

Editorial

A Worthwhile Effort

One of the first moves in the recent program by the Stouffville Home & School Association, to put on a safety campaign, particularly now that school is out, came last Thursday when Constable Harry Heatherington was invited to speak to the children of both public schools on the subject of safety. Like several of the constables we have had in the past, such as Officer Hilliard of the O.P.P. and Chief Edwards, Constable Heatherington is interested in young people and is blessed with the technique of getting along with them and being able to present to them a program of this kind.

More than seven hundred children listened to the Constable impress the various aspects of safety and they showered him with questions following the talk. He took some time to give them various tips on water safety, to tell them that side-

walks were out of bounds for bicycles and to walk across intersections.

He cautioned them about playing on the roadways and asked that any old ice-boxes sitting about should be reported so that the doors could be removed. As part of the program it is planned to have "Mr. Beep" who operates jointly with the Safety Elephant, come here in August. Further Constable Heatherington announced that a Crusader Bicycle Club would be established in the fall.

Safety is something which requires a continual program of work in order to keep the children alert to the dangers at all times. Not too many of our citizens are willing to give the time or have the knack of giving the children confidence and gaining their interest. We would commend the local constable for his energies along this line and would urge that the program be given every assistance possible.

Action, Long Overdue

At a regular meeting of Whitchurch Twp. Council, last week, the Ontario Water Resources Commission was criticized for its slow to action program in dealing with a refuse problem on the Second Concession.

We would not be so hasty in pointing an accusing finger at the O.W.R.C. because, as we recall, this matter has been sitting in the lap of the council for almost three years and, to our knowledge, no positive action has been taken by the municipality to correct it.

When the subject was first brought to light many months ago, we suggested that the good neighbor

policy was being stretched too far in permitting an industry in Aurora to deposit sludge materials on adjoining lands across its border.

It may be that the receipt of a 26-name petition from district homeowners has once again started the pot to boil. We still contend that the fire of action should come from the local administration instead of prolonging the agony by passing the buck on to a foreign body.

Surely, the Whitchurch Twp. Council has the power to halt this practice. It's time the members took off their kid-gloves and bared their knuckles against an invasion on private and municipal rights.

A Point Well Taken

There has been some speculation that the next federal election might be, or at least should be called with a shorter campaign period. The Exeter Times-Advocate calls for a little more consideration before such a move is advocated.

It asks that one consider the position of some of the candidates if the campaign period was shortened, primarily those who challenge the man who has been sitting as a member of parliament.

The sitting member has had possibly four years to establish his acquaintance throughout his riding. He has come in contact with hundreds of families in the riding.

The challenger on the other hand is under a considerable handicap. In

the space of about six weeks, he must (1) win a nominating convention, (2) arrange his personal affairs to permit him to run for the seat, (3) make arrangement for all elements of his campaign (4) try to become known throughout the riding which, in our own case, encompasses a good many municipalities.

Consider the electioneering in all these municipalities alone. Even if the candidate spent a short time in each town and township, he could not cover his whole constituency.

We agree that for the challengers to wage a campaign in any shorter time than six weeks is impossible. For that reason alone, the length of federal elections cannot be shortened.

What About This Flag Business

We are on the eve of another Dominion Day, a time when, in years past, we all got out our Union Jacks, put them in front of our business places and on our homes, and felt a real pride in doing so. Today, outside of the larger centres, not too many flags are in evidence, and we don't think it's because we don't any longer care for the flag we were flying twenty years ago.

Compare this with our friends across the border and you'll see quite a contrast. Here the American flag is very much in evidence, not only on special occasions, such as national holidays, but at all times. It would boil down to this, that if we do not propose to take any more interest in flying a suggested new flag than we show in flying the one we already have, the hullabaloo over a change is a little shallow.

