

EDITORIAL

More Taxes For Everyone

So we have some changes in taxes in the new budget. Of course, the only taxes that find favour are those that are lower but with increased defense expenditure and more services demanded from governments by most groups, lower taxes are getting further away.

Generally speaking the new levies are not as drastic as many anticipated and certainly did not hit in all the places that might have been included. The anticipated increase in liquor tax did not materialize as many expected and the cigarette and tobacco tax took all the load. It might have been divided as both are non-essentials.

While one may argue the budget from an individual viewpoint perhaps, no doubt if we were faced with similar demands for revenue it is doubtful if anyone could have done better. The argument will go in the House of Commons and perhaps it will be just as well if it is retained there while the business of the country proceeds and the taxpayers go about earning the new taxes.

The increased taxes will hit everyone's pocketbook but it is better to have knowledge of what is being levied than to have more hidden levies in subsidies. A tax-conscious public is more alert to the business of the country than a people who are lulled by subsidies for particular groups.

They're New Here

Canada has a good many new Canadians and they have a duty to Canada as old Canadians have to them. Recently the rescue of an injured farmer was delayed by the inability of a Netherlander to speak English. This was an extreme case since the man had been in Canada little over a week but nevertheless it emphasizes the fact that new Canadians have a duty in learning to speak English.

Most towns have set up courses in Basic English for these people and are helping in every way to make them capable citizens. Besides setting up courses every citizen has a duty to perform in helping these new citizens to understand our way of life, our many peculiarities, and our complicated language. You have probably heard more than once that English is the most difficult language to learn. If you investigate the number of words with double meanings and words pronounced the same, yet spelled differently, you will understand to a certain extent the problems facing our new Canadians.

In teaching new Canadian citizens their duties to the community and the country, it might be wise for each of us to review just what those duties are. In so doing we will not only learn a valuable lesson but set a better example. Take election day as one small duty. Ordinarily only a few vote and men are elected to control our government, municipal, provincial and federal, by less than half the people.

By teaching we can learn. By learning we can set a better example for others to learn by.

A Two-Sided Story

Whenever the Dominion Bureau of Statistics releases its monthly survey on the cost of living and it happens that the index has gone up a notch or two from its previous high, newspapers invariably feature the news on the front page under a display head that only the near-sighted could miss.

In the strict interpretation of news, this is as it should be. The current cost of living is a lively point of discussion and no two women—or, for that matter, no two men—can get together for more than a few minutes without the subject coming up in some shape or form. If people keep on talking about it and its discursive quality ripens in proportion to its swelling, it certainly is news, and relatively speaking, it's front page news.

But this repeated featuring of the cost of living index forces a question. Why do reports of constantly rising industrial wages fail to make the front pages with a prominence equal to that given the living cost rise? We don't know the answer, but they practically never do. Certainly D.B.S. reports of wage increases are carried by the press, but way inside on the financial page and surrounded by advertisements that all but bury them in hopeless obscurity.

In all fairness, it should be pointed out, with similar prominence to that afforded reports of increased living costs, that the percentage of wage increases has advanced, and continues to advance, more rapidly than the cost of living percentages increase.

If the price of a roast or the cost of Junior's shoes are "murder" compared with pre-war prices and these items are construed as news-worthy, then the thickness of Pa's pay envelope today compared with his wage in 1939 is news-worthy, too!

Encouraging Signs

It is an encouraging sign to note advertising and signs in retail establishments generally state that there will be no change in prices on items now in stock on account of the recent budget increases. It has been the custom in many instances to put increases into effect at once and this keeps the cost of goods and services down.

Perhaps the time has come when we are all tiring of the foolish marry-go-round of increasing prices, only to find that the sole accomplishment is a dollar of lower value and decreased purchasing power. The holding of prices is one that can best be controlled by the people generally and not by control laws. Now is the time to show by example that there is a desire to hold down prices and not grasp at every opportunity for making the prices greater.

When Freedom Is Lost

The all-important, often-challenged freedom of the press drew recognition from newspapers of the world when the Argentine paper La Prensa was closed on January 26 by a vendor's boycott. Dr. Gainza Jaz, exiled editor of the paper, still believes La Prensa will resume its task of fulfilling the 81-year-old motto founded by his grandfather of "Trust, honesty — that is our point of departure."

It was for "disrespect" in challenging the powers of the Congressional Commission which took possession of La Prensa that the editor was sentenced to 15 days in prison, with no assurance that it wouldn't be prolonged. One noted lawyer in Argentina said, "There is no law in Argentina."

