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EDITORIAL

Who Sets the Rate?

We've watched on many an occasion while Councils each year wrestle with the tax rate and we've found that members of Council are like any other citizen—they want to keep the rate down. In these days, however, when there is an ever increasing demand for more conveniences and service from governments, whether they be municipal, provincial or Dominion, the task becomes more difficult.

It is interesting to note that most everyone complains of high taxes and readily concurs with a resolution that some other governing body lower their take, but find that their own taxes over which they may have jurisdiction are likewise on the increase. This perhaps is most noticeable with County Councils who seem to have the custom of passing from one to the other a resolution for endorsement that the provincial or Dominion reduce their taxes and yet we doubt if one of them to-day has a lower rate and in most cases they are on the increase.

The plain fact of the matter is that all of us are clamoring for more government assistance than we are able to pay for. It's very fine to have all the conveniences, all the subsidies, all the grants and aids for so many worthy works but until our demands are cut down our taxation will remain at a high or higher level.

Your town taxes come from the same places as your provincial or Dominion taxes—out of your pocketbook. If you want added service and convenience you must be prepared to pay for it. We have watched delegations approach town Councils through many years. Councils usually try to meet their requests and appropriate the funds out of taxes. Citizens by popular requests set the tax rate in any municipality. Council can only total the demands and set the rate required to meet those demands.

Winter Fires

It may be that the system of news spreading is giving wider coverage but it does seem that this winter has had an unusually large number of fires and winter fires are not confined to any particular type of building. Churches, schools, factories, offices, homes, arenas and every type of structure seems to have had its heavy losses this winter season. Cause of the fires is given in a variety of ways so that no particular cause can be singled out. It would seem that the best advice would be to use all precautions and if one cause might be singled out that smokers use extra care in their disposal of their matches and the unused portions of their smokes.

The danger from smokers in skating arenas is always a threat to the loss of this asset and we note that in places where skating arenas have been destroyed there is always a scramble to have them replaced and the loss is felt by every section of the community until they are replaced. Play-off time is at hand and the crowds in these arenas are at their peak. If you must smoke at the arena use extra care; but it would be better for all if the habit were given up for a couple of hours so that the arena may stand—not a place of twisted steel and wreckage but a place for winter sport.

How Cold Was It?

A familiar query in winter "How cold was it?" and in summer "Just how hot was it?" What a variety of answers either query brings. For instance, these winter temperatures varied on one night in the same community from 15 to 20 degrees. Without a doubt some variation in readings is caused by the "location" of the thermometer. Wind direction, altitude, sun's rays and other factors undoubtedly account for the extensive variation in thermometers. It is usually on particularly cold days that the subject is introduced because residents of one

section like to know how the temperature in their neighborhood compares with that in other locations.

This question of accurate temperature, therefore, seems a very elusive thing and there is often a tendency to put the blame on the recording instruments. Perhaps that is what maintains its popularity as a subject for discussion. Each can have his own individual interpretation of how cold it really was. Perhaps it is just as well that the question remains unanswered and each can use his or her individuality a little without question.

Saving \$75 Million

Official estimate of the U. S. dollar savings as a result of Canada's restriction on the import of cars, parts, trucks, etc., is \$75 million annually, reports the Financial Post.

Long-delayed and one of the most troublesome and tangled topics that Ottawa has tackled in the entire "austerity" program, the auto import system is a masterpiece of complexity—at least in appearance.

Chief victims of the import control program are dealers and distributors of high-priced cars and of cars not made in Canada.

Domestic manufacturers will now have the encouragement of economic compulsion (a) to increase the Canadian content of their cars and (b) to sell more cars in dollar areas abroad.

Can We "Organize" Unity?

"We are indeed at a critical moment in the organization of the post-war trade world," said Mr. Bevin in announcing Great Britain's foreign policy. What makes the moment so critical, however, is that world statesmen still think that organization can achieve what is needed in the post-war world. Unity is what we desperately need across the world. But unity is the essential of organization, not the result of it.

