

DEPOPULATION OF RURAL DISTRICTS UNDER DEBATE

Resolution and Amendment of Nelson Parliament Voted Down and Motion Praising the Government is Passed.

(Toronto Globe)

Representatives of rural constituencies and a few others, of all shades of political color—Conservatives, Liberals and United Farmers—had a field day in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Nelson, Parliament, the Liberal member for Prince Edward, started the ball rolling when he moved a resolution expressing the opinion of the House that a non-partisan committee should be appointed by the Government to inquire into the conditions which account for the continuous diminution of rural population in the Province. The debate commenced about four o'clock in the afternoon; it continued until almost midnight. Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Agriculture, replied to Mr. Parliament, and introduced an amendment congratulating the farmers upon their splendid services during the last few years and expressing the opinion that a Commission during these abnormal times was not necessary. Mr. T. H. Regan of South Wentworth introduced an amendment to the amendment, congratulating the Government on its record and encouraging it in its efforts to deal with the rural community.

About midnight Mr. A. E. Donovan of Brockville concluded the debate from the Government benches. During the course of the evening there were only a handful of members in attendance. At one time the House almost adjourned automatically. At the conclusion of an address by Mr. G. E. Vantrone Mr. Allan St. Holmes drew attention to the fact that there was no quorum. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson replied that there were the necessary twenty members present. Mr. Studholme doubted it, but just then two members sauntered in and the debate proceeded.

On division the amendment to the amendment was carried by the Government supporters, likewise the amendment.

Rural Depopulation

Mr. Parliament, in speaking to his resolution, quoted extensively from the Government blue book of the Bureau of Industries and the Dominion Royal Commission report of some time ago to substantiate his claim that there had been depopulation in the rural districts. He explained that he did not intend to criticize the Department of Agriculture for the expenditures it had made. "The decline in rural population in recent years was most alarming. From 1901 to 1913 the rural population in Ontario had decreased by about 152,000. During the same period urban population increased by about 92,000. The population of rural Ontario is today more than 110,000 less than it was 40 years ago. These were some of the reasons he argued that a Commission should be appointed to make an investigation.

"Great care should be taken in the matter of immigration into the Province. Efforts should be made to secure the very best class of people. The depopulation is more serious than is generally thought, declared the member for Prince Edward. He also referred to the fewer pupils attending rural schools. In 1881 in Prince Edward county country schools there were 4,331 pupils in attendance; in 1918 the number has decreased to 1,996. He believed that the principal reason for the fewer people being in the country was that the young men and women were migrating to the urban centres and not that the families were smaller. He believed there should be one agricultural school in each county which would be a demonstration farm. Instead of having one well-qualified district representative, there would then be 200 or 300 young persons well qualified in farm matters. In Ontario there are 50,000,000 acres of arable land, 23,000,000 acres occupied and only 14,000,000 acres unoccupied.

Mr. Henry Replies

Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Agriculture, replied to the Prince Edward member. A number of years ago a South Oxford Opposition member had asked for a Commission. His constituents did not agree with him and he had not returned to the House. The Minister wondered if a similar fate was awaiting Mr. Parliament. All but one of the Ontario counties had district representatives. It had been said that there should be a Commission to investigate immigration matters. That was not necessary. There was a well-defined policy that the Dominion Government had evolved, with which the Provincial Department was in accord. As soon as the soldiers were repatriated from overseas it would be carried out.

The previous speaker would have the House believe the country was in the decline. Figures prepared by an official of his department showed this was not the case. During four years of the war 560,000 acres had been taken under crop. "We are not going backward; we are going forward," declared the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Parliament interjected to say that he had quoted the figures of population from the official Government reports.

During the last year there had been a record yield in the grain crops. "There had not at any time in the history of the Province been cultivation of the soil than we have at the present time," declared the Minister.

The country was still on a war basis so far as conditions were concerned. "Our prices are going to stay up. The cost of production is going to stay up. It can't come down immediately."

Conditions Abnormal

Hon. Mr. Henry said he was glad the farmers were doing better, as previously one of the handicaps had been the shortage of capital. If a report were made by a Commission at present it should show that conditions are abnormal, which will not be permanent. If a Commission were of any use it would be in normal times.

The speaker in conclusion, moved an amendment expressing the satisfaction of the House that over 500,000 more acres were cropped by the farmers during the war period than in a like period before the war; also expressing thanks to the farmers for their splendid work and expressing the opinion that an examination of the present abnormal times by a Commission would not prove of any great value.

Mr. T. Regan, Conservative member for South Wentworth, followed the Minister. He believed that conditions would readjust themselves when the high wages paid in the city became a thing of the past. Meanwhile farm production was on the increase everywhere and the Department of Agriculture was giving splendid encouragement. He moved an amendment to the amendment commending and encouraging the Government in its efforts to improve conditions in rural Ontario, socially, educationally and in every other way.

Mr. Beniah Bowman, U.F.O. member for Manitowish, supported the resolution moved by Mr. Parliament. He said he did not intend to criticize the Government, but he wanted to know more about the depopulation matter. He reiterated the statement of Mr. Parliament that there had been a decrease in the number of people in the country. The farmers worked harder than any population and produced 70 per cent. of the wealth of the Province. The farmer worked harder than any other class. The farmers did not want protection but they wanted the other fellow brought down to the same level. If the farmers were making so much money he wondered why more of the wealthy men did not go to the farms to increase their savings.

Investigation Needed

Mr. J. W. Widdifield, the other U.F.O. member in the House also joined in the debate. He was confident his constituents would back him up in supporting the resolution by Mr. Parliament. The situation demanded an investigation. Asked by Hon. Mr. Macdormid if the county of Ontario would want to back down on the Provincial highway which passed through that riding Mr. Widdifield replied that the township through which the highway passed had favored it and those in the back townships were against it. He commended the Government for the educational propaganda carried on by the department and for the system of district representatives. However, he believed that one of the things a Commission would find was that there was not harmony between the Agricultural Department and the farmers. He believed if the Education and Agriculture Departments

were to co-operate it would greatly improve the agricultural conditions.

Auction Sale!

E. R. DeLong, Lot 5, Con. 2, Huff's Island, Prince Edward County, will offer for sale by PUBLIC AUCTION live stock and implements on Thursday, April 24th, 1919 AT 1:30 SHARP NORMAN MONTGOMERY, AUCTIONEER.

Opposing Fixing Wheat Prices

Mr. J. C. Elliott, of West Middlesex criticized the fixing of wheat prices. He expressed disappointment that the Department of Agriculture had not seen fit to appoint a Commission as requested. Commissions are being appointed to do all kinds of things and yet none was authorized to investigate this important matter. He likened Hon. Mr. Henry to the man who, falling from a fifth-story window, observed as he passed the third story, "I'm all right so far." The amendments to the resolution might satisfy the Government members, but they would not satisfy the people of the Province, he declared.

Others who took part in the debate late in the evening were Messrs. I. F. Hilliard of Dundas, Mr. Gustave Evanturel of Prescott, Mr. J. R. Dargay of Leeds, Mr. T. R. Atkinson of North Norfolk, and Mr. A. E. Donovan of Brockville.

Early in the day the bill relating to consolidated schools was given second reading. Hon. Dr. Cody introduced a bill making certain amendments to the school laws. Most of the changes are affecting local districts, although one of them is to permit the Minister to appoint inspectors to make a survey in the schools for medical and dental purposes. Hon. Mr. McGarry introduced a bill relating to the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission; the purpose of which had to do with bookkeeping methods.

Passed Away Overseas

Kingston, April 16.—Word was received in the city this morning of the death of Pte. John Collins, a member of the 5th Division, C.E.F. The deceased contracted a severe cold some weeks ago which rapidly developed pneumonia and on the morning of the 30th of March he passed away in the General Hospital at Camiers, France.

The late Pte. Collins enlisted at the outbreak of the war and has been in the service ever since. His commanding officer was loud in his praise for this soldier and it is believed that he was to be recommended for the Military Medal just before his death. He is survived by his wife, who resides at Picton, two sons, John and Joseph and two daughters, Mrs. Hubbard, Toronto, and Mrs. Bloomfield of Winnipeg. In addition to his immediate family he leaves two sisters and one brother Mrs. J. Powers of this city is a sister. The surviving family are extended the sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances in their sad bereavement.

Seventeen Peterboro Families Leave For Old Country

At least seventeen families in Peterboro are returning to England to reside in the course of the next month, apparently on account of the labor situation, as most have stated they expect to be able to secure work in their home land quicker than in Canada. At the C.P.R. office about thirty grown people have taken passage to sail during the St. Lawrence season and this represents about ten families. The balance are sailing by the G.T.R. service. From one house on Union street the aged father, his two daughters, their husbands and children left recently.—Examiner.

Lindsay Company is Incorporated

Letters patent have been issued by the Provincial Secretary for the incorporation of the following company with the following provisional directors:

John Anderson, Ltd., head office, Lindsay; provisional directors, Jean Rankin Anderson, James Sylvester Mackey and John William Anderson.

Bog on Kingston Road

Whitby, April 16.—A run over the Kingston road from Toronto to Whitby this morning shows several springy spots in Pickering, but none of them comparable to the half-mile next west of the piece of pavement in Scarborough finished last season. This is an absolute wallow. Two cars are abandoned—the one about the middle and the other with a smashed wheel at its westerly limit. Just east of the Highland Creek corners. Through Pickering the split log traps are at work with fine results, wherever there is a bad spot. Nothing is being done on the Scarborough section because the Ontario Highways Department are not responsible for the Scarborough condition. This has been brought conspicuously before the reading people by the advertising of the Highways Department for tenders to surface and finish the Kingston road eastwards to Whitby from the county line at the westerly Rouge River Hill where York and Ontario counties come together. Not a tap has been done since last summer on the Scarborough portion. The Government have yet a duty to perform by taking over the Kingston road through the township of Scarborough. When the concession line is opened up connecting the Kingston road with Danforth avenue and the Bloor street viaduct it will cut off more than five miles on round trips between city and country eastward.

Deserter Convicted and Fined \$250

Kingston, April 16.—Joseph Cooper of Springbrook, Hastings County, was convicted as a deserter by Police Magistrate Bradshaw and sentenced to a fine of \$250 and costs, or six months in jail.

Has World Record Butter Production

Peterboro, April 16.—At the Holstein show here it was announced that the cow owned by J. B. Ham-

mer, Norwich, Ont., which has just completed a seven day test for the record of merit, has established a world record for butter production by yielding in the seven days milk capable of producing 51.92 lbs of butter, her highest yield of milk for one day while under this test being 114 lbs. This performance results in Canada holding the world's records for both milk and butter production, the milk record being held by May Echo, Sylvia, the property of A. C. Hardy, of Brockville, with a yield of 152 lbs. of milk in one day. When the announcement of the latest world record by a Holstein was made, the crowd at the sales ring "raised the roof" with cheers.

Had Miraculous Escape

Four workmen who were engaged on a building for E. E. Wathen, of Kingston, had a miraculous escape from death this week. The building which was being moved was "jacked" up when something went wrong and it collapsed. Four of the workmen were under it at the time and managed to make their escape. People who witnessed the affair, stated that it was certainly a very close call for the men.

Gen. Williams Has Busy Time

Brig-Gen. V. S. Williams returned from Peterboro Friday evening accompanied by Major McManus, district adjutant. While in Peterboro Gen. Williams opened the automobile show in the armories. He met the officers of the 57th Regiment, and discussed reorganization. On Thursday morning he met the dependents of soldiers, addressed the Ladies' Patriotic Society, and inspected the armories and the 57th band. In the evening he addressed returned soldiers in the G.W.V.A. rooms. The general attended a reception to overseas officers and their friends, including officers of the 57th, members of the city council and Board of Trade. On Friday morning he visited the soldiers' graves at the cemeteries.

Arrested at Napanee

Word was received in Kingston Saturday to the effect that a man named Frank Simmons had been arrested at Napanee in connection with a liquor case in Kingston. Sgt. James Bateson went to Napanee on Saturday morning to bring the accused to Kingston for trial. Simmons is wanted in connection with the seizure of liquor Sgt. Arnel and Constable John Nayton made recently at a home on Stephen street, when they corralled six bottles in a chimney.

A Remedy for Bilious Headache

To those subject to bilious headache, Farnese's Vegetable Pills are recommended as the way to speedy relief. Taken according to directions they will subdue irregularities of the stomach and so act upon the nerves and blood vessels that the pains in the head will cease. There are few pills so potent to relieve biliousness and familiar with its attendant evils. Yet none need suffer with these pills at hand.

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CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

The regular monthly meeting of the above society was held in the Y.M.C.A. lecture hall yesterday afternoon when a splendid attendance of the members of the society and board were present which showed the great interest which is being taken in the welfare of the children who need care and protection.

Inspector Ruston presented the report of the monthly finance and audit committee they having pre-vious to the board met and audited and passed the accounts for the month. A total expenditure of \$580.50, and in the absence of the treasurer, Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, who was out of the city, he read the treasurer's report which was very favorable. Inspector Ruston gave his report in regard to his work, showing that six children had been made wards of the Shelter during the month, one had been lost through death, one had been removed to Victoria Industrial School, one removed to Orillia Hospital for feeble minded and that he had placed six wards out during the month and also he satisfactory explained fully the case of one family which had caused some little comment.

Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Holmes presented their reports respectively for the clothing and maintenance which showed a great deal of labor and thought which had been spent cheerfully by them to help on the work of the Shelter.

Mrs. Gribble, convener, of the sewing committee presented her report. The sewing committee under her splendid direction had made 13 pinafores, 12 gowns, 3 boy's shirts, 4 pairs of pants, 8 under garments, 3 feeders and 8 sheets. There were 30 garments out that were not finished and there were also cut out ready for making 8 pairs of pants, 3 boy's shirts and 22 gowns. This committee meets every Thursday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. lecture hall and they are doing a grand work. The sewing committee has never, for some considerable time, been so well attended and interest manifested in this particular branch of the work of the Shelter. Mrs. Gribble gives a hearty invitation on behalf of the Children's Shelter, to any lady who can possibly arrange to meet at the Y.M.C.A. this Thursday, 2:30 to 5, or any other Thursday afternoon when convenient and if unable to stay and sew she would be delighted to give them goods to take home and make up for the little ones.

Mr. Nukent presented the report of the executive committee which had met twice during the month and had transacted a great deal of business, carrying out changes which were found necessary for the well being of the work of the society in the recommendation of the Provincial Inspector's report. Seeing that the matron, Mrs. Cattell was leaving at the end of the present month they had decided to engage Mrs. Price, a graduate nurse of St. Lawrence Hospital and also a post-graduate in obstetrics and pediatrics of the Hospital of Good Shepherd and who was coming to the services of the board very highly recommended and they felt they were now obtaining a thorough, practical and efficient matron and that the children and the society would be greatly benefited thereby and they engaged a married couple to take on the work of janitor, cook and laundress. The several reports were received and adopted unanimously.

It was also desired to be known that the office of the Children's Aid Society was at 232 Church St. and

that any inquiries in regard to children in the shelter or any complaints in regard to treatment or neglect of children by parents or guardians be made to the inspector, Mr. Ruston at the Society's office or phone No. 544.

Donations: 1 case, per River Valley, W.I., containing, 3 Buster Brown suits, 1 crib quilt, 1 child's undershirt, 2 waists, 3 combinations, 22 aprons; 1 doz. towels, per Bay-side W.I.; Roslin Red Cross, 3 dresses, 1 child's coat, 1 petticoat; Stockdale W.I., 1 quilt; Kitchener Red Cross, 6 combinations; miscellaneous, 1 dozen combinations, 1/2 doz. boy's shirts; 5 petticoats, 2 skirts red yarn; 2 night gowns, 5 waists; 6 prs. stockings; 1 pair red slippers; 1 girl's slip; 1 quilt; 2 towels; 4 pillow cases; 1 sheet; Mrs. Clifford Walker, toys and cut sheet; Argyle Chapter, 48 handkerchiefs; Quinte Rebekah Lodge, sandwiches, clothing and cake; A Friend, parcel of clothing; 41 Pine St., books; Mrs. E. McCormick, maple syrup and cards; St. Andrew's Church, meat and potatoes; Women's Red Cross and Patriotic Association, 5 garments; Miss Falkner, \$1.00, spent in cake for the children; Dr. Faulkner, Thurlow Red Cross, books fruit, toys, maple syrup and quilt; West Huntingdon Red Cross Society, quantity of wool, per Mrs. Post; Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson, cookies Mrs. Geo. Perry, \$3.00; Iroquois Maids, per Miss K. Diamond, \$10; mite bag collection, per Miss Lazler, \$7.

The board of management gratefully acknowledge the above splendid donations to the shelter during the month of March and they sincerely trust that others will emulate their example.

M. W. Mott,
Rec. Secretary.

Parliament is to Meet on New Time

The Action Following the Judgment of the Railway Commission.

Ottawa, April 16.—The dominion railway commission has decided that the railway acted for public safety and convenience in adopting the daylight saving time in conformity with the United States. Following the judgment of the Railway Commission parliament has adopted Ottawa time for the sittings of the house.

Just before the house adjourned, Hon. Arthur Meighen, who was leading the government, rose and stated that the effect of the judgment was that the setting of standard or local time was a matter for provincial jurisdiction. That being the case, he suggested that the house, when it adjourned, should meet again at three o'clock local daylight saving time on Monday.

D. D. McKenzie, leader of the opposition suggested that the judgment of the Railway Board, which could only have been come to after a great deal of deliberation, be placed on Hansard.

Mr. Meighen agreed to the suggestion and the house adjourned.

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