

Editorial Page

Halton Representation

Comment on the recent federal budget has probably been more than adequate to this point but there were several things contained that have a particular significance in Halton.

M.P. Sandy Best has indicated some of these in a recent speech in the Commons. He mentions particularly the solution introduced covering pay to volunteer firemen. "Up to \$300 may be deducted retroactive to 1958 as expense money paid to various firemen. It has been a very difficult problem for small municipalities, which must provide fire protection services to do so, and the residents of those small municipalities have had to depend upon the loyalty, integrity and ability of the hardworking numerous volunteer firemen. . . It seems to me a fair and excellent decision to allow money paid to them by way of expenses not to be included as income from now on", Mr. Best concluded.

The Halton M.P. also commented that "The automobile industry has an effect upon us all. In my riding of Halton we have at Oakville the assembly plant of the Ford

Motor Company of Canada. Many thousands of automobile workers live in that area and adjacent ridings. We are hopeful that the dropping of the 7 1/2 per cent excise tax on cars will have a marked effect on car sales, with resultant employment in our area. This is a proposal of great importance and one which is welcomed, indeed, by the buying public across Canada."

These are two obviously important items in Halton. The pay to volunteer firemen is one about which concern was certainly evident here and in fact this paper was Halton's first to point to the injustice of taxing the expense money these firemen receive.

The reduction in the excise tax on new automobiles can have a significant effect on not only the manufacturing industry but the countless automotive dealers throughout the county and province. It is unfortunate that the province will be adding three per cent on September first but there will still be a net reduction in car prices.

It is encouraging to know that Halton's M.P. is sounding Halton's problems in the nation capital.

Good Old Summertime

Well, the time has come.

Retailers who can get away from the store for a holiday have been provided with a wealth of reading material. A 70 page book about the new Retail Sales Tax act will undoubtedly provide material to fill many puzzled moments.

No one expected the imposition of the three per cent tax on items to be simple. And of course no one is disappointed in that regard.

Ontario is the eighth Canadian province to introduce a retail sales tax. The government has studied the methods employed in these other areas to prepare its rules and regulations.

We hope the public will be sympathetic to the merchant who is unwillingly saddled with the collection chore. He must file returns monthly. He is prohibited from absorbing the sales tax rather than collecting it. The tax has to appear on any bill as a separate amount. The merchant can't advertise

or post a price "tax included" without specifying the amount of the tax. A merchant is, however, not required to indicate in his advertisement or in quotation of price with respect to the sale of tangible personal property that the tax will be added to the price.

On motor vehicle repair work the charge for labor is not taxable if separately invoiced. If labor is not invoiced separately, the entire charge is taxable.

Actually these are only a smattering of the rules and regulations that have been scheduled to come into effect on September 1. Perhaps the date is symbolic in its close association with the return to school.

While the children go back to classes, merchants and consumers are faced with a new challenge in studying the provisions of the sales tax act. In the meantime merchants can spend those lovely long summer evenings boning up on the new batch of restrictions with which they have been saddled.

A Forward Step

Recent action on increasing technical and vocational training programs and facilities in the province has been encouraging. It seems to reflect a growing awareness that the practical as well as the academic is an important part of our industrial way of life.

There is further encouragement in an announcement that the Ryerson Institute of Technology is to be modernized at an estimated cost of more than \$6,000,000.

The new sections will include the administration wing with library, home economics department, class rooms, physical education gymnasium, cafeteria and auditorium.

In September, 1948 the Ryerson Institute of Technology opened its doors to 200 students. Now 12 years later the Institute is educating about 2,150 students. The Institute

stresses the practical education and the subjects it teaches indicates this. Courses are available in childhood management, fashion design, photographic arts, business administration and secretarial science, merchandising, resort and restaurant administration, highway technology, journalism, advertising, printing management, gas technology and many others.

Many of the graduates from Ryerson have gone on to top positions in their field and this surely emphasizes the importance of the practical training they must have received.

That the government has seen fit to finally call tenders on an addition to what was the original Toronto Normal School, is also evidence that the institute is filling an important need in this industrial province.

No Need to Join

The invitation to Canada to join the Organization of American States, tendered by President Kennedy on his recent visit to Ottawa, deserves consideration, and the Prime Minister was discreet in withholding an acceptance or refusal until he knew what the feelings of Canadian citizens might be on the matter. As far as citizens in general are concerned, it is safe to say that they have no opinion one way or the other. A Gallup inquiry about the Colombo Plan a few years ago revealed that the majority of citizens did not know what it was or that part of their taxes went to its support. Ignorance in Canada about the O.A.S. must be at least as great.

Few men reach maturity without joining one or more organizations. The more extrovert they are by temperament, the more organizations they are likely to belong to. Sometimes they become such inveterate joiners that they have little time left to look after their own affairs. In contrast the introvert type resists indiscriminate joining and

remains as uncommitted as he possibly can.

Both types of men have their good and bad points, and the same may be said about the extrovert and introvert nations. At the moment it seems hardly necessary for Canada to take on another international commitment. What with membership in the Commonwealth, the United Nations, NATO and NORAD, this country seems to be doing its full duty to neighbors and strangers.

In this hemisphere Canada's relations with the United States are of particular importance. If Canada should join the O.A.S., her support of the United States would not necessarily add anything to that country's dominating position, and disagreement with United States policies at the O.A.S. council table might prejudice normally friendly negotiations with respect to other matters.

There is no harm in sending an observer to the next meeting of the O.A.S., but there need be no hurry to fill the vacant chair, reserved at present by its decoration with the out-of-date coat of arms of Canada.

"Fair View"



Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

ing it like their pioneer ancestors if they spend two weeks at a cottage with outdoor plumbing.

