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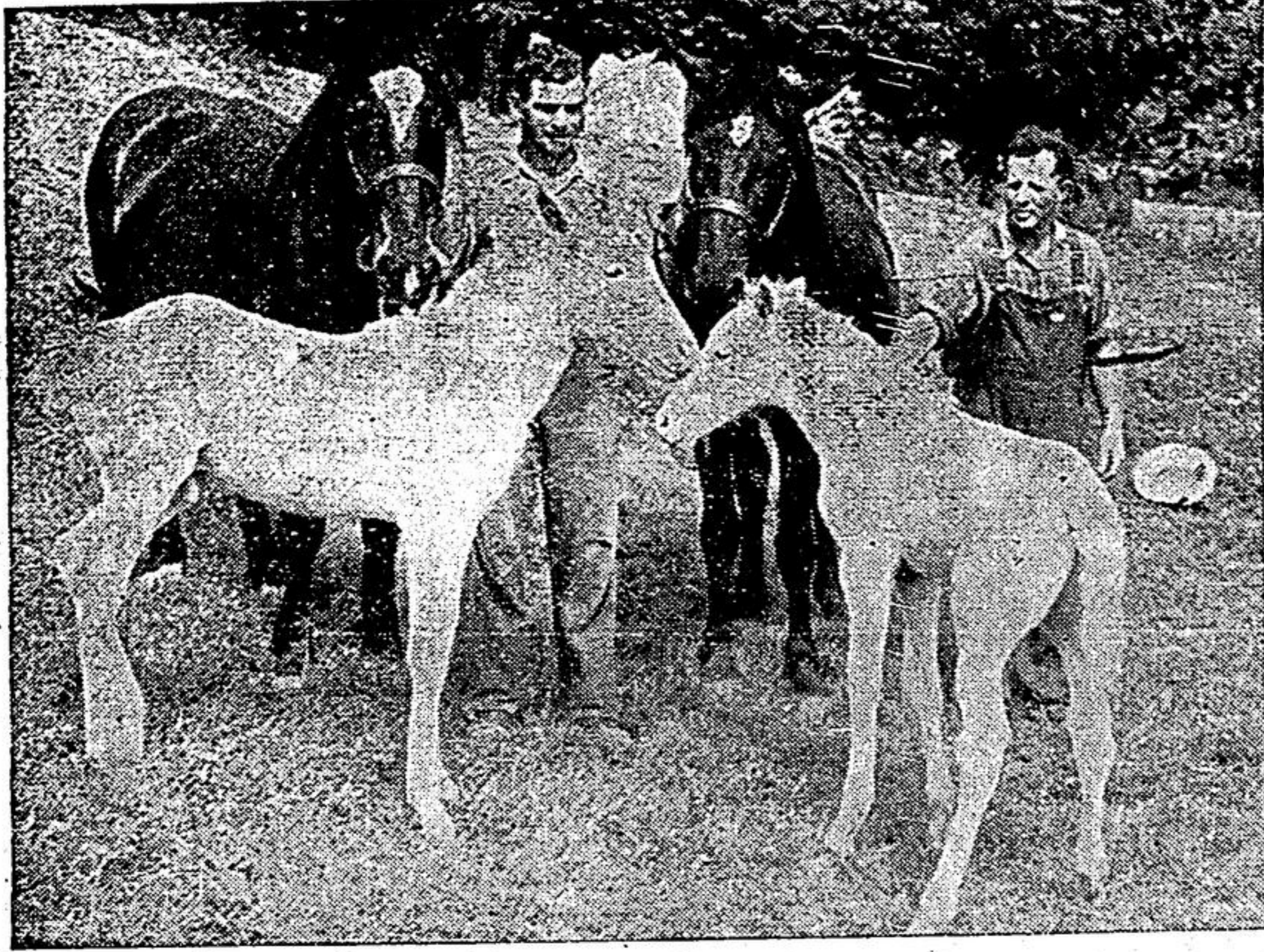
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TO RESCIND LABOR LAW ON MENNONITES



Black Mares Have White Colts.

