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OYSTER SUPPER HELD BY U.F.O.

Taxation Rapped by Speakers at Banquet Held at Music Hall

The annual oyster supper and entertainment of Jarvis U. F. O. club was held in the Music hall on the evening of January 21.

Farmers and their families to the number of more than three hundred came with well-filled baskets. Supper was served for three hours. The menu was rich and abundant and the cuisine was perfect, in which the farmers' wives are unsurpassed. Also there were—

"Oysters young and oysters old, Oysters hot and oysters cold, Oysters tender, but none tough, Till everybody had enough."

Following the supper an interesting program was rendered, with the Rev. M. E. Siple in the chair.

The chairman gave a brief address, in which he expressed his regrets over the demise of the recent U.F.O. government. He r'ferred to the cry of "class legislation," raised by many against a Farmers' Government, yet legislation had been passed greatly favoring many other professions. The doctor can—and often does—charge such exorbitant fees as to preclude the possibility of many receiving the medical care so much needed. The lawyer sits in his comfortable and often palatial office and in many cases charges a fortune in one fee; the manufacturer enjoys such favorable class-legislation as to ensure his financial prosperity, etc., etc., while the farmer's position is today an unsolved financial problem. More than 25 per cent. of the farmers in the central western states being insolvent, while many Canadian farmers are flocking to our urban centers.

It was also charged that the Farmers' government was an expensive government, yet he cited the fact that under both the old parties at Ottawa it seemed to require 39,204 civil servants (not counting provincial or municipal) at an annual salary of \$50,355,721, or \$5.75 for every man woman and child of the Dominion. Also, the outrageous extravagance indulged in building and furnishing Government house in Toronto, these being perfect examples of the extravagance of Grit and Tory governments.

The feature par excellence of the evening, however, was an address by J. S. Martin, of Paris, U. F. O. representative for Western Ontario. Mr. Martin gave an hour packed with invaluable information for the farmer. He showed by exposition and chart the loss sustained by the promiscuous and unorganized dumping of goods on the market as contrasted with the certain profit of organized and competitive selling of the same, the former being the method followed by the farmers in the past and by too many even yet, while the latter is the method pursued by the manufacturer, all to the financial detriment of the tiller of the soil and the enrichment of the man from whom he buys. He also emphasized the necessity of placing on the market only the finished product. By the selling of many of the unfinished animals the market was sure to become glutted, taking advantage of which, the buyer would cut the price of the perfectly finished product, causing a tremendous aggregate loss to the farmers. He also gave many sidelights from concrete cases on the "tricks of the trade" of buyers and manufacturers which are impossible for the farmer to overcome except through thorough organization and then the farmers staying right by their organization.

Many other interesting points were dwelt upon by the speaker, which are impossible to incorporate in this brief report.

From general observation, supplemented by his address, the profound

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TO READERS OF THE RECORD

Having been elected as candidate in the present contest and being unable to approach each one in person, I will be very grateful to any for their support, either by renewing subscriptions or saving coupons which are in each issue and sending the same to me before the contest closes.

Yours very gratefully,
ZELMA RODGERS.

LENINE IS DEAD



A pale, emaciated paralytic, on a bed in the little village of Gorky, near Moscow, has been ruling millions. He has laid aside his invisible sceptre, and when the dead chief was carried through the streets of Moscow, thousands lined the streets, and from here and there men joined in carrying his coffin for the five miles to the famous old Kremlin, where he was buried. Nikolai Lenin was the pen name of Vladimir Ilich Ulianoff, lawyer and writer. He was of pure Russian stock, with a dash of Tartar in his veins. Revolutionary from his childhood, he was often at odds with the principal of the high school who was, by strange coincidence, the father of Kerensky, whose ill-fated republic was followed by the Soviet regime. Lenin's brother was executed for an attempt upon the life of Czar Alexander, and he devoted his life to vengeance. He once served a long jail term for revolutionary propaganda and was deported to Siberia. Lenin was responsible for the withdrawal of Russia from the ranks of the allies in the great war. Lenin himself was never a laboring man but rather an intellectual, and those he put in power around him were also educated dreamers rather than real working men.

ENTERTAINS AT CARDS

About 60 guests were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Steel Friday night.

The evening was spent in playing euchre, the prizes being won by J. J. Parsons and Mrs. J. S. Burwash, while W. A. Owen carried off the booby prize.

A dainty lunch was served.

Miss Zelma Rodgers at Top in Record Contest

Miss Zelma Rodgers is still ahead in The Record's subscription contest and still farther ahead.

Her lead is now 4,230, an increase over her lead of last week of 1,530.

Four new subscriptions handed in by her helped her wonderfully.

Here is the value in votes for each subscription:

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For 5 years.....	1,000 votes
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For 1 year.....	200 votes
For 2 years.....	500 votes
For 3 years.....	1,000 votes
For 5 years.....	2,000 votes

The following was the standing Wednesday noon:

Miss Zelma Rodgers.....	34,345
Miss Doris Ianson.....	30,115
Miss Cora Henning.....	5,770
Miss Isabel Armstrong.....	4,875
C. E. Lindsay.....	1,750
Miss Helen Miller.....	1,325
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Miss Graham.....	1,000
Leslie Keene.....	1,000
Miss Kitchen.....	1,000
Miss Sheppard.....	1,000
Miss Hare.....	1,000
Miss Doris Pond.....	1,000
Miss Pearl Sternaman.....	1,000
Miss Martha Richardson.....	1,000
Miss Fearman.....	1,000
Miss Sadie Mitchell.....	1,000
Miss Stella Jones.....	1,000
Miss Dorothy Meehan.....	1,000
Miss Violet Bradley.....	1,000
Miss Mary Swing.....	1,000
Miss Edna Reynolds.....	1,000
Miss Vera Krouse.....	1,000
Miss Pearl Duxbury.....	1,000
Mrs. E. J. Kindry.....	1,000
Mrs. Eva Secord.....	1,000
George Harris.....	1,000
Tom Reid.....	1,000

FAMILY NEARLY CAUGHT IN FIRE

Aged Woman Carried From Burning Home While Unconscious

The family Elisha Farr, jr., of Marburg, narrowly escaped in a fire that destroyed their home at 3 o'clock on Sunday morning.

The family was awakened by the coughing of Mrs. John Sharpe, Mrs. Farr's mother, who is visiting her. When they went to her room they found her unconscious from the smoke. She had to be carried out and is now seriously ill of pneumonia. She is 89 years old.

The whole family escaped scantily clad. None of them were able to save their shoes and Mrs. Farr and one of the children, Carman, suffered frost bitten feet but are not in a serious condition.

The whole family, including Mr. and Mrs. Farr, Mrs. Farr's mother and the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Farr including a baby were forced to seek shelter in the barn until neighbors procured clothing for them.

Mr. Farr is suffering from the effects of smoke. The cause of the fire is undetermined. Everything in the house was destroyed.

LOCAL PARISH SHOWS GAIN

Reports presented at the adjourned vestry meeting of St. Paul's church Monday night showed an increase in all departments.

During the year 13 persons had been confirmed. The church receipts amounted to \$2,403.51 and the expenditures to \$2,402.75.

The following officers were elected: Rector's warden, A. F. Hodgson; people's warden, Dr. T. H. Lewis; vestry clerk and treasurer, J. S. Burwash; lay delegate, C. E. Bourne; sidesmen, J. S. Burwash, I. W. Holmes, T. H. Peacock, William Hodgson, William Hoskins, Harry Dougherty and Hugh B. Gilbert. A. F. Hodgson was two years yet to serve as lay delegate and J. A. Burwash has one year.

KNOX CHURCH HAS INCREASE

Knox church has \$400 more cash on hand than it had a year ago, according to reports presented at the annual meeting of the church held on Monday night.

Each organization reported a substantial balance in addition to the balance in the general church account, although the expenditure was greater than a year ago.

According to the report the number of families in the church is 125 and the number of single persons seven. The number of communicants is 223 and 14 were baptized during the last year. Eleven communicants were added during the year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Shaver, E. Wilson and D. Steel were re-elected to the board of managers for four years. Their term expired this year. The other members of the board are W. Simpson, Simon Davidson, A. Meehan, J. Slater, N. Brown, Mrs. G. L. Miller, Mrs. C. S. McCarter and Mrs. Helen Steel.

SUES PROVINCE

Mrs. Maude Jaques, widow of the late Dr. Jaques, of Fisherville, is suing the provincial government for \$20,000, as administratrix of the estate, and also in her individual capacity as widow of the deceased, and on behalf of her son, Carl C. Jaques, the only child and heir.

Dr. Jaques lost his life on the highway between Balmoral and Jarvis in October 1922, when his car plunged through a barrier and over the abutments of a bridge then under construction. E. H. Blackman, of Toronto, was the contractor.

IN CABINET



J. H. THOMAS, once an errand boy, and the son of a laborer, is now Colonial Secretary in the Labor government, succeeding the Duke of Devonshire, acting between the Dominions and colonies and the home government. He has moderate views and during the war did much to stimulate labor in its efforts toward the output of munitions.

WALPOLE CLERK'S BROTHER IS DEAD

John Thompson, brother of S. A. Thompson, of Nanticoke, Walpole township clerk, died in Alberta near Calgary, January 7.

Mr. Thompson was born in the Township of Walpole at the old homestead, near the village of Nanticoke in 1844, and was at the time of his death in his eightieth year.

He was the fourth son of the late Joseph Thompson, one of the pioneer settlers of Walpole who served in the rebellion of 1837.

John, who was familiarly known as "Johnny Thompson," was a favorite with all who knew him.

He married Miss Christianna Long. He followed farming, with the exception of a few years, when he conducted the hotel known as the City Hotel of Jarvis, but he did not like hotel work so removed to Alberta and took up a homestead near the city of Calgary and lived there up to the time of his death, January 7, 1924.

He was quite prosperous in the West, having enlarged his farm to 640 acres, which is well stocked and is considered a beautiful homestead and one of the best ranches in Alberta.

About two years ago he celebrated his golden wedding, in which many of the leading business men, clergy and editors of Calgary were present, all testified to his popularity in their speeches.

The following are left to mourn his death: his widow, and only son, Arthur W. Thompson, and four brothers, Jesse and George, of Port Dover, Arthur of Simcoe and Samuel A., clerk of the Township of Walpole.

RENTON WINS AGAIN

Defeats Dunnville for Second Time; Score Is 2-0; Team Has Big Chance to Go Into Intermediate O. H. A. Semi-Finals

Renton carried off another hockey game in the Intermediate O.H.A. on Monday night when it defeated Dunnville on Dunnville ice by a score of two to nothing.

Renton has not yet lost a game and is headed for a place in the semi-finals.

The game Monday night was one of the fastest exhibitions of hockey yet displayed. Renton is the only team that has defeated Dunnville which has lost only two games and both of them to Renton.

C. Mitchell and George Duncan shot the only two goals in the Dunnville game.

GOOD FOR 10 VOTES

THE PERSON DESIGNATED WILL BE CREDITED WITH 10 VOTES IN "THE RECORD SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST" WHEN THIS COUPON IS RETURNED TO THE RECORD OFFICE.

CREDIT

Name of Candidate

WITH 10 VOTES IN THE RECORD'S SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

ORGY OF EXTRAVAGANCE AT OTTAWA IS DESCRIBED IN STARTLING ARTICLES

What's the Use of Making \$2,000 or \$5,000 or \$100,000 a Year If You Have to Give It All Back again, Is Question Asked by Correspondent

CIVIL SERVICE CALLED SINK-HOLE FOR MILLIONS

Basis of Dominion Debt and Taxation Is Called Profligate Extravagance of Federal Administrations—Spirit of Waste and Squandermania Rules

(By special arrangement with MacLean's Magazine, The Record has obtained permission to reprint Grattan O'Leary's description of affairs at Ottawa both under the present and past governments. Mr. O'Leary has taken government reports as the basis of his articles. He is a journalist skilled in the ways of political economy and a veteran of the Ottawa press gallery. The articles are written in a spirit of "without fear or favor." It is a case of "cut to the line, let the chips fly where they will."—Editor's Note).

By GRATTAN O'LEARY

"WATCHMAN, what of the night?" From Sydney to Vancouver, from Windsor to the remote North, a debt-burdened, tax-pressed Canadian people put the challenge. A growing consciousness that all is not well, a vague, inarticulate foreboding that something is wrong, that Canada is being robbed of her birthright, is being manifested everywhere.

A great Canadian newspaper, voicing the fears of a few, speaks solemnly of a "Whisper of Death;" and while it is vociferously answered and its motives impeached, there is heightening uneasiness that its pessimism is but too well founded. In a word, there is a rising tide of public protest against debt, taxation, and allied evils. What, then, is the position?

Are Canada's colossal debts and crippling taxation unnecessary, unescapable evils?

Are they due to unavoidable, essential commitments, or are they the consequences of governmental incapacity, extravagances and squandermania?

What is their effect upon the social and economic life of the nation—upon industry, national development, living costs and immigration—in the well-being and the prosperity of ordinary people?

This article—with others that will follow—represents an honest effort to answer these questions fairly, fearlessly and accurately. It has no connection with any "Whisper of Death."

It has no relation to the fortunes of any political party. It is not propaganda for any political leader, or faction, or any business or commercial group. It aims solely to make clear the financial position of Canada; to reveal—by examination of official, demonstrable, ascertainable facts—what our taxes are, and why; to show the reaction of these taxes upon our economic life; to disclose their blighting effect upon capital, development, employment, immigration, living costs, and the breakfast table of the average man; to show, in a word, whether we are drifting—to point the Niagara ahead.

A Sink-Hole for Millions

And the first cold truth that must be disclosed is that at the basis of Canadian debt and taxation is the profligate extravagance of federal administrations at Ottawa. It is a spirit of waste, a squandermania that permeates practically every department of our government. It is evidenced in everything the administration buys, or builds, or does. It is evidenced in the "Pork barrel," that penalty of partyism, by which governments not only soil the national honor, but sacrifice millions to waste. And it is found in the Civil Service to an extent that shocks and appals.

The growth, size, overmanning, housing, working hours, waste and inefficiency of the Civil Service (and no reflection is meant upon the many hundreds of excellent and often underpaid officials which the public service contains) constitute a national disgrace. Later on, in a separate article, I propose turning a searchlight upon what the Civil Service really is and what it really means; for the present I submit this brief table of its staggering growth and cost:

General Daves slashed right and left in the United States, effected a saving of hundreds of millions—because he was given a free hand—and as a result Secretary Mellon announced a surplus, and a reduction in taxation.

Sir Eric Geddes, in Great Britain, employed the famous "Geddes axe" and Parliament backed him up by indorsing seventy per cent. of his economy recommendations. Hundreds of millions of pounds sterling were saved. The income tax was cut a shilling in the pound.

Canada needs a Geddes or a Daves. Canada requires a government with Canadians continue to unprotestingly—almost—to slither down deeper and deeper into an engulfing slough?

How long will Canadians continue to unprotestingly—almost—to slither down deeper and deeper into an engulfing slough?

CHOIR ENTERTAINED

The choir of St. Paul's church with many of the friends of the members were entertained at the Rectory on Tuesday evening.

Much of the evening was spent in singing and music. Bruce Hair and A. F. Hodgson added considerable to the entertainment with violin selections. Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Frank Martin gave several instrumental selections.

A dainty lunch was served at the close of the evening.

Fiscal Year	Number Employees	Total Salaries
1913-14	8,709	\$ 8,163,361
1915-16	10,267	11,113,896
1918-19*	12,742	13,266,691
1921-22	14,739	23,149,511

*Armistice year.

These figures are for the Inside Civil Service alone; they do not include the thousands of employees of the Outside Service, where, especially during the past year, political patronage has been rampant.

Staggering Increases

Separate figures for the Inside Civil Service for the year 1923 are

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