

BYNG PRAISES FARMERS OF MIDDLESEX AND OXFORD

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Meets Counties' Residents On Common Ground In Homes and On Lands.

WILL TOUR BRANT

Meets To Governor-General Declares Him "Real Man For the Position."

Special to The Advertiser. By a Staff Reporter.

Woodstock, May 29.—Expressing himself as delighted with the farmers of Western Ontario and enamored of the country itself, Baron Byng, Governor-General of Canada, concluded a tour of the counties of Middlesex and Oxford with a visit to the farm of Columbus Ross, West Zorra, where he and his party had tea last night before returning to Brantford.

His Excellency said that he was delighted at the opportunity given him of meeting the farmers of the country without any fuss or bother, and seeing their farms and everyday work just as it actually is.

Arriving at the Ross farm at 6:30, Baron Byng, accompanied by his Honor Col. Harry Cockshutt, lieutenant-governor, Major Gordon A. B. C. and Col. Robert McEwen, did not seem to be the least fatigued with the strenuous day he had put in. He was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Ross and a few members of the immediate family, having a few words with all of them in a most informal way. He then took Mr. Ross off by himself, and they went to look at the farm and the large flock of pure-bred sheep. While inspecting the animals he remarked to Mr. Ross that it was too bad that there were not more sheep raised in Canada. After a few minutes they once more returned to the party and were all photographed.

Acts Like Member.

At tea, which was served in the house, Baron Byng joined in the general conversation as though he were one of the family. He seemed to be much impressed by a milking machine which he had seen during the afternoon. He also remarked several times on the beauty of the country, stating that he did not see how farmers could be dissatisfied when they had such beautiful surroundings. He admired the view from Mr. Ross' farm, which overlooks the north branch of the Thames River. After tea his excellency shook hands with all of them, and expressed the hope that he would see them again, following which the party left for the telephone exchange.

Forms Good Opinion.

Asked for an expression of opinion by The Advertiser, Baron Byng stated that he was not allowed to give interviews, but admitted that he had formed a very good opinion of the farmers of Western Ontario.

"But what is your opinion," asked the reporter.

"That I can't tell you," laughed his excellency. "By the way, were you not at Lambeth this morning?"

The reporter replied that he had been, and remarked that he had secured several good photos of him. "I wonder if you will give to Government House, please?" Do you know, I think it is remarkable the way you newspaper men get around the country."

One little incident that seemed to please the party was the keenness with which the governor-general inquired over a map to find out exactly where he was. Although he knew generally the location, he was not satisfied until he found where the farm was located.

The story of the afternoon's trip was told by Col. McEwen, who was acting in the capacity of guide to the party.

After having lunch at Col. McEwen's farm, and met several of the residents in that vicinity, the party passed through the farm of Archie Hodgins, M.P., where quite a long stop was made, the governor-general inspecting the farm and buildings thoroughly. He seemed much interested in everything about the place, and in speaking to the owner, encouraged him by stating that the farmers were the backbone of the country.

Impressed With Byng.

J. H. Patrick, Ilderton, was next visited, and here practically the same thing occurred. Much comment of a favorable nature was passed on the stock and farm of Mr. Patrick, who was much impressed with the efficient and intelligent way in which the visitor asked questions and sought information.

The farm of James Thompson, East Nissouri, was the next stop, and here again the governor-general stopped for a considerable period. Mr. McEwen stated that the manner in which Baron Byng greeted the farmers was such that he would like nothing better than to go up and slap them on the back, and ask after their family, and their farm, and all the rest, just as though he himself were but a farmer in a county of Ontario, and not the representative of the king. This was the last stop made before reaching Mr. Ross' farm at West Zorra.

"His Excellency," stated Mr. McEwen, "is much impressed with the living conditions of the farmers whom he has seen in his little tour of this part of Ontario. He thinks that the farms and all the stock are absolutely fine, and in every case expressed gratification and pleasure at meeting the owners."

Among those that greeted him at the Ross farm were Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Ross, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Munro, Mrs. McDonald Wallace, Mr. D. R. Ross, Mr. McDonald Wallace,



GOVERNOR-GENERAL MEETS CHILDREN.

Baron Byng of Vimy, governor-general of Canada, who visited Lambeth school yesterday, laughs in an unconventional pose by The Advertiser staff photographer, as he was shaking hands with the pupils. Passing down the line, the governor-general shook hands with them all and chatted away inquiring about their work.

Miss Norma Ross, Miss Ross, Gordon Ross and Gilbert Murray.

Leave for Burford.

This morning his excellency will leave Brantford and proceed to the farm of N. Dymont at Burford, where the first stop will be made. The stock farm of J. E. Brethour, breeder of swine, will be the next, after which the party will visit the Burford Continuation School. Leaving Burford they will proceed to Paris, where they will have lunch. Hon. H. C. Nixon, provincial secretary, and Roy Schuller, agricultural representative for Brant county, will act as guides, the latter during the early morning. After lunch they will visit Waterloo County, and will pass through Guilford, Galt, Waterloo and Kitchener, arriving at Hespeler at 4 p.m., where tea will be obtained. They will then leave on the 4:45 train for Toronto from Hespeler.

Thursday it is intended to visit the district around Oshawa. Port Hope and Bowmanville, followed on Friday with a trip through York County. On Saturday the vice-regal party will once more return to Ottawa, having concluded a five-day trip among the farmers of Ontario.

COL. GRAHAM ELECTED GOVERNOR OF LIONS

Unanimously Chosen by Nine Hundred Members Attending Convention.

