

EDITORIAL

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 exchanges 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 assessment 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 auditorium-gymnasiums, 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 out 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 Canada's largest enterprises addressed to Angus McLean 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 Pantton who hasn't been associated with the Champion for 30 years. A paper mill sends letters to "The Action Press, Mill Street, Acton Street, Acton 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 job. His comeback was "You don't look like a printer." We've been wondering ever since what 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 more 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 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 shoring suckers.

It's not an uncommon thing to see boys on a bicycle and carrying a fishing pole and wearing a hopeful look, and it brings back recollections. In the days of Isak Walton fishing was known as "the contemplative man's recreation." In the England of Walton's time, those who demanded the more heady thrills of the chase went in for fox-hunting, and other blood sports of an even gorier nature. And the honest angler was probably regarded as the Milquetoast of the sporting fraternity.

The spring days have other thrills these times. The young man's fancy so often turns to cars and speed; but there is still the group that finds enjoyment along the banks of big and small waters 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 levels."

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 pinacle, while the other countries around us will be doing all the business."

Reading Between The Lines

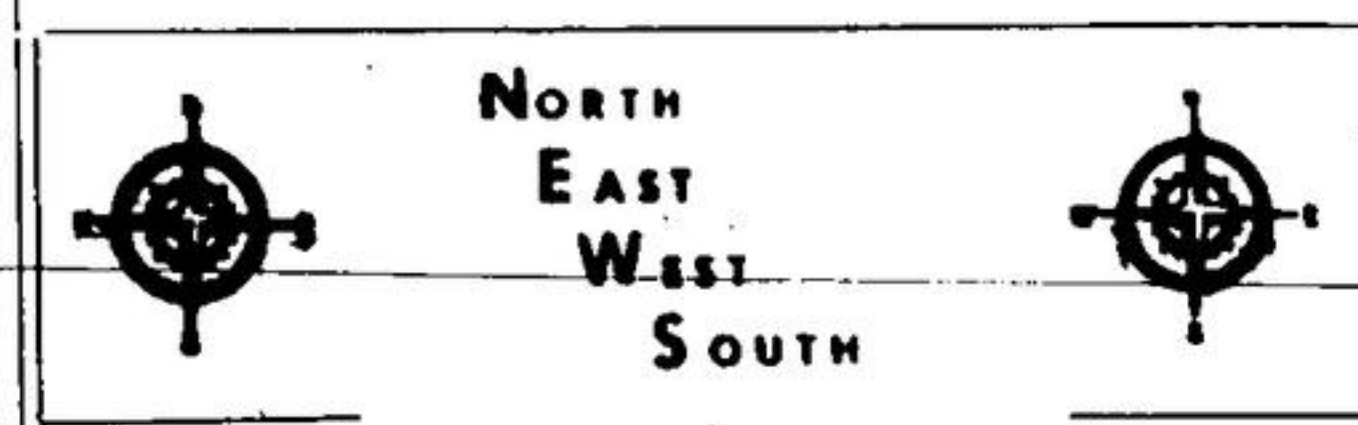
CYCLE CHANGE RECALLS DAYS WHEN ACTON SERVED BY MUNICIPAL PLANT

By G. A. Dills

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 of light 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



Oppose Dump Site
In Burlington last week affected residents of Nelson township sided with similarly affected urban residents to oppose plans by Burlington Council to locate a town dump on low-lying land near Brant Museum. In black and white the Gazette testifies the delegation's leader presented a petition which was "100 per cent. signed."

New Garage for Erin
Messrs. Carney Bros. of 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 building and when completed will provide ample space for show room and office as well as enlarge the mechanical work room.

New \$1,000,000 Factory
Long Manufacturing Co. Ltd. of Windsor, The Record Star reports, makes of automotive parts. will build an 80,000 square foot factory and office with a minimum of delay on the 11.7 acre which it owns on Oakville, North Kerr Street. Total investment will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

Accusations Scotched
The Oakville-Trafalgar Journal reveals: Recent accusations, emanating from what he called "an uninformed source", that \$60,000 was not accounted for in Trafalgar's 1954 budget, were scotched by assistant township clerk John White last week Mr. White clarified the budget breakdown for council at the request of a councillor.

The Old Town Truck
Sale of the old town truck for \$180 was preceded by a brisk debate at last week's Council meeting, the Georgetown Herald says. Referred to by Mayor Armstrong, carried by a narrow margin when the mayor and Council Sargent supported the Gray-McGilvray motion to sell the truck. The receive and deputy strongly opposed selling the truck. Reeve Allen claimed it folly to use the new \$6,300 truck for such things as hauling rubbish to the dump.

Bronze Local Improvement
The Record-Star observes Bronite Council will consider a by-law to finance the village's first project to be paid for under the Local Improvement Act to erect an Oakville statue. Clerk R. Hunt said a petition to have Chisholm St. East extended has now been adequately signed.

Another Milton Industry
Milton's newest industry, the only one of its kind in Ontario, began production operations last week. Canadian Felling Zinc Oxide Ltd., formerly called the Pigment Chemical Co. will produce zinc oxide known as Feizo. The plant is scheduled to employ 12 to 15 men.

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9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
2:15 p.m.—Church School Rally
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
- ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH (Anglican)**
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D. Rector
- SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**
May 2nd 1954
10:15 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon
"To do good and to distribute forgiveness, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrew 13: All Visitors Welcome

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 Leathers in Acton will operate on Daylight Saving schedule. This is in accordance with the adoption of the same time zone Toronto. The Free Press made inquiry from other manufacturers at the request of interested parties, with the following results:

The Mason Knitting Co. will not adopt the advance schedule on Monday but on a later date. The Storey company have not reached a definite decision concerning operation of the plant. Howatson Shoe Co. had not reached a decision but desired to regulate the hours to save any confusion in the employees' homes. Acton Machine Co., no decision reached, but will be guided by the shipping schedule. Indestructible Milk Crate Co. will also be guided by shipping. The Free Press office will adopt Daylight Saving Time as the other factories reach a decision.

Messrs. W. Duval and A. Papiillon have purchased from Mr. GEORGE Somerville five acres of land on his farm, just at the south-easterly boundary of Acton. It is understood that Messrs. Duval and Papiillon will erect two houses on this property and also modern and up-to-date poultry houses. Work on this erection will be commenced at once.

A number of swans have been on the pond at Stewarttown for over a week now. They are very pretty and well-sought after.

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. Beer of Lambton Mills.

Principal Herbert 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 examination crokinole and whist party. It was sponsored by the Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E. and held at the home of the regent, Miss Vida Ramshaw.

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Westbound
10:27 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m.,
5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m.,
11:22 p.m., 11:42 a.m. Sun to Kitchener only.
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