

LEGISLATURE GETS UNDER WAY  
Some Important Legislation Outlined in the Speech From the Throne

The first session of the sixteenth Legislature opened on Wednesday with the usual pomp and brilliancy. The throng which attended the ceremonies was exceedingly large, and it was surpassed only by one other opening in numbers—that of the first Legislature under Sir James Whitney.

The Lieutenant Governor's speech from the throne outlines the legislation promised for the session:

The reference to an O.T.A. referendum is fairly definite. Among the measures to be submitted, it says, are bills "to make provision to enable the Government to secure an expression of opinion from the people with reference to Provincial liquor legislation."

The Government intends to modify and improve the elementary schools so as to simplify courses of study and to bring them into more direct relation to the needs of the people. The question of providing better facilities for education in rural communities is to receive special consideration.

Better provision has been made for placing the advantages of Ontario before the British peoples, the speech continued, and it referred to arrangements made for placing directly with Ontario farmers a number of British boys "who will in due course become useful Canadian citizens."

In his speech Mr. Cookshott said that it is desirable that greater results should be attained respecting the co-operative marketing of farm products, and that the government would endeavor to advance the movement as rapidly as the response accorded by the farming community will permit.

The speech touched briefly on the general reorganization of the Highways Department now being carried out.

Continuing, Mr. Cookshott said: "I am glad to observe the efforts my Ministers are making to bring about a solution of the fuel problem of this Province. There is reason to believe that under more favorable transportation conditions a supply of coal would be obtainable from Canadian sources."

REVISION OF AMUSEMENT TAX

A revision of the amusement tax is under consideration by the Provincial Treasurer, it is stated. Throughout the Province there has been considerable discontent with the operation of the amusement tax law, and it is complained from some rural and semi-rural communities that inspectors have made a practice of levying this tax upon a wide variety of entertainments which should reasonably enjoy exemption. In some localities even public school Christmas entertainments were subjected to the amusement tax levy, with the result that last year in some places these festive gatherings were abolished or curtailed. It is to remove inequalities that the revision is to be made, and one of the amendments will be the insertion of a provision which will make the owner of the theatre and not simply the lessee responsible for the return of the tax.

A New Hybrid Field Pea

The market value of Ontario's field peas amounts to about four million dollars annually.

The O.A.C. No. 181 variety of field peas was originated at Guelph by crossing the Prussian Blue and the White Wonder. It is a small, smooth, white pea of good quality and appearance.

Of all the leading varieties of field peas tested at the Ontario Agricultural College, the O.A.C. No. 181 has given the highest average yield of grain per acre. In the past five years' results, the first, second, third and fifth highest yields were produced by new varieties originated at the College through cross-fertilization. In the tests with other varieties, the O.A.C. No. 181 was early, reaching maturity in 93 days, and the straw was the freest from blight and grew to an average length of 45 inches. The peas gave an average weight of 62.8 pounds per measured bushel.

This new variety of field peas was successfully tested in the co-operative experiments on fifty farms throughout Ontario in the past two years. The following was the average yield in bushels per acre per annum of each of the four varieties tested in this way by the practical growers: O.A.C. No. 181, 26.9; Early Britain, 24.4; Potter, 24.3; and Canadian Beauty, 23.1.—Dept. of Extension, O.A. College, Guelph.

How to Control Root Maggots.

The cabbage maggot can be controlled by treatment, early in the season, with a solution of an ounce of corrosive sublimate in 10 gallons of water, applied to the stems and roots of each plant twice or three times at intervals of a week, using an ordinary watering can with the rose removed and the spout reduced to a convenient form to make the application. Onion maggots can be controlled by the use of a poisoned bait, consisting of one-quarter to one-half an ounce of sodium arsenate dissolved in a gallon of boiling water, with a pint of molasses added.

Crop rotation and diversification are sound forms of insurance for the farmer.

Woodstock is snowbound. The driving wind piled the drifts so high that sleighing is out of the question. In many places the drifts are above the tops of the fences.

GRAPE POLLENIZATION

Many Varieties Self-sterile and Need Cross-Pollination.

What Investigational Work Has Shown—Varieties of Self-sterile Sorts Recommended—Eradication of Bladder Campion or Cow Bell.

