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## EDITORIAL

### Moving Along

It is interesting to note in the Georgetown Herald of last week that the next step for a High School district is emanating from Georgetown where that editor only recently placed this movement as one of the losing battles or sinking ship or something belonging to the editor of the Free Press and Champion. From the report of the Herald we learn that "the question will be further investigated when High School Board and Council representatives from all municipalities will attend a meeting in Georgetown on March 31st to hear Georgetown's proposals."

It might also be interesting to pass on the information that Georgetown's proposals are to have the new school located in Georgetown and the municipality has an option on a site which the town "might" even see its way clear to donating for the school.

We have no comments to make, other than to repeat a conclusion we made in an issue in January, after a meeting in Georgetown of Council and Board, had gone on record as being "unalterably opposed to the establishment of a District High School unless it is located in Georgetown."

Our January comment was: "We believe that it must be a co-operative district and we have always believed that co-operation to be effective must be practised by all parties."

We still hope that a co-operative spirit will prevail and make possible a district High School that will make the better educational facilities of a district High School available to all the residents. We leave it to the citizens of the municipalities concerned of this district to decide when the spirit is co-operative and ready to be put into effect.

### What Kind of Pioneer Are You?

For at least two decades great scientists have pointed out that the world has gone ahead, physically and scientifically as far as it can afford to go, without waiting to catch up spiritually and morally. Yet, when they point to the pioneering opportunities open to-day, they point only to new scientific fields such as electronics, radar, new techniques in manufacture, and atomic energy.

Actually, to restore the balance between science and morals, for every pioneer in electronics we need ten pioneers in humanities.

For every pioneer in radar—the science of seeing ahead and hitting targets in the dark, or in a fog—we need ten pioneer prophets to see ahead and aim for the right goal in a bewildered age.

For every pioneer in the technique of manufacture, we need ten pioneers in the art of industrial teamwork without which all our technical equipment will literally be blown sky high.

For every pioneer in the science of releasing atomic energy, we need ten pioneers in the art of releasing moral energy—the only practical control against the menace of the atom bomb.

All of us—the ordinary man, as well as the statesman—the baker and his friends, the butcher and candlestick maker, need to pioneer in new fields. We need to see what faith in God and regard for each other can do to overcome public apathy and irresponsibility. And as a new incentive in production to replace the need for state regimentation, paternalism and sanctions.

### Traffic Snarls and Divorce

Hon. Russell T. Kelley, Ontario Minister of Health, has been criticized in some quarters for making too many public speeches recently. The validity of such criticism is debatable. It may turn out that Mr. Kelley will have to raise his voice even more often than he has before the right people listen.

This possibility is particularly true of some of his more profound remarks which on first hearing, carry only a tone of banter. On third or fourth repetition,

their significance may dawn on a slowly awakening people.

In this category is Mr. Kelley's belief that there is a relationship between traffic congestion and the divorce rate in large cities. Happily married men in small towns will be inclined to smile benevolently at this fantastic theory and dismiss it as one of those remarks made by men in public life for the sole purpose of attracting attention to themselves.

But not the city dweller. Too often has he marvelled at his wife's patient forbearance when he returns from the office, nerves on edge from miles of driving at snail's pace in heavy traffic. Too often has he let the accumulated exasperation of twenty traffic jams explode over some petty triviality at home. Until now he has been satisfied to blame his liver, or the fact that he carries too many responsibilities at the office.

Now that Mr. Kelley has put his finger on the real cause, the city dweller can take stock of his peril calmly and objectively. He has two alternatives before him. One is to turn his car over to his wife and let her develop into a "crotchety neurotic" in the same manner. The other is to view the matter philosophically, like the man whose wife threatened to leave him unless he gave up golf.

"I'm going to miss her," he said sadly as he cracked a perfect tee shot down the fairway that afternoon.—The Financial Post.

### Make It Easier

Tax and rumors of taxes emanate from both Ottawa and Toronto these days. Chief concern of the legislation seems to be who will collect them, while chief subject for exploitation is undoubtedly the average citizen. The war has developed many things and likely to be the last ones to get rid of will be the multifarious ways of imposing tax levies. Production in no other phase exceeded the tax method output.

Most everyone realizes that the taxes did not keep up with the expenditure during the war. The thing that the average man is debating now is if the legislators will lighten the tax load to enable him to keep up with rising costs of living. We've gone through a period of raises in wages in an effort to keep pace with rising living costs. It has been found it couldn't keep up. The war period had the trial of subsidies and holding of the price line with success during the war period but cannot be continued in a free way of life.

January saw some relief in the income tax. What will the new plans be—not for next January, but at a closer date? It's not a time for dicker over Dominion-provincial tax collection, but a time to give consideration and incentive to those who build the country and meet the taxes and a time for simplification and not duplication of collection.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Democracy won't work for men who over-emphasize their rights and overlook what's wrong.

A Chicago department store is reaching for sales by a practical appeal—it sells bridge sets with a fifth chair for kibitzers.

The Red Cross is making its annual appeal—give as generously as you can. It deserves support in peace as well as in war.

There's one thing about March, that it's bad behavior of some days can be rectified so splendidly by its good behavior so quickly.

Snow plows received some fine help toward the end of the past week as the old sun came out and helped lower the big banks and clear the roadways.

A combination cleaner and fog-proofer for lenses, windshields and face shields is claimed by a U. S. manufacturer. It is a chemically treated cloth, which is wiped across the inside surface.

The first look at the road surface on the Highway between Acton and Milton reveals that it will all need to be done over again. Surely a road surface can be applied that has better than one season's use.

Graham Ford Towers, governor of the Bank of Canada, is soon to be named Canada's executive director on the world bank. This will be a "part time" job, involving no change in his Governorship of the Bank of Canada, except that he will be required to spend probably one week in four at Washington.

When subsidies are used to raise wages in any industry, declares the Vancouver Sun, then they are nothing but a disguised dole. The case of the Maritime coal industry is no different from that of any industry whose costs exceed the value of output. It is not reasonable to demand that costs already too high be further increased by meeting uneconomic wage demands.

Election speculation at this time is profitless, says the Ottawa Citizen, which thinks there has been no substantial change in public feeling regarding parties since the last general appeal in 1945. It predicts: "If there was a general election tomorrow without some new and compelling issue to excite the voters, the old Latin tag, status quo ante bellum, would in all probability describe the result."

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