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EDITORIAL

When Assessment is Not Uniform

Huntsville is another of the towns that has found the new assessment for 1949 based on the new Gray survey and valuation to be "a bit drastic" according to the Huntsville Forester.

The Forester has compiled a list of towns of similar size to Huntsville and finds that assessment figures are about half of the new \$3,169,000 assessment of Huntsville for 1949. Commenting on the list of assessment figures of various Ontario municipalities the Forester says:

"From these figures it is quite obvious that the advice of Toronto experts on assessment values is not being freely sought by the smaller towns in Ontario of similar size, is a question of spurious example of the isolationist principle in taxation values. Whether it can be shown that property values here are double those of other towns in Ontario of similar size, is a question into which the experts might set their teeth.

"It may and will be agreed that the high rate of assessment in Huntsville permits a tax rate below that of other towns, similarly placed. This situation, however, is one from which the taxpayer can derive little comfort, when his tax-bill under the new and lower rate, represents a figure fully comparable with that of other towns where lower assessments and higher rates prevail.

"If the local assessment survey and taxation values had been in the hands of our own officials, as this paper urged they should have been, it is highly improbable that our total assessment would have been increased 100 per cent. A nominal increase would have been looked for preceded by a campaign of education through which the taxpayers would have been fully informed of the purpose of the increase, and the need of value adjustments.

"As the situation now stands, any value we may derive from a lower tax rate, is nullified by an assessment level far out of proportion with that of comparable towns, and just as likely to adversely affect the interests of the town. It is not an easy task to establish any difference in the psychological effect upon a prospective taxpayer, of an excessively high assessment and low rate on the one hand, or a moderate assessment, with a moderate rate on the other. High assessments are just as likely to drive fear and hesitation into the heart of a prospective industrial or private citizen, as high tax rates.

"Huntsville's objective might have been reached more effectively if greater moderation in assessment values had been exercised. At least we would have maintained a more uniform position with comparable towns in Ontario—a position which is not likely to become rationalized through any mad stampede on the part of other towns to follow Huntsville's example."

Ontario Law Enforcement

The shocking disposal of the liquor charges in Manitoulin Island with the evidence presented in court is just another startling example of the inadequacy of Ontario Police Courts and the administration of justice from Queen's Park.

It follows the same pattern that was taken in the cases against the operation of amusement concessions on Sunday at Ontario summer resorts. They were allowed to operate the full season before any charges were laid. Profits go above all else. There appears to be absolutely no enforcement of the liquor laws in Ontario. Teen age boys and girls can go into any town or city where they are not known and they are served seemingly without question at least they appear later, intoxicated.

Police are almost powerless to get convictions in the courts for drunkenness and are losing any interest in making arrests or taking cases to court. We have an overdose of law and a sad lack of justice. If Mr. Blackwell aspires to

leadership as Premier of Ontario he would do well to give attention to his present department in the province. Mr. Drew failed to make the grade last election in a "safe riding."

Most folks of Ontario want decent law enforcement and more backing for the police who are making an honest effort in most cases only to be frustrated when cases are taken to court.

How Far in Defense?

Russia has many ways of threatening us, remarks the Financial Post editorially. One way is keeping us in a constant state of jitters. Our present defense spending may be inadequate, but also to be remembered is the fact that too big an annual commitment, taking too many of our people out of production and into unproductive defense, could also have very serious effects on the health of our economy.

Is that not just what Russia is after? To weaken our economy so that she will be relatively stronger? By keeping the democratic nations in a fever of rearmament, which feeds inflationary fires, saps the economic blood of the nation, and contributes to unrest, Russia is winning battles against us. Some arming we must do. But too much can be as serious as too little.

It is only in combination with others that Canada's defense program can be wisely drafted. And it is only an economically strong Canada that can serve the cause of freedom in peace or in war.

Living the Ideology You Would Fight For

World labor is being torn apart by the war of ideologies. The ideology of Communism has already captured control of the major unions in France and Italy, as well as the countries behind the Iron Curtain and has even infiltrated many of the unions here, in spite of the efforts of sound leadership to stop it.

Recently two large unions, the United Public Workers of America and the United Electrical Workers, were black-listed by the Atomic Energy Commission because their leadership is suspected of Communist affiliation.

