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EDITORIAL

How To End Taxes

Most rural municipalities in Canada think they are doing very well indeed these days if they can hold tax levels down to anything close to previous levels. But they would get a shock if they went to Sweden, comments The Financial Post.

There are some counties very similar in climate and area to those of the more thinly settled sections of Eastern Canada have abolished municipal taxes altogether. And they have done this without the slightest sacrifice in municipal service. The rich uncle in this Swedish story is the forested area which the Swedes cherish and we so often neglect. For almost a century municipal forests have been major sources of revenue in Sweden, some of them such successful sources that they now look after all municipal expenditures. As well they conserve moisture, prevent floods, furnish healthy recreation areas for home folk and tourists.

Women's Sixty-Four Dollar Question.

Women! What governs your life? The opinion of your husband, boss, or neighbor? The needs of your children, friends or fellow-workers? Your pocketbook? Your fears? Your desires? Or do you ever feel personally responsible for the mess the world is in today?

Let us face the fact that the world is in a mess. There is distrust and insecurity. Never has there been more widespread need for kindness, love, understanding, among peoples and nations. Never more need for right ideas.

As a woman, do you really care enough for your loved ones, your home, your city, your country, to want the biggest idea of all to captivate the minds of other women? This idea may be democracy's inspired ideology. It calls for a revitalized propagating Christianity. It asks for the building of a hate-free, fear-free, greed-free world.

Weapons? Women think of weapons as belonging to a man's world—instruments of offense and defense such as arms. There are other weapons which are instruments for combatting another sort of enemy. Love is a weapon against hate. Honesty combats dishonesty. There are many weapons in this "war of ideas". You want your children brought up in freedom, not under a materialistic dictatorship. Therefore sound homes are weapons. Women are the homemakers. Women can have the heartpower — another weapon. Women want peace, but do women want peace enough to fight for it with these weapons always at hand — love, understanding, honesty and discipline?

Educational Facilities

For some time there has been a great deal of stress on better educational facilities for our young people. There have been many changes made with, we believe, a desire for improvement. The improvements have for the most part been costly and now we find a general demand for lower educational costs. Provincial grants have been greatly increased but in spite of these, the ratepayer finds a increased rate each year for educational costs in the local levy. This applies to city, town or township throughout the province. You will notice in every tax rate struck that educational costs are blamed for part of the increased rate. Of course, in instances where rates are lower, no reasons are asked for by the taxpayer.

If improvement and better educational facilities were to be provided it was only natural that the costs would be higher. The dissatisfaction would appear that with the higher costs there is some doubt that education of the young people has shown any marked improvement. In the simple things such as spelling, grammar, English, penmanship, and ordinary arithmetic, there are many who will argue the standard is lower than a few years ago and often we argue with them rather than against.

Will more improvements in facilities turn out better educated young Canadians? Are the new studies and courses fitting young folk better to

take a place in the business world of today? Does the elimination of examinations and competition in classes produce a young man or woman who is self-reliant? These and many other questions come to the mind of every older citizen as he looks at his tax bill and the educational costs. When we discuss these matters, they are not local but will find common ground in most any community today.

We are today in a quickly changing world. All of our problems are not the result of a war. Education is but the foundation for a start in life. Many times we older folk expect that our schools of today should put the graduate on the same level we have attained by many years of experience since leaving school. Many young folks when leaving an educational centre believe they are ready to replace all those with years of experience.

It's expected that this year 16,797 young people will graduate from colleges across Canada with 6,644 from Ontario. There'll be 3,661 graduate engineers from our Colleges this year and 5,561 graduates in Arts and Science; 640 law graduates and so on. We don't know how many will reach retirement age in the various professions. There must be a place for these young people with educational background, but also there must be a realization by these graduates that they must apply themselves and their knowledge if they are to be welcomed in the every day world. Their training has been an expense to someone. Their advantages must be shared and proven if education is to be advanced. They are the examples that the world will judge and pass upon in our educational system.

What is Local News

Local news is a wedding in your home church. Local news is your week-end visitor. Local news is the report of your lodge, club, church or organization. You know these and many like definitions of local news. Such intimate and friendly news is only to be found in your home-town weekly newspaper.

Local news is what you talk about over the back fence while you're hanging Monday's wash on the line. It's the new people who moved in across the street. It's a recipe you read about in "Something for the Girls," the sales coming up at the local merchants' stores. It's the church supper on Sunday. It's news about you that you can only read in your local newspaper.

