It Might Be Worse

As income tax time has arrived perhaps we who live in Ontario may have some bit of solace that our provincial government has not added on another load such as Quebec business men are now experiencing. An added tax levy is, of course, of some importance but added to moneys collected is the tax collecting clerical staff that must be maintained by individual firms and the confusion which invariably comes with any new legislation. We call attention to this to alleviate our own and kindred feelings that come in the days just prior to April 30th.

Governments are not particularly efficient in the handling of money and without a doubt the new levy in Quebec will require the engagement of a new staff of clerical people and another group of inspectors. Much of the money collected will be required to make the collection and once on the payroll of any government the staff never decreases.

The sooner Canadians get wise to the facts that regulations of their income by governments is unsound, the better the country as a whole will develop. As long as we demand more services and security, bonuses and subsidies from governments the more it becomes necessary to add tax levies. Governments have no money to dole out except the funds which are secured from the citizens of the country.

Compares Well

Our interest in High School districts goes back to their beginnings. Reading some of the ex changes the past week we found new interest in the rates being paid in other municipalities Walkerton District rate is 11.3 mills and Hanover is 12.75 mills. For the Wingham District the rate is 5 mills and at Chesley 8.6 mills is required There is apparently quite a variation and we presume it all depends on the size of the district and the indebtedness on the buildings and equipment.

In North Halton District the rate varies in the five municipalities according to their assessmen but we find that no municipality requires five mills to meet the levy for this year. In Acton the tax bills give the amount about 4 mills and in Milton the same source gives the levy as under 3 mills. We have not seen the tax levies of the other three municipalities but it would seem that 4 mills would be the average rate for the district.

When it is taken into consideration that three schools are maintained to serve North Halton and that a building program in all of them calls for \$350,000 expenditure it would seem that the high school costs are very favorable with other districts.

Of course, none of the schools in the North Halton District are equipped with auditoriumgymnasiums, and lack many of the frills which most high schools have. Perhaps we can hope for such things at a time when costs of building and equipment are lower. But in the meantime, North Halton has a rate in costs to the taxpayer that compares very favorably with other high school districts.

Not the Load It Was

"The burden of the national debt."

That used to be a theme on which hundreds of Canadian politicians were prepared to make a rip-roaring speech at the drop of a hat.

But national debt isn't talked about so much now, comments The Financial Post, which gives some reasons why:

In the last nine years \$2 billions has been whittled off our national debt. Today it amounts to about \$11 billions. That is 17% less than in 1946 which was the all-time peak. This substantial reduction means a saving of \$75 millions annually in interest payments.

Today interest payments on it amount to less than 2% of gross national production.

It used to be that a lot of it was held abroad by foreigners. Now it is held very largely by Canadians themselves. Paying interest on it means collecting from Canadians to pay to Canadians.

What's in a Name

Recently we heard an address which the speaker termed "Let us Remember." He pointed cut that the thing a man or woman likes to hear best is his own name. He went on and told us how it was possible to remember the names of hundreds and thousands of people one may meet and gave a formula for remembering. There isn't a doubt about it that this remembering names of folks is a great advantage. We often wish we had cultivated the art of remembering people and names better. It's not much solace to find that the vast majority of people are in our class and only the few have mastered the task of remembering and association.

To be perfectly frank, we cannot now remember the simple formula for association of names and people that was given us only a few weeks ago. One would think that public relations departments would be careful of names and keep mailing-lists reasonably up to date. For years we have been receiving material from one of Cana da's largest enterprises addressed to Angus Mc-Lean as editor. We've gone back to 1875 and cannot find that such a name was ever associated with the Free Press.

Another big institution is still sending their material to William Panton who hasn't been associated with the Champion for 30 years. A paper mill sends letters to 'The Action Press, Mill Street, Gazette testifies the delegation's proposed plant site. Action Street, Action Ontario." We never saw so much action on one envelope in all our life.

Reminds us that one day we called on several weekly newspaper offices and in one where the editor was not home we got in conversation with the printer's devil and told him we were a printer and asked if he felt there was any chance for a ling and when completed will projob. His comeback was "You don't look like a printer." We've been wondering ever since what mechanical work room. one has to do to look like a printer or how long one has to be in business before the outside world knows you are there. It pays to remember the speaker told us and the right name and address on letters or material is likely to receive mor action" than the wrong name.

It's a Date

It is not a changing of the times but rather a changing of oneself when the first of May does formed source", that \$60,000 was not bring the big urge to "go fishin"." The preliminary of digging in the garden, which was so often just an excuse to get bait, cannot be blamed on the backward spring. But one cannot help getting joy out of seeing the boys wading in the spring waters and sharing suckers.

