

PROCLAMATION

As Reeve of the Municipality of Stouffville, I hereby proclaim Monday, August 4th, 1952,

CIVIC HOLIDAY

and being the 75th Municipal Anniversary, I would request that all businessmen and householders decorate their premises in honour of the occasion.

HENRY OGDEN, Reeve,
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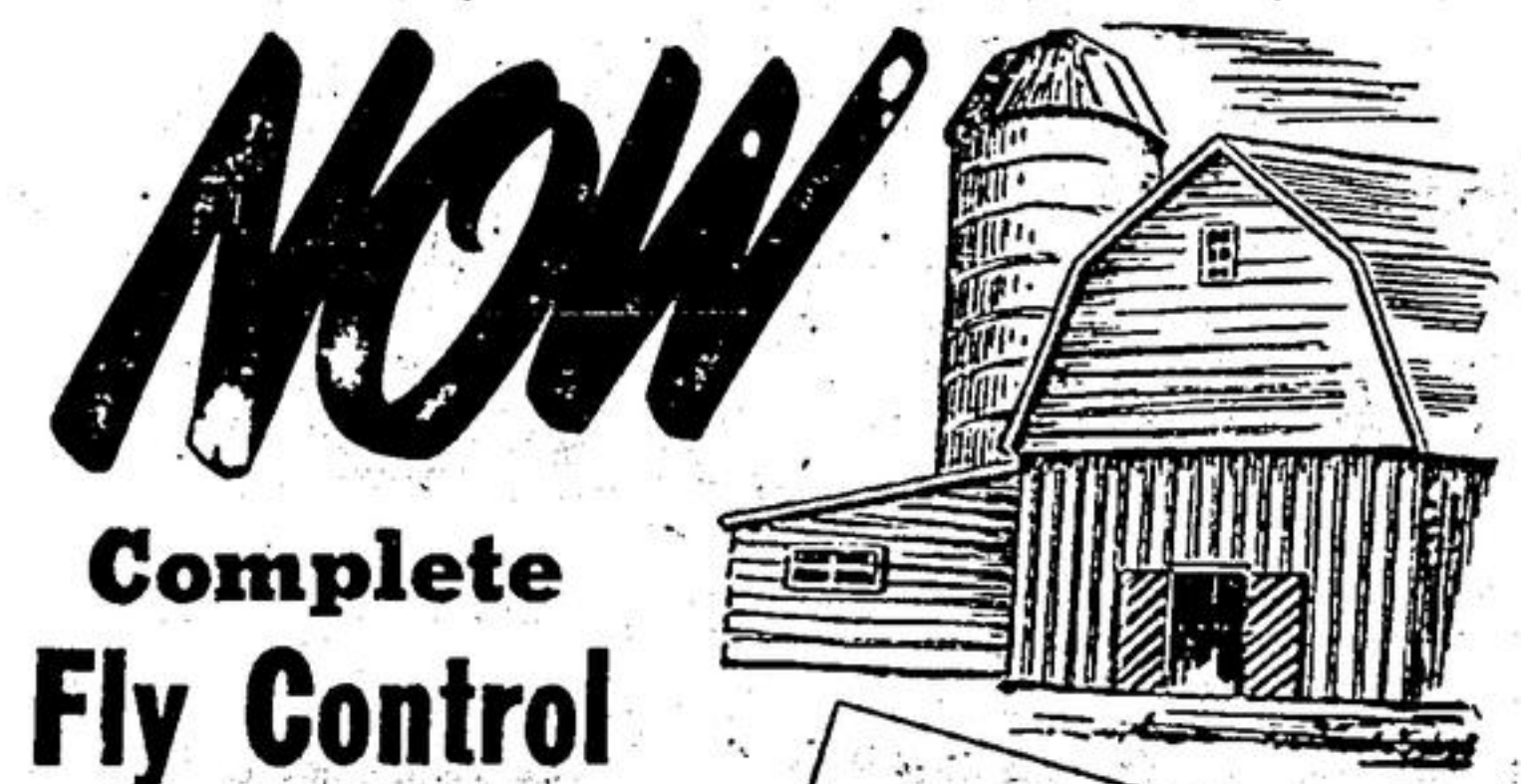
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Canadian Electoral Chief Ready for Vote

In an unpretentious, second-office in down-town Ottawa, Nelson Castonguay, Canada's chief electoral officer, is busily preparing for the next federal election. "I have no information as to when the next general election will be held," Mr. Castonguay said recently in an interview. "All I know is that an election must be announced before the life of the present Parliament expires Aug. 25, 1954.

Must Be Ready

"I want to be in a position to run off an election in the minimum possible time once the government fixes the date.

If plans work out he will be ready Aug. 15 to hold an election in a minimum of 60 days. For instance, if the government decides on a fall election it could dissolve Parliament Aug. 25 and have the election Nov. 3.

Although the government hasn't dropped any hints, many members of the House of Commons are predicting that an election will not be held until the fall of 1953. Some are mentioning Monday, Oct. 5, 1953, as a possible date. The party in power fixes the election date.

In 1949, Parliament was dissolved April 30 and the election was held June 27.

1949 Vote Result

The result:
Liberals 193; Progressive Conservatives 41; CCF 13; Social Credit 10; Independent 4; Independent Liberal 1; total 262.