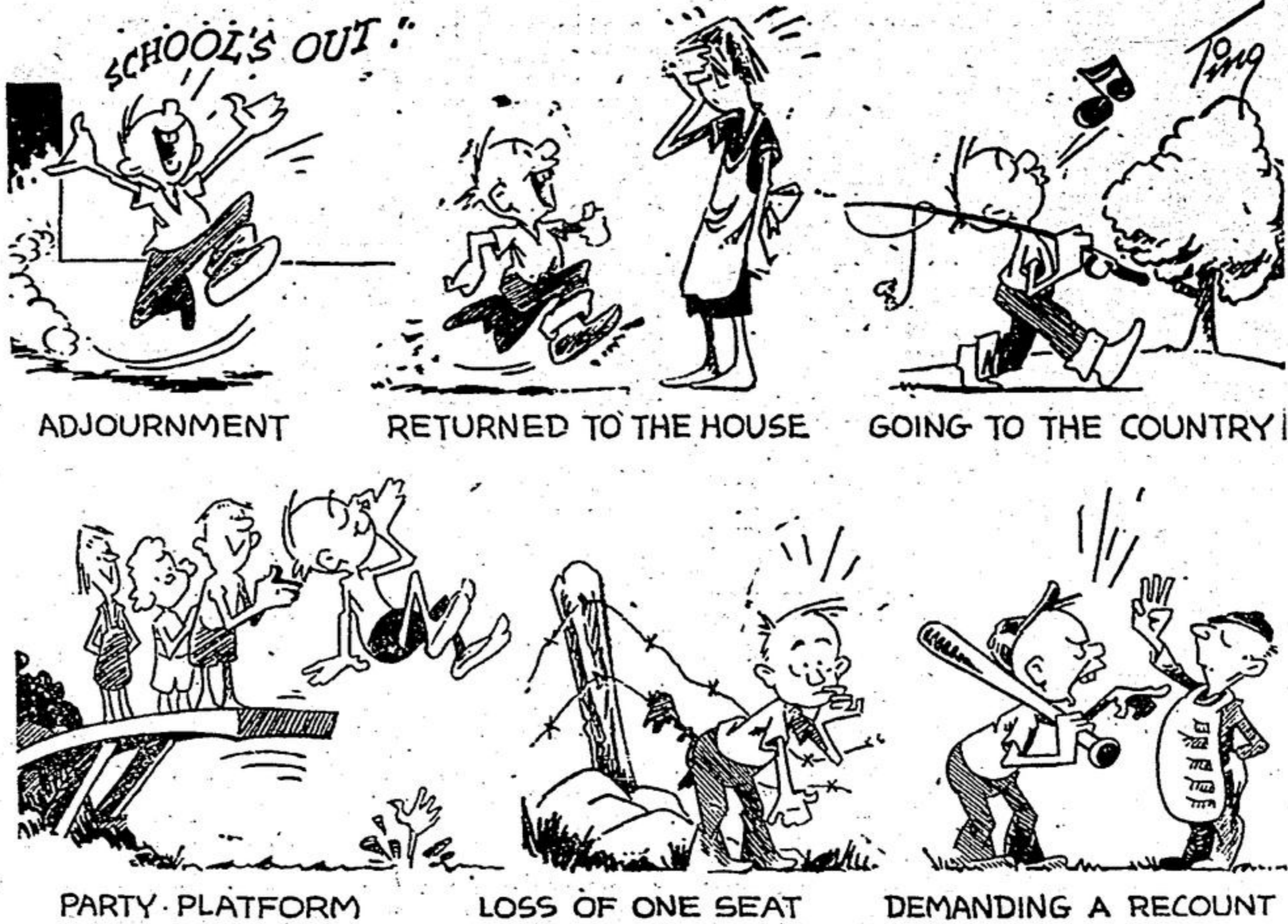
As far as we are concerned, we already have a flag, the Canadian Red Ensign and it was officially proclaimed as such by the Governor-General in 1945. One could further substantiate this contention by drawing attention to the fact that immigrants to Canada are provided with a copy of the Canadian Red Ensign and its description as the Canadian Flag. Undoubtedly, some of the agitation to toss out what has been

officially declared by the government, stems from the many thousands of foreign born people now in our midst and who are easily stirred up by agitators. To these may be added the age-old attempt by many in what is lightly referred to as the "republic of Quebec", to completely clean house of anything with the slightest tinge of British background.

We are quite satisfied with the Canadian Ensign as a national symbol, and it does have the merit of being used more widely in Canada than any other flag. The inclusion of the Union Jack signifies Canada's association with other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The Coat of Arms bears the emblems of all four countries from which our original settlers came, together with the maple leaves, the special emblem of Canada. This flag is flown from all public buildings of the Dominion and Provincial governments.

In a recent election campaign speech, Prime Minister Diefenbaker made a pitch to the Quebecers by proposing a national conference on the subject. We don't believe there is any flag issue and the only steps the government should take is to stop our national emblem from being tossed about as a political issue.

