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EDITORIAL

Civil Service Pays

There are three times as many people on the Ottawa payroll to-day as before the war, states a special survey in The Financial Post. And while the situation has been under some scrutiny since 1946, it's now thrown into sharp focus by the Hoover Commission's findings on federal housekeeping in U.S. The Hoover Commission estimates that at least \$3 billion a year could be saved by reorganizing the U.S. Federal Government along business lines.

Alarming, say many citizens, of Canada's swollen civil service payrolls. And it's very much their business since it's costing them close to \$300 millions a year as against \$88 millions in 1938.

To put it another way, the average family head now kicks in \$80 a year to the federal civil service payroll kitty as against \$28 in 1938 and \$65 in 1945.

A Rank Appraisal of the Budget

An appraisal of Canada's 1946 budget in relation to theories of cyclical taxation occupies much of the Bank of Montreal's latest monthly Business Review, which was issued this week.

"From the standpoint of its provisions and the economic assumptions upon which they apparently rest," the B of M says, "the new budget stands in decided contrast to that of a year ago."

The 1948 budget, it points out, devoted a substantial surplus to debt reduction and provided virtually no tax relief. It was thus "a notable example of the practical application of cyclical fiscal theory to meet an inflationary situation." The present budget anticipated only a nominal surplus in the current fiscal period and provided tax reductions totalling approximately \$369 millions on the basis of a full year's operations.

"These tax concessions," the statement notes "taken in conjunction with the disbursement of \$250 millions of refundable personal income tax and retroactive payments of about \$214 millions to western wheat growers amount, in aggregate, to a very sizeable stimulus to consumer spending power."

"A significant and related fact," the bank adds, "is that, with the removal of some 750,000 taxpayers from the personal income tax roll by the raising of exemptions, the number of persons now subject to direct levy on income has been reduced to about 1,600,000."

"Since the Canadian working force is estimated at approximately 5,000,000 persons, it follows that about two out of every three of these will not be directly aware, through even nominal deductions from income, of the cost of governmental services that the community demands."

The cost must nevertheless be borne, the review emphasizes, and henceforth to an increased degree the public will pay it in the form of hidden taxes.

If Spring Would Only Stay

Just a bit difficult to keep at our routine work these days when a new section is being added to house part of the printing equipment which we have collected and put to work during several years in the business. It was quite convenient to satisfy our interest when a doorway led from the old section of the building in Acton to the new section. Quite pleasant it was too on a bright sunny day to slip out into the sunshine and watch progress.

But these days of spring are forever changing. For instance, last Friday when it seemed that the roof would get on and our heating system protected from the weather, it started to rain. It persisted until the work had to be stopped. Then in the week previous came a late snowstorm that lost nearly three days.

On Monday, warmer weather was predicted

and it seemed safe to disconnect the boiler and depend on a few electric heaters to maintain a working temperature. The weather man missed by several degrees and as we write there are no thoughts of early spring or summer coming up.

But the contractors are making splendid progress with the larger quarters and it won't be many weeks until the advantages will be so many that these inconveniences will be forgotten. If conditions aren't normal for a week or so readers, you'll know the reason. We started our spring renovation a little early and attempted to beat the building rush of summer.

Leaders Needed

Far too frequently of late the public has been told that something has not been done because of lack of co-operation on the part of one of the three levels of government, comments The Financial Post. Spokesmen have announced that Ottawa would not agree, or this was a provincial matter or it was up to the municipal authorities.

There are few countries of comparative population which have as much government as we have. With three different levels — municipal provincial and federal—all supposed to be looking after public affairs, one would think that everything possible should be covered. But this frequent "passing the buck" from one government to another especially on controversial issues, is ample proof that "everything possible" is not being covered.

The plain tax-paying citizen of Canada is not greatly concerned about the particular jurisdiction of this or that public authority. What he is concerned about is getting things done, whether it is cleaning up some petty gambling hysteria or clearing the way for vital power development.

The Chesley Enterprise holds the Department of Education should give leadership in the establishment of large High School districts. In support of this position, the Editor makes the following editorial comment on the subject:

"Since the Chesley Board of Education has set out to try to establish a larger High School district, it has found that the Department of Education has done little more than provide the idea. The working out of the scheme is being left to the Councils, School Boards and people, with little or no guidance and leadership from the Department."

