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### For a Better Parliament

There is one positive way of enhancing Parliament's strength, and that is by sending it good members, says The Financial Post. So the important question is: What kind of people will the party organizations select or be able to get as standard-bearers? The horrible truth, of course, is that it is easy to get boots to run for election and awfully difficult to get enough intelligent, well-informed people to run.

And nothing is such a powerful deterrent to getting good people into the House of Commons as the prevailing low quality of debate, the violence of inter-party strife, the ridiculous and completely synthetic storms raised over petty matters, the conviction of some members that they are only doing their job when they are wildly distorting the facts.

### These Tips May Help You

A daughter attending school and married in the same year can be claimed as a dependent that year by both her parents and her husband. The parents can claim the dependent's \$400 exemption; the husband gets the wife's \$1,000 exemption.

This is one of a list of "20 Tips to slice your income tax" in the April issue of Liberty magazine. Others listed are:  
1. Make donations to Canadian charities, and keep receipts. Donations to organizations outside Canada aren't deductible.  
2. Don't die. Funeral expenses and ambulance costs aren't deductible.  
3. Don't count as income the interest on Canada Savings Bonds. Tax must be paid only if the bonds are cashed.  
4. You can claim for a relative, or anyone else living with you who qualifies as a full dependent. You're allowed a \$400 deduction if they're not eligible for Family Allowance, \$150 if they are.  
5. Claim expenses incurred in earning income. If you rent rooms in your home, deduct part of home maintenance costs.  
6. If you send money to support someone in Europe, you can deduct up to \$400. You must prove the person qualifies as a dependent, and keep remittance receipts.  
7. Don't count Unemployment Insurance, Family Allowances, Workmen's Compensation, dividends on life insurance policies, strike benefits, and War Disability Pensions as taxable income.  
8. Medical expenses paid by Blue Cross and other hospital plans are deductible. Payments made to these plans are not.  
9. Gifts, such as Christmas bonuses from employers, are not taxable, providing they are under \$25 and not claimed by your employer as expenses.  
10. Parents of a child born up to the last second of the tax year, can claim the full \$150 exemption.

11. Children of New Canadians must live in Canada a year, before they are eligible for Family Allowances. Their parents can claim the \$400 exemption for that year.  
12. In the first year children of New Canadians are eligible for Family Allowances, their parents can choose the \$400 exemption and add the Family Allowance money they receive to their tax payable. This applies only to the first year of eligibility, and does not apply to children born in Canada.  
13. Union dues are deductible from income, provided they are for actual operating costs of the union.  
14. Deductions for approved pension plans are allowable.  
15. Medical bills paid last year, for medical services performed in any year previous, are deductible.  
16. Money inherited from the capital of an estate is not taxable. Money received from the income of an estate is taxable.  
17. If you are divorced, or legally separated, alimony payments are deductible.  
18. Bad debts incurred in your business are deductible.  
19. If you marry in the last second of the tax year, you are entitled to the full \$1,000 exemption for your wife. She is taxed for that year as a single person.

### Not a Sole Responsibility

After many years on school board our sympathy this first year of freedom from that citizenship duty still goes out to those who serve - especially at this time of year when the bidding goes on for teachers. We gaze in awe at the bigger ads that run so often, the inducements which are offered to come here or go hither, and then we recall the early days when the salary schedule was first introduced as a means to solve for all time this yearly bargaining.

We recall, too, meetings with officials of the teachers' union over incidents in which argument used was certainly not co-operative or on an ethical level which one would expect from those who have charge of much guidance of our young people. We recall, too, correspondence of the Department of Education over the years that was not helpful to better training of our future citizens.

These, of course, were the exceptions that mar the backward look of serving on school board. Fortunately, they are in the minority. There are for the most part many fine people serving in educational work throughout the province but we doubt if it is as a result of the publication of the Hope Report.

School boards have a difficult and important position. They must be mindful of the ratepayers' dollars they levy for each year and they are accountable, in a measure, for the level of education they would maintain in this field. But theirs is not the sole responsibility for the end product as shown in those who emerge from our schools. Teachers' Associations have a duty in helping to eliminate those who weaken the standards as well as salary increases and higher standards. Those in the department, too, may well give guidance and not only dictate. Maybe there is need for a fuller review and action in the curriculum in view of new conditions. All of the students don't like it and apparently there is a scarcity of those who want to teach it.

Maybe some citizens are rightfully asking what they get for the money they pay on tax bills. Maybe those on the other side are wondering what kind of homes their material is coming from. All is not the duty of those who serve on the local school boards.

### Two Kinds of Local Taxpayers

Not long ago there was quite a furor about racial discrimination in Ontario. Most of it was centred in a small town in Ontario. There was a law made and we believe a fine imposed and we thought that the people and the government were opposed strongly to all discrimination. We never should have made such hasty judgment on this attitude.