For years it has been observed by grape growers that certain varieties, typically represented by the Rogers' Hybrids, usually produce straggly, loose bunches, especially where planted in blocks. In the same season and under similar conditions other varieties as Concord and Niagara produce well filled, large bunches. The Rogers' varieties with one exception are self-sterile. Our other commercial varieties are all more or less self-sterile.

Result of Investigational Work.

Considerable investigational work has been done in New York State, in Minnesota, and at Vineland on this problem of self-sterility, with the result that the reason why certain varieties are self-sterile has been established. In our own work, as a result of three years' investigations, we have established the degree of self-sterility and self-sterility of fifty-two varieties of grapes and have ascertained the best pollinators for such self-sterile varieties as Lindley, Salem, Brighton, etc. Our experiments have shown:

1. That insects are the chief agents in the distribution of pollen, wind being a negligible factor.

2. That cross-pollination is absolutely necessary in the case of self-sterile varieties, including Barry, Herbert, Lindley, Massasoit, Salem, Wilder, and Brighton. The Agawam is the only one of the commercially planted Rogers' Hybrids which is self-sterile.

3. That the majority of self-sterile varieties such as Concord, Campbell, Niagara, Worden would produce larger crops of fruit if they were cross-pollinated, though good crops are produced under self-pollination conditions. Campbell often has staggly bunches due to imperfect pollination. Cross-pollination would help.

4. That the self-sterile varieties (Barry, Lindley, etc.) pollinated by any one of the self-fertile varieties (Concord, Niagara, etc.) will set crops of marketable fruit, but that for maximum crops certain self-fertile varieties are better suited as pollinizers for certain self-sterile varieties than others. For Agawam and Brighton, the Worden is the best pollinizer; for Massasoit and Wilder, the Niagara is the best pollinizer; for Salem, the Concord; and for Herbert and Lindley, any of the varieties, Concord, Worden, Niagara, Campbell.

Replace Poor Sorts With Good Varieties.

In established vineyards where there are large blocks of the self-sterile Rogers' varieties and consequent poor crops, every third or fourth row should be removed and replaced with Concord, Niagara or similar self-fertile varieties. Further information will gladly be given to those requesting same.—Hort. Exp. Station, Vineland Station.

Suffering from serious injuries to his stomach which he received on Saturday evening when he fell from the top of a haystack on to the prongs of a pitchfork, Jack Streib, a 12-year-old lad who lives near Rodney, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, London. The lad was working with others on the top of the haystack when he fell face down a distance of about ten feet. The prongs of the fork penetrated to the inner walls of the stomach. The boy is in a serious condition.

Two landlords in Woodstock were fined \$5 and costs for failure to place stamps on receipts.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Alexander McKillop, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the Statutes in that behalf, that all persons having claims against the estate of Alexander McKillop, late of the Village of Dutton, in the County of Elgin, deceased, who died on or about the seventh day of December, A.D. 1923, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned, Solicitor for Executors, full particulars of their claims properly verified by affidavit, on or before the third day of March, 1924.

And take notice that after the last-mentioned date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which they shall then have received notice, and will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof, to any person whose claim they shall not then have received notice of.

Dated at Dutton, Ontario, this 2nd day of February, A.D. 1924.

ARCHIBALD F. McKILLOP, Executors.

JOHN A. McKILLOP, Executors.

By STUART C. KIRKLAND, Their Solicitor, Dutton, Ontario.

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Valentine Day

Feb. 14th  
Valentine Greeting Cards and Postcards  
A Big Variety from 1 cent up  
Valentine Paper Napkins and Crepe Paper  
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HOCKEY

McClary's Win in Close Game

One of the most gruelling games seen here this winter was played at the Princess Arena on Wednesday evening, when McClary's team from London defeated the local sextet by the score of 5 to 2. Both teams played brilliantly, which enticed a large turnout of hockey fans.

"Chuck" Law, after a few minutes of play in the opening period, scored for the locals and before the period ended "Butch" Walker also scored, while R. McKay, London's star centre, chalked up one to the visitors' credit, making the score 2-1. In this period the locals outclassed the visitors in many ways, but both teams furnished a brand of hockey of a high calibre.

In the second "Chuck" Law netted two goals, making it three for him, while the visitors also scored two and the period ended with the locals one out in front. This was a rough session and Referee Bambridge was obliged to hand out two penalties to the visitors.

