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Notes and Comments

Use Electricity for Essential Purposes

Save power these days, the Hydro Electric Commission says. That may be good advice, but it apparently goes unheeded by the big sign users in Toronto. Drive about Toronto any evening, and witness the huge display electric signs consuming current. Some of these signs call for ten h.p. and more we are told. Certainly, that is current that should be conserved before anybody in the rural areas need to think about conserving. The big sign is a waste of electric energy, and could well be done without.

Until such times as there is a change in this situation, this paper will not recommend that any rural user of electricity conserve current that could be used for essential purposes. As we see it, consumers should feel free to use electricity for essential purposes just as long as it is being sold in huge blocks for non-essential use such as illuminating advertising signs.

Homing Instinct (Kitchener Daily Record)

It is really remarkable how animals, guided by instinct, can find their way home. Everyone knows of cases where dogs or cats put in a new home found their way back to their former master. Horses have been known to swim across fairly large bodies of water to get back to their familiar stall.

We know of a case where a dog, long the pet of the family, was given to a friend who lived 28 miles from the canine's old home. He was kept tied for a few days. Right after he was given his freedom, he kept pointing his nose in the direction of his old home. He was off like a shot one morning and arrived at his old home before evening.

Discussing the homing instinct of animals, the Manchester Guardian cites the case of a cat which returned to its old home at Alton, Hampshire, after having been taken to Andover, 26 miles away in a hamper.

It says that cases of cats and dogs travelling 20 to 30 miles are fairly common, and during the war it was by no means unusual to hear of cats sitting among the ruins of their bombed homes after their owners had left.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written exclusively for The Stouffville Tribune by M. L. Schwartz

With the new session opening Jan. 30 in Ottawa, taxes seem to be the outstanding topic of conversation wherever legislators meet here, though other topics are also mentioned such as controls, housing, etc. Apparently, straws in the wind along Parliament Hill show that the lowering of taxes for private individuals as well as corporations is in the making. However, Dominion-Provincial relationships on taxes are now whispered about in ever-increasing tones, particularly as seen here in this capital where there is more optimism about such relationships being smoothed out than it is possible to detect in various provincial capitals. For instance, much has been said about the tax on electricity which yields to the Dominion Government about \$5,000,000 and which some provinces have urged that the central government should give up, the point being that it would not mean much to the Dominion Government to give this up so that some provinces may establish their own increased revenues from this source. Another example was the

gasoline tax which amounts to 3 cents a gallon for the Dominion Government and which provincial authorities have urged that the central authorities should surrender, this tax being given up by the Dominion Government next April 1 and involving a loss of \$30,000,000 in revenue. It was a wartime creation and it will now enable provinces to finance the construction and maintenance of highways.

Charging that governmental regulations have made it most difficult for private enterprise to construct houses and this in turn has created an inflated condition in housing values that will upset living conditions for some time, William J. LeClair secretary-manager Canadian Lumbermen's Association, has declared in Ottawa that the "little man" across Canada who builds a house, even though it may be only a shack, is doing the most to solve the housing shortage. "No contractor in Canada to-day is buying lumber at ceiling prices," he said. "Why carry on this farce?"

Canada's Minister of Labour, Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, has stressed in Ottawa that a stable price structure was a "first and foremost" necessity in this country. "No industry can operate order under a dancing price structure," he stated. "No family can get along under one." Furthermore, he declared that failure to produce at costs permitting mass buying could result in "catastrophe." He inserted a bright message for the people of Canada in his address by reporting that "with 45 per cent more men and women employed in Canada now than in 1939, employment is at an all-time high" in this country, though he hinted that to preserve this Canada must develop her external trade, maintain price control and retain stable labour relations.

Depending on several factors, there is a possibility that Canadians

may get more sugar in 1947, according to reports heard along Parliament Hill at the present time, but it must be indicated that this would be in line with any increased allotments which the world supply would be in a position to offer Canada equally with the others.

