



Editorial Page

Chipped Away . . .

A man's home is not his castle, nor in these times in Canada is a person innocent until proved guilty. Those charges of faults in the law were made by Toronto lawyer John Honsberger to the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Bar Association. Mr. Honsberger's criticisms specified only the laws of his own province, but no doubt the anomalies apply generally.

Just a preliminary study of the Ontario statutes, said the Toronto lawyer, has turned up 40 to 50 statutes that call for reverse onus in which a person charged with an offence is required to prove his innocence, and another 40 to 50 acts allow a variety of inspectors and officials to enter and search a private home.

In the lawyer's opinion the reverse-onus feature — mentioned as being contained in the