It's not an uncommon thing to see boys on a bicycle and carrying a fishing pole and wearing a corded vote. asked by Mayor Armhopeful look, and it brings back recollections. In the days of Isaak Walton fishing was known as "the contemplative man's recreation." In the Eng- McGilvary motion to sell the truck. the erection of a centre for the land of Walton's time, those who demanded the more heady thrills of the chase went in for foxhunting, and other blood sports of an even gorier nature. And the honest angler was probably regarded as the Milquetoast of the sporting fratern-

The spring days have other thrills these times. The young man's fancy so often turns to cars and ville tripped). Clerk R. Hunt said ector of Employment, explained not speed, but there is still the group that finds enjoyment along the banks of big and small waters quately signed. in just fishing and taking time to contemplate when the fish aren't biting too well. May 1st still has its thrills for a considerable group of the population and this year it comes on Saturday.

Other Papers Say:

Bowmanville (Ont.) Canadian Statesman: 'A greater population for Canada affords solution of so many national problems that it astounds thinkers on the subject that it is not more vigorously attacked and pursued by government on all

Barrie (Ont.) Examiner reports speaker saying. Canadians enjoy the fruits of a high standard of living, but it is quite possible if we keep up demanding more that we will be sitting on the pinnacle, while the other countries around us will be doing all the business

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Reading Between The Lines

CYCLE CHANGE RECALLS DAYS WHEN **ACTON SERVED BY MUNICIPAL PLANT**

By G. A. Dille

Changing of electric power in Acton from 25 to 60 cycles brings back many recollections of the development of electric power in this community by those of us who can recall old oil lamps on the streets, in the halls and churches and in the homes. Fifty years ago it was the morning task In every home to clean and fill the oil lamps and trim the wicks.

The first electric lighting in Acton was a plant installed by the Storey Glove Co. on Bower Avenue. It provided light for the shop and offices, and at night a big electric sign on the top of the building was illuminated and passengers on the evening trains were attracted by the sign and the reflection it cast on the waters of Henderson's Pond:

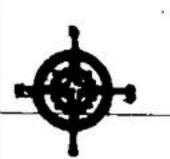
I believe the first municipal lighting plant was built in Acton about 1900 on the site now occupied by Baxter Laboratories.

Matter of fact, the big chimney on

the plant was the one for the botler of the generating plant. It operated only at night and supplied power for lighting in business places, a few homes and street lighting. Power was turned on at dusk and off at midnight. Hydro came to Acton about 1912.

The old lighting was steady and without flicker on the tungaten and carbon lamps which were in use Users didn't like the flicker when Hydro was turned on but in 40 years we have become used to the lighting.

This year of 1954 will see another change in electric lighting in Acton. We are told the flicker will go out in the new 60 cycle power. In those 40 years many household appliances and much factory equipment has been added to the power load. Each change is bigger than the previous one and before year end it is predicted the latest conversion of power in Acton will be completed.



North EAST

SOUTH

Oppose Dump Site In Burlington last week affected residents of Nelson township sided with similarly affected urban restdents to oppose plans by Burlington Council to locate a town dump on low-lying land near Brant leader presented a petition which was "100 per cent, signed."

New Garage for Erin Messers Carney Bros., the Erin Advocate advises, have workmen busy erecting a new garage on the lot alongside their present garage The new building will be about twice as large as the present buildvide ample space for show room and office as well as enlarge the

New \$1,000,000 Factory Long Manufacturing Co. Ltd. o Windsor, the Record Star reports, makers of automotive parts, w build an 80,000 square foot factory and office with a minimum of delay on the 11.17 acres which owns on Oakville's North Kerr Street. Total investment will be the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

Accusations Scotched Oakville-Trafalgar Journa reveals: Recent accusations, emanaing from what he called "an unin not accounted for in Trafalgar's 1954 budget, were scotched by assitant township clerk John White last week. Mr. White clarified the budget breakdown for council at the request of a councillor.

The Old Town Truck \$180 was preceded by a brisk de- Blind bate at last week's Council meeting. the Georgetown Herald says. Rehauling rubbish to the dump.

