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EDITORIAL

A Handy Municipal Reference
 There came to our desk this week a new government booklet which we found very interesting and quite up-to-date. It is called "1948 Municipal Directory" and is published by the Department of Municipal Affairs. This new directory lists all the provinces by counties and gives for each municipality in that county the name and address of the Reeve and Clerk, the population, acreage, municipal assessment, and the length of streets and water mains and sewers in that municipality. It also gives county warden and clerk and the totals of all figures for the county.

Perhaps the reason it appealed to us was because the information it contained was so up to the minute. Usually compilation of government statistics is such a task that when they are published they are hopelessly out of date. Population figures for Halton are given as: Oakville, 5003; Burlington, 4943; Georgetown, 3080; Acton, 2367; Milton, 2218; Nelson, 5406; Trafalgar, 5085; Esquensing, 3452; Nassagaweya, 1718. The total for the county is 33,272. Total acreage in Halton is 226,404, with Trafalgar and Esquensing of equal size and Nelson slightly larger than Nassagaweya. Among the towns, Georgetown has the largest acreage, being greater than either Oakville or Burlington. Yet Oakville has nine miles more of streets than Georgetown. A hurried glance through the booklet draws attention to the fact that most municipalities elect their officers every year and the two year term has not gained popularity. The directory is concise, gives the information most often requested and above all is up-to-date in the year of issue.

Nice Folks But We Don't Like Toronto
 We don't like Toronto and it seems that as time goes on our dislike grows. Let's be clear. It's not the people in Toronto we dislike. Because there many of our best friends carry on their existence. Just why we've never been sure—other than the old saying "Business is business."

Saturday we went to Toronto regarding several items but chiefly to visit a friend who has been ill. Our trip included a visit to the Ontario parliament buildings for a meeting with officials of the Department of Education. We cruised about for a half hour to locate a parking spot reasonably near the buildings. Finally in desperation we parked on College Street, four blocks from the wide boulevard leading to the buildings. Our finding the proper room where the meeting was to be held was facilitated by the offer of an employee to direct us. As we said before, Toronto people are nice and helpful.

That afternoon we visited with our friends and went out to dinner about six o'clock. Returning about 8:30 it was found the house had been ransacked from attic to main floor and as many valuables taken as time had permitted. Apparently the job was interrupted before being completed and the thieves made a hasty retreat leaving the front doors open. A telephone call brought two detectives promptly, who searched the house and gave the assurance that all was clear, listed the stolen articles and said they might be recovered. They were real helpful and nice fellows trying to keep their section of the city free of crime. Yes, the folks in Toronto are nice but we don't like Toronto.

We could relate more things that make us dislike Toronto and more things about Toronto folk we liked on this same visit but that's enough to get us back home any time and to confirm our desire to make our visits to Toronto short.

Tourist Net Drops
 Canada's big tourist trade across the U.S. border netted this country only \$78 millions in 1947, reports the Financial Post. This is actu-

ally \$8 millions less than the corresponding figure of a year ago, despite the fact that Americans are credited with spending \$10 millions more in this country last year.

The disappointing "net" result in a year when Canada was running behind in her dollar reserves, was due to a 17 per cent. jump in Canadian tourist spending in the United States in 1947. According to the DBS preliminary estimate on tourist travel, the balance would have been substantially smaller had it not been for the cutoff in tourist spending by Canadians on November 17, 1947.

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Too Much Tax Exemption
 Exemptions from assessments are depriving Canadian municipalities of needed revenue, and placing an undue tax load on private business and property owners. This was the virtually unanimous opinion of informed Canadians answering a Financial Post questionnaire. The majority favored taxation of Crown corporations and revenue-producing public utilities; some would also include private schools and church property, if not used entirely for religious purposes. One writer suggested that municipal taxes should be allowed a deduction when computing federal income tax. "Freedom from taxation," one answer said, "offers a strong temptation to governments or public institutions, to compete unfairly with taxpaying individuals. This tends to increase activities of the state at the expense of the individual. At the end of the road stands Socialism."

The Cross of Mercy
 Nearly a century ago Red Cross was an idea in one man's mind. As a visitor from Switzerland, he stood on a battleground in Italy and saw the wounded, the dying and the dead left untended, like refuse on a playing field. His idea was Mercy—a mercy which would know no enemies, no national barriers, no racial or religious differences, a mercy which would work on behalf of suffering men, regardless of the uniform they wore.

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No need to wish for April because that's the month that taxes of various kinds require attention.

It will be welcome news to School Boards to learn that School grants are to be higher this year than last.

Hockey still lingers as the favorite pastime, but we'll make no predictions on either its stay or the advent of spring.

March confirmed all expectations by being both lamblike and roaring lionlike. A combination of both spring and winter.

Motorists should drive carefully through towns these days. It's not the decent thing to splash along at high speed without consideration for pedestrians.

Until the spring waters rise and the hours of daylight are longer, it's necessary to save Hydro wherever possible. Avoid interruptions by turning off all lights and equipment when not in use.

With employment and wages at a high level, Canadians increased their savings accounts in chartered banks by \$329 millions to a total of \$3,805 millions last year, reports the Financial Post. Savings accounts average \$600, an increase of approximately \$27 over 1946. The ratio of savings deposits to demand deposits increased during 1947.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Social Security! What social security had the pioneers of Ontario? The answer is brave hearts and strong arms; and these were enough. How the men tramped through the bush for miles to the nearest store and brought home a bag of flour on their backs. If a family had a misfortune like a fire, or the husband ill and unable to do his work, the neighbors helped. That was their social security and it made Ontario the banner province of the Dominion.

The U.S. government is giving much consideration to the recent increase of \$5 a ton in the price of steel. One of the factors that is being studied is the record of 47 large steel corporations, which showed the following annual profits in the years since 1939, all figures being in the millions of dollars: \$146, \$278, \$326, \$204, \$194, \$188, \$283 and estimated at \$323 million last year. Like the newspaper companies, which recently raised their price another \$6 a ton, one wonders why steel producers raised their price, when 1947 profits were more than double those of 1939.—Chesley Enterprize.

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DIED
 STOREY In Acton on Sunday, 6th March, William Hyslop Storey, aged 61 years.

BACK IN 1928
 From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 15th, 1928.

The dear little catkins are in bloom again.
 The increase in the price of turnips to 35c per bushel has resulted in large quantities being brought in for shipment during the week.

United Church Men's Club debate "Resolved that the Pulpit has been more benefit to Humanity than the Press," resulted in a tie. The affirmative side was upheld by Messrs. E. H. Thorford and Chas. McKean, the negative side by Messrs. W. J. Atkins, J. P. Scarrow and E. H. Vincent.

Miss Marjorie Seltzer was one of the contestants at the Canadian and International Oratorical Contest in the Toronto Suburban District semi-finals. She took high standing but did not reach the winners' list.

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