Ever since the United States elections had returned a large Republican following to the Congress of that country, there have been all sorts of stories in circulation in Ottawa about the probable effects of this turn of events across the international border for Canada, with one of the latest and most interesting for the business world being about the tariff walls that may be established by the Republicans who are traditionally known to favor such high tariffs. Rumor after rumor has claimed that, with a Republican majority in the United States Congress now, Canadian-American trade relations may change and traditionally high tariff walls may be built up by them. However, inquiries amongst well-informed sources in Ottawa have shown that there is a belief in this capital that the general attitude of the Republican party in the United States towards Canada-United States tariff walls may have changed considerably during the last few years so that it may not involve the changes suggested in some quarters. Indeed, it is held in some circles in Ottawa that during the past several years even the Republicans in the United States have greatly weakened their desire to build a tariff wall of great height around their country and this modification may affect their attitude in Canadian-American trade relations.

It is evident in Ottawa now that the warning given that Canadian farmers would get out of the butter production field if prices were not raised has only been followed by a broad hint from the Government here that, if Canadian farmers do

not produce enough butter, it will simply have to import this product in order to keep the present six ounces ration and not lower it. With the assurance that the ration will not be reduced at this time and no increase in prices will be forthcoming at the same time, it is asked now if importation of butter may follow, though it is no secret along Parliament Hill that loud protests would be made if this threat was carried out. Obviously, holders of butter stock in Canada are being tempted to put their pro-

duct on the market freely and not wait for any possible price increases because this is not coming now, as far as the Government is concerned.

Typeographical Errors.
Wanted—Manager to take care of our business; must be able to furnish \$500.00 bond or equivalent as security.

Let Us Have our Share of Them

Timely attention is called in the Financial Post to the desire of two million Hollanders to settle in the United States, Canada, or Australia. Most of these would-be settlers in a new land are substantial business men from the larger cities of Holland, and from what we know of similar men who have come to Canada, they could be a real asset to this country.

Upset by the war and gloomy about the future, these people would like to make a fresh start in a new land far away from Europe. There is little doubt that a similar survey of all western European countries, including Great Britain, would reveal equally significant results. A poll of its readers by the London Daily Graphic, for example, showed two out of every three Britishers interested in emigration.

Possibly, with assurance of world peace and better living conditions at home this desire to break away from the land of their forefathers might diminish somewhat, but unquestionably in the next few years there will still be millions of Europeans who would like to move out. Significantly, too, most of them want to go to a country where there is assurance of bringing up their families under a democracy.

In this mass desire there is perhaps a last opportunity for Canada to secure large-scale and highest class immigration. Not since the middle of the last century has there been such general unrest in Europe. At that time Canada did receive a substantial influx of population but the better developed United States got far more. Now we have another chance but with the north-western European birth rate static or nearly so, it may never be repeated.

Without a new and massive wave of immigration, Canada's population, it was estimated recently, will never get far beyond the 15 million mark. That total is away below what the original planners of this country anticipated. It is slim indeed to carry our immense overhead in transportation, communications and government and dangerously so for national defense. In a hemisphere where there is much overcrowding, Canada's vast open spaces and undeveloped resources may prove a temptation for someone else to step in and exploit if we don't do the job ourselves.

Already we have serious shortages of labor in our agricultural, mining, forest, heavy construction and other basic industries, all of which must flourish if the secondary industries depending on them are to thrive. There are literally millions of able-bodied and skilled men across the Atlantic who would be glad to come here and work. It is time that our provincial and Dominion governments did something more than just talk about bringing these people here.

A complete overhaul and liberalizing of our archaic immigration regulations should be one of the first jobs of parliament at the coming session.

New Playings! Friday & Saturday, January 17-18
"Rancho Grande"—Gene Autry
"Mama Loves Papa"—Leon Errol

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 20-21
"EASY TO WED"
ESTHER WILLIAMS AND VAN JOHNSON

"FOTO-NITE" Thursday!
"Spiral Staircase"
GEORGE BRENT AND DOROTHY McGUIRE
Wednesday and Thursday
January 22-23
\$125.00 OFFER!

