It Came

That snow that blanketed everything our Alous day morning and made folks say it was a diety morning was really needed in this section of the country to go along with the Christmas season It makes the going bad but it's what our shopping and mode of dress is geared for winter weather to start in December and more often earlier

The sleighs for children, the skis, and the winter clothing all look so foolish and out of place without some real snow to put them into use. We know that in many places Christinas is very real and much enjoyed without any show or cold weather. The people who live there how ever, never expected Santa Claus to come to them in a sleigh with eight prancing reindeer. As child ren they didn't have to worry about whether there was sleighing or not. We can recall a Christ mas eve many years ago when there wasn't a bit of snow on the ground but our faith was restored when on Christmas morning there was a blanket of a foot or more all over the ground. It's difficult to shake those things in which childhood faith is established.

Then there's the folks who make things that are saleable only in cold weather and very neces sary when the snow storms come. It's surprising how many things depend on snow and winter to -move in the market.

A Good Movement

We go right along with Ontario's Education Minister Dunlop on his overall views on education. Speaking recently he deplored the remova of hard work and competition from schools and said there is a movement back to the "3 R's" and without them none of us can really navigate.

There's a lot of money being spent on educa tion these days. Young people spend a good part of their lives acquiring the education to help fit them for the place they are to take in the world In most communities, the biggest single item in the tax bill is for educational purposes. *We know we're asking for trouble and an argument. But a lot of very average taxpayers are asking quietly if they are getting their money's worth in our present day system of education

We are not prepared to get into the subject too deep because we are frank to admit we have not had time to read that book entitled "The Hope Report" which hasn't proved a big seller in the book stores. Perhaps we are a bit old fashioned like the Hon. Mr. Dunlop. But we do look back with interest on the days when it was as big an honor to be chosen first for a spelling match and stay up longest as it was to win a championship on field day. Perhaps he too can remember the competitions in "Mental Arithmetic" and when the copy books gave examples of good writing.

If competition is good in field sports, in rugby and hockey and has to be met when every boy and girl goes out to make a living, it would seem that competition might bring some improvement in spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic. Perhaps some of you older readers remember when the first six students for the month in each grade had their names and marks published in the paper. We would like to confide to you that it wasn't the paper which stopped this competition in school studies.

Taxes Not the Way

In these days of taxes from every corner it's a bit difficult to understand the thinking that prompted the Ontario Creamery Association meeting in conventions to call on the federal government to impose a 15 cent per pound tax on margarine to bring the price closer to that of Putter

We don't use margarine very much. But it's such proposals as that from those who live in a country which boasts of freedom that makes folks rebellious. If we want to use up our surplus but ter there are many better ways to do it. For instance, eating places might be shown that wartime restrictions were over and a more liberal "pat" could be served with meals. Perhaps if the many diets put forth these days for reducing took the emphasis off butter and cream the consumption would be increased. There are lots of thin folks who might be urged to include more butter !

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and cream in their diets for the benefit of themsolves as well as the dairy industry.

The taste appeal of butter might be made better, too I much seems that it's not much differ and than manualine for the average person. The makers of margarine have learned a lot, in spite of all the handkaps placed on them in making their cheaper product resemble butter. Perhaps some of you remember the stuff produced in the tiest would war that had to compete against the used dairy butter that was available then. I distint need a 15 cent lax to keep the sales in balance it took a lot of patriotism to reach for margame in those days instead of butter.

But the flavor and the art that went into mak ing the dairy butter we used to know seems to have been lost since the churn went from the kitchens and moved into factories. We'd better stop-Perhaps our taste isn't as keen as it was 30 years ago when bread with just good dairy butter laid on thick used to taste so good

It's Not the Money

The fact that those who assume responsibilities on municipal councils receive an amount of remoneration that may pay their out of pocket expenses, seems to have no effect on securing more thizens for the positions: This is evidenced by the fact that extra nominations have had to be called to fill all the posts. The public service of Commisfion and School Board where no remuneration is provided have been filled at the first nomination.