My wife isn't like that and I admire her for it. I've seen her spend a week in a cottage, right out on some wild beach with no neighbors closer than 40 or 50 feet, and nothing to cook on but an old electric stove, with only two burners, and do you think there was a whimper out of her? Not on your life. And she is absolutely intrepid in the outdoors. Some women are frightened of anything bigger than an ant. Not my brave girl. I've seen her stamp her foot fearlessly at a chipmunk and tell him to beat it. And she was only two days getting over it the time the porcupine walked past the cottage.

No, she doesn't seem to know the meaning of fear, when she is out in nature. I've seen her go right out in a rowboat and not even hang onto

the sides after the first 20 minutes. And when she wants to go swimming, it doesn't matter what the weather is like, as long as the sun is shining and the temperature is in the 80's and she has a new \$24 swim suit and she hasn't lost or gained any weight during the winter and there aren't any waves and there are no stones on the bottom and there's a kid dragging her by each hand.

Well, you can see what we're up against. As I said, the kids and I would be happy enough knocking around at some plush resort but whether we like it or not, she's going to drag us off on this kookie camping trip. All I have to do between now and the last week in August is borrow a tent with twin beds and an oil furnace in it, and make sure the staff at Algonquin Park has killed all mosquitoes in the park and installed plugs for our vacuum cleaner and clothes dryer at all campsites.

G.A.D. About

School Days

All those rollicking ballads and legends of hilarity that we hear about really refer more specifically to the grand holidays that are being enjoyed these times by that group of pupils and teachers of the schools, and envied by all those who have shorter periods away from the daily routine. School days get to be routine along about the end of June every year.

Remember how your shoes get tight and you longed to go barefoot every day and a good rain meant mud puddles on the roads to play in and splash and be splashed. Or maybe holidays meant that great project of building a playhouse or some sort of perch up in a tree where you could sit and sway in the breeze and holler to your playmates who were mystified as to where the call and hoots came from and our secret hide-away was no longer a secret. You could go in swimming every day. Well, most every day anyway, but on Sunday you had to be quiet and put on your shoes and stockings and perhaps a white blouse, and you had to comb your hair and you put away your play things for the day.

But most of the days were care-free and we were left to our own whims and desires. No grassy plots planned for our camp or vacation. Some times we had a visit with relatives but remember the trip out-of-town could only be by train and that cost money and took a lot of preparation.

There were no family summer cottages anywhere that I knew of and the only recreation centre was the park. We lived right beside it but of course we played mostly on the street and there were no cars of any description on the street at any time. Yes, we had carefree holidays all summer long.

I wonder if plans for Acton's new post office have gone on summer holidays, too. Haven't

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1911

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 6, 1911.

Charles Wong, Chinese laun dryman who has been in Acton for the past two years, received serious injuries early Monday morning when returning from Toronto. He had visited in the city for the holiday weekend.

When alighting from the 1755 a.m. train, he apparently stepped off the car backwards while the train was still in motion. He was tossed with great force across the platform, striking the station. The impact resulted in the fracture of his left leg, broken ribs, bruises to the right leg and a severe shaking up. He was loaded back on the train and was taken to Guelph hospital, where he still remains for treatment.

As near as can be recalled, Dominion Day this year was the hottest one on record, with the temperature reaching 102 degrees. Many citizens have gone dry due to the sun beginning to pour as a result of the long drought. Fortunately, yesterday's rain cooled the air and it is hoped the dry spell will dawn tomorrow.

Visitors to the Lee Brigade's Dominion Day program neatly sheltered in the heat but every one enjoyed a fine outing and excellent program. The sports events were quite interesting and the ball game was a close match when St. Patrick's of Toronto edged out the local team 3-2. The football match in the afternoon was better enjoyed by the local residents when Acton came out on top as they defeated the Brookville team 4-2. Foot races and other games were all part of the big event.

The candidates writing examinations the past week worked in sweltering weather, hot enough to give genuine brain lag. They should be allowed about 25 per cent bonus on the marks obtained on their papers owing to the intense heat prevailing when they wrote.

Mr. Joseph McClure, Church St., had the misfortune the other evening, while leaning out a window at his residence, to have the south fall striking both wrists and inflicting painful bruises.

BACK IN 1941

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 10, 1941.

War conditions will curtail the usual activities usually carried on out at the Blue Springs camp this year and already the sand leader's contest has been called off. It will depend on how many leaders are available whether other contests will be held this summer.

Good progress is being made on the new addition to the Wood Combining plant and officials are hopeful of being able to occupy this section within a short time. Most of the machinery and equipment for the new addition has arrived already.

In police court yesterday, one motorist paid a fine of \$15 and costs on a charge of driving charge and another motorist paid a fine of \$5 and costs, because he attempted to drive his car and hug his girl at the same time. Charges were laid by Chief Hartop.

The garden party staged by the Red Cross organization at Rockwood last weekend proved quite a success, and a large crowd was present to enjoy the program. Gymnastics and boating boats, prepared an interesting part of the evening and the music by the Guelph Veterans' Trumpet Band was one of the highlights. When proceeds had been tallied, the organization was richer by over \$100.

Twenty-six campers and a staff of seven have started their camping activities at Beauport Island in the Georgian Bay area. This is the second year this spot has been occupied by the Y.M.C.A. campers and reports indicate it is one of the best yet. The youngsters will be away two weeks and visitors' day will be next Sunday. Everyone is working to go but the cook cannot promise enough food for too large a crowd.

Superintendent Charles Wilson reported to the commission Tuesday evening that owing to demands from industry for more power, it would be necessary to provide an addition at the substation. After a careful review, this work was authorized as well as installation of three larger transformers to handle the increased power.

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