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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

## PLATFORM FOR UNITED FARM WOMEN HAS IMPORTANT PLANKS

President Urges Members to Stand on Own Resources.—Plans Made to Strengthen Organization.

### IMPORTANT PAPERS PRESENTED

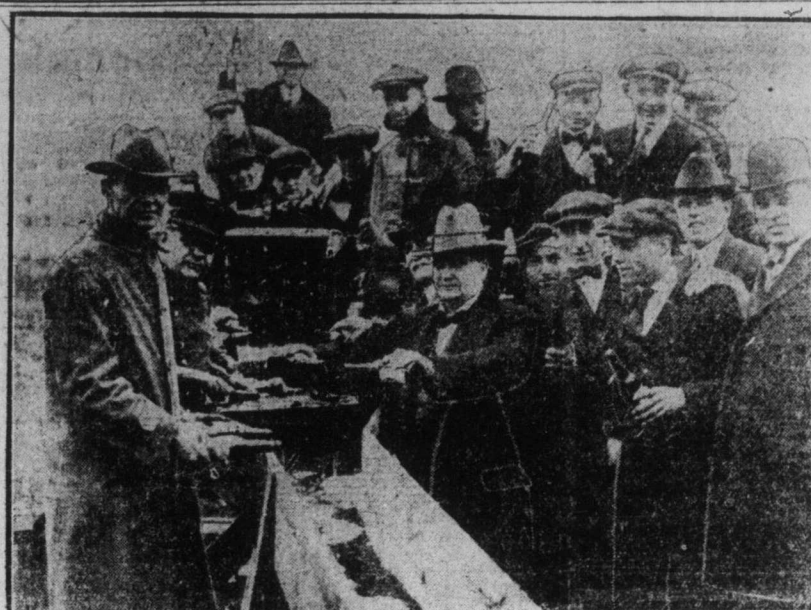
(Special to the Record.)

Toronto, Dec. 17.—An address of welcome by the President, Mrs. George A. Brodie, of Newmarket, opened the afternoon session today of the United Farm Women of Ontario. The meeting then proceeded to business and nominated officers for the ensuing year.

"Ways and means of keeping the young people on the farms" was discussed at length by the delegates present. Mrs. David Annis of Woodville gave an address on the "Ultimate height of farm women aspirations," while a report on the work of neglected children was given by Miss Ada B. Currie, of Gravelly. Miss W.N. Glenn, of Hensall, spoke on the problem of community help and Mrs. George Henry Wilson, of Georgetown, on "Character building."

"The personal responsibility of our women members towards our organization is chiefly a work of education," said Mrs. Brodie, in her presidential address. "The only way we can make ourselves and our new organization strong is to stand on our own resources. In the past we women have been more or less led by government officials sent out to teach us and we have been followers. But the time has come when we must branch out and stand on our own initiative."

"We cannot be strong unless we are sufficient unto ourselves." The main points in the platform of the United Farm Women of Ontario are: Betterment of schools in rural sections; provision in social centres, whereby farm women may exchange ideas; opportunities for self-expression; Co-operation with farm people for better conditions on farms; to organize women 100 per cent. and so raise the farm women in public esteem.



HOW BOOZE WAS DESTROYED WHEN ZION CITY WENT DRY.—Thousands of bottles of 275 per cent. beer were destroyed at Zion City, Ill., recently, by order of the U. S. Federal authorities. The authorities are here shown pouring the contents of the bottles into a specially constructed runway leading into the river. The bottles were saved and were sold for \$3,000.

## FARMERS SURE OF SUCCESS IN NEXT DOMINION ELECTION

U.F.O. Expect Grain Growers to Swamp Western Provinces.—Halbert to Occupy Cross Benches as Low Tariff Man.

### ROWELL NOT ACCEPTABLE TO FARMERS.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—No matter who is elected as the new Dominion Premier, the trend of opinion among Ontario Farmers attending the U. F. O. conference in Massey Hall is that there will follow a disruption which will bring on a Federal election in the near future.

None of the Farmers doubt their ability to win the Federal House. With complacency they point to the Western Provinces, in which it is predicted the Grain Growers and Farmers will sweep everything before them. And the incentive given by Ontario Farmers, in winning the Provincial election, to Farmers of other Provinces to vote "Farmer" is nothing more than a consideration of revenue. I am not a free trader."

## BUSINESS BEFORE POLITICS

Toronto, Dec. 17.—"U.F.O. delegates, this is an annual meeting, not a political convention, govern your remarks accordingly."

This intimation is displayed prominently to-day at Massey Hall where the U.F.O. met this morning for the first session of their sixth annual convention, but it is conceded that notwithstanding this slogan the convention will take unto itself an ambitious responsibility with respect to the politics of the Province of Ontario, if not for the whole Dominion of Canada.

About 2,500 delegates, representing a membership of 45,000, were present.

## TAX CITIES FOR ROAD BUILDING IN THE COUNTRY

### DRURY APPROVES THE PLAN

(Special to the Record.)

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Legislation requiring cities and towns to contribute the same rate of taxation for the construction and maintenance of good roads as is paid by urban municipalities in the counties concerned was urged on Premier Drury and W.A. McLean, Deputy Minister of Highways, by a deputation from Welland county council to-day. The Premier expressed the hope that the request for the deputation might be embodied in legislation to be enacted at the first session of the New House.

The deputation held a further conference on the same subject with Hon. F.C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works and Highways, this afternoon. They also interviewed Hon. W.E. Rancey, Attorney General, with regard to proposed changes in the Municipal Act, asking for a clearer interpretation of the amount which villages and other urban municipalities should be compelled to pay toward the construction of bridges, culverts and other public works within the confines of a police village. The deputation pointed out that the principle that cities and towns should contribute to good roads in urban municipalities should bind the latter to contribute to police villages.

New York Market Commissioner ordered 50,000 live chickens held for two days before being sent because they had been fed food containing gravel to increase their weight.

## HOW MUCH WILL YOU BID

Next Saturday afternoon when you pass the street car corner do not fail to help the 'soap box orator.' His appeal to sell you something will not be selfish but humanitarian. Your attention to his offer will cause a sense of self-satisfaction over the thought of having done something for the kiddies.

The salesmen will be young business men of the city who have set the ball a-rolling, all for the benefit of the children so that Christmas cheer can be brought to them from the citizens as a whole. As good things for every child who may come to the Christmas tree is the objective, money, and still more money will be needed. The opportunity of helping in the cause cannot be impressed to strongly upon the reader. Contributions of big proportions, where the figures of bills and checks run high up into two and three figures as well as smaller donations are necessary. In order to be familiar with the plan to be followed readers are urged to watch the big press notices that will appear in the Record on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

As far as the street campaign is concerned the young business men will have 38 of themselves on the streets Saturday afternoon in the downtown section. Their attire and decoration will make them readily visible to the passerby. The soap box will be there and the appeal to the citizens passing to donate something for the sake of Christmas cheer which is to radiate from the Community Christmas tree in all directions in the city, will be in the form of a request from the 'boys,' to buy a newspaper in which the loftiness of bringing cheer to others, will be emphasized. Liberal amounts for these newspapers are expected. But the highest bidder in every case will win. The higher the bid the greater the amount that will go from the pocket of the buyer to the noble cause of Christmas cheer. "So let her go. How much do you bid? Think now and the answer will be quick and fulsome at the soap-box on Saturday."

More about this later. Watch the notices in the Record. This evening a mass meeting of the representatives of all organizations will be held.

## SARNIA HOPES FOR LUCKY THIRTEEN

SARNIA, Dec. 17.—The whole city is taking a chance on number thirteen. Residents to-night sit muffled up in overcoats and wondering if 13 will be lucky. Even some municipal politicians are wondering about the significance of that 13.

This 13 is the number of the latest gas well shot in the Dover gas fields. It is a gas well, Sarnia's gas supply is assured. If it fails, Sarnia is about to remain muffled up.

The political end comes because of the fuel situation. The Labor members ask for an investigation into gas affairs. With an overwhelming supply of gas that plank might be worthless, and Sarnia could take off its overcoat in the house.

## CANADIAN BOAT CAUGHT IN ICE

QUEBEC, Dec. 17.—The steamer Canadian Recruit, one of the new Merchant Marine fleet of Canada built in Canadian yards, is drifting in a heavy ice field near the St. Lawrence River, not far from the Saguenay.

The Canadian Recruit left Quebec harbor shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning, laden with grain and general cargo for overseas. All went well until late in the evening, when she was caught in an ice field and unable to extricate herself.

The C.G.S. Icebreaker Champlain, on the winter ferry service between Riviere Ouelle and Murray Bay, has gone to help the Recruit.

## CANNOT PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN GOODS

No Reference to Boze Shipments, Just a Judgment in British Courts.

London, Dec. 17.—The Government was declared by Justice Sir John Sankey of the Kings Bench Division to-day to possess no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods. Therefore a proclamation to this effect was invalid and illegal, the judgment is considered one of most important ever rendered against the Government.

A Keene, N. H., woman seeking divorce, says her husband went to bed with boots and overalls on.

## THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Choice Between Meighen or Rowell.—End of Union Government in Sight.—Nation Slave of Corporations.

(Vancouver Sun.)

"The new leader will find his position weakened at the start! All this, as apart from the question who will have Sir Robert Borden's mantle. Sir Thomas White, apparently, could have it if he would take it, but if he ever had any ambition in that direction he is understood to have renounced it. The name of Hon. J. A. Calder is mentioned, but the idea is merely absurd. Mr. Calder is an able man in his way, but his reputation is too much like that of Hon. Robert Rogers. The choice is, therefore, practically reduced to Arthur Meighen and Hon. N. W. Rowell."

(Calgary Albertan.)

"Whether Sir Robert Borden retires from the Premiership or not, or whether he is succeeded by Sir Thomas White or Mr. Meighen, one of whom is his logical successor, or by someone else, matters but little. The Union Government is destined for a short life under any leadership. The farmers' movement has captured the country, and the Union Government, even with the support of Parliament, has not the confidence of the people."

## ALIENS WANT TO LEAVE COUNTRY

May Have to Spend Winter in Montreal.

### 500 REPORT IN TWO DAYS

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—A rush of aliens to Montreal for the winter has set in. The prospect of a declaration of peace in the near future has caused hundreds of aliens in Canada, to swarm to this port, in the hope of getting back to their native countries.

Transportation companies operating between the West and this city announce heavy traffic in this class of passengers. In two days at least 500 people from points in the Prairie Provinces reported to the Registrar of Aliens.

It is very likely that most of the aliens arriving will be compelled to spend the winter here, although ready to spend large sums to get through. Many of them have families in the war-deolated districts, and have had no news for years from their people. If forced to remain here, police authorities fear, after they have spent their funds, they will create unrest.

## MESSED MASSACRE NEVER OCCURRED

Report Was a Part of Bolshevik Propaganda.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Official denial of the report circulated by Russian Bolsheviks that hostile Persians had massacred a British garrison of three hundred men at Messed, Persia, was made by the War Office to-day. The announcement stated that report had been repeated to the War Office without comment by the officer commanding at Messed three days after alleged destruction of himself and his command.

It is declared by officials that the report was obviously Bolshevik propaganda intended to stir up trouble in the East, particularly in India, by persuading natives that such massacres were easily possible.

The Bolsheviks have been making unusual efforts to spread revolutionary propaganda in India in the hope of starting a revolution, and they have also working assiduously to the same end in Afghanistan.

An Iowa sheriff wasn't sure it was wood alcohol he had seized and tested it with a match. He will recover. A New Jersey farmer left \$100,000 by his father can neither read, write nor count. A jury found him unfitted to care for his property.

## VIENNA TO HAVE BREAD AND FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

Paris, Dec. 17.—Vienna will have bread for Christmas, as a result of the measures taken by the Supreme Council for the relief of Austria. It is expected the first effort to carry out the plan will be to secure the immediate transportation of quantities of food in Italy and Serbia, which have already been paid for by Austria, but which have been held up by the shortage of transportation facilities. Included in these stores are 30,000 tons of food lying at Trieste.

The delivery of what is already due Austria will carry her to about January 20, and the Supreme Council decided to arrange immediately for further shipments that will feed the country until the end of April. This will give Austria an opportunity to provide for her needs until the next harvest.

This arrangement was fully agreed upon in principle by the Council, but it remains to find the money with which to carry it out, and it is understood the United States will be asked to furnish \$100,000,000, which Dr. Reuter to-day asked the Council to loan to Austria.

Hungary Austrian children to the number of 25,000 have reached Italy by special train from Vienna, and others are on their way, to accept the hospitality of northern Italian cities, which have offered food from their limited supplies to the starving offspring of their recent enemies. Milan and Bergamo are the receiving centres for the little Austrians.

## Xmas Program at St. Jerome's

The Christmas entertainment put on by St. Jerome's Literary and Dramatic Society on Tuesday evening, December 16th, was of the very highest order. The College Auditorium was crowded, and the audience saw one of the best, if not the best, amateur entertainments ever offered in this city.

Mr. H. J. Brick, accompanied by Miss Schriener, gave an excellent solo, "Tears." His clever rendering of this piece won him rounds of applause and he gave as an encore, "Oh, What a Pal Was Mary."

The next number on the program was a play entitled, "That Friendly Football Game." The scene was Harry Sherwood's room in Barton College. He is secretly engaged to Evelyn Easton, a Vernon College girl, sister of his chum, Charles Easton. Major Sherwood, Harry's father, objects to his son's football proclivities and abhors women.

He visits Harry's rooms unexpectedly just after the latter has left to engage in the final game of the season. Harry's fiancée, Evelyn, manages to keep the Major in the College, although continually interrupted by Michael (the man of all work) who reports how the game is going. "The major eventually gets suspicious and gets to the football grounds just in time to see his son score the winning goal. He is so jubilant over this that he allows Harry to marry Evelyn."

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The second part of the program was opened by a number of humorous songs, put on by a quartette consisting of Messrs. H. Eicheldinger, H. Brick, Wm. Morrison, Wm. Hennessy. These songs were well rendered and the crowd applauded the performers warmly.

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## BORDEN ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY LEAVES PUBLIC LIFE FOR GOOD

News Leaked Out Too Soon to Suit Ministers.—If no Caucus Called Before Session, Government Will be Greatly Embarrassed.

### DISMAL FUTURE FOR UNIONISTS.

(Special to the Record.)

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—An announcement to the public is expected from Sir Robert Borden to-day. This will declare definitely his decision to retire and will set forth his reasons for doing so together with his wishes as to the future reconstruction.

Suggestions as to his taking a temporary rest and coming back for a final consideration of matters may be set aside. The Premier is convinced that such a course can work good neither for himself nor the country. He will clean things up before he goes and leave with his mind unburdened by the future.

What might be regarded as a premature announcement of the Premier's retirement created considerable excitement among the members of the cabinet. The suspicion is expressed that there has been a leak somewhere, though to any one who has followed the course of events at Ottawa for the past fortnight, the important development was inevitable.

It has been suggested that the calling of a caucus, be deferred until the session opens. It is argued, much expense would be saved to the members and senators. On the other hand it is pointed out that if the government is not reconstructed before the session, it will meet Parliament leaderless and with the Treasury benches almost empty. Upon the election of a leader and the reconstruction of the Cabinet will very much depend the future of Union Government.

PEACE BY CHRISTMAS  
PARIS, Dec. 17.—An effective peace by Christmas is the hope of the Supreme Council, following the consideration of the German note on the signing of the protocol. The arrival of the Germans' technical experts in Paris and the substance of the German reply are considered as justifying this hope. Little now remains to be settled except technical details, which may easily be arranged by the experts.

Millionaire Janitor. The scene was the Professor of the College's room, and the hero of the piece was the janitor, Herman Schmalz. The part of the janitor was acted to perfection by A. A. Eicheldinger and the students taking the parts of Prof. Flogg and Harold Jennings particularly distinguished themselves. The whole play was good and the unexpected ending in which the millionaire janitor proves to be no millionaire caps the climax of a brilliant evening.

"The Millionaire Janitor" Dramatis Personae  
Prof. Flogg Prefect.....W. R. Kribbs  
Herman Schmalz.....A. A. Eicheldinger  
Major H. Jennings, Harold's father.....Wm. J. Hennessy  
Harold Jennings.....J. Kirk  
Jubbs.....P. J. Ryan  
Skinner, Nobody's Friend.....T. M. Holly  
Horatio de Alger, Studios Student.....J. C. Tierney  
Students—G. Matheson, G. Murphy, P. Wrigley, M. A. Harrington, T. Ralph, C. Furlong, G. Case.

Time—Present.  
Scene—Apartment in College.

HIGH EXCHANGE  
BARS AMERICANS  
New York, Dec. 17.—Exchange rates in the pound sterling continued its upward course to-day. Demand bills were quoted at \$3.82, or three to four cents above yesterday's close. New York funds on Canada were quoted to-day at seven and one quarter per cent. premium.

GOLD FOR CUSTOMS DUTIES  
PARIS, Dec. 17.—The German claim in connection with the settlement of the peace terms was again before the Supreme Council to-day. The Council reached the unanimous decision to permit Germany to collect customs duties in gold.

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