

Farm

Tribune

Two auction rings

McKean sale attracts record crowd

MARKHAM TWP. — A crowd, described as the largest ever to attend a farm auction sale in this area, thronged the property of the late Jas. McKean, conc. 10, Markham Township, March 25 and prices reflected the demand for quality items.

Buyers travelled from far away points, creating a bumper to bumper parking lineup stretching over a mile from the laneway entrance.

Auctioneers and sale managers, Walter Atkinson, Stouffville and Lloyd Wilson, Uxbridge set up two rings on the grounds as a convenience to customers. The auction was completed in 4½ hours.

Livestock and implements had been well looked after and brought premium prices. Some of these follow: Swather, \$2,600; combine, \$2,425; tractor (large), \$2,000; tractor (small), \$1,325;

spreader, \$700; 4-furrow plow, \$475.

Top grade Holsteins brought \$460 with a herd average of \$346.

Hay brought .53 cents per bale; straw, .25 cents

for 5,000 bales and small lots, .27 cents per bale. Oats sold for \$2.35 per cwt.

The milk quota brought a top bid of \$22.50 per pound; the bulk cooler, \$500; Surge pump, \$400 and

Surge milkers, \$47.50 per unit.

Ladies of St. James Presbyterian Church set up a refreshment booth on the grounds. It was completely sold out by 3 o'clock.

It was Pancake Day at Charles Richards and Sons Ltd., Stouffville, March 24 and hundreds of visitors brought along their farmers' appetites. Sampling some of the food from the safety of a combine seat is Bruce Richards. —Peter Harris.

Garry Oats

The most durable of all

By A.A. Wall

Picking the best variety of spring grains is a challenging job. Yield, maturity, straw strength, and resistance to disease all have to be taken into account.

Another factor is loyalty, and it is sometimes as strong as the others. Rodney oats is a good example of one that survives very well, on the strength of a good reputation.

Garry has been certainly the most durable of all

oats. New ones have come and gone, but Garry remains as probably the best for 1970. Sioux looks very good, but not much seed will be available until next year.

Stormont oats have a special place. Yield is not sensational, but short, strong straw keeps them standing well on fields where others loeage badly.

Herta and Keystone are the choice in barley this year. Brock looks like a higher yielder, and has more disease resistance but there won't be much

seed until next year. In tests last year it had a yield increase over Herta of ten to fifteen percent.

Good cash crops are hard to find these days. New possibilities are always worth looking at. Forage seed is in this category. Production will have to go up sharply to meet the new demand.

The best chance in York is with the new strains of red clover, birdsfoot trefoil, and timothy. The seed companies are interested in contracting good sized acreages.

Wrecking yard wrecks good neighbor policy

UXBRIDGE TWP. — A wrecking yard by any other name is still a wrecking yard. So says Bill Pitchford, R.R.1, Uxbridge and wants the township council to do something about it.

The location, according to the complainant, is just over the line fence on the property of his neighbor, Leonard Wallace. "I've been going around in circles and getting no results," he told a meeting at Goodwood, March 23. Mr. Pitchford described how wrecks of cars are scattered over the Wallace lot and a cutting machine, used to dismantle vehicles, operates at all hours of the night.

To worsen the problem, he said, items of refuse and garbage were continually

thrown over the fence, making it impossible for him to pasture livestock on the land.

He noted also, that some sections of fencing had been torn down or removed.

A claim by Mr. Pitchford that his assessment appeal had been disallowed, was refuted by Clerk Elwood Foskett. Mr. Foskett said a reduction of \$450 had been granted.

Before taking action township council requested the following: (1) That Mr. Pitchford submit his complaints in writing. (2) That he obtain evidence of the cutting machine's operation after hours. (3) That he submit a signed petition from residents in the immediate area. The ratepayer agreed.



