

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

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

Every whisper heard backstage in Ottawa suggests that there is a possibility that provincial elections may occur in five provinces across Canada during the next twelve months and that a general election may be in the making either this fall or early summer of next year, with the result that the political air is now what may be termed overcharged with political rumors to such an extent that the man-in-the-street can easily be confused unless he is told what is really being talked about in well-informed circles along Parliament Hill.

It can be reported that the general election machinery is definitely being put into shape here so that an appeal will be possible within three months after all the current amendments to the Dominion Election Act are passed in this session. In other words, the mechanics for calling a nation-wide vote should be ready before long. However, these are only the mechanics, the machinery, and the man-in-the-street must be told bluntly that the recurring rumors suggesting a vote this year are by no means supported by veteran observers on Parliament Hill in face of all stories.

The Government, says political observers in this capital, is not likely to call an election on the "hot" freight rate issue. It is true that the Government has received support, by a comfortable majority, of its policies on the freight rates issue but it is also true that resentment against the increased rates is known to be far from dead. Controls and prices are "hot" issues right now so that an appeal during this year is not likely to be provoked while excited feelings exist on the questions, with the expectation that these will exist for some time yet. When a new Liberal leader is chosen in August this year at the national convention in Ottawa, it is more than likely that he may want some time before leading his party into an appeal to the people campaign. There are several other important angles which now suggest delay in the calling of a general election this year.

However, with less publicity than it deserves, the greatest likely cause for a delay calling a vote is the tense international situation which appears to be more critical upon observation "inside" Ottawa than when viewed by the man-in-the-street elsewhere across this country. If the present growing crisis in Europe will reach an emergency state or climax, it is quite unlikely that a general election would occur in 1948 or even 1949, during the early months in particular. This is predicted by veteran observers on Parliament Hill where the European situation is considered as grave and momentarily charged with explosive possibilities more than generally realized.

Evidently, it is a fool's paradise to guess or speculate about elections being called at any time in 1948 unless all the above-mentioned considerations are taken into account, even if five of the provincial governments should be preparing for tests of public opinion this year or early in 1949. Their position, it must be said with strong emphasis, is far different than that of the Government in Ottawa where the shadows of a deepening crisis overseas are casting serious reflections which may wipe out all thought of domestic politics during a crisis or emergency on the international scene.

"The United States Government has made no request that the Royal Canadian Air Force should be expanded and it is almost inconceivable that such a request should be made," Defence Minister Claxton told Parliament when he was asked by an MP "if any representations" had been made.

"The struggle today in many lands, and indeed it has become a world struggle, is again the age-long one between freedom and tyranny, between democracy and totalitarianism," Premier King told the House of Commons here in emphatic tones.

"This may well be the last annual meeting prior to a general election," forecast R. A. Bell, national director of the Progressive-Conservative Party, at a meeting in this capital of party followers.

"If we want peace, we must prepare for war," warned the British High Commissioner to Canada, Sir Alexander Clutterbuck, during an address here.

"Not being a scientist, I am not able to express on the food value of butter substitutes," remarked Agriculture Minister Gardiner discussing dairy matters at a meeting.

Senator Wishart Robertson, Government leader in the Upper Chamber, has stated the legal view on oleomargarine in the light of the Geneva Agreement, emphasizing that it was that Canada was not

SMALL BOY, BIG DOG READY FOR CONTEST



Incomparable Big Enough, that's his name, was a big entry in the National Kennel club dog show, held at Los Angeles, Calif. The St. Bernard towers over Michael Stearns. The show featured an exhibit of stage and screen dogs in addition to children's handling contest and the judging of dogs.

SELDOM SEEN

I don't think there is anything more satisfying to a man in the country, than a warm Sunday in May. I always manage to either cut my afternoon nap short, or else dispense with it altogether. The reason for this, is that I want to go for a walk back the laneway to the bush.

The trees are breaking into bud and leaf. The grass shows green on the hillsides. There's a sense and a smell of growing in the air. If you meet somebody on your walk, you'll find that they're optimistic. You can find excuses for pessimism during the other seasons, but it's impossible to do that during spring.