The odds are high on the chances of a black mare giving birth to a white colt but this happened twice within three weeks on the farm of Kenard S. Snider, R.R. 2, Kitchener. Two Percheron mares, almost jet black in color, gave birth to pure-white colts. Father of the

colts is a mottled-white Arabian. Shown with the colts and mares are Harold Snider, left and Kenard Snider, owner of the farm.

Change Affects Many in Markham-Stouffville Area

Labor Minister Mitchell has informed L. O. Breithaupt, Liberal member for North Waterloo that the Government "very shortly" will rescind the compulsory labor transfer regulations as applied to Mennonites.

This will permit Mennonite youths from the Markham, Gormley, Stouffville area to return to their farms or pre-war jobs.

Mr. Mitchell announced the Government's intention to lift the regulations when he met Elvin Shantz of Kitchener, secretary of the Mennonite organization throughout Canada, together with Mr. Breithaupt, at an interview arranged by the North Waterloo member.

Mr. Shantz presented the case, pointing out that the war had been over for more than a year and that the Mennonite youths subject to compulsory labor transfers had established a good record of work donated generously from their pay allowances to the Red Cross and invested considerable sums in interest-free Victory Bonds.

Under the Labor Department's regulations covering objectors to military service, such youths all across Canada were compelled to work at Government direction in lumber camps, on highways and farms.

Having presented the case, Mr. Shantz advised the labor minister that it was planned to assemble a large delegation, with representatives drawn from all Mennonite districts in Canada, for presentation of a petition to Ottawa.

"That will not be necessary," Mr. Mitchell informed him. "The Government appreciates the situation and is giving sympathetic consideration to the proposal that the regulations be rescinded. You may expect an announcement to that effect very shortly."

General Business Occupies Time of Whitchurch Council

Townships have no power to pass bylaws regulating riding schools in the municipality, but counties have such authority, solicitor J. D. Lucas reported to Whitchurch Township Council on Saturday.

The county of York passed such a bylaw prohibiting the keeping of riding schools and livery barns, unless a license is granted. When an application is received, the county clerk refers the matter to the municipality in which the school or livery is to be located. If the municipality does not object a license is issued, but the county authority acts according to the wishes of the municipality in the matter.

Hugh Hamilton and Ivan Patenden have been duly sworn in as county constables, in pursuance of having been made Township Constables, and are now in a position to act in any part of the county.

Eric Craddock protested the establishment of a chicken killing place at the corner of Yonge street and old Yonge st., and writes further, "I am a substantial ratepayer, and conclude you would be interested in my views."

Mr. Craddock said fumes from burning feathers were a serious interference with a house nearby. "It was stated that there is no by-law forbidding the establishment of such a premises, and that such places operate in towns, indicating that they can be conducted without annoyance to properties nearby."

If an offense is found it can be remedied through the Board of Health, in such cases, the reeve pointed out.

A mild smile passed over the faces of reeve and councillors when a similar protest was read by the clerk, from a second ratepayer, who was probably prompted to add his objection, when it was found that his taxes were less than \$2 a year. He did add however that he proposed to erect a house in due course.

Council agreed to pay township constables \$5.00 per month for use of cars until Sept. 1st. It was deemed a more satisfactory method of payment than making up a mileage account. Constable Hamilton was present and made the suggestion, which council concurred in, and passed a resolution confirming the arrangement moved by Deputy Reeve Logan and Councillor Fred Timbers.

James Prior, Shrigley street, was compensated \$12.00 for one sheep killed by dogs or dog unknown. A subdivision plan at Musselman's Lake was approved for Mr. E. Davies, who reported legal width roads of 66 feet established. He will give an undertaking required by council to gravel the said road or roads under supervision of the Road Superintendent Henry Widdfield.

