I shall tell you about the place.

At Toronto we took a ticket by rail to Detroit and return. There we stayed all night. In the morning we took a ticket to DunEllon, our destination, and return, and boarded a bus at 10.35 o'clock, arriving in Cincinnati. In the evening we eased our journey by spending the night at a hotel.

At 8 o'clock the next morning we took the bus that carries only passengers for Florida, and travelled to Jacksonville, stopping about every 200 miles. The distance is 893 miles. It has reclining chairs, a steward and modern conveniences. One pays an additional \$1.15 for the privilege of riding on this bus.

We left the "Sun Chief" at Lake City, a junction 62 miles west of Jacksonville, where a bus was waiting to carry us down through the central part of Florida to DunEllon, Tampa, and St. Petersburg. We left this last bus at DunEllon where friends met us to take us 18 miles to Yankeetown, a tourist resort near the Gulf of Mexico.

Two years ago we came by train, via Washington and the cost, coming and going, including berths each \$110. Coming as we did, and just as comfortably, the cost will be only \$55 each.

We made one mistake, we should have taken return tickets for St. Petersburg. The cost would have been only a few cents more, and perhaps not more at all, though St. Petersburg is about 120 miles south of this place.

We shall stay here most of the winter unless my damaged eye which has caused me a lot of sleeplessness may force us to go to the southern city for some specialized medical treatment.

Our comfort here has exceeded our expectations.

Thos. H. Mitchell

How is the returning veteran being placed at this time? Figures released by the Veterans' Affairs Department in Ottawa show that during September 1,810 ex-servicemen received benefits under the reestablishment order providing maintenance grants. A total of \$88,246 was expended that month.

Used Own Grenade on Nazi, Major Welsh Home

"I had to hit the German with his own 'potato masher,' just hard enough to let him know we meant business, but not so hard that he could not drive us back to headquarters." So related Major Arthur "Tiger" Welsh, of Sunderland, holder of the D.S.O., won in Sicily and a bar, won in Italy, when Maj. Triquet won his V.C. at Ortona. He arrived in Toronto last week with 60 other officers and men from overseas.

He was dragging himself, aided by a badly wounded man from an Edmonton regiment, down a shell-pocked, mud-filled road near Rimini, when around a corner skidded a German armored car.

Driver Scared to Death
"The driver was about 18. He saw us and was scared to death. If he'd only known my foot was smashed and the other man's arm was shot up badly! Anyway, he didn't. He stopped and I had to hit him," Maj. Welsh said.

"I didn't have a gun. That's why I had to use his potato masher. I wanted him to drive us back to headquarters. I couldn't drive and the lad I was with wasn't in any shape to drive either," Maj. Welsh said.

That night, Maj. Welsh, who was nick-named "Tiger" by Maj. Gen. Chris Vokes, was in charge of what he called an "S.P." gun, a naval piece mounted on a Sherman tank.

"We were attacking by artificial moonlight—searchlights," he said. "Three Shermans got stuck up ahead. Another went up to drag them out and lost a track. I got out of my jeep and started up to see what was holding things up."

Were Sitting Ducks
"I figured we could get our guns around the block and did so. Then I started back to my jeep. The Huns were sending all kinds of stuff over. We were sitting ducks—the searchlights made it like day."

A shell slammed into a bank, hurling him into a trench. Over came another and it landed near his foot—"right behind," he said. "If I'd been farther away I'd have got it for good. Three others did get it. All I got was a smashed up foot."

He dragged himself out and hopped on one leg to a nearby trench where an Edmonton man was trying to stem the flow of blood from a bad wound in his arm. "I fixed him up as best I could and we started out for headquarters. That's when the monkey came around the corner in the armored car," he added.

POTATO PRICES VITAL TO MANY FARMERS HERE

Potato quotations at Toronto last week off truck were \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bag, with retail prices \$1.30 to \$1.40 per bag. On car lot basis Prince Edward Island Cobblers and Katahdins were \$1.40 at Toronto.

Potato growers in Ontario, and the Maritimes are endeavouring to have the Government issue permits to export a portion of this year's crop to United States where the crop is reported to be light. We understand that Honorable Austin Taylor, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick, has been in Ottawa arguing that permits be issued so they could move. Maritime potatoes now in unsafe storage. Growers in the Caradoc District, Middlesex County, have a potato crop exceeding their safe storage facilities and have appealed for exporting permits. Robert McCubbin, M.P. for West Middlesex, has been at Ottawa on the growers' behalf, and a survey by J.J. Johnson, Dis-

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district Fruit and Vegetable Inspector, indicated that 50 carloads or 30,000 bags of potatoes could be exported from the Caradoc District and still leave approximately the same amount of potatoes as was produced in the district last year.

The war years have seen much interesting industrial development in Canada. Among her new projects is the manufacture of optical glass. Before the war, most of the world's optical glass was produced in England, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Germany. Today the highly ground and polished glass used for telescopes, range finders and other high precision fire control instruments, is made right in Canada.

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