We are told by the Orangeville Banner, for instance, that people in that district are becoming impatient with the lack of action on the part of Township Councils. With the latter declining to act, it has become necessary to have every School Section decide the matter, and six out of seven have been favorable to forming a larger school district. The other one is remaining out of it for the time being. The point would seem to be that the Department might well provide a regulation whereby a majority rules, and that if most of the sections decide in favor of a larger district, then all sections are to be included. But the Department does nothing to provide active leadership—it leaves everything to the people in the district.

The Elmira Signet also deals with the very live topic of school district and says: "Creating a High School Area was instituted by the provincial government but it would seem many difficulties which crop up have to be settled by the representatives of the Board who are appointed from the various municipalities. One can't blame every municipality for getting the best deal possible, but surely the Department of Education can set down rules, regulations and financial obligations, so all will realize first hand what is expected of them rather than enter into an agreement and then commence to squirm under the obligations."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Never mind, you'll get back that hour you lost on a Sunday in September.

The hockey season has gradually merged into the summer pastime of baseball.

That habit of giving the telephone bell a good twist seems more difficult to break than we would have believed.

Many folks are inquiring on the progress of the Community Swimming Pool. We're sorry, but we haven't the answer to the question.

Rumors of the Dominion election become more positive and last week one of our contemporaries set the date for June 27th on information which was then available.

Disbursements under the Family Allowance Act are in excess of \$260,000,000 annually, which in 1947 represented 30 cents out of the dollar of personal income tax paid by Canadians.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1899

Taken from The Free Press of Thursday, April 27th, 1899

Mr. Joel Leslie is making the excavation for his new residence. Mr. R. H. Johnson has been appointed caretaker of Knox Church at a salary of \$500 per year. A summer kitchen and interior improvements have been recently made to the house on John Street, purchased by the parish for Rev. Father Feehey. "Were you at the fire last night?" was a current question on Tuesday morning. During the night the small frame house on Main Street, just outside the southerly limits of the corporation, with its contents was destroyed by fire. The house was occupied by Hugh Ryder and family who went to Guelph last Friday to visit friends. Mr. Cameron, hide inspector for Messrs. Heardmore and Co. has removed his family from Toronto to the residence of Mr. Thomas C. Moore, Lake Ave. Mr. Moore has removed to the James Brown farm. Rev. T. Albert Moore, pastor of Zion Tabernacle, Hamilton, who twenty-one years ago was editor of the Free Press will spend the next few days in his native town. Mr. Wm. Noble is removing to Toronto this week. The departure of this family from town is regretted.

DIED
HARRIS—At Ingersoll, on Friday, 21st April, 1899, Mr. Frank Harris, Acton, aged 87 years.

BACK IN 1929

Taken from The Free Press of Thursday, April 25th, 1929

These bright sunny days are bringing out the bright shiny new cars in increasing numbers — and those that were shiny in other years are making their appearance too. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshall celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday. Over one hundred guests were entertained during the day. Surveyors are at work in Milton with a view to connecting the new highway from Palermo to Milton with No. 7 Highway at Acton. The old building at the south-west corner at the junction of the Acton crossroad and the seventh line was destroyed by fire on Monday evening. The building was unoccupied and was the property of John Campbell of Ballinacraig. The building must have been erected about one hundred years ago and was one of the twenty-seven taverns on the seventh line between Ballinacraig and Oakville.


DIED
ALLEN—At the General Hospital, Guelph, on Saturday, April 20th, 1929, Mrs. Nellie Allen, of Acton.
FISHER—In Esqueping Township on Monday, April 22, 1929, Gladys Jean Griffin, beloved wife of J. Leslie Fisher, in her 29th year.

NOTICE
RE: DOGS AT LARGE
Paragraph (5) of the by-law No. 738 of the Village of Acton provides that between the first day of May and the fifteenth day of September, in any year, dogs within the municipality of Acton will not be permitted to run at large. Persons permitting dogs to run at large during the above period are liable to a fine of \$10.00.
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