

"Drive and Walk with Care As Motor Traffic Increases"

—Minister of Highways

Travel by motorists and pedestrians promises to reach a new peak volume this year.

The seasonal upswing in holiday motor travel has begun. More vehicles than ever before are operating on Ontario streets and highways. Pedestrian hazards are increased.

Extreme care must be exercised by all to prevent accidents.
Pedestrians are urged to walk carefully.

MOTORISTS —

- ✓ Check your car and be assured that it is in a safe condition.
- ✓ Check your driving and be assured of a safe journey.

DRIVE SAFELY :: WALK SAFELY



ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

GEO. H. DOUCETT,
MINISTER

EDITOR'S MAIL

Toronto, Ont.,
May 19th, 1950.

Editor,
"The Tribune,"
Stouffville, Ont.

Dear Sir,
Your editorial on "Beef Prices Are High" tempts me to send along a few words commenting on the following opening paragraph: "Beef prices are up around a dollar a pound for the better cuts, in some Canadian cities, claims the Calgary Herald. Even hamburger is selling around 80 cents. Consumers are getting sore about it, and some are demanding that a stop be put to the export of beef cattle to the United States, the paper says."

As one of my neighbors tartly puts it: "We had margarine come on the market; so cream prices are down 10c a pound. Last fall I sold hogs at \$52 a head; this spring at \$40 a head. Eggs are down \$1.50 for a fifteen-dozen case. The only bright spot is beef—which is about the right price according to what we have to pay for the things we buy from urban Canadians."

Well, Mr. Editor, something that the farmer sells has to remain 'high' so long as operating costs remain at today's levels? The trouble is that, apparently, urban workers seem to have one eye shut, and, with the other directed at the pay-envelope, seem obsessed with the thought that if farm prices could be lowered, everything would be 'just love'. First of all, it may do no harm to remind them that the farm share of the "Urban Meat Dollar" is just 70 cents. Secondly, they should try to remember that if they squeeze the margin of profit out of the farm price, that means no purchasing-power for rural Canadians? From this latter point, to unemployment and tough times 'up in the city', is a brief step.

As the old hymn puts it 'all one body, we' is also true in the market-place?

Farmer's Son.

MAY QUEEN REIGNS AT MARKHAM DANCE

Renee Munro, 14, was crowned May Queen of Markham High School Friday night after being chosen by the school's boy students in a vote three weeks ago.

She led in a dance around the traditional pink, white and green

May-pole to mark her coronation at the school's annual May Queen Ball on Friday night.

Dressed in white, the May Queen was attended by Beth Bowdway of Unionville, and Lorraine Kirby of Milliken. She was crowned by last year's queen, Jocelyn Smith. The new queen is a grade nine student.

Regardless whether you plant radish, beet or lettuce seeds, the same kind of weeds seem to come up.

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Loses Suit over Newmarket Bull

An action brought by Lewis L. Strauss of Brandy Rock Farm, Brandy, Va., to recover the price he paid for an Aberdeen-Angus bull which he claimed would not breed was dismissed by Mr. Justice Barlow last week.

A member of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Strauss sued John Bowser of Newmarket, claiming \$1,800, the price of the bull, and \$1,500 for expenses.

Mr. Justice Barlow accepted Bowser's statement that the bull was "sound when sold."

Strauss based his claim on a warranty issued by Bowser which said the bull "has sired calves on my farm, is right and sound in

every way and I guarantee him to be a breeder for you."

The bull was taken with two others by truck some 800 miles to the Strauss' farm, a seven-day trip. Strauss claimed the bull was later found to have a deformity which made it unsuitable for breeding.

His lordship stated the bull might have been injured during the long truck drive.

OTTAWA LETTER

(By J. E. Smith, M.P.)

The government has announced the appointment of a joint Dominion-Provincial Commission to assess the damage in the Manitoba flood area and Quebec fires and to recommend how large a federal grant should be given to the two provinces to cope with the disasters.

The twin disasters of flood in Manitoba and fires in Quebec have held top interest in parliament this past week. It was indeed a week of National tragedy.