Now that tax rates are being set by municipalities the same government has divided every municipality into two classes. There is anywhere from three to five mills difference in the tax rate these two classes will pay this year. If you are in business you will pay not only a business tax but also the difference in the mill rate levied. If you have a residence only you will pay the lower rate.

We won't see any riots or insurrection about this new enactment because as a rule business people are not the kind who usually riot and cause a lot of trouble. That may be because they have over the years become so accustomed to the governments of all levels snooping into their business that they have become complacent in accepting any situation without consideration of equality.

At a time when every town and village is attempting to get more industrial assessment the move comes as a stupid gesture. Its only redeeming feature is that it affects only Ontario but, of course, there are eight other provinces in this vast dominion that do not have this discrimination in taxes like upper and lower Canada. Every municipality is finding residential assessment unprofitable and seeking a balance of industrial and residential assessments. This law is working in reverse.

There won't be any visible insurrection but there will be a lot of quiet consideration and it will not favor the cause of getting more industry here. It may please the big subdividers who are making dormitory towns of many of our communities and whose actions are largely responsible for the need of more schools, more municipal services, but it only aggravates a problem which was already acute.

### Brief Comment

If we have to build all our homes by borrowing maybe we have about all we can handle.

Your municipal tax bills are late this year. One thing you don't have to do is make them out or hire help for compiling this levy. They will come to you all complete.

There were 2859 prize winners in the Irish sweepstakes this year. No record is kept of the number of losers but Canadians bought more than those residing in England or the United States.

Gladd to note that many Halton County municipalities are turning down the proposal for a new method of assessment. Haven't yet recovered from the effects of the old manual.



### Season's Last Snowballs

#### Chronicles of Ginger Farm

## Daybook Reveals '90's Era

By Gwendolene F. Clarke

I could fill this whole column about the weather, but I won't. And if I did, it would be out of date by the time it got into print. Anyway, stormy weather has been more or less general - no comment. Except to say this we are glad Monday and Tuesday of last week were fine and bright, because Monday and Tuesday I had a big washing to do and a lot of business and running around to do after that.

Wednesday and Thursday I wasn't thinking much about the weather because I had a real "treasure to browse" over. Like to know what was "Nothing more or less than a doctor's daybook, dating from 1850 to 1857."

In the early part of the 19th century, there were only three doctors between Toronto and Hamilton. One of them was Dr. James Cobban of Millton, and that was his book. I read it hour after hour, completely fascinated - not only from a medical viewpoint but in other ways as well.

It so definitely reflected the Victorian age. Only the man of the head was recognized; he was the head of the house, other members were described only according to their relation to the master. This under the heading "John Smith" I would find "To bleeding YOU, to vaccinating son; to obstetric visit, to opening abscess on daughter, to Mrs. S. and baby, and so on. John Smith's mother was given a little more recognition as age was respected in those days. Under a separate heading her account would read "Old Mrs. Smith."

Given names were not always used. One entry mentioned Cholera, but never a word about appendicitis because appendicitis wasn't recognized as such. In most cases a patient with severe abdominal pain got better, or he died, through lack of medical knowledge, not through neglect for pioneer doctors gave everything they had for their patients - except, of course, the quacks.

Charges for treatment were very little a century ago, but a skilled doctor was as much to the people of that period as \$3.25 is to us now. They did their best to honor their debts. If the man of the family couldn't raise the money he paid in produce or work. The doctor accepted grain, potatoes, apples, lamb, blacksmith work, use of team, whisky, yes, and even leeches. "Wonder how they raised leeches!"

I wonder, too, would any of you like to be back in the good old days? Of course, it did have certain advantages; you were likely to get killed on the highway on the other hand, you might get caught in a storm and freeze to death. You didn't have to worry about power failures or frozen plumbing. Candlelight did very nicely until coal-oil lamp came in front of blazing pine logs for an occasional warming in winter. We couldn't stand such conditions today - we have become soft with good living. To counteract it takes all that modern medicine can offer in the way of surgery, antibiotics and tranquilizing drugs.

As well, back to the present. We have all three grandsons here now, today. Have begotten grandsons to go for a walk. I won't try this time and I won't go on the creek. I promise. So they went and Dave was as good as gold. After supper he was still in fine shape but when they were getting ready to go home Eddie was missing the roof in the kitchen, while Bob, in the living room, was turning up for his next feeding. One, 10 months old, the other five weeks. It was a tangle of duet.

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## THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**  
Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor  
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.  
Phone 208A  
Friday, April 12—Men's Brotherhood Rally, Preston. Speaker, Rev. Le Drew of Orillia.  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1957  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service  
Tuesday, 7 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week service.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario**  
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister  
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue  
Phone 60  
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader  
78 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1957  
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA ENOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1957  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship  
8:15 p.m.—Senior High Fellowship  
Friday, April 5, 8 p.m.—Preparatory Service.

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.  
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1957  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Bible Class  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class  
11:00 a.m.—Matins (Palm Crosses will be distributed).  
No evening service.

