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TAXES! TAXES!

Down in the County of Peel the farmers are organizing themselves into a Protective Association in order to protect themselves from the wolves who are preying on the vitals of this country by levying taxes and squandering money to such a degree that it is almost impossible to exist and do business in this country. It is somewhat of a paradox that we should have to form associations to protect ourselves from the members whom we send to parliament to represent us, but that is exactly what it narrows down to. Every scheme imaginable has been resorted to, short of actual confiscation, to force taxes out of the people, and the orgy of expenditure has not decreased, but rather it has increased.

An editorial writer in a wellknown United States publication points out that when taxes are once levied they are rarely withdrawn. A large sum of money results and it is easier to find new methods of spending than it is to curtail the activities of any department, and as a consequence the burden keeps on growing like a rolling snowball.

We do not think, however, that Protective Associations are the solution of this problem. Members of the offending government are the ones to be approached.

An election is imminent in Ontario, and every candidate who seeks the people's suffrage should be obliged to make a clear cut pronouncement on his attitude on this question. These are the men to look to for relief and only they. When these can be made to understand that the people of Canada demand extensive reforms in public expenditure we will get relief. When they are actually forced to give it they will do so, but not before. It is up to us to get after the men who want to do our business at Ottawa and Toronto. They can be made to grant relief if action is gone about in the right way, and it is time to get at it. Our U.F.O. clubs and every kind of social organization should get busy without any thought of embarrassing a government which has not taken into consideration the unbearably embarrassing condition which farmers and others are now laboring under.

But we are not alone in this "orgy of taxation." The United States is even worse off than we are. Dealing with the question the Saturday Evening Post says:

"All taxes, by a heretofore immutable law, tend to stick and to increase, once they have been imposed. A legislative body that refuses to consider retrenchment and economy when confronted with a financial emergency will hardly repeal any tax that enables it to continue in the slothful and pleasant ways of free spending.

In California, so we hear, a union of taxpayers has been formed to ride herd on the gentlemen who trim down our incomes so freely and who spend tax money so generously. This union should spread and roll up a huge membership in every state, for that would mean that citizens are at last beginning to take an interest in their government.

Taxation and government are almost interchangeable terms. Sooner or later, almost every bill, every measure, every proposal before us entails taxation. How money is raised and how spent goes right to the roots of government. Yet we have only the haziest ideas on the subject, because if we do not pay income or real-estate taxes we have a silly notion that we are getting off scot-free. Yet the deadliest taxes are the hidden ones that deftly trim farmer, laborer and salaried man.

Again, after the money has been raised we show small concern about how it is spent. Yet the evidence that comes through the infrequent public investigations of some particularly glaring waste should cause shivers of misgiving to run up and down the tax-paying spine."

SIGNS OF SANITY

The Farmers' Sun says: "Premier Drury's recent declaration before the Good Roads Association that the time has come for a curtailment of road expenditure is reassuring evidence that here in Ontario at least sober counsel is prevailing in regard to highway building."

The breaks are evidently to be applied with a last minute view to preventing Schauffeur Briggs from ditching the machine.

Conditions are steadily improving in the cities and the numbers of unemployed still decreases.

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Large numbers of young Canadians are continuing to migrate to the United States to share in the high wages paid by manufacturing and other concerns across the border. Most of those who leave Canada are skilled mechanics in their line and are welcomed with open arms, as employers pay special tribute to the Canadian workman.

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Two women are to be hanged in Canada shortly for murder. Quite a stir is being made, but it is not likely that a reprieve will be given. Now that women have got the vote and are placed on a par with men it seems there can be no escape from a major crime committed by a woman even to hanging, from a sentimental, or other point of view, so long as our criminal code authorizes executions.

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It is not known whether any person in this district "fell" to the selling talk of a salesman for the stock of L. R. Steel Co., an American enterprise, which has been declared insolvent. We know one young man, though, who was wire enough to demand his $500 cheque a short time after it was handed to the salesman. The Canadian L.R. Steel Co. is solvent and doing a good business but the surplus will have to be handed over to the United States part of the Company. It seems to be the small investor who is the hardest one hit when a big enterprise like the L. R. Steel Co. fails. A man who is comparatively well off will not risk his money in schemes that are not sound. This practically applies in every case.

Magistrate McNab of Walkerton has been asked to adjudicate in a rather peculiar case, and just who is to be the defendant at the trial is yet to be settled. It is claimed that a certain farmer near Tara failed to make out his income tax form for 1920 and an action being commenced it was found that there are two farmers with the same name, one residing in Derby and the other in Elderslie, and both owning Tara as a postoffice. Whether it is the Elderslie or Derby man that should be invited to the court has yet to be determined, and in the meantime justice is being held up while the authorities are scratching their heads over the dilemma.

Child Badly Scalded

The little two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cargoe, east back line, suffered a terrible accident on Monday that may yet result fatally when a tub of boiling hot water was spilled over the little girl. The mother had left for an instant to get a pail of cold water to add to the hot water when the child took hold of the tub to look into it. As a consequence the tub was pulled over and the little girl was seriously scalded on the arms and body. A doctor from Markdale was called to treat the little sufferer and hopes to save her life.

Henry Schaus, a farmer of Clifford, lies in Kitchener and Waterloo hospital hovering between life and death as a result of an alleged attempt to commit suicide. Schaus was visiting his sister at Waterloo and as a result of despondency brought on by ill health, attempted, it is claimed, to cut his throat. Fortunately he was prevented from fully accomplishing the deed but suffered a severe gash.

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Markdale 5, Flesherton 4

On Wednesday evening of last week the Markdale red shirted hockey team came down and played Flesherton. After a hard battle they went home again as winners with a one goal lead, the score being 5-4. It was a real good game all through, well played and fast, few penalties being handed out by referee Burnside. The first period was Markdale's by the score of 3-2 The second period was more strenuous than the first but the Reds increased their lead one goal. In the last period Flesherton tied the score with two lovely shots but were unable to bag any more, although there were plenty of shots made upon Stoddart. With but three minutes of play left Markdale won the when they slipped one past in a scramble in front of goal. The line-up was:—

Markdale—Goal, Stoddart; defence, Henry and Murdock; centre, Kelley; l wing, Hamilton; r wing, Littlejohn.

Flesherton—Goal, Dow; defence, Graves and Thurston; centre, C McTavish; l wing, S McTavish; r wing, G Patton; subs., H Betts, G McTavish and Armstrong.

MARKDALE 6, FLESHERTON 4

Another story something like the above has to be told about the game here last night, Tuesday when Markdale again invaded Flesherton ice for a win. The local crew had it practically all over the red shirts when it came to playing and in the first two periods must have had about fifty shots on the visitors goal, but only three goals were counted. Markdale only took an aim on the Flesherton goal seven times in the first period and two of them went in. Flesherton played in hard luck right from the first. Dow got struck on the head on a glancing shot and was laid off for the rest of the game, Patton taking his place. Armstrong had his back slightly injured and was unable to continue. Flesherton scored the first two, the Reds came back with the same and the first period ended two all. Markdale got two goals in each of the other periods, while Flesherton got one in each. The only weak spot on the local team was in the goal, the most important place, and two easy ones got past in the last period. Next year we hope to bring out a John Ross Roach. The line-up was the same as above except that Armstrong started on right wing and R. Patton finished in goal.

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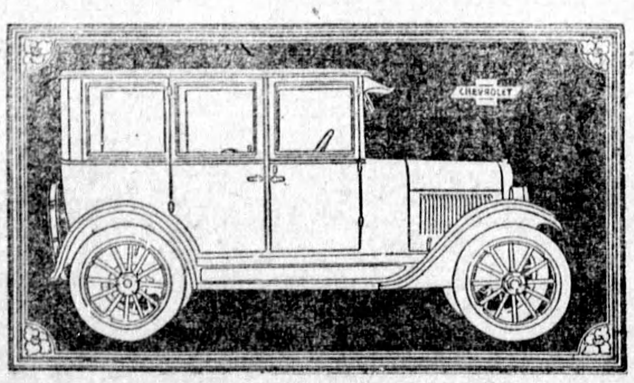

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