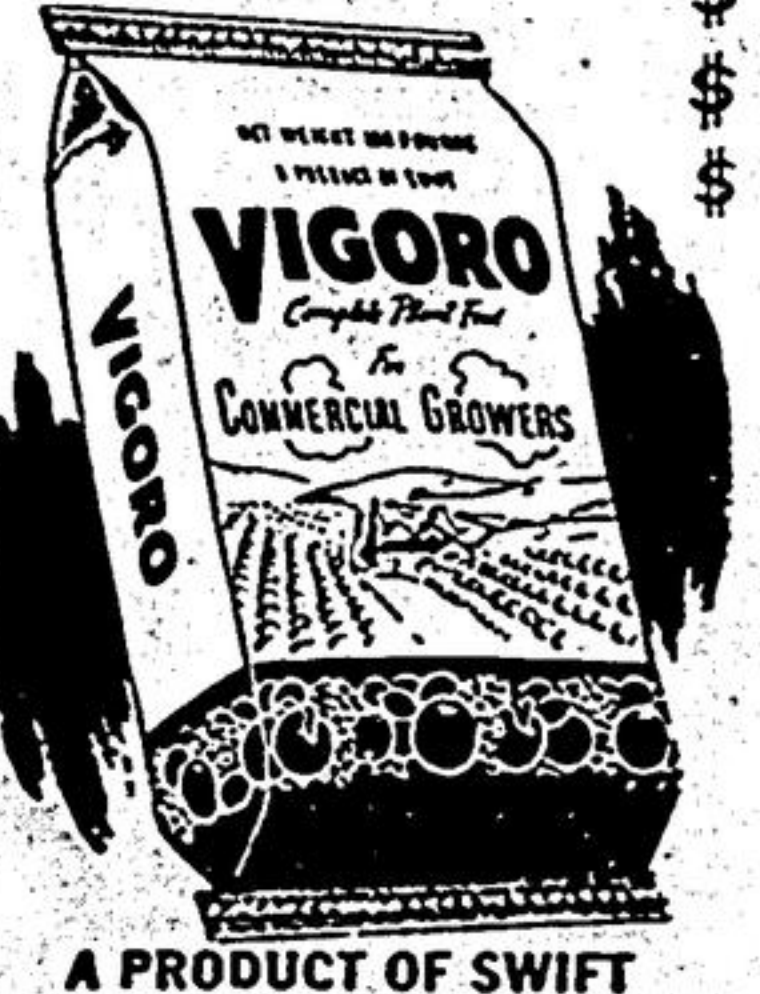
Fri., Sat., Matinee Sat. 2 p.m.
January 24-25
"Our Hearts Were Growing Up"
Gail Russell—Diana Lynn
"TRAIL TO VENGEANCE"
Kerby Grant—Fuzzy Knight

STOUFFVILLE STANLEY Theatre of the Stars!
Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 27-28
"THREE WISE FOOLS"
Margaret O'Brien—Lionel Barrymore

Coming!

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If you want to get the most out of your vegetable crop this year give Vigoro Commercial Grower a trial. The experience of many growers proves it's more profitable to use. For early maturity, top quality and high yields... crop qualities that spell extra profit... try Vigoro Commercial Grower.



