

Newmarket's Andrew Stouffer a Native of Stouffville Has An Interesting Career

In their weekly sketch of men of Newmarket, the Era of that town last week printed an interesting illuminating review of the life of one of its citizens, Andrew Stouffer, and we are indebted to our neighboring contemporary for the following:

"When Carl Stouffer applied for enlistment in the armed services during the first world war, the recruiting officer looked up quickly when he heard the name. 'German origin?' he asked. But he relaxed again and wrote 'Canadian' when Carl told him that his great great grandfather had been Stouffville's first settler, that Stouffville had been named after him, and that Carl's great grandfather, grandfather, and father had all been born there.

Carl's father, Andrew Stouffer, was 83 on Sept. 14, and was born in that part of Stouffville which was in the original 600-acre grant to Abraham Stouffer. He went to public school in Ringwood, about two miles from Stouffville, and then worked on his father's farm there until he was 25. His family were all musical, and he used to go out in the evening and teach singing and the violin.

After his marriage he began teaching music on a "full time" basis, but recalls that "I made more

money trading horses than teaching music for some years." He was quite successful as a trainer of balking or "just plain ornery" horses, and horses continued to be his mode of transportation until he bought his first car in 1915. In 1890 he married Lillian O'Brien, organist for the church choir which he directed. They had three children. Andrew and his wife moved to Newmarket in 1892, where he continued to teach music, and for 12 years he was choir leader at the then Methodist church. His wife died in 1895, and at about the same time he began to tune pianos as well as teaching. He has been tuning pianos and dealing in them ever since, and only gave up teaching two years ago.

In 1900 Andrew married Florence Parsons, Port Perry, who had been his first wife's cousin, and the band in which Andy played clarinet from 1900 until 1910 came and charivariated them. Andrew has since taught everything from the 'cello to banjo, but the piano and the violin continue to be his favourite instruments.

Fond of Baseball
"In my younger days I played baseball and shinny, and one year I played football. I can still pitch a good horseshoe." He says he

enjoys gardening, and had quite a crop of tomatoes, corn and cucumbers this year.

Andrew belonged to the Ancient Order of Workmen for some years, but after it amalgamated with the Independent Order of Foresters, his interest lagged and he obtained a cash surrender value on fees and quit. He has held various church offices, chief of which were a membership on the music committee, and the office of treasurer of the session fund.

Two sons, Arthur and Carl, now reside in Saskatchewan and are proud fathers; a daughter in California is a grandmother in her own right, with two daughters and a granddaughter; and a third son has taken over the printing business in Port Perry which was formerly operated by Mrs. Stouffer's father. The whole family is musically minded. Mrs. Stouffer used to play the violin and piano, and now son Victor is also quite a violinist.

Andrew says his family originated many years ago in Switzerland. His great grandfather was born in Pennsylvania and obtained the 600-acre grant, 400 acres of which were in Whitechurch township and 200 in Markham, in the year 1804. "He brought quite a number of people with him when he came to Stouffville from Pennsylvania and the people had to bring their livestock with them," Andrew says. "When they came, they had to build bridges and ford rivers. When they got here they built a grist mill and a sawmill, and they dammed the creek to make a pond so that they would have water power. My grandfather was the first of my great grandparents' children to be born in Canada."

Andrew doesn't believe in retiring. "When people retire, they die. I'm not going to retire until I have to," he says.

STEAKS AT \$4.25
The high-price theme is one that is written into most menus (in U.S. restaurants.) In Los Angeles, for example, a restaurant charges \$1.75 today for a prime rib dish that was \$1.25 six months ago; it has lifted a typical dinner from \$1.30 to \$1.75 in that period. In Detroit, a popular eating place has, in 12 months, boosted its roast beef plate from \$1.75 to \$3 and its steaks from \$3 to \$4.25. —Wall Street Journal

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With Canadians showing deep concern now over rapidly rising prices, it is learned in official quarters here that there were advances all along the line in this country during the past month of August and this latest official information has revealed that foods moved up from 159.8 in July to 160.6, mainly due to boosts in eggs, lamb and carrot costs; fuel rose from 117.3 to 118.6, chiefly in coal and coke clothing from 143.2 to 145.5, including men's and women's wear, footwear and piece goods; home furnishings and services from 142.5 to 143.7, involving furniture, furnishings and cleaning supplies, and others, with 1926 being considered equal to 100.

In the wholesale level, advances were also recorded in practically all lines except slight declines in chemical products and some farm products.

When the Newfoundland delegation returned to their home, they took with them a 300-page summary report of all discussions which had taken place in Ottawa about the possibility of Newfoundland becoming Canada's tenth province but they did not carry the impression that there was no chance of a referendum being taken in Newfoundland on such possible union with Canada before next May.

It is understood that another effort will be made at the next session of the Canadian Parliament to legalize the manufacture and sale of margarine as a substitute for butter. During the last session such an attempt had been made by Senator W. D. Euler in the Senate but it was defeated after a hard fight. However, now it is most likely that a continuation of this effort will be made in the Lower Chamber in order to wipe out legislation which has prevented such dealings in margarine in Canada for almost a quarter of a century.

Since there are many jobs for which there are no applicants across Canada, it has become evident in Ottawa that the Canadian Government is planning to increase such desirable immigration which can fill the ranks of labor and bring displaced persons from their miserable surroundings in Europe. With this objective, various demands of industries are being considered and these are expected to bring here such displaced persons to work in textile industry, lumber, domestic service, construction, mining, meat packing, quarrying, metal working and foundries, etc. Indeed, it is only housing and shipping problems which are holding up many more thousands of such workers from being brought to this country immediately, though every effort is being made to increase such desirable immigration, officials stress.

Officials in this capital leave no doubt that they are keeping a watchful eye on prices both in the event of illegal combinations to fix prices or to charge any excessive prices.

British, Canadian and American medical men held a three-day meeting here to confer on the official medical histories of World War II.

It looks like Canada will establish an import division to encourage imports under certain conditions for the first time in the history of this country.

A study of local anesthetics by means of isotopes, radio-active particles which radiate energy, may lead the way to better and easier methods for modern dentistry within a year, stated an American expert in the capital.

A display of clothes worn by European children in contrast to Canadian in a window of a department store in Ottawa onlookers with the sharp contrast, the torn and tattered clothes of the former in winter being impossible to wear here in summer.

A rumor here is that the so-called "luxury" tax, such as on jewellery, may be lifted in the next Canadian Government budget.

A large delegation of United Kingdom lumbermen paid a visit to the capital and one of them stated that "Canadian softwoods and plywoods are in great demand in the United Kingdom for use in housing."

A school of modern languages organized in Ottawa will teach no less than eight or more languages and all will be taught by teachers from countries in which the languages are spoken, including Spanish, French, Italian, Polish; Russian, German, etc.

Though a boost in wages has been offered the charwomen who clean the Government offices here from \$44 to \$48 a month, yet the charwomen demand an increase to \$57, with about 1,600 women being involved.



Twin sisters from County Kerry, Ireland, Eileen and Noreen O'Connor, are among the latest immigrants to arrive from Britain. They will be placed on an Ontario farm, and may come to the Claremont district where applicants are seeking them.

PASTOR GOES TO TORONTO

Rev. F. Huson, M.B.C. pastor at Gormley preached farewell sermons on Sunday and will now take over new duties in Toronto as pastor of Banfield Memorial Church. During

his stay at Gormley Mr. Huson enlarged every development of the church, and brought about a doubling in the givings.

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