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IS RADIO A RACKET..

Now we are informed that we are likely to be obliged to pay a larger license fee for our radios. This is the result of allowing the government to grab the radio and make of it a sec- Senate for sick and infirm sup- s. The government which can- run a series of radio stations s Canada and balance the radio budget is not likely to run the larger business of the Dominion any more satisfactorily. Even a novice who has studied the situation can understand why this state of affairs exists. Toronto has a powerful station erected at a cost of about $250,000.00, discarding the station originally purchased at Bowmanville, and forty miles away, in Hamilton, squandered a lot more money by purchasing a private station there. They also purchased small stations from the Atlantic to the Pacific. All these, though perhaps not money-makers, were paying their way, but the government cannot make them do so and asks radio users to come across and hints that they want 50 cents or $1.00 in addition to the $2.00 now charged!

In the United States the radio is free of any license fee and the two great systems over there are certainly not running their business without a profit. And they handle programs for which they pay big money. These programs are available to all Canadian radio owners, without interference from the Radio Commission, although the Commission charges us a big license for listening to them. Toronto has a powerful privately owned station which pays its way—a commentary on the ability of a costly Commission of highly paid people.

By the way, before the government adds to our radio tax burden, it might inform the country just how much of our money goes towards the payment of salaries of the Commission. We fancy the details would be an eye-opener. Let the people in on the real reason why a license of any kind has to be charged users of radio. Most people consider it a racket which the government fosters for the sake of its impecunious friends.

Hot House Raising

To maintain the Dionne quintuplets and their household requires no less than $2,000 per month, and if plans for the girls' future are consummated it will require considerable more than this to take care of them in the career the guardians are choosing for them, according to Judge J. A. Valin, one of the official board.

Currently the annual revenue from money invested for them is $17,000, plus royalties and income from other things. The famous children are worth over $500,000 now and their fortune will be increased to a million dollars before they become of age. To the ordinary mortal this is a lot of money, yet to carry out the schedule which the guardians have in view there is little doubt that a large surplus fund will be required. "Instead of going to public school and having a rough and tumble time with the other kids, they will have to 'buy their privacy,'" observes the New York World-Telegram. "Their school will be a private institution, their classmates 'selected' village children, their 'contacts' guarded as closely as their health to keep them from becoming self-conscious. In summer time extra will be necessary to ward away the sightseers. What a life for little Yvonne, Emelie, Marie, Cecile and Annette! To save them from living in a goldfish bowl they must spend their youth in the hothouse. Many a youngster lucky enough to be born singly will envy them all their wealth and glamor! At the age of 3½ years the Dionnes are trailed about by a doctor, teacher, two nurses, three guards, two maids, a housekeeper and a janitor. No wonder they have become so sophisticated that they are said to entertain doubts about Santa Claus."

Leopold Macaulay says the business of government is the biggest in Canada. From the standpoint of payroll it undoubtedly is.

EUGENIA

Eugenia United Church annual meeting was held on Monday, Jan. 10, in the afternoon, with a fair attendance. Mrs. Tudor read the report of the Sunday School, which showed a balance of 5.40, while the Woman's Association showed a balance on hand of over $30.00, after paying the salary of the caretaker $40, and $25 to the minister's salary, also paying for the tables and benches for the church basement, besides other expenses. Mrs. C. Martin, W.A. secretary, read a detailed report for the year, while the Y.P.U. report, read by Winnetta Martin there was a balance of $5.00 in the missionary treasury after paying to the M. and M. fund. Election of officers and other business matters then took place. Rev. Elliott closed the meeting with prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin attended the funeral of the late Robt. Richardson on Saturday at Flesherton. We extend our sincere sympathy to Harold and wife being bereft of father and mother within a week's time. It was indeed very sad.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Will Kaitting and Delsa were: Miss Queenie Kaitting from near Owen Sound, Miss Olive Hewston of Singhampton, Mr. and Mrs. Will Conn and family of Feversham and Mr. G. McLeod of Maxwell.

Twenty-two ski-ers (members and guests) spent the holiday season at their winter club house in the valley.

Mr. Adam Smith, Mrs. Robt. Smith, Mrs. Will Magee, Gwennie Parks and Rossie Falconer are on the sick list at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Park of Flesherton visited on Saturday at the former's parental home here. We are pleased to report Postmaster Park's health somewhat improved.

Miss Josie Falconer of Toronto spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Falconer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pedlar attended the funeral of the late Mr. J. McKnight near Meaford. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

Mr. Ken Kaitting has returned to resume his work with the H.E.P.C. at Peterboro, after spending the holiday season at his parental home.

Mr. Henry Falconer received the sad news of the death of his brother, James Falconer, of Toronto, who passed away suddenly Friday night at the age of 54 years. Mr. John Parson also received the news of the death of his brother, Mr. Wm. Parson, of Owen Sound, at the age of 82 years. We ertend our sympathy to the sorrowing relatives in both families.

Mr. Thos. Tudor of Toronto is spending a fortnight with his brother, Mr. Henry Tudor, wife and family.

Miss Edna Partridge spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Partridge, Rock Mills.

Mr. Glen Pedlar is spending a time with friends at Porcupine in Northern Ontario.

Miss Gladys Williams has gone to the Queen City to accept a position.

We are pleased to report the McMillan family and Mrs. Wilson almost as well as usual, after being ill for the past week.

We are glad to report Mrs. Harry Falconer's health considerably improved, she having been ill since before Christmas.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Will Magee and friends in the death of her cousin, Mr. Geo. Hutchinson, of Kitchener, whose funeral took place on Jan. 8th, to Flesherton cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Betts have moved from the 8th line into apartments in Mr. Jos. Sherwood's spacious residence. Mr. Sherwood is the great grandfather of Mrs. Betts.

Argyle Martin will appreciate it very much if all users of Royal Yeast Cakes will save their empty boxes until near the end of May, for him, as he has entered the contest sponsored by the Royal Yeast Cake Co. Save the "blue" front of each box with the words "Royal Yeas Cakes Makes Perfect Bread." Each front counts 10 votes. He is eager to earn a University education and will certainly be grateful to all those who will help, and it won't cost you a cent. Just mail them to Eugenia, with the sender's name, and he will receive them and reward you. Thank you.

PRICEVILLE

On Wednesday afternoon the annual congregational meeting was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church with Mr. A. Hincks in the chair. Mr. Allie McLean acted as secretary while the various reports were read all showing a balance on hand. Mrs Wilfred Watson was elected the new secretary and Mr. Allie McLean was appointed to the Shed Committee. Mr. J. A. Nicholl was appointed trustee for the McKinnon Hall. Rev. A. Sutherland closed the meeting with prayer.

Priceville Old Boys' and Girls' Association invite you and your friends to their annual euchre and dance to be held in the Pythian Castle Hall. 247 College Street Toronto, on Friday, February 4th. Come and enjoy an evening of cards, dancing, refreshments and chatting about the good old days in Priceville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFarlane of Toronto spent a few days last week with relatives here.

Mr. Neilburt McKenzie is spending a couple of days at Dromore assisting his brother Bill in the bush.

Mrs. Chas. McKinnon, Toronto is visiting friends on the South Line.

A number from here attended Mr. Geo. Williamson's sale on Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Nichol is taking a short course in Owen Sound.

Miss Sarah McLean will celebrate her 90th birthday on January 20th. She is quite well able to be out each day.

Mr. Robert Stephenson spent the week end in Markdale.

Mrs. A. Stewart was hostess to the Holdfast Club meeting on Wednesday with a small attendance owing to the bad roads. Readings were given and current events were discussed while Miss Katie Stewart rendered some fine piano selections. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

Mrs. Angus McLachlan left on Monday morning to visit her brother, Mr. Joe Black, who is seriously ill at Niagara Falls.

Our compliments are due the senior editor, whether in the festive season or not, for the fine write-up in the Globe and Mail. But the picture! Have you any notion of taking out a libel suit How does the good lady of the house take it? This reminds me of a social meeting held in a neighboring town, the question was asked if they knew we had sung before Royalty? "No, and what did the Queen say?" She said, "God Save the King."

The report of the annual congregational meeting of St. Columba United Church was held on Wednesday evening last, appears in another column. It is not necessary to enlarge upon it, but to say that it was splendid. All debts are paid up and a fine balance is in the bank largely due to the stirring enthusiasm of the treasurer, W. G. McBride. He, together with the retiring managers, were re-elected. Thanks were extended to all who had helped.

The hocky game held Saturday evening here by the school boys from Durham and Priceville, resulted in a score of 5-4 in favor of the latter. Wm. Noble of Durham refereed the play satisfactorily. Some good material was found, notable Elmer Turnbull, who is slated for higher company.

Back roads are terribly pitch-holey for rapid driving.

Wm. Buskin Passes

There passed away on January 12, in the General Hospital, Guelph, William Buskin, a highly esteemed resident of that city. He was the second eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Buskin, former residents of Markdale, and pioneers of Artemesia township, where he was born and grew to manhood. He learned the blacksmithing trade, at which he worked for several years, entering into the employment of the carpet mill in Guelph 35 years ago. He was a capable workman, efficient in every way and won for himself the position he held for so long. He was in his 80th year and had enjoyed good health. He was very active and alert for his advanced years and has visited here every summer for many years. He attended the Civic Holiday celebration here two years ago and met many old friends, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He was keenly interested in public affairs and was an active member of Norfolk Street United Church. In politics he was a staunch Conservative.

Three weeks previous to his death he suffered a heart attack while at his work at the mill and the following day he was moved to the hospital, where, with other complications, he suffered, resulted in his death.

He was married 50 years ago to his now bereaved wife, who is in frail health, and with one son, Willmott, and one daughter, Annie (Mrs. Taylor), are left to mourn a kind husband and father. He is also survived by one brother, Wesley, of Toronto and one sister, Maria, (Mrs. F. R. Blair) of Rocanville, Sask. The eldest brother, John, of Euphrasia, passed away almost nine years ago.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon and was very largely attended. Rev. Kenny, his pastor, had charge of the service and also the Masonic Order, of which the deceased was a member. Interment was made in the Guelph cemetery.

The floral tributes were beautiful, showing esteem and sympathy of many friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Mrs. Clara Wiley, Mrs. Willard Wiley and Mrs. Gordon Wiley of Markdale are nieces of the deceased. The two former, with Mr. Gordon Wiley and daughter, Miss Elsie, attended the funeral on Friday.

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