The Sutton Rural Hydro reported receipts of \$121 hydro arrears on lot 22, con. 5, recently purchased by the county of York for reforestation purposes.

Reeve L. P. Evans made fitting reference to the continued ill health of his predecessor in office Ex-Reeve George Leary who has been confined to his home at Gormley for some weeks.

Deputy Reeve Logan and Councillor L. J. Harper then moved the following which was unanimously carried: "That the clerk be instructed to write Mr. Leary expressing regret of the council because of the continued illness of a former colleague, and that our sincere wish is for his early recovery."

The county tax rate for Whitchurch is reduced by one and a quarter mills according to an intimation from the county clerk. The reduction \$3,269.66 is largely due to the reduction in school taxes for secondary education by reason of the government taking over a more liberal proportion of the cost.

Before council adjourned road accounts totalling \$3,995.50, and general accounts \$400, including \$40 to Aurora fire brigade for attending fire at Peloguin's July 7, were approved for payment.

Reeve Evans presided, and all other members were present being Deputy Reeve Logan and Councillors Harper, McLaughlin and Fred Timbers.

Hydro Employee Expires Suddenly at Markham

Member of the Markham Rural Hydro gang at Markham, Eric Coulter died suddenly on Monday morning while at work. The young man, who is single, had just walked into the office in Markham and was in the act of handing in some time sheets when he slumped over, and expired in a few minutes. Death was due to a heart attack.

The remains were taken to his home in Campbellford for burial there on Wednesday.

Buried Mid Scenes of His Youth

Rev. W. A. Baker Passes in 83rd Year

Dr. William Albert Baker, 82, medical practitioner in Peterborough for the last 30 years, died on Sunday at his home after a brief illness. He had received patients in his office and managed his own dispensary until recently.

Dr. Baker was born at Baker Hill on the 5th concession of Whitchurch, son of Joel and Rachel Baker. There were five boys and two girls in the family, the sole survivor now being Rev. J. J. Baker of Toronto in his 91st year. Last December Seneca, eldest of the family, died at his home in Whitchurch, in his 96th year. The other boys were Morgan and Alfred, the latter passing away quite early in life. The two sisters were Mrs. R. E. Sinclair who died in 1934 and Mrs. John Bundy in 1935.

Dr. Baker who died on Sunday graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1890 and was married five years later to Ida M. Davis. Following three years' practice in Bobcaygeon he joined the staff of the Parke Davis Pharmaceutical Co., of California as salesman. Dr. Baker was a brother-in-law of one of the members of the pharmaceutical firm. Three years later he opened a practice in Lakefield, where he remained for 10 years.

Dr. Baker was a member of Corinthian Lodge AF & AM and Murray St. Baptist Church, Peterborough. He was an enthusiastic gardener and took pride in beautifying the curb adjoining his residence with borders of peonies and other flowers. He was also an ardent deer hunter.

The funeral on Tuesday from Peterborough came direct to the Baker Hill cemetery where so many of the pioneer residents of the district found their last resting place.

Mrs. Thos. Ratcliff Passes Suddenly

Resident of Stouffville for 30 years, Mrs. Thos. H. Ratcliff passed away at the Brierbush Hospital here on Monday evening after only two days illness from a heart attack.

Born on January 29, 1869, on the old farm at Vineland which is now in the family for over a century, her maiden name was Sarah Fretz, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Fretz. Following the death of her parents, Mrs. Ratcliff made her home in Stouffville with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hoover until her marriage to Mr. Ratcliff in August 1919. Mr. Ratcliff died in March 1931.

Mrs. Ratcliff's only brother, Jacob Fretz, died in 1916, and his wife in 1939, leaving a foster son, Harmon Ecker, who still operates the old homestead.