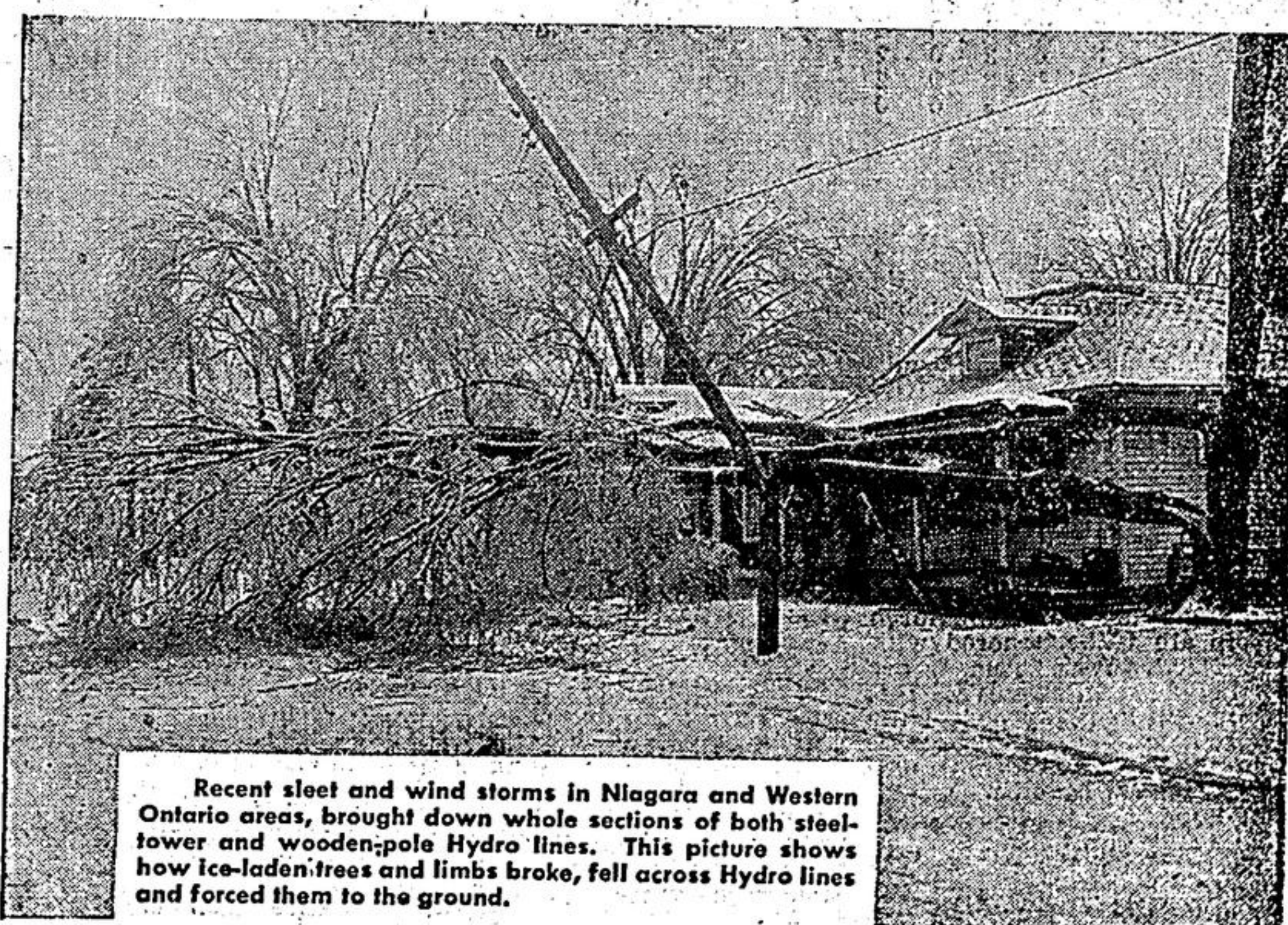
THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY

LISTEN, J.B.—IT'S OKAY TO ADVERTISE OUR RANCH HOUSES ARE BUILT BY "COWBOYS"— BUT CAN'T OUR CARPENTERS TAKE OFF THEIR "SPURS" WHEN THEY WORK ON THE ROOF?

THE JERRY HI-SPEED CONSTRUCTION CO.

WHOOA!! THE BUILDING BOOMERS ARE IN THE SADDLE

THIS RANCH HOUSE ONLY \$29,999.00 INCLUDING 2 SCREEN DOORS AND A BIRD BATH



Recent sleet and wind storms in Niagara and Western Ontario areas, brought down whole sections of both steel-tower and wooden-pole Hydro lines. This picture shows how ice-laden trees and limbs broke, fell across Hydro lines and forced them to the ground.

WINTER RAMPAGE!

When King Winter makes an all-out attack, man can do little but repair the damage as fast as possible. Recent power breaks in Niagara and Western Ontario areas were the direct result of unusual and severe storm conditions.

Because of the flexibility provided by its unified, province-wide organization, Hydro was able to rush emergency repair crews from other parts of Ontario to restore power. Every effort was directed to this end.

To all consumers who suffered in these storm areas, Hydro expresses its thanks and appreciation for their patience and understanding in a difficult and trying situation.

At all times Hydro safeguards service by endeavouring to locate lines free from trees and by tree trimming. Present storm damages illustrate the advisability of these methods.

During this winter period, storms and power shortage present great operating problems for Hydro. Your co-operation in the conserving of power will be of material assistance and much appreciated;