Family unity "organized" through marriage vows, industrial unity "organized" through incorporation papers or labor contracts, political unity "organized" through confederation and coalition, and international unity "organized" through leagues, charters, treaties and agreements, produce no unity so long as unity of heart is lacking. And unity of heart is not a matter of organization at all but of a common loyalty and affection.

Iron filings attract each other and cohere, not when men try to organize them in a pre-arranged pattern but when they are drawn by the same magnet. Men attract each other and unite, not when they sign a union card or contract, but when in common love for their country, for their world and for their God, they find themselves enlisted in a common cause, energized and inspired by the same great Power.

To find one's self and to spread this uplifting loyalty to others is the art of post-war statesmanship. And it gives the ordinary man as well as the diplomat the chance to become a new-world statesman.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Some of us pay no attention to sin until we start paying higher taxes.

Easter comes early this year—on March 28. Might be an early spring and then it mightn't because after all, it's only a sure sign that Easter does come early.

The sun is getting stronger and while the snow and ice may yet come in overdoses, there is some headway being made to keeping it within bounds.

Thrifty shoppers will find an easy method of cutting down the cost of living if they will consult the advertising of the local stores in your home town newspaper. Every week your local merchants present the news of savings and values obtainable.

Folks who were on the road late last Friday afternoon and evening were not so enthusiastic about the mid-winter thaws. It took us two and a half hours to make the trip from Milton to Acton and if it hadn't been for the helpfulness of other drivers on the road, it would have taken much longer.

Public lotteries are sharply castigated by the Ottawa Journal. In commenting on the proposal of New York City council to authorize such a scheme the Journal states: "It is hard to believe that responsible opinion in New York State will favor turning back the clock. A lottery is a scheme for enriching a few at the expense of many suckers and the morals of it are not improved by official sponsorship. A state lottery is authorized gambling in a particularly cheap and nasty form and we should hate to see so rich and progressive a city as New York descend to such a level in its search for new revenues. Where would the pest stop?"

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 19, 1898

The big thaw last week had streets, roads and fields generally bare. The snow storm on Monday replenished the sleighing and the wheels have been discharged again.

The first acetylene gas machine to be installed in Acton is now illuminating the post office. A number of business men and citizens have been putting in acetylene gas here shortly.

Mrs. Josie Oram, who has been superintendent of the Junior Epworth League since it was organized was presented with a beautiful teacher's Bible by the membership.

The promenade concert given by the Crokinole Club in the Town Hall on Monday evening was an event both enjoyable and successful. As a result of the efforts of the Club in securing funds for the purchase of a piano for the town hall the treasury had already nearly a hundred dollars.

DIED

WILKINSON—At Guelph, on Sunday, February 13th, George Wigglesworth, in his 81st year.

HEGGIN—At Guelph, on Wednesday, 9th February, Edmund S. Kilgour, aged 40 years, 8 months.

BACK IN 1928

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, February 23, 1928

New electric signs were installed the past week at the Acton Cafe and P. Leishman's billiard parlors.

A pleasant event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fisher, Fifth Line, Equeusing Township, on the closing night of the Euchre Club for the season. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Wilson, who are moving to Georgetown, were made recipients of an electric table lamp.

Mrs. Fred Wright and son and Miss Ruth Walker returned recently from a six month's visit with friends in England.

The local play "Bashful" Mr. Bobbs" was repeated on Thursday evening. They were greeted with a crowded house again. Following the play a dance was held. Mr. A. A. Worden and Miss Dora Worden were in Georgetown on Monday attending the funeral of their sister-in-law, the late Mrs. S. B. Worden.

BORN

RUMLEY—At the Guelph General Hospital on Thursday, February 23rd, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Rumley, Acton, a daughter.

DIED

WANSBROUGH—In Fergus, on Saturday, February 18th, 1928, Thomas Nodwell Wansbrough, in his 75th year.

TOO EASY

"Now, then," said the teacher of the fourth grade class, "who can tell me what comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb?" "I know," volunteered little Johnny Jenkins, "Dad."

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