There's no other medium of information custom made for you, none other which knows you so well. For your local newspaper is you. It is the continued story of your today and a flash-back to your yesterdays. And without you there would be no news.

Tucked into the mailbox, spread out over the living room floor, or propped up against the coffee pot you find the local paper. You sometimes may think it's nothing much, pages of creased and crumpled paper. Yet it's news, better still it's a symbol of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It's you: your failures and your achievements, your past and your present, in sickness and in health, for better or for worse, once every week. You welcome your local paper as a part of the family.—Bowmanville Statesman

EDITORIAL NOTES

Easter in another week and more evidence of spring and warmer weather just ahead.

Springtime brought its usual freshets but around town it was all muddy water and mud.

Just now we've got the muddiest and worst roadways to be found anywhere. We're not particularly proud of them but sewers are always a messy job.

While most municipalities are announcing tax rates of up in the 60 and 70 mill brackets and general increases in the levy of last year, Acton's rate of 34 mills—a big slash over last year's mill rate—looks pretty favourable.

We agree with other citizens that some improved planning of sewer construction is needed so that detour roadways are left usable. The present jumping from spot to spot is not advantageous to travel or the convenience of citizens.

An unsigned letter to the editor of the Fergus News Record laments the fact that Fergus is still a village and queries, "Why are small places like Acton becoming towns while we remain a sleeping village?" As an outsider looking on we'd hazard the guess that the village is waiting for Beatty's to help "shed the diapers".

What is free enterprise? Well, free enterprise is prices kept down by competition; it is taxes paid by business as well as the wage earner; it is reward for the "go getter" and not for the lazy; it is opportunity for the little man to run his own business, unhampered by red tape and regulation; it is less expensive government and more profitable business. It is our Canada, built on the principle of "give a good man a chance to get ahead and he'll go on from there."

Recollections of Acton BACK-IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 23, 1950

Enjoyable sleighing parties to the homes of Mr. Joel Laflie on Wednesday evening and Mr. D. Williamson on Friday evening were held by young people in town.

Dr. A. P. Husband, V.S. who left Acton nearly four years ago, has commenced practice here again and has opened an office in R. Noble's flour and feed store.

The Fire Brigade is doing its best to put on an attractive appearance at their parade and public functions they may attend. To this end they have decided to order a number of new tunics, caps and belts.

Mr. James Brown of Brown's Saw Mills has decided after mature consideration to erect and equip a first-class planing mill, cash and door factory in connection with his saw mill. A new building 28'x44' in ground floor and 24'x54' in second floor will be erected at once and the equipment will include a 50-hp engine.

Yesterday two of our fair maids were wedded by esteemed young men out of town. At three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Orr, Main St. Mrs. Minnie Orr, daughter of the late Mr. J. A. Church, V.S. of Arthur. At eight o'clock the duties of Miss Belle Perryman, Willow Street, and Mr. Geo. Nelles of Nassagaweyn, were joined.

Mr. Murray McDonald came home last week from Southampton for a few days to recuperate. On Monday of last week while in an elevator at the tanery at Southampton, the cables broke and he fell with the cage some forty feet. He was badly shaken up but escaped serious injury.

BACK IN 1930

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 27, 1950

The Church Army Crusade have been holding special services in St. Alban's Church this week.

Miss Hickey has closed the shoe store she purchased last fall from Mr. H. L. Harrison.

The Guelph Intermediate hockey players must admit, after three trials, that Acton has the superior team. The Toronto Customs and Brokers will try their luck on Saturday night.

Residents of Eramoosa since their childhood, Mr. and Mrs. John Brydon, pioneers of that Township, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Boles, Eramoosa Road.

A delightful evening was spent at George town on Thursday when P. A. Smith, officially presented to the Georgetown Curling Club the handsome trophy cup recently won by the curlers of that town.

DIED
 REID: At his home, Young Street, Acton, on Sunday, March 23, 1930, Robert Hugh Reid, beloved husband of Beatie McKinnon in his 73rd year.

SCOTT: At her home, lot 21, Sixth line, Esqueving Township, on Monday, March 24, 1930, Rachel Arthur, widow of the late Wm. W. Scott in her 79th year.

COOK: At the home, Bowser Ave., Acton, on Thursday, March 27, 1930, Bertha May Hayward, widow of the late Oliver Cook.

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