THE POLITICIANS OF TOMORROW



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Coming up, dead ahead, is just about the biggest weekend of the year for Canadians. It other weekend onemtwsyhrdu has an exhilaration that no other weekend on our calendar produces. Hearts are light and gay because it's the real advent of summer.

According to an old superstition, summer actually begins on June 21. But try to tell that to a school teacher, glass-eyed in a mist of chalk-dust and warm running-shoes, as she labors through the last week of classes with children whose minds and hearts have fled the classroom to the great, green, throbbing outdoors.

Try to tell it to the tourist operator, whose cabins are as empty as his cash register, whose boats squat on the shore like so many gutted crocodiles, whose dining-room echoes only to the lone tread of his wife, as she limps in from the kitchen to see if there's any point in preparing dinner for non-existent guests.

Nope. Summer begins on the last weekend in June, and we might as well resign ourselves to it. That's when the hordes of urchins pour forth in an exuberant tidal wave from their schools, filled with a bursting sensation of freedom which will last about 48 hours.

That's when the factory worker, who has spent 11½ months putting round pegs in square holes, or something of the sort, sets off, quivering with LIFE, for his two-week, with-pay, ready-to-half-kill himself golfing, swimming, drinking beer, dancing, or whatever is his pleasure, before crawling back, spent but content, to the shrieking monotony of his job.

That's when mothers who have spent the past 10 months crawling out of bed to find clean socks and blouses, to totter about the kitchen making toast

with peanut butter and jam, have a new spring in their step, an unaccustomed smile in their hearts. There is the deep, inner warmth that comes from the knowledge that for the next two months, they'll get meals when they damwell feel like it, and do the washing ditto.

For the bass fisherman, a breed as peculiar in his way as the deer hunter, this is the big week end of the year. It means the beginning of two beautiful months in which he can bake to a crisp in an open boat, lash various bodies of water with miscellaneous hardware, and drink skunky beer, to his heart's content. Shunkey joy.

For the tension-taut young executive, too, it's a special weekend. Family settled in at the cottage, he leaves Sunday night with protestations that: "It's gonna be awfully lonesome without you guys." And as he drives down the highway, back to the city, his heart is light as angel cake as he contemplates those long, lovely summer evenings, with maybe a drink and dinner in a pleasant restaurant before going home to that beautiful, peaceful, people-less house.

And, of course, for everyone, this weekend has a special significance, because looming up right in the middle of it is that glorious celebration of Canada's national holiday — the First of July — or, as we used to call it in simpler days, Dominion Day.

What Canadian is not thrilled to the marrow by the knowledge that the First of July is just around the corner, with its wild bacchanalian revelry, its flagrant expression of a highly emotional people's deepest feelings? Dancing in the streets, wine flowing like maple syrup, kissing under the maples, as those hot-blooded Canadians live it up in celebration of — uh — say, what IS Dominion Day in aid of?

PARTY STANDINGS SINCE 1867

Date of Election	Con.	Lib.	Prog.	UFA	CCF	SC	Other	total
Aug. 7-Sept. 20, 1867	101	80						181
July 20-Sept. 3, 1872	103	97						200
Jan. 22, 1874	73	133						206
Sept. 17, 1878	137	69						206
June 20, 1882	139	71						210
Feb. 22, 1887	123	92						215
March 5, 1891	123	92						215
June 23, 1896	89	117						206
Nov. 7, 1900	78	128						206
Nov. 3, 1904	75	139						214
Oct. 26, 1908	85	133						218
Sept. 21, 1911	133	86						219
Dec. 17, 1917	153	82						235
Dec. 6, 1921	50	117	64					231
Oct. 29, 1925	116	101	24					241
Sept. 14, 1926	91	116	13	11				245
July 28, 1930	137	88	2	10				245
Oct. 14, 1935	39	171			7	17	11	245
March 26, 1940	39	178			8	10	10	245
June 11, 1945	67	125			28	13	12	245
June 27, 1949	41	190			13	10	8	262
Aug. 10, 1953	51	170			23	15	6	265
June 10, 1957	112	105			25	19	4	265
March 31, 1958	208	49			8			265