Peron-incited mobs attacked La Prensa more times than are remembered. Neither advertising nor circulation were affected when vigorous campaigns of denunciation were carried on against the Buenos Aires newspaper. It was the controlled press that suffered rather than the free press.

In 1943 Argentina's newspapers were warned against "inflaming the public" and later a decree systematized the levying of punishments and setting of fines. Editorials were submitted to La Prensa with instructions to publish. La Prensa continued to print the news and never directed any personal criticism at Peron, restricting criticism to the government actions. A state of siege was lifted after the 1946 election and a law prohibiting "disrespect to" was passed. Unfortunately, truth is no defense to the disrespect law for the truth may be even more disrespectful than an untruth.

La Prensa's circulation was forced down because of a 20 per cent. cut in newsprint supplies. Presses arriving in Buenos Aires from abroad were for some reason not allowed to be installed.

A labour dispute finally led to the closing of La Prensa because trade unions in Argentina are now nearly all government controlled.

Among services of La Prensa before its closing were treatment for 30,000 persons annually in a health clinic, agricultural advice for 4,300, legal advice for some 6,500, educating some 200 music students and a number of other worthwhile services.

La Prensa is closed. Argentina's leading voice of freedom has been stifled. American newspapers went into mourning for La Prensa. But the challenging spirit of Dr. Gainza Paz, the exiled editor, has not been conquered. From his exile he said, "La Prensa must reappear, strengthened by the support of a people who love liberty and condemn injustice."

Freedom of the press is the culmination of many legal battles waged by challenging editors for the benefit of a nation. It is often jeopardized but its power is seldom matched. American newspapers played a large part in bringing about the present crisis investigation across the border.

Dictators, Fascists, Communists and many freedom loving people fight the press's freedom just as that freedom is sometimes misused. But once that freedom is lost so is the voice of we the people.

Editorial Notes

Fergus has set a tax rate of 78 mills this year but then, of course, Fergus is one of those towns that hasn't had a new revised assessment.

The old one-center is a thing of the past at the Post Office now. It will have its advantages perhaps in cutting down a lot of unnecessary propoganda that comes to newspaper offices but may also deter the sale of greeting cards.

From an exchange we quote: "Guess the chap who never pays unless he is billed and who never fails to go up in the air if he is killed only acts that way to help make life happier for business men." And many a time we had hoped that these folks went down below when they were killed.



"WHEN ARE YOU GETTING YOUR GLASSES FIXED, MRS. HIGGINS? IT TAKES UP A LOT OF MY TIME READING YOU THE PAPER EVERY DAY."

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thurs., April 18, 1901

The dust has been flying in clouds this week and the street sprinkler is again being called for.

Mr. James Matthews, who patented a new rein holder last year, has invented and will patent a very useful article in the form of a neat whip lock, which he will put upon the market at once.

The golfers made their first tour of the links on Saturday and enjoyed a pleasant game. They will be obliged to rest from further play at present as the green and tees are in the hands of a professional gardener who is putting them in first class shape for the season's operations.

The following is the reason given by a minister in a neighbouring town why women should take off their hats in his church, "No human being can get much good out of the sermon unless he can see the speaker's face and study its expression. No sermon can inspire a man who is looking into a lopsided aggregation of dead birds, stuffed weasels, chameleon skins, ribbons, beads, sticks, straws, paper flowers, corn tassels and thistle down. It makes a sinner feel lost in this wilderness."

Mr. N. F. Moore of Lakeside Farm has purchased the dairy business of Mr. J. Flynn and takes possession on the first of May. Mr. Moore will conduct the dairy business on the latest hygienic and sanitary plans. All his milk will be aerated with an improved aerating machine, by which all impurities will be removed from the milk. The new plan of card tickets, which are never used twice, will be adopted.

Today Mr. A. Robertson, chief of the fire department and Mr. Robert Wilson, one of the old-time settlers of Nassagaweya, are celebrating their birthdays. Mr. Wilson has just entered his 65th year, and fit he and his good lady are spared for five years more they will celebrate their golden wedding. In this conjunction it may be stated that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Agnew, hotelkeeper, Acton, were married on the same date, and they also bid well to celebrate their golden wedding.

About a score of little tots of five years were introduced to the teacher of the primary department of the public school on Monday and commenced the initial stages of their education.

Have Film, Quartet At Church Fireside

The second inter-church fireside of the season was held Sunday night, April 1st, in the United Church and was again sponsored by the local auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. All congregations in the town were well represented and there were many out-of-town visitors. Extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the large attendance.