Take the matter of auction sales. Most sales are the result of trouble. Sometimes this isn't so, especially in the case of a man who is retiring. On the other hand, auction sales in the fall are usually held on cold, wet days when the chill goes to the marrow of the bone. In the spring, even if you hit on a chilly day, there's a note of cheer. I suppose it's because you realize that in a few weeks we'll have summer weather.

The children on their way to school seem to be enjoying the season just as much as anybody. You'll find them scrambling through the thickets, plucking pussy-willows or looking for Marsh marigolds. Even the thoughts of spring examinations is not enough to dampen their enthusiasm.

The mailman on the Concession told me the other day that he can notice a difference in people. About this time of year he has to buy money orders for most of the folks, to be sent away to the mail order houses. They're thinking of paint to brighten their places up or new curtain for new clothes. —Old Josh!

obliged by the agreement to lift the ban.

A genuine fire test has been made in the famous Parliamentary Library here with flames and all to see if the fire-fighting equipment and precautions can stand a fire, with success being reported for the new sprinkler device. In the 1916 fire of Parliament only the iron doors at its entrance saved the Library.

The Government here is studying closely health insurance legislation which, if enacted, would effect the daily lives of Canadians as never before, providing a much talked about protection.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are conducting a campaign for several hundred recruits to bring the force up to normal strength, now estimated at about 3,000, with display ads being used to get their men.

A national convention here had a huge banner above the door of the entrance in Chateau Laurier Hotel near Parliament reading, "HALT COMMUNISM."

Lt.-Gen. R. A. Wheeler, Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, stated in the capital that Canada and the U.S., linked by geography and common ideals, were now standing together "against any aggression."

With the political talk along Parliament Hill seemingly becoming more and more intensified lately, veteran and impartial observers are now hinting that, when the Canadian Government's coming annual budget is presented in the House of Commons by Finance Minister Abbott shortly, there may be a tip-off whether or not there will be a general election in this country late this year, this being based on the theory that important tax cuts might prove informative on this "hot" question.

Federation Want County Fox Bounty Restored

Although York and Ontario Counties do not pay a fox bounty, it is different in other parts of Ontario.

In Waterloo County no bounty is paid, and on being urged to impose a bounty the County Council's answer to a request from the Waterloo County Federation of Agriculture for the restoration of fox bounties was a suggestion that the Department of Game and Fisheries be asked to remove all restrictions on fox-hunting.

Members of the agriculture and conservation committee pointed out there had been some abuses under the fox bounty system.

Possible Difficulty

Tendency on the part of some bounty claimants was to bring their foxes to the county paying the highest bounty whether or not the foxes were from the particular county asked to pay.

Reeve Amos Wilkinson indicated that with Wellington County paying \$3 for foxes and \$1.50 for pups and Waterloo County not paying anything the likelihood would be that the Wellington County treasury would be paying bounties on some Waterloo County foxes.

Council consensus was that the menace to farmers engaged in raising poultry is serious and that something more than a mere county bounty system should be devised to bring about the extermination of the animals.

Members felt the bounty system was wide open to abuses such as had been experienced in this county last year.

Reeve O. J. Wright, Woolwich Township, contended a resolution asking the department to remove all protection of foxes under the game laws would be a satisfactory solution of the problem.

Under present game laws some hunters have paid fines for fox hunting but if the regulations were removed, there would be every possibility of hunters solving the problem.

Deputy Reeve W. J. Kinnaird felt the problem really belonged to the townships as settlement with farmers for poultry losses resulting from fox raids on poultry shelters came out of township treasuries.

Reeve Wilkinson insisted that unless some effective measures are adopted the price of eggs and poultry will advance due to losses experienced by farmers and also due to farmers abandoning poultry raising.

Lindsay Doctor Attends Six Generations of Graham Family

There aren't many doctors who can boast of attending six generations of one family but such is the record of Dr. W. J. Henderson, Lindsay.

During the doctor's 33 years practice in Cannington he attended five generations of the Graham family and recently, after 19 years residence in Lindsay, he was called on to usher in a six generation member of the same family. Unfortunately he was unable to be in attendance for the birth of the sixth generation baby but two days later he visited the hospital, examined the child and gave the mother some tried and proven advice on how to make it thrive.