Bronte Local Improvement The Record-Star observes Bronte finance the village's first project to be paid for under the Local Improvement Act lover which Oaka petition to have Chisholm St East extended has now been ade- would benefit county dwellers who

Another Milton Industry only one of its kind in Ontario, who remain in their own homes began production operations last; in the county communities. week, Canadian Felling Zinc Oxide oxide known as Felzo. The plant is Do it again." scheduled to employ 12 to 15 men. He: "Okay, which one""

Sewage Service for Bronte Despite Trafalgar Council's motion last week that the sewage dis-

posal plant near Coronation Park

fred Jennings said later the village

fathers planned to ask the Depart-

Approve Subdivision Plan Milton Council, at its regular session last week, gave approval to plan of subdivision with certain stipulations for a lot area on Bell St. between Robert and Barton Sts. The plan formerly called for 40 foot lots which council refused to approve. Revised plan to 50 foot

lots was submitted to council

through the Department of Plann-

ing and Development. New Golf Club Open Members of North Halton Golf sponsored by the Lakeside chapter do well to see our new American and Country Club are already en- IODE and held at the home of lines just at hand. They are all joying the facilities of the new club the regent, Miss Vida Ramshaw at Georgetown, the Herald reports maximum of 225 preferred shares of \$500 will provide the major financing, and it is still hoped to have the majority of members from Georgetown, Milton

and Acton. The shares are repay-

able at four per cent.

C.N.I.B. Canvass Is Started in Halton

Volunteer canvassers are now ravelling up and down Halton county collecting gifts to the \$3. 150,000 Building Fund of the Can-Sale of the old town truck for adian National Institute for the

The canvass covers the countres of Halton, Peel, Simcoe, York, Ont- | Phone 26 ario and the district of Muskoka List your farms, business or house strong, carried by a narrow mar- and Metropolitan Toronto. Thousgin when the mayor and Council- ands of volunteers are conducting facilities in securing a purchase for for Sargent supported the Gray- the appeal which will culminate in your property. The reeve and deputy strongly op- sightless second to none on the posed selling the truck. Reeve Al- continent. The new centre will prolen claimed it folly to use the vide a nucleus of activity that can new \$6,300 truck for such things as change the lives of more than 2,000 blind exizens who live in the five county area.

Greater employment opportunit-Council will consider a by-law to ies will be high on the list of advantages the new centre will set in motion, L. G Williamson, a blind person himself and C.N.I.B. Dironly how these improvements move to the 100 room residence. but also how it will provide a Milton's newest industry, the source of income for the sightless

Ltd. formerly called the Pigment! She "John, when we were first t Chemical Co. will produce zinc married you used to tickle my chin

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 26th, 1934. On and after Monday next, the entire plants of Beardmore Leamanufacturers at the request of Georgetown interested parties, with the follow-

ing results: Monday but on a later date. The into working order a week ago a definite decision concerning got hurried call to the laundry employees' homes. Acton Machine Me get heap wet!" Co., no decision reached, but will be guided by the shipping schedules. Indestructible Milk Crate Co. will also be guided by shapping The Free Press office will adopt Daylight Saving Time as the other factories reach a decision

Mesara. W Duval and A Papillon have purchased from Mr George Somerville five neres of land on his farm, just at the south easterly boundary of Acton It is understood that Messrs Duval and Papillon will erect two houses on this property and also modern and up-to-date poultry houses. Work on this erection will be commenced could service Bronte, Reeve Al- at once

A number of swans have been or the pond at Stewarttown for over Museum. In black and white the ment of Health for a report on the a week now They are very pretty and well-worth seeing.

Mr. Lloyd Miller has been teller of the Acton branch of the Bank of Montreal for the past two or three years, has been promoted to the branch at West Toronto He will be succeeded by Mr. G F F Beer of Lambton Mills Principal Rerbert and a group

of scholars from the high school were present to observe at the meeting of Council Monday. Yes, there is something new

under the sun A combination crokinole and whist party. It was six-button New York vest you will

BACK IN 1904

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 28th, 1964. Consternation and sorrow might have been read in the faces of the there in Acton will operate on congregation of the Baptist church Daylight Saving schedule This is on Sunday afternoon when Rev in accordance with the adoption of Mr. McAlpine, the much-loved the same time in Toronto The Free pastor, announced his resignation Press made inquiry from other from the partorates of Acton and

Many Milton waterpipes were frozen during the winter and some The Mason Knitting Co will not of them have not thawed out yet adopt the advance whedule on That at the Chinese laundry got Storey company have not reached Inspector Earl of the waterworks operation of the plant Hewetens where he found the basement Shoe Co, had not reached a de- flooded with water Bang, one of cision but desired to regulate the the Mongolians, was soaked from hours to save any confusion in the head to foot and cried. Whoosh!

Mr George Soper has purchased a site on Mill St. for a grocery store The price paid for the after was \$25 a foot frontage

Monday evening was one of special attraction to the Masonic brethern. The occasion was the annual visit of the D.D.G.M. and the basquet which always accompanies this occasion DDGM Hutchinson of Hamilton gave a speech at the Clark House where an exceptionally fine banquet was held. Mr D M Henderson, W M occupied the chair Brox Stark, Devitt and Henderson sang popular songs to the edification of the com-

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