An interesting program had been arranged. The Willoughby Farm Quartette delighted the audience with their favourite hymns and Negro spirituals. Rev. Mr. Curry showed a second film in the series, "Christ and the Fine Arts." All joined heartily in the singing of some of the well-loved hymns of the Church.

The evening was brought to a pleasant close with lunch served by the ladies of the four Acton congregations. Another such fireside is planned for summer or early fall.

BACK IN 1931

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 16, 1931

The first baseball practice for the year was held on Monday evening.

Messrs. J. M. McDonald and F. L. Wright, of Acton Legion, attended the Vimy night banquet at Port Credit on Saturday.

A serious fire occurred on the farm of Norman Thompson, Stewarton, on Monday when his barn, stables and pig pens, were entirely destroyed. It is estimated the loss will reach nearly \$8,000.

The work of improving Fairview Cemetery got under way this week and several men and teams are busy on the plans outlined this season.

A letter from the Forestry Branch was read at the monthly session of the School Board stating that seventeen hundred trees are to be secured this year as the Board's allotment.

Judge Moore is in Toronto to attend a dinner given this evening by the Board of Publication of the United Church to celebrate the publication of the new hymnary.

Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion are preparing for Charter night with a drive for members. This week The Free Press edited an extra four pages in honour of the new branch.

BORN
EMERSON — At the Catherine Booth Hospital, Montreal, on Sunday, April 12, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Emerson, a son.

DIED
CAMERON — In Acton, on Wednesday, April 15, 1931, Burnett G. McCadden, wife of Charles A. Cameron in her 32nd year.

Farm Loan Board Issues 1950 Report

The Canadian Farm Loan Board has just issued its twenty-first Annual Report covering operations for the year ended March 31, 1950. The Board is a Canadian Government agency which makes long term mortgage loans to farmers.

During the year the Board approved \$5,109,400 in loans over 40 per cent of this amount was for the purchase of land and the refinancing of land-secured debt. The amount approved represents a small increase over the previous year and is the largest annual volume of business in the last 13 years. The Board's current investment in farm mortgages increased by more than \$2,000,000 in the last year and now exceeds \$26,000,000. Interest arrears at March 31, 1950 equalled only 246 per cent of principal outstanding.

The Board makes first mortgage loans up to \$5,000 at 4 1/2 per cent repayable over a period not exceeding 25 years. The Board may make additional advances to bring the total loans up to \$6,000 in certain circumstances. Loans are made to pay debts, buy livestock and equipment and farm lands, and to erect and repair buildings and make other farm improvements.

TO SEE WHO'S THERE

For nervous people who wonder what sort of a person is ringing the front door bell, there is a new device described in The Financial Post. A door lookout with a wide-angle lens fits any metal or wood door up to two inches thick and is easy to install. The lens makes it possible for the person on the inside to get a full view of whoever is at the door, while the outsider cannot see in.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1951
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship

Baptist Church, ACTON

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1951
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class
11:30 a.m.—Mr. Alfred Kitchen, McMaster University.
7:00 p.m.—Regular bi-weekly evening service sponsored by Young People. Speaker, Mr. Bruce Fogarty, Toronto. Hosts, near Men's Association Committee—Special music.

Thursday, April 10—8 p.m., Prayer meeting followed by special business meeting of the congregation.

Friday, April 20—2:30, Mission Band for primary class; 4:00, Mission Band for older classes; 8:00, B.Y.P.U., colored slides of Switzerland.

Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., Minister

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1951
Missions Sunday
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship
0:15 p.m.—Fireside, Miss Catherine Robertson, speaker
ALL ARE WELCOME
"Exit the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy."

St. Alban's Church (Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. O. Lupton, M.A.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1951
Easter IV
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Beginners' Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
Junior Confirmation Class Wednesday at 7 p.m.
A Welcome Awaits You

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound	
6:30 a.m.	8:50 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:58 p.m.
Westbound	
10:17 a.m.	12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)

Daily except Sunday and holidays.
Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Eastbound	
Daily 6:41 a.m.	Daily except Sundays 9:34 a.m.; 7:10 p.m. Sunday only 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:13 p.m.
Westbound	
Daily except Sunday and Monday 1:50 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only 12:30 a.m.; daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 8:50 p.m.; 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:10 p.m.; (flagstop); Saturday only 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only, Flyer at Guelph, 7:06 p.m.	

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