The first generation of the Graham family for Dr. Henderson to attend was Mrs. Thos. Graham, who lived at that time (in 1896) in the Derryville district and later moved to Cannington; a son, Thomas Graham was the second generation and the third, his son also a Thos. Graham who lives in Lindsay, the fourth his daughter Mrs. Herb Skinner (nee Mae Graham) the fifth her daughter Mrs. Wilfred Madge (nee Norma Skin-

ner) and the sixth, her son Richard David Madge.

Dr. Henderson attended five generations of the McDonald family, originally of Cresswell (baby Madge's maternal great grandmother, Mrs. Thos. Graham was the former Mary McDonald) and four generations of the Skinner family (Mrs. John Skinner, the baby's paternal great grandmother.)

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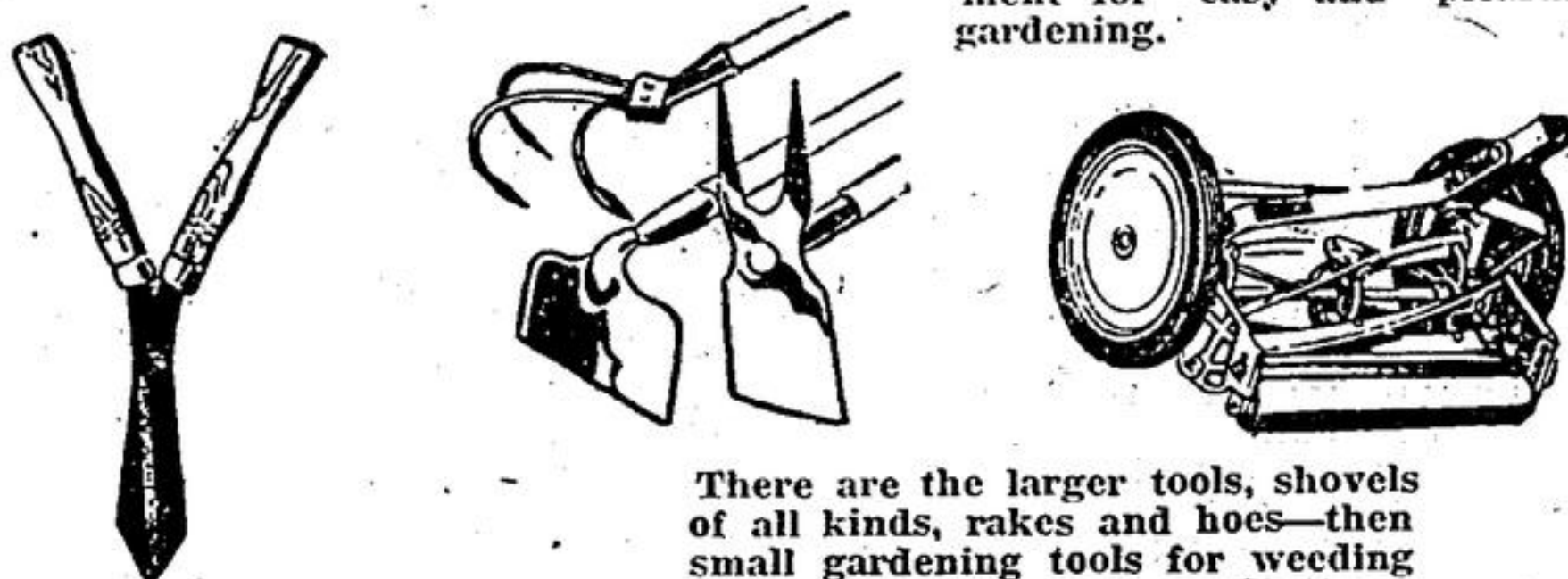
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RICHMOND HILL RETIRED BUSINESS MAN DEAD

Funeral services for Frank E. Sims, former member of the Richmond Hill village council and active in the grocery business there for more than 30 years, were held on Monday to Richmond Hill cemetery. A lifelong resident of Richmond

Hill, he had been retired five years. He served two years as village councillor and in his younger days he was a lacrosse player. He attended the United Church. Surviving are his widow, the former Florence Hopper; two daughters, Mrs. R. Dibb, Jefferson, and Mrs. E. Mansbridge, Richmond Hill, and a son Lewis Sims, Richmond Hill.