MINISTRIES SINCE CONFEDERATION

Prime Minister	Length of Administration
1. Con., Sir John A. Macdonald	July 1, 1867 - Nov. 5, 1873
2. Lib., Alexander Mackenzie	Nov. 7, 1873 - Oct. 9, 1878
3. Con., Sir John A. Macdonald	Oct. 17, 1878 - June 6, 1891
4. Con., Sir John Abbott	June 16, 1891 - Nov. 24, 1892
5. Con., Sir John Thompson	Dec. 5, 1892 - Dec. 12, 1894
6. Con. Mackenzie Bowell	Dec. 21, 1894 - April 27, 1896
7. Con., Charles Tupper	May 1, 1896 - July 8, 1896
8. Lib., Sir Wilfrid Laurier	July 11, 1896 - July 6, 1911
9. Con., Sir Robert Borden	Oct. 10, 1911 - Oct. 12, 1917
10. Union, Sir Robert Borden	Oct. 12, 1917 - July 10, 1920
11. Union, Arthur Meighen	July 10, 1920 - Dec. 29, 1921
12. Lib., W. L. Mackenzie King	Dec. 29, 1921 - June 28, 1926
13. Con., Arthur Meighen	June 29, 1926 - Sept. 25, 1926
14. Lib., W. L. Mackenzie King	Sept. 25, 1926 - Aug. 6, 1930
15. Con., R. B. Bennett	Aug. 7, 1930 - Oct. 23, 1935
16. Lib., W. L. Mackenzie King	Oct. 23, 1935 - Nov. 15, 1948
17. Lib., Louis St. Laurent	Nov. 15, 1948 - June 21, 1957
18. Con., John Diefenbaker	June 21, 1957 -

Let's see, now, was it the day Sir Wilfrid Laurier composed Oh, Canada? No, that doesn't seem to ring a bell. Was it the day Barbara Ann Scott swam across Lake Superior? I don't think so. Was it the day Mackenzie King introduced the Bonus? I don't believe it was.

Wait a minute. It's coming back to me now. It was the day somebody drove the last spike into Sir John A. Macdonald. Anyway, happy the First of July, and try to restrain that wild Canadian exuberance within the bounds of decency as our whole nation goes haywire with joy during the celebration of this — our glorious national holiday.

Avoid tragedy! Use strategy! Learn and practise Red Cross Water Safety.

Propose Scholarship to Commemorate Visit of Queen Mother

The Hon. John P. Roberts, Prime Minister, has announced that to commemorate the visit to Ontario of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, who has been given a sincere and heartwarming welcome by our people, it is proposed with the gracious consent of Her Majesty to establish The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Scholarship (Ontario).

The recipient will be the top Ontario Scholar of each year graduating from Grade 13, having the highest aggregate marks on best eight papers of Grade 13 examinations including English Composition and English Literature, all written in the year of the award, and enrolling in an Ontario University for a degree course.

The Ontario Scholar thus ranking highest by proficiency will be awarded \$500 in each year of his University course, to a maximum of four years, provided that he maintains first or second class honour standing. The application for an Ontario Scholarship will serve also as an application for The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Scholarship (Ontario). The winner will be declared by the Minister of Education on September 1 in each year.

This Scholarship will recognize the outstanding Secondary School student in the Province each year, and will also serve to keep alive in the hearts and minds of the people of Ontario the memory of our gracious Queen Mother and the late King George VI.

Plans Well Advanced for Plowing Match

Plans for the 1962 International Plowing Match to be held on the Norman Barber Farm, Owen Sound, October 10th to 13th inclusive, are progressing satisfactorily, according to F. A. Lashley, Secretary-Manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

A prize list offering well over \$15,000 in cash, trophies and trips has been prepared and copies are available on request. Judging by enquiries being received from exhibitors, the farm machinery and equipment show, always the highlight of the Match, Tented City will be filled to capacity.

Activities of the local committee headed by V. C. Porteous indicate a well organized program. Already farmers in the immediate area of the match are having their barns painted and much of the countryside of Grey County has developed the "new look". As a stimulus, a Farmstead Improvement Competition organized through the Agricultural Representative Mr. Grant Swieger, Markdale, is in full swing with well over 100 competitors.

FALL FAIR LIST NOW AVAILABLE

Over six million people attend fairs and exhibitions in the Province of Ontario, according to F. A. Lashley, Secretary of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies.

He reports there will be 240 shows taking place this year from May to November. These vary in size from the small township fair to the great Canadian National Exhibition. Lists covering dates and place of holding these events are available on request by writing the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch, Dept. of Agriculture, Parli. Bldgs., Toronto.

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