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EDITORIAL

The Limit Reached

"We are dangerously near the limit of this country to pay additional taxes." These were the words of Premier R. B. Bennett in addressing a deputation which waited upon him recently. We hear much these days of feeding the starving and our obligations in many places and a great deal of advice on what governments ought to do. Like everything else, governments have their limits and the words of the Premier are full of deep meaning for the citizen who thinks. True, during election time this Dominion was painted as being able to bear all sorts of burdens and meet all provisions for pensions and the like, but that glamor is gone, and we must now face the fact that funds from taxation have about reached the limit. With the interest charges that governments must meet on loans it behooves us all to make as few demands upon these treasuries as possible. The limit has about been reached and now we must face the task of assisting ourselves.

What Will the County Council Do?

The session of the Halton County Council last week brought to general public attention the fact that two municipalities in the County had not paid their County Levy this year, which was due in December, and school grants were consequently withheld. According to daily press reports at least one of these communities cannot meet this obligation at the present, at least. The question arises in many minds whether the representatives of these municipalities have the right to take their places at the County Council and take part in the deliberations and administration of expenditure to which they have not contributed. A member of a Municipal Council or School Board must have his taxes fully paid before even aspiring to municipal office. The question naturally arises is the municipality not in the same position in relation to the County body and representation at the Board? To say the least it makes a very embarrassing situation for the ratepayers to place their representatives in at the County Council. It is said that debentures and other items have been paid in these municipalities and yet the County rate has not been provided for. As an efficient body in making the collection due, the County Council of Halton is on trial at the present time. Whatever steps they take will be watched with interest and any failure to do the duty that is quite apparent will be but another argument in favor of the abolition of this body. There are many who have good grounds for belief that a splendid move toward economy would be the abolition of the County Council. As time goes on it does seem to have little to justify its existence other than the fact that it is "a training school for politicians and a time honored institution." The twenty-five per cent. cut on all school salaries debated so long at the County Council last week was a splendid smoke screen. Let the County Council get down to business in economizing in their own salaries and departments and collecting taxes as municipalities do, and then they will have a good standing from which to tackle the problems of the world.

Old Age Pensions

Another argument in favor of the publication of the names of persons receiving old age pensions is furnished by the fact that an Eganville citizen has just been charged with illegally obtaining the sum of \$690, reflects the Renfrew Mercury. He had money in a bank; this was not entitled to a pension. Appearing before District Magistrate Chown the offender pleaded guilty. He was allowed out on a suspended sentence, with this condition attached, that he refund the money that he wrongly received. Evidence accumulates that the old age pension scheme is abused. Publicity would be a potent way of correcting the abuses. The outcry made by way of protest when anyone suggests publication of the names of pensioners is in itself a strong indication that publication should be made. Members of the Pension Board must themselves see the advisability of this move now.—Northern News.

The Fairs Will Carry On

For a couple of days last week the representatives of the Fall Fair Association discussed matters relative to rural fairs at the convention in Toronto. It would seem that the Department has decided for the present to allow the grants to remain as they are at present, based on the amount of money paid for prizes for agricultural exhibits. To most fairs who the past year had difficulty in coming out on the right side of the balance sheet, this will be welcome news. It is said by some that there are too many small fairs. If there are, the elimination of these events will take place in due course from natural causes. The grants from municipalities, governments, etc., to the small fair merely augments the prize money raised by other means that goes to give the farmer an opportunity to secure a little cash. And goodness only knows no avenue for the farmer to secure a pittance of cash should be blocked. The prize money was merely passed on to meet obligations and it is quite possible that many a farmer returned all of his prize money to the coffers of municipalities to assist in paying his taxes. The farmers need encouragement in these days and the activity created by fall fairs may well receive the continued support of governments and municipalities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The hearts and darts and a few of those nasty old one-cent valentines will pass through the mails in the next few days.

With the constant curtailing of railway service it would seem that the C. N. R. was preparing for either amalgamation or obliteration.

If Technocracy were only here, this jig saw puzzle craze could be indulged in by everyone. Thank goodness the technocrats are not in charge.

Perhaps there will not be a Provincial election this year. But the activity of politicians would not be so intense if a campaign was over a year away.

An evening newspaper reports that a man in St. Catharines has discovered the secret of perpetual motion. To the scoffer we suggest that it is as likely to be discovered there as anywhere else.—Mail & Empire.

The story is told of a taxpayer in a certain municipality who was loud in his demands for economy and salary reduction of everyone, but who immediately lost his enthusiasm when it was suggested that he take a lower rate of interest on some municipal bonds he held.

During the month of January there were 2,643 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board as compared with 3,601 for the same month last year. The fatal cases numbered 14, as compared with 19 last January. The total benefits awarded amounted to \$237,056.88, of which \$184,199.02 was for compensation and \$52,857.86 for medical aid.

Mr. L. G. Jackson, editor of the Newmarket Era, recently completed a half century of service on that paper. And under Mr. Jackson's experienced guidance The Era continues to well represent Newmarket and the district. That he may be spared many more years of useful effort is the wish of his friends everywhere.

Fur production in the Province of Alberta for the season ending June 30, 1932, totalled 1,145,784 pelts, valued at \$877,331.78, in comparison with the previous year's total of 941,401 pelts, valued at \$1,118,027. The total muskrat catch was 512,977, valued at \$205,190. Of ermine there were 262,091 pelts, valued at \$138,908.23 and of silver and black fox there were 9,942 pelts, valued at \$198,840.

Mr. J. H. Ross, editor of the Winchester Press, has been censured by the County Council, of which he is now a member, for criticism he voiced in an editorial last November. The trouble seems to be that Mr. Ross' criticism was justified and the County Council has admitted as much. At any rate, the editor has not yet changed his attitude even if he is now a member of the County body himself.

SLATS' DIARY

Friday—Clem Hix set if he wince finishes up the stunt he is working on now he will make a big mark on the Vawdevill Street.

He has got a ambition to play a Harmonica and whistle at the same identical time, he has quit working on his perpetual motion machine since he started on this. Saturday—Ole Mrs. Blunt say she hopes she will manage to live till March the 2nd and then she will be ninety 7 yrs of old age and she says if you read up on statistics you will find very few people dieing after they are ninety 7 yrs. old.

Sunday—Lem, Frick was here at are house today asting for a pair of paw's old pance. ant Ant Emmy jumped on him and balled him out for being shiftless and she sed when he got married his wife use to call him a muddle hussend, and Lem replied and sed. Will he was a muddle hussend but not Xackly what you mite call a wirking muddle. Monday—ma never eats after she has went to a bridge luchen and tonite she was 1/2 sore when I and pa refused to eat the gravy she set out for us. and we was all most repaying for tasteing the offie stuff when she tried to give her self a shampoo and got a piece of fat meat in her hair. well all I got to say, if enry one never tested Tar sope shampoo they havent mist mutch.

Tuesday—well I believe ma and Aa; Emmy have ketchesd onto pa. Ma give him a tie for Crismas and now he uses the skarf from Ant Emmy to hide the tie. & then butons his over coat over both of them.

Wednesday—Jane sed she didnot no whether she preferred a fellow who eats pie and cake and ice cream and plays trik on fokes or the other sort. I wonder what uther sort they is.

Thursday—Ant Emmy's neace is back home. she quit the man she married for love betuz she found out he didnot have no munny.

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UNAVOIDABLE

"Sir, your daughter has promised to be my wife," said the young man. "Well, don't come to me for sympathy. I knew something would happen to you hanging round the house every evening," was the unexpected reply.

MAKING LIFE A TREADMILL

No one has a right to make life a treadmill. Some students study fifteen or sixteen hours a day for nothing except to gratify their ambition to stand at the head of the class. Some young men starting on a business career, work day and night, lay the foundation for dyspepsia by hurried meals and for nervous prostration by insufficient sleep, and postpone all enjoyment to some indefinite future when they shall have time for it. This is all wrong. God gave us life to enjoy as well as to use. No one has a right to turn it into a treadmill.

THE EXPLANATION

A certain commercial traveller has gained a reputation for devotion to his wife by taking her about with him wherever he travels, notwithstanding the fact that she sports features of the variety known as homely. One evening he was with two of his friends, both of whom had married beautiful girls.

"How is it," said one of them, "that we, who have married beautiful girls, always leave them at home, while you insist upon taking your wife wherever you go?" The hero of the tale turned to his companions and replied, with a sigh: "Boys, to tell you the truth, I just can't seem to pluck up the courage to kiss her good-by."—London Tit-Bits.

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