**ACION PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
Meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Pastor, Rev. R. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 640.  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1957  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—College Prayer meeting and Bible study.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
Wednesday, April 17, 8 p.m.—Evensong.  
GOOD FRIDAY, 10 a.m.—The Litany, "The Story of the Cross." Cantata rendered by the choir.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 9, 1937.  
Kenneth Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mann had the misfortune to have his left arm badly crushed when it was caught in the wringer of the washing machine. Friends are pleased to learn Mr. Harold Wilson, who has been rather seriously ill for several weeks, is now improving. All hope is to see him able to be about again soon.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Held and Mervin, who have been residing in Toronto for the past 10 or 12 years, have returned to Acton and will make their home in the home town again.  
Continuation Day is less than a month away.  
Just another week until Daylight Saving time comes into force in Acton. Attend the meeting tomorrow night in Acton and look up the home improvement plan. Now is the time to build up Acton.  
The sale of houses at the farm of Mr. Fitzpatrick near Acton on Monday saw the offering of 21 houses and lots for an aggregate of \$2,100 which was an average of over \$100 apiece. They were mostly western houses but were in good condition.  
Lighting changes have been made in the new recreation room at the Y and arrangements for furnishing the rooming are just about complete.  
Harri's Grocery is finally turning over a large 10-cent store.  
The road reports are now being made and the road board is doing very effective work repairing some of the damage done this spring.  
There are chaps who can tell you that it is just 15 days until the end of April and the start of the trout fishing season.  
The United Church Mission Board made its first public appearance of the season on Wednesday evening, April 14.  
The U.F.Y.P.O. held their regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McPhail on Thursday evening of last week with quite a large crowd attending.  
On Tuesday evening of last week Rev. J. R. Waidie, M.A. of Arthur, was invited with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. The investiture took place in Knox College, Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Waidie and Mr. Alex Waidie of Acton were present at the ceremony.

### BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 11, 1907.  
There are two local organizations which the ratepayers are always satisfied to have the Council treat generously in the matter of annual grants. First and foremost is our splendid volunteer Fire Brigade, and secondly the Acton Citizens' Band.  
Which had the window at H. G. Hunter's Drug Store. They are carrying The seven Sutherland Brothers with the longest and most beautiful hair in the world.  
These are the days when the householders are busy moving.  
The sale of an estate for John M. Warren on the 20th ult. was one of the most successful ever held in the aggregate amounted to upwards of \$2,500.  
Lucas Gamble and Arnold of the 20th Lane Rifles have obtained Captain's certificates at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, and Earl Walter has been given a London unit certificate.  
Municipal Officers. There will be purchased in the Police's case. I suppose the building job on Friday at 211 East St. Dr. Auld's property. He intends erecting there a brick residence and commencing operations very shortly.  
Mr. Fred W. Lavin returned from Paris Sunday on Saturday.  
The annual meeting of the Acton Lawn Bowling Club took place Friday evening in the town hall was the most largely attended of any meeting since the reorganization of the club.  
The cemetery committee's recommendation of a new entrance and gate for Fairview cemetery is a worthy one. The results of ornamental iron work over cement should be investigated. A heavy arched way of cement might have some dangers associated with it.  
Why not take steps toward having Acton incorporated as a town and see of our leading businessmen to the Free Press the other morning. We have the requisite 2,000 population. We have the best town in the county. Why not enjoy the prestige of a town which things would create?

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**GRAY COACH LINES COACHES LEAVE ACTON**  
Standard Time  
Fastbound  
6:35 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.); 8:30 a.m.; 11:35 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 8:23 p.m.; 10:08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.).  
Westbound  
10:27 a.m.; 12:57 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. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.).  
**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**  
Standard Time  
Fastbound  
Daily 11:00 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10:00 a.m.; 7:15 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday-Flyer at Georgetown-8:25 a.m.; 8:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.  
Westbound  
Daily 11:40 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:50 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. (City stop); 7:40 a.m.; Saturday only 1:15 p.m.; Sunday only 6:43 a.m. (Highway stop); Sunday only Flyer at Quebec 7:03 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:16 p.m.

### Georgetown Displays Rally Ability, Puts Red Cross Over Top

**GEORGETOWN**—Georgetown and district residents have once again displayed their ability to rally behind a worthwhile campaign and put it over with dazzling success.

The effort, in the cause of the local Red Cross branch, was nothing less than spectacular. Less than two weeks before the campaign, which started March 1, the branch was completely reorganized. A new executive was elected and plans formulated to launch a campaign despite the limited time available. An objective of \$1,255 was accepted from headquarters, although this figure could have been reduced due to the fact that fund drive had not been held locally for nearly ten years.

It was decided to blitz the town on March 18. Those few hours of intense effort told the story. More than \$2,000 was realized, and subsequent donations have boosted the total well over the \$2,255 objective.