The events for which representatives of all parties in Parliament expressed profound sympathy and regret were the Manitoba floods which, steadily rising, have left thousands homeless; and fires which wiped out a large portion of the town of Rimouski, Que., and swept the little milling town of Cabano, Que.

The Rimouski fire of May 6 and 7 is reported to have been started by a power line which fell into a great yard of drying lumber. The loss there is estimated to be \$20,000,000 and 2,500 of the 15,000 inhabitants have been left homeless.

The Cabano fire of May 9 reportedly started in a lumber pile ignited by sparks from the chimney of a planing mill and occasioned loss estimated at between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. In Cabano which is only 50 miles from Rimouski, 1,800 are reported homeless.

The Manitoba floods, at latest estimate, have inundated hundreds of square miles and rendered many thousands of Southern Manitobans homeless. Thousands have fled their homes in the Winnipeg area and mass evacuation of all low-lying parts of Greater Winnipeg has taken place as the Red River surged upward from already record levels.

There were impressive moments in the Chamber when the P.M. read messages of sympathy from the United Kingdom Prime Minister and from the government of the United States.

The disasters will cost the people of Canada many millions of dollars and plans will be speeded up for conservation projects to avoid recurrence of the floods.

Checking Expenditures
In his budget speech Hon. D. C. Abbott sounded a warning that the rising costs of government and social services called for the most careful attention of members.

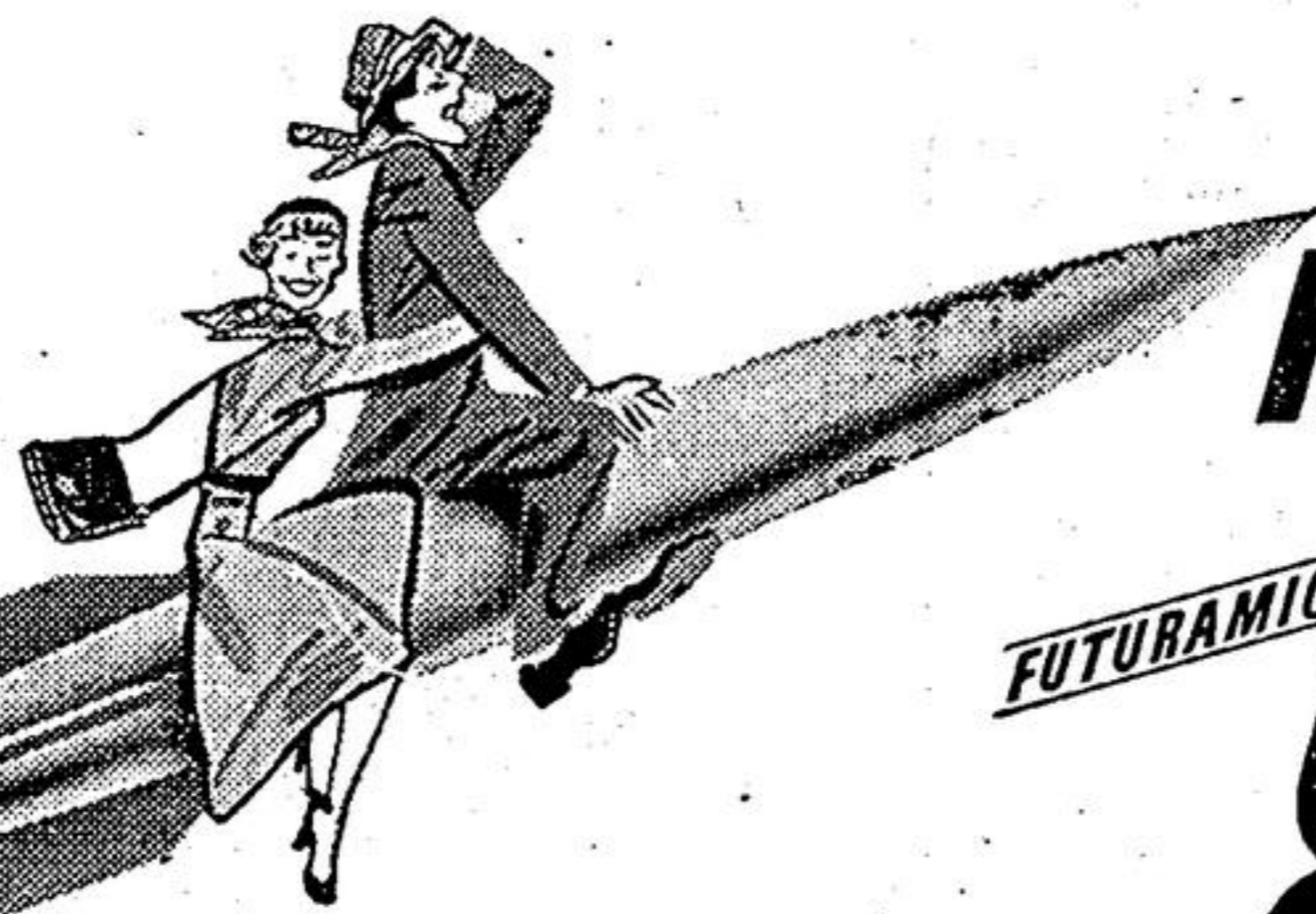
Since then there has been considerable discussion on the subject of economy and the present methods used by Parliament in considering estimates for the coming year and in scrutinizing past expenditures.