Mrs. Ratcliff was a chiropractor and carried on a practice here at the residence on Albert street right up to the time of her death. She was a member of the United Church and an adherent of the Baptist church as well. The funeral service this Thursday afternoon will be held in the Baptist church at 2:30 p.m., with interment in Stouffville cemetery. Rev. D. Davis and Rev. D. Macgregor will conduct the service, and the pall bearers will be Messrs. Stewart Stouffer, Christie Armstrong, John Oxendale, Walter Pipher, Arthur Farthing and Jos. Gayman.

Earl Cook on Mound Friday Night Here

An intermediate ball team comprised of numerous members of Stouffville teams of former O.B.A. years, marched into Newmarket on Tuesday night and defeated the high-flying Junior Club there, 6-3, their first defeat of the season.

The same teams will hook up in an exhibition tilt in Memorial Park this Friday night, game called at 6:45. The following lineup with the possible addition of Reg Button and Dint Hodgins will take the field, Lew. Morden, Ike Harper, c.; Cook, p.; H. Holden, 1b.; K. Laushway, 2b.; J. Olsky, ss.; R. Wideman, 3b.; W. Nicholson, lf.; M. Holden, cf.; Jack Barkey, rf.

Family Allowances

A number of family men in Stouffville who had not availed themselves of the family allowance, now find themselves practically forced to take out the family allowance. This class of individual was close to the \$1200 exemption, and rather than become involved with income tax, waived their right to the family allowance even though they might have been a few dollars ahead by taking it. Family allowances are not now considered income for tax purposes but they cut down the exemption a tax payer gets on account of his eligible children regardless of whether or not he applies for the allowance.

"Dragonwyck" is Story of Early Dutch Settlers

Blue Ribbon Award Film Coming to the Stanley Next Monday and Tuesday

Even while it is still making a record run at one of Toronto's five leading theatres, "Dragonwyck" has been secured to play at the Stanley Theatre here, next Monday and Tuesday.

This is the picture which was awarded the May Blue Ribbon Award by the Nation Screen Council. Gene Tierney is the star while Walter Huston portrays the stern, Bible-quoting early American farmer. There is much of historical interest in the picture and magnificent settings.

This is a dramatic film, well produced, and handled with good taste so that the entire family can enjoy it together.

Mr. H. Taylor of Bowmanville is relieving Mr. Ken Phillips at the Dominion store while the latter is on holidays.

Farm in Wagg Family 100 Years

An Uxbridge Township farm that has been in the family name since the crown deed was issued, 100 years ago was sold last week, the J. E. Wagg 140 acre place north of Goodwood in what is known as the Wagg settlement. The purchaser is Allan Jefferson.

Mr. Wagg's grandfather acquired the property first, then his father took over, and finally J. E. Wagg, who will retire this fall in Goodwood where he owns a house and lot. The new farm owner, Mr. Jefferson of Whitby, is reckoned a first-class farmer.

The property has a fine brick house, and new metal barn. It also has a choice virgin hardwood bush of 15 acres, one of the few groves of its kind left in the township.

Anthony Goralczyk of Pickering Township, a market gardener of considerable experience, purchased the Jefferson farm of 100 acres at Whitby, and plans to turn the one-time dairy farm into a general farm.

Wind Up Schedule 6-4 Win from Hill

Stouffville Juniors wound their regular Junior baseball schedule on Tuesday night with a neat 6-4 win over Richmond Hill.

The local nine were full value for their win, and only allowed four men a place at the plate in the final innings. Both pitchers turned in a fine display, Miller striking out eight for Stouffville out of twenty-nine batters who faced him, and Charles having seven go down the strike out road out of thirty-two local batters whom he faced.

While all the Stouffvillites shared in the victory, an extra big hand went to Smith in left field, who pulled down two beautiful shot-strich catches.

Stouffville swung their heaviest bats in the third innings, the entire line-up batting around, three men dying on the bases.