Arnold Crawford was the only member of the locals that was able to score in the last period, while the visitors tallied three—enough to win. The combination of the visitors was the downfall of the locals in this period.

The Line up:

London Dutton  
McLean goal Snell  
A. McKay defence Affleck  
Hudmarsh defence Saunders  
R. McKay centre Crawford  
McKinnon wing Law  
L. McKay wing Walker  
Subs—Beli, Reichheld.

Dutton and West Lorne Juniors Play Overtime Game

West Lorne and Dutton played a fast junior hockey game here on Saturday night, the score at the end of the regular period being 2 to 2. Twenty minutes overtime failed to break the tie. The line up:

West Lorne—McDonald, goal; Thompson and A. McKillop, defence; Schram, centre; J. D. McKillop and Walker, wings; R. McKillop, sub.  
Dutton—Ford, goal; Smith and Malone, defence; Giddy, centre; Brown and Dabrick, wings; McWilliam, sub. Referee, Affleck.

"Puck-Offs"

No doubt you have heard oodles of alibis that the seniors are handing out these days. It is hoped they don't think this will lead us to believe they won Wednesday night's game. What say ye, folks?

Roy McKay is about as peaceable as Europe at a hockey game. Many of the locals fell prey to the lad's checking.

"Chuck" Law scored three goals. This would win any ordinary hockey game. Gordon is now in bed suffering from an injured knee which he hurt in the last period when he had an encounter with McKay. Study the Emile Coue scheme, "Chuck," for there is another game in the offing.

Don Snell, who guards the nets for the locals, stopped plenty of prospective goals in the last period. If he had stopped just two more of the 100,000 shots directed at him he would have won the game.

That old adage, "It is a long lane that has no turning," must apply to hockey games, too. It is hoped the locals have made the whole turn.

A cough is a warning that you need

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New Gingham, Anderson's, Scotch and Zephyrs ..... 45c 50c

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Checks and Plaids in variety of colors, some of which are mauve and white, yellow and white, red and white, black and white, orange and white, blue and white, 32 and 36 in. wide. Also the new plain colors with hairline stripe of contrasting colors, forming check, 32 in. wide.

THE LATEST IN VOILES

A the Beadora stripes. These are a very fine French voile with satin stripes, in colors of orchard, pearl grey, larragon, copen, navy and black, 40 in. wide, per yard ..... \$1.50

Beadora Voiles, without stripe, in colors of whirlpool, lavender, almond, green, apricot, navy, black, 40 in. wide, per yd ..... \$1.50

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CREPES

All wool crepe, much in demand for spring, leading shades, 42 in. wide, yd .... \$1.50

Silk and wool crepe, 42 in. wide, shades of sand rose, copen and black ..... \$2.50

Brocade silk and wool crepe, suitable for spring and summer dresses, in opal, sand and black, 36 in. wide ..... \$2.00

Bark crepe, a rich lustrous material, 40 in, shades of sand, grey and larragon ..... \$3.00

PURE IRISH LINENS

For the summer, shrunk, all the shades of rose, blue, almond and natural, yd. . 90c

Cotton brocade crepes, 40 in. wide, orchard, rose and sand, yard ..... \$1.50

The finest of bridal cloth, nainsook, cambric, longcloth and embroidery cotton just arrived. Prices per yard from ..... 30c to 50c

Athletic check dimity, suitable for underwear in pink and white, yd ..... 45c

Mull for underwear, in white, pink, blue, yd ..... 45c

Our First Shipment of Society Brand Clothes for Spring Has Arrived

You have always expected something that is new. The Society Brand suits for spring are that we have ever shown, both for style and quality. You know the difference. Now and then you see a suit that is different. It stands out. It is the class suit that you like to wear. You know the difference between such a suit and the ordinary. It is in the cut. offer you Society Brand Clothes because they are famous for their cut. There is a great variety of models and fabrics here and you are certain to find exactly what you like.

Salt's Blue Majestic Serge, in three models, stripe or blue or black ground.

English Cut Tweeds that are very new for this season.

We can save you at least \$5.00 on Society Brand Clothes on city prices for the same merchandise.

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New stripe and check pattern Shirts, with starch collar, very popular, all sizes ..... 2.00

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All Overcoats--25 Off

Some Special Bargains Left from Our Winter Sale

The T. Hockin Company, Limited

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