Special to The Advertiser. Windsor, May 29.—Col. C. M. R. Graham, former mayor of the 14th Battalion and ex-mayor of London, was elected governor of the annual convention of the Lions Club.

Nine hundred Lions, representing thirteen clubs, attended the affair, and were unanimous in their selection of Col. Graham.

The new district governor was one of the original members of the London Lions, and is at present president of that club.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CEASES ACTIVITIES

Task of Trying To Enforce Eighteenth Amendment Too Great.

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, May 29.—The Chicago branch of the Anti-Saloon League has found the task of attempting to enforce the eighteenth amendment too great, and will discontinue all its local activities, save routine legislative work. E. J. Davis stated yesterday, at a meeting of trustees of the Chicago Church Federation, in announcing his resignation as the league's superintendent in the Chicago district.

At the same time, Mr. Davis said tentative plans are being made for him to head a new organization to be known as the Chicago Association for Better Government.

CROWN NORMAL SCHOOL GIRL AS QUEEN OF MAY

Special to The Advertiser. Stratford, May 29.—At the Normal School Wednesday, the students will elect Miss Kate Bowman as Queen of the May. Miss Bowman's attendants will be Miss Janet Pugh, Miss Verna McQuillan, Miss Anne Lawrence, Miss Ina Mills and Miss Edith Pollock.

ROTARIANS PLAN DINNER.

Special to The Advertiser. Stratford, May 29.—On Thursday in place of the regular noonday luncheon of the Rotary Club there is to be a dinner at the Country Club at 7:10 p.m., at which the Stratford Club will be host to the Toronto Club. Some 50 members of the Toronto Club are expected to be here, and the visitors are to be put on the program.

MANY STRATFORD PUPILS WILL TRY EXAMINATIONS

Special to The Advertiser. Stratford, May 29.—C. A. Mayberry, principal of the Collegiate Institute, stated this morning that this year 211 pupils of the Collegiate Institute and the Loretto Convent would try the examinations prepared by the department of education. This is the largest class in the history of the city, and is made up of 71 pupils from the upper school and 140 from the lower school. There are quite a few of these pupils who will not try the complete schedule of examination, as under a new ruling of the department a pupil may try half of the examinations one year and complete them the following year.

ELECT TEN DIRECTORS.

Special to The Advertiser. Galt, May 29.—Galt Chamber of Commerce is the official name of Galt's new community organization, the first step in the election of a board of directors of ten for same having been taken today, when the ballots were mailed out.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AT LAMBETH SCHOOL.

Group of distinguished visitors at Reading from left to right are: Col. Robert McEwen, Major Gordon A. D. C., Baron Byng of Vimy, gov-

FIRE DESTROYS VERNER VILLAGE BUSINESS AREA

Blaze Caused by Smoker Results in Loss Between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

STARTS IN A STABLE

General Stores, Stations, Hotel and Small Shops Succumb to Flames.

Canadian Press Despatch. Sudbury, May 29.—The entire business section of Verner, a small farming village between Sudbury and North Bay, was wiped out by fire this afternoon. Damage was estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The blaze was first noticed at 2 o'clock starting in a stable near the C.P.R. hotel, presumably from a careless smoker, and at 5 o'clock this afternoon the hotel was burning, although under control, following the arrival of the Sturgeon Falls fire brigade.

There was no loss of life. The general stores, and within half an hour the entire central section was in flames. The fire brigade from Sturgeon Falls arrived shortly after 4 o'clock, and succeeded in getting the fire under control, but not before the business section was in flames. The buildings were all of frame construction. Definite figures on the detailed loss are as yet unavailable. Verner is in the center of a prosperous farming community, and is one of the most picturesque French-Canadian communities in the north country.

SETTLEMENT PAPERS REMOVED BY THIEVES

Office In Osgoode Hall Rifled of Documents In \$100,000 Case.

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JURYMEN STATE DEATH ACCIDENT IN YARD FATALITY

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TRAINMEN TESTIFY

The coroner's jury investigating the death of Duncan Graham killed while working with a shunting gang on the C. N. R. at Egerton street early Monday morning, last night brought in a verdict of accidental death. In rendering the decision of the jury the foreman expressed the opinion of his fellow jurors that the switch ties on which it is alleged Graham tripped and fell across the tracks, were a possible cause of his death, and that some means should be taken by the railway to guard against a repetition of this tragic accident.

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LIBERAL LEADER WIDENS BREACH WITH U.F. PARTY

Wellington Hay Definitely States Fusion Is Out of Question.

DRURY ATTACKS

Premier Again Declares Ferguson's Charges Are Unjustifiable.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, May 29.—The line of cleavage between the United Farmers and Liberals in the province of Ontario has been more clearly defined during the past few days as a result of declarations made by Wellington Hay, the Liberal leader. Early last week Mr. Hay emphasized that the Liberal forces in the province would not countenance any form of fusion with the farmers, while at North Bay last night the Liberal chieftain struck hard at Premier Drury, alleging that the prime minister was "under the thumb of an occupational group."

Commenting on the attitude of the Liberal leader, the Farmers' Sun says that "Between a Liberal who, with tentative schemes gone amiss, has been prodded by his followers into a show of fight, and a Conservative leader who is open to the charge of facing two ways on one of the important issues before the people, there is little to choose, and the farmers of Ontario, with a government that, despite some faults, has been efficient, honest and clean, are not likely to turn in behind either of them."

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