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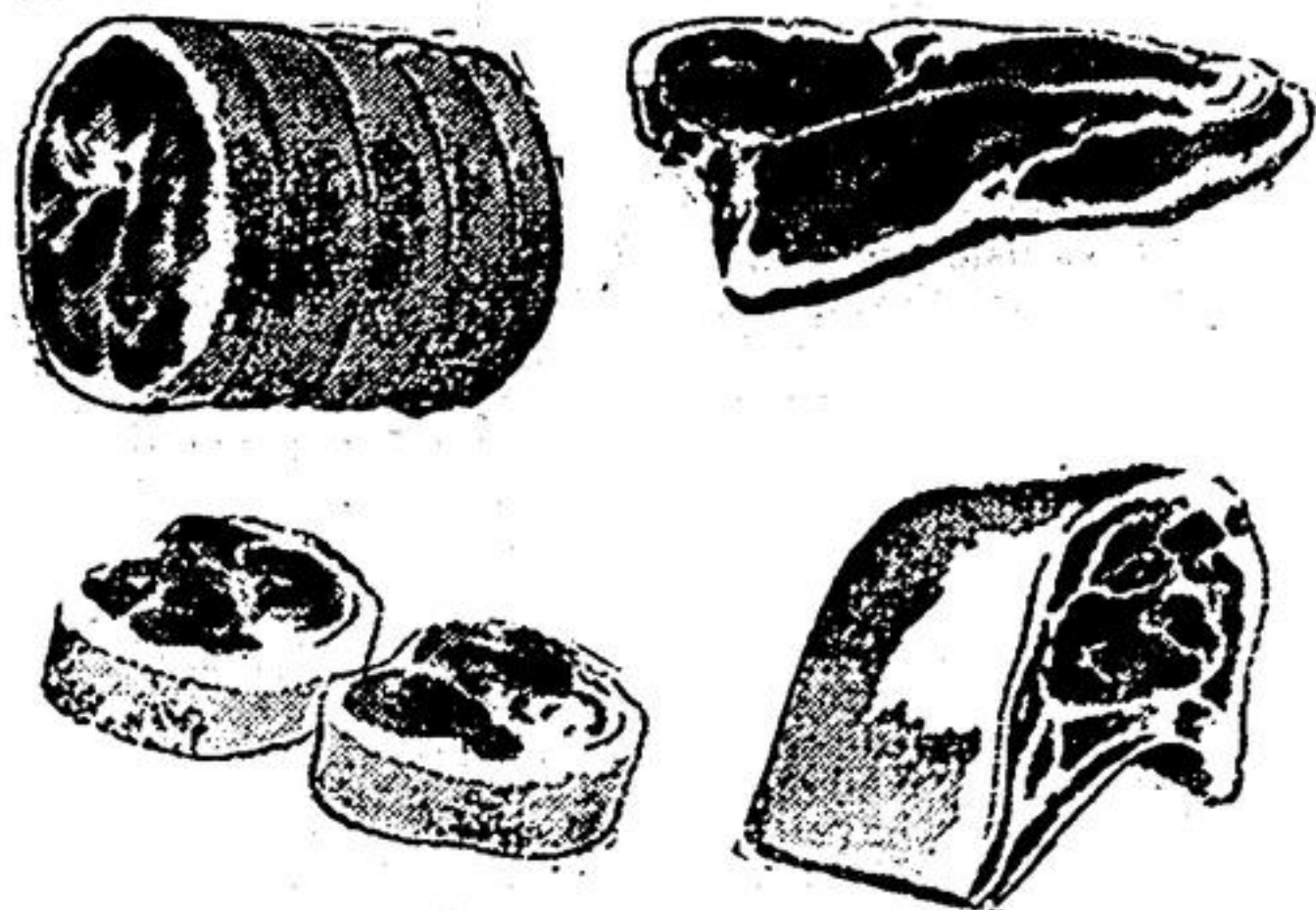
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Admission 50c.

8.30 p.m.



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SMOKED HAM	—	—	—	57c.
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