Today we see the spectacle of sound labor men either trying to stamp out Communism in their unions by strong arm methods or being slowly sucked under by the Communist strategy of smear and sabotage.

Fred Copeman, former British delegate to the Comintern, and now Chairman of the Central Lewishan Labor Party said recently, "Our own labor movement has lost the fire and faith of George Lansbury, Keir Hardie, and Tom Mann—men who were led by God. Communist dialectics enabled people to die willingly for the party. This is because Communism convinces people that its ideas and ideals are the ones needed for the present world. What is the answer to all this?" Copeman stressed that the answer is not negative criticism, but building "a greater, more constructive, inspiring, fighting ideology and living it."

EDITORIAL NOTES

First real frost of the fall in this district came on Sunday night and a reminder that winter is just around the corner.

You know that every time you save Hydro these days it helps you reduce the cost of living. It's a shortage that can save you money too without much effort.

Can't recall that the autumn colorings were ever more beautiful than this year and the road between Acton and Milton is as fine a drive for autumn glory as one could desire just now.

The Town of Bowmanville has raised \$35,000 of its \$65,000 objective for a new arena and while still \$30,000 short has awarded the contract and started work on the new building. The plan is to proceed as far as the money goes.

The Progressive Conservative party has picked a new Premier for Ontario and Mr. Drew has taken one of the Ontario cabinet to assist him in Ottawa. This playing of the political game in the back rooms makes fine propaganda for the isms to use and is quite helpful to their cause.

We get so many suggested editorials on our desk that we began to wonder how to define or interpret the word. Our dictionary says an editorial is "an article published as an expression of the views of the editor". We thought that was the general interpretation but some times we need to re-affirm our faith.

Doctors make the biggest incomes in Canada according to a report of the Department of National Revenue published in the Financial Post. Their average was \$7,466 per year with lawyers in the second-ranking group at \$6,528. In third place were architects with \$5,984, followed by dentists with \$5,289. From there on all classes were below \$4,000 a year. At the bottom of the list was another branch of the medical profession, nurses with average earnings of \$1,173.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 20, 1898

W. P. Campbell is building another house on Church Street, west of Main in the rear of Adam Cook's barn. It will be a frame building 18x26 with kitchen addition.

A joyous event was enacted at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Anderson last Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, when her daughter, Lena, and Mr. Thomas P. Watkins, son of H. Watkins, Esq., were united in holy wedlock.

A number from Acton attended Naasagawaya Fair at Campbellville on Tuesday. Mr. Henry Patterson, Naasagawaya, had a serious runaway last Saturday. He was changing his horses in the field from the plow to the wagon when the horses started and the wagon upset throwing Mr. Patterson out and falling on top of him. He had a narrow escape from being killed.

DIED—In Trafalgar, on Sunday, October 9th, J. H. Hall, aged 77 years and 7 months.

STAUFFER—In Toronto on Friday, 14th October, Mildred Irene, daughter of Samuel J. Stauffer, aged 3 years and 1 month.

BACK IN 1928

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 18, 1928

John Caffo, of Beardsmore Crescent brought to the Free Press the largest sample of carrots seen around here this season. The sample weighed 2 1/2 pounds.

The fowl supper and entertainment arranged by the ladies of Knox Church in connection with the church anniversary proved very popular and was attended by a big crowd.

Last week two families, who have been residents of Acton for years, removed to new homes elsewhere. Miss K. Little and Betty and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kentner and babe removed to Collingwood. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith also removed last week to make their home in Orillia.

The contest for posters and essays conducted by the Women's Christian Temperance Union in the province had Acton winners in both High and Public schools. Miss Barbara Guthrie won first in High School and in the Public School Tony Lavelle carried off first honors.

Miss Betty Findlay of Medina, N.Y., who is attending college in Toronto visited Acton friends over the week-end.

On Monday, Mr. William Stalker was felling a tree in the bush when he happened with a rather serious accident. The tree was deflected from its course and fell on Mr. Stalker fracturing his left hip and his back has also been found to be injured.

DIED—In Esquesing Township on Thursday, October 11th, 1928, John McElbannon in his 89th year.

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