This game completes the regular schedule, and whether or not there will be league playoffs is still in doubt. However, Stouffville will definitely go into the O.B.A. Junior playdowns, and in the event of no local playoffs, games may be arranged with Toronto teams to keep the boys in trim until O.B.A. play-off time.

TRIBUNE ADV. BRINGS RESULTS FOR SALE OF THRESHING MACHINE

"The adv. brought buyers from all over, some from away out of the territory," said Wm. Eckardt in reference to the advertisement offering his threshing machine for sale. Mr. Eckardt said he could easily have disposed of it to would-be purchasers from out of the district, but he sold to Mr. Sam Barkey who undertook to carry on the same route that Mr. Eckardt worked for some 30 years.

There will be a meeting of the Stouffville Tennis Club on Thursday evening at 7:15 at the Tennis Courts.

SOLD HALIBURTON FARM

Former resident of Stouffville Edward Baker, son of Mr. Noah Baker of this town, has sold his 100 acre farm near Fenelon Falls to a buver from Nova Scotia. Mr. Baker, we understand, will move into Fenelon Falls where he now has the foundation in for a new house. The property which he sold is ideally located for a tourist camp which the new owner will develop.

Local Raspberry Crop Near Failure

Local raspberries had not put in an appearance in a single Stouffville store up to Monday afternoon. A few people report picking limited amounts from their gardens, but all say the berries are next to a failure. Last week's rain fall came too late to save them from being parched. St. Lawrence market, Toronto, had a few berries last Saturday from the Markham district and they sold at 40c a pint. Farmers, however, were only able to bring in half a dozen boxes to a stall, and they went out in a few minutes. Berries may be more plentiful the end of this week, it was predicted. Red currants promise a better crop than raspberries, selling on the Toronto market at \$1.50 for a six quart basket. Black currants, less plentiful went on sale Saturday at 35c a quart.

Yellow harvest apples may be seen on local trees forming up nicely, but fall or winter apples will not be a big crop, although better than last year when apples were a complete failure. However, half an apple crop will be better than none, something greatly appreciated after the failure of the 1945 crop in Ontario.

Fear Wolves Attack Sheep in Whitchurch Township

Fourteen or fifteen sheep have been killed over recent weeks on farms in central Whitchurch in the vicinity or area between the Vandorf sideroad and the Aurora road on the sixth concession. Wolves are believed to be the killers according to some informants familiar with the manner in which wolves destroy their prey.

Not all the sheep killed in the area mentioned were destroyed by wolves, however. Farmers who suffered loss were Hugh Canning on the Murphy farm, J. A. Clark a neighbor, and farther north on the Dr. Devins farm, where perhaps the greatest destruction is recorded.

Most of the sheep were found dead in the fields one or two at each killing with just a small hole in the neck of each animal. Usually the blood is taken. The manner of killing in most instances was identical in these attacked at the neck. All animals attacked were lambs. It is said that usually sheep attacked by dogs are badly torn and mutilated.

In this section where the killing occurred over recent weeks, Stanley Powell trapped a wolf last year, but no one reports seeing the wild animals recently. There is excellent bush coverage close by where wolves could operate from.

ENJOY ANNUAL OUTING

On Thursday, July 11th, the employees of the Gold Fish Supply Co. were entertained by Mr. Geo. Aston to a day's outing at Niagara Falls via Toronto and Port Dalhousie. A most enjoyable day was spent by a party of sixteen.

Hastings Elevator Looks Like New

The Hastings elevator at the C. N.R. underwent a face lifting this week, when H.F. Collard of Victoria Square covered the big steel structure with a gullt paint, that makes the place stand out in the sunlight in a remarkable way. In addition to the tidy appearance, the paint job will be a great preservative. Instead of the slower method of brushing it on, Mr. Collard did a blow job which would appear to be better than brush work, and of course can be applied in less than half the time. The work was accomplished without the need of scaffolding even to reach the top part 60 feet up. We understand the big elevator is on the market, and will shortly be advertised.