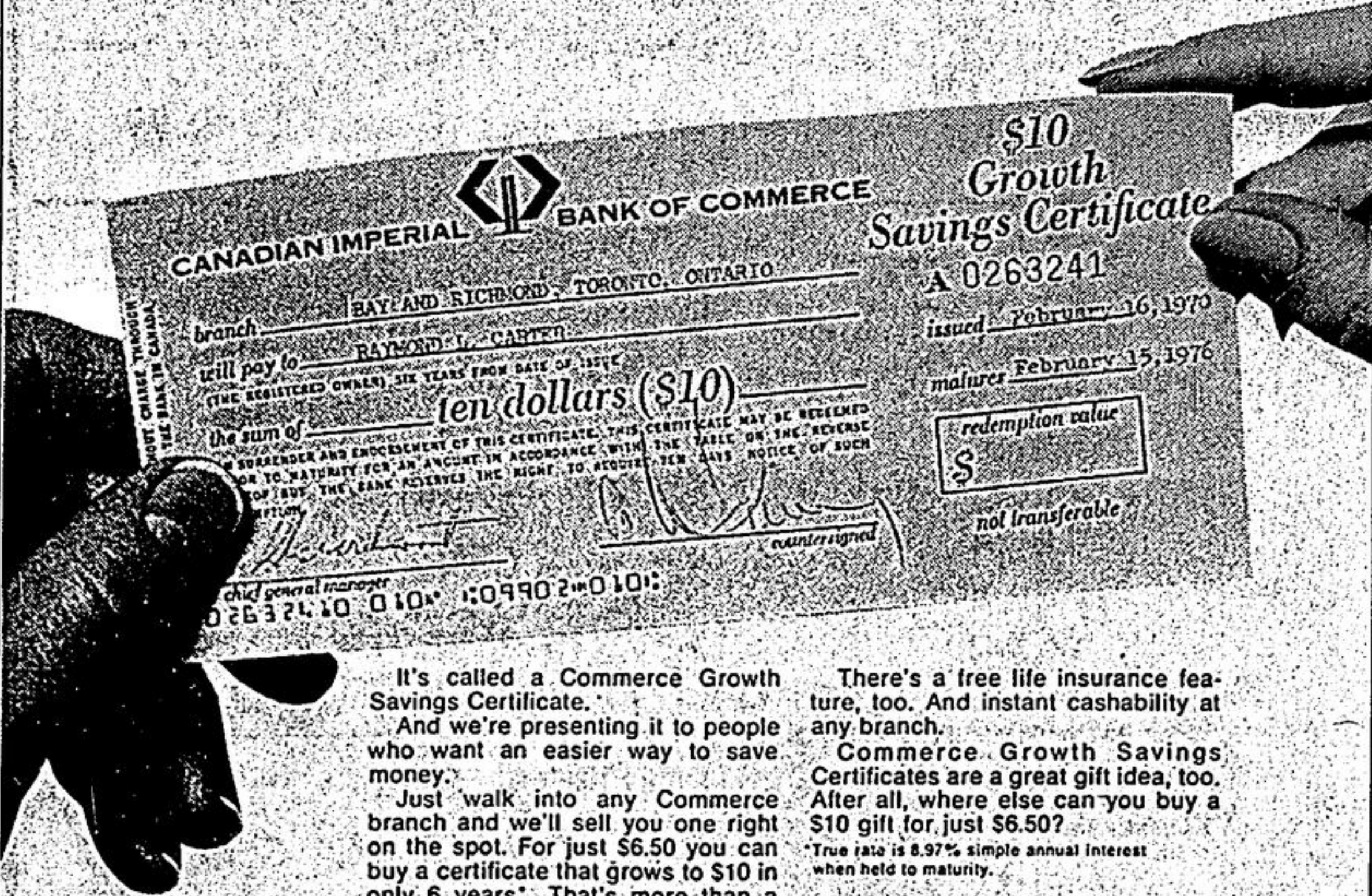
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