The leader of the opposition has suggested a Royal Commission be appointed to enquire into the whole question of government expenditures. Many here however have not too much faith in getting results from a Royal Commission and favor having whatever is done carried out by a committee of the House.

Out of all the discussion some good is sure to result and I think early next session if not at this one a special committee representative of all parties will be set up with the special responsibility of giving close scrutiny to all expenditures and the cost of government with the hope of bringing about some really worthwhile economies.

Make a Date with a Six or Eight!

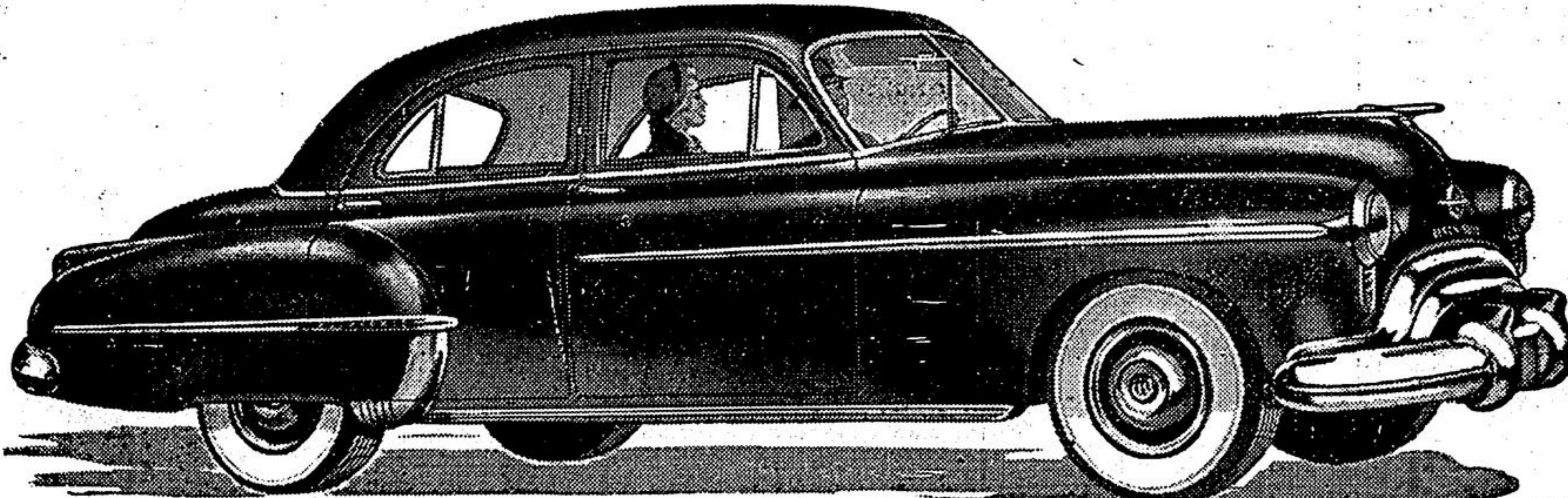
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