The present standing in the Commons:

Liberals 182; Progressive Conservatives 49; CCF 13; Social Credit 10; Independent Liberal 2; Independent 4; vacant 2; total 262.

In the next Parliament, membership in the Commons will be increased to 265. The increase was provided in a bill adopted at the recent session of Parliament. The bill also provided for changes in the boundaries of 125 constituencies.

Needs Much Work

Probably few voters realize when they mark their ballot on election day how much preparation is necessary to assure them of an opportunity to exercise their franchise.

Mr. Castonguay's office is the nerve-centre of an elaborate smooth-running machine that reaches into every corner of Can-

ada and into every Canadian defence establishment at home and abroad.

As soon as Parliament ratified the change in membership and in constituency boundaries, Mr. Castonguay switched his election machinery into high gear.

Sends Revised Maps

He sent revised maps of the constituencies to returning officers in all parts of Canada.

He asked them to revise the boundaries of their polling divisions and to complete the work by Aug. 15. Each division should contain between 300 and 350 electors.

That done, he estimated the number of polling divisions there will be in each constituency. He figured the number of enumerators needed to collect the names of persons eligible to vote.

The next move was to send to returning officers much of the material they will need to conduct an election. The material—it runs into hundreds of tons—includes a copy of the Canada Elections Act, instructions to returning officers, instructions to enumerators, paper and supplies for enumerators and information on the revision of voters' lists.

Duty of Officers

The returning officers in each constituency will fill the requirements of their deputies, of polling clerks and enumerators:

Returning officers soon will be in a position to complete an enumeration of electors within six days after the date of an election is announced.

After the date is known Mr. Castonguay will dispatch additional material. It will include blank ballot paper, pencils and papers for polling booths, ballot boxes, instructions on ballot folding and on the type of marks on ballots to accept or reject in counting votes.

Names Printed Locally

The names of candidates nominated in each constituency are printed locally on the blank sheets of ballot paper supplied by Mr. Castonguay.

Besides providing for the vote of some 9,000,000 civilians, Mr. Castonguay also has to plan to handle the vote of service personnel at home and abroad.

In a letter to returning officers, Mr. Castonguay informed them that he has no idea when an election will be called. He added:

"Nevertheless, it is of utmost importance that you place your-

self in a position to put the election machinery in operation immediately upon the receipt of a telegraphic message from this office informing you of the issue of writs ordering the general election.

Minimum of Time

"Experience has shown that when it is desired to hold a general election, a minimum of time is given for the appointment of rural and urban enumerators and for furnishing them with the necessary supplies."

The 38-year-old Mr. Castonguay, who succeeded his father as chief electoral officer in 1949, will not be setting a precedent if election supplies reach returning officers months in advance of an election.

The returning officers had their supplies for the 1945 election on hand for a year. In 1949, the supplies reached them eight months in advance of the election.

General Motors engineers warn drivers against racing the engine during the warm-up period. In addition to using a needless amount of gas, you run the risk of increasing the wear on pistons, piston rings and cylinders when you speed up the engine before the cold oil has a chance to circulate completely.

Cool Summer Playground In Stouffville Memorial Park



One of the beauty spots in town is Memorial Park equipped with playground facilities provided some years ago by the local Lions Club. This same club has just recently

combined with the Park Commission to provide hard surface tennis courts. Regardless of the heat, the fine shade trees in the park always pro-

vide a good haven in the summer time. The facilities are constantly in use with picnic parties, ball games and now an annual horse show is being held there by the Legion.

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August Monthly Calendar for STANLEY THEATRE, Stouffville

Monday & Tuesday	4th & 5th	Wednesday & Thursday	6th & 7th	Friday & Saturday	8th & 9th
"THREE GODFATHERS" in Technicolor John Wayne & Harry Carey Jr.		"JAPANESE WAR BRIDE" (adult entertainment) Shirley Yamaaguchi, Don Taylor & Marie Windsor		"THE BRIGAND" in Technicolor Anthony Dexter & Jody Lawrence	
		"YOU NEVER CAN TELL" Dick Powell & Peggy Dow			
Monday & Tuesday	11th & 12th	Wednesday & Thursday	13th & 14th	Friday & Saturday	15th & 16th
"STARLIFT" An All-Star Cast Led by Doris Day & Gordon MacRae		"FIXED BAYONETS" (adult entertainment) Michael O'Shea & Richard Basehart		"DENVER & RIO GRANDE" in Technicolor Edmund O'Brien & Sterling Hayden	
		"THE SELLOUT" Walter Pidgeon & Audrey Trotter			
Monday & Tuesday	18th & 19th	Wednesday & Thursday	20th & 21st	Friday & Saturday	22nd & 23rd
"THE FIRST TIME" Robert Cummings & Barbara Hale		"CLOSE TO MY HEART" Ray Milland & Gene Tierney		"THUNDERHEAD SON OF FLICKA" in Technicolor Roddy McDowall & Preston Foster	
Monday & Tuesday	25th & 26th	Wednesday & Thursday	27th & 28th	Friday & Saturday	29th & 30th
"WORDS AND MUSIC" in Technicolor		"HONG KONG" in Technicolor Ronald Reagan & Rhonda Fleming		"THE BEND OF THE RIVER" in Technicolor James Stewart, Arthur Kennedy Julia Adams	