"Looking on from the outside, it would appear citizens are not prepared to give the time from their leisure or business to assume council positions. Perhaps the fault lies with citizens in general who may be demanding too much of the time of members of council. It may be that those who fill these posts are finding that members of coun- this foundation that has been won cil are the go-betweens for electors and provincial by Mac Sprowt governing bodies. The mayor, reeve or council man can be so easily reached by the ratepayer. while the provincial departments are not acces-

While other bedies and electors themselves vote for money matters it is so often that morest pal councils get all the blame for the tax rate which is always too high. No elatter what the he participate to the Northeld har and the state for a bound go. demands may be. As a matter of fact council members have little controllable expenditure in a least as months study and travel, the pockets of Onlarge farmers. It most municipalities. What the police will be paid in the British Isies is settled by provincial regulations. What teachers have takinglet to yourself, your into fullions, representing a verwill be paid is the rate set by their federation. What shall be paid for debentures is set by the vote of the electors in most cases. The municipal listes be happy, educative, and reboard tells what can be approved or not and sets its fee. The list is almost endless.

joy was brought from those Isles to to five years. One magazine article The fact remains, however, that most folks this great Canada of ours by your told of a Western Ontario farmer put all the responsibility on members of council ancestors and mine who laid the who made Christmas trees his only foundations of our Western civiliza- crop and made an income of over and it's getting more and more difficult to find tion shoulders broad enough to take it. The price that can be offered for public service can never be the sole inducement.

No Escape

Municipalities not only in Halton but throughout Ontario are watching for the solution to the illness and will not arrive until late financial problem in which Oakville has been placed. It seems difficult to understand that with -all the municipal-restrictions-in-effect-these-daysby provincial officials such a situation could es Edward Williams, 85, died on against Ella Jany and Agnes Huishave gone unnoticed for so many years. Passing a special act by the province to make possible the 1868. In his youth he worked in a ruary. payment of the amount will simply be the same as levying a nominal fine on the municipality Certainly the money already expended will have to be paid by Oakville residents and debentures will be the least painful.

There's a lesson that other municipalities may derive from Oakville's plight. The cost of rapid growth is expensive. The more people, the more . UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA schools and services are required. They all cost money and the funds come from one source only! the taxpayer's pocketbook. There isn't any use trying to postpone the day of payment. Oakville's tax rate will have to now be adjusted to compensate for the years when these improvements were made. It's not a nice problem for a municipal council to be confronted with but what's half all million dollars for Oakville which has so many of 11 00 a.m - Morning Worsh.p. Serits citizens who were at one time used to spending millions in Toronto. Taxes catch up with you no matter where you go.

Reading Between The Lines

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT DECLINES AS CITIZENS PAY TAXES AND FORGET

It probably seems a terribly I the town as it spread to other pessimistic viewpoint to say that democratic government is on the decline. Two things I noticed recently though would point to that end result.

In the results of a poll conducted by the Canadian Vistitute of Public Opinion, the question was asked of parents whether they would prefer a graduate son enter politics or seek come other vocation It was just 13 per cent that would favor a political career and yet the expression seemed to be quite common that "he wants to be prime minister But on the local scene where

everyone knows the score a little better and understands it more completely, the picture is quite clear. Out of two nomination meetings, there are still not the required nine officials for the municipal council The fact that a third nonunation meeting c required is discontaging to 4he officials appointed. It was even suggested that those already appointed might resign at the first meeting and let citizens do a let He down to earth section. Black and on the destanced their lower and the future of their Lix bill at the other than when it

drapps ated to as their happens remarks there will read to be because the re-ultarity publicity some serious work done by all

Re Nuffield Award

foundations and charities in Eng-

land a mention of the Nutfield

Foundation. The item calls it "one

an income of 100,000 pounds (\$380)

onto a year". It's an award from

Letter From Stan Ball

You'll recall that two weeks ago

we published quite a few letters and

messages which contratulated Mac-

I wish to extend to you my

"May your visit to those historic woodlots

"The best of luck to you. Mac. as

noble son and good citizen of the

Stanley L. Hall, M.P.I

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Stewart Delayed

arrive in Bronte on December 15 to

take charge of St. Luke's Anglican

January, a letter from the Bishop of

Original Family

Niagara said.

Rev. T. H. Stewart, who was to

finest country in the world "

of the million pound trusts

NORTH

EAST

We notice in a feature article on Company is now located

SOUTH

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mind you that the great heraties ing Christmas trees. According to

of freedom, with responsibility, that those who know, the size suitable

you and every Canadian citizen en- "for table tops can be grown in three

church, has been delayed through teacher" was the topic chosen by

gave Glen Williams its name. Charl- These two girls will be competing

November 26 in Simcoe The son | man, who represent the north Hal-

of Joseph Williams, he was born in ton urban schools in Milton in Feb

A member of the family which about "William Wilberforce"

This is a great lamor which you of Christmas trees exported, run-

how is as one of the Comment town; The Charten, fire balances in a

due or raised.

centres. Not only that, but dra matte or drastic action should not be necessary to interest people in municipal affairs.

To run for council, it but neccesary to provide a lower mill rate or endeavor to put one's finger on corruption The promthe of fairness in decisions and action are all citizens need to be assured of

There seems little doubt that the position of councillor or town official does not hold the prestige the office formerly held In the national survey I refer red to eather the two top reas ons given for not wanting a political career for their son were that the job was too unstable and that there was too much graft and corruption

A town official I heard of when asked how he was at the end of his first term on council said he was a year older and ten years 11 151 1

We all need to be made a little

west about our obligations to our democrate way of life. We need to realize it 1917 our of this e thorry we pay for as dof daily and cents. It one of the provideget period on to us by our parent and produparent and mile we p'm to drop it in the would do nichmant damage to it of us in Acton and in Catalla

grist mill where the Apple Produc-

Christmas Trees

has become a very profitable side-

line for many farmers owning ever

green woodlots. According to for-

est conservation people, proper cut-

ting of Christmas trees will in no

way bring about a depletion of the

They are, however, disturbed by

the arresponsible practice of meon-

alerate people who cut down a

has been estimated that the number

Christinas trees come from farm

Some farmers specialize in grow-

four thousand dollars per year

to the S'auffers in the district

Argonaut President

president at the annual meeting of

the Argonaut Rowing club last week

is a former Actorian. He is related

Wants To Be Teacher

Roberta Crawford of Oakville, who

won the public speaking competi-

tion there. Coming second was

Susan Smith of Oakwood who 'old

"When I grow up I want to be a

Bill Ross, who was re-elected

levest wealth of Onfario

The production of Christmas trees



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1903

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 17, 1903

The Postmaster General has suthortzed the issue of \$10 postal notes The commission on these postal notes is only five cents, and it will be a convenient and safe way of rending money, a receipt being giv

not dead here yet Engineer Carruthers is now engaged in working son, Neil McNabb, Jimmy McIsasc, out a scheme, by adoption of starage batteries and a small direct current generator, by the which the batteries can be charged during a period of light load in the regular hours of operation for the lighting service. The advantage of this would be to keep the engine work. ing to its full capacity thus getting a higher efficiency and storing the surplus power for use during the day. There are many features to recommend the direct current syntem for juver purposes

that the Canadian Parity and Grand Trunk Radways will folios? The presentation of gradiation the example of the Scathern Pacific, diploma is a made to Me 1 P.

Mr. Ed. J. Moone r. out the work on the annual boar of Victoria Collere Glee Club.

engaged teacher of Lain school and the staff of the Brulgeport school Miss Fern Brown entertained he girl friends at a birthday party last

been an invalid the past year, bugh school eached her 88th birthday this week Comparison with the Nervous

Newtonbrook gave an interesting. System of the Human Body" at the

Miss Dapsy Nacklan has been to Miss Edi'h bas secured a position on

Mrs Janet Anderson, who has

Mrs. Clara E. Humberstone of the wheeling is very treatherous. address on "Wireless Telegraphy in , to create the Christmas atmosphere Epworth League on Tuesday even-

BACK IN 1933

From the imue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 14, 1933

In the letters to Santa Claus contest Beatrice Taylor won the doll and Leonard Lambert the hockey milfit. There were so many letters and they were so good that Santa had treats left at the Free Press offire for others who wrote very good lettern Anna McNabb, Evelyn Wil-The question of electric power is son; Edna Robson, Mariel Stephenson, May Spires and Marie Ander-Norman Wallace Grant Sayers and Leane Mannier Their letters were

all published The Acton town hall was crowded to the door for the commencement exercises of Acton High School The principal Mr A Herbert, was chuttman and Mr W J Danlop BA, B Parel was the main quaker The program included edections by the school orchestra vocal numbers by Hazel Wilson Mary Young, Barbarn Taylor, Lallyan Woodhall Patricia Harron and Bella Rosell slub A dispatch from Montreal successional energy exercises school charge and your contraction frames that da

and dead upon the atreet ware a factor of a few agency of Matrice R / Learnt J. Per Taren, Marpara Scar, Vel. that Black Jack Skilling, Harrey

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Itiged bertadas Torollas The mirting-rink-time tienty fleurised and marked out in preparation for the acason.

There will be a double header horker game in the arena tonight, with the teams from the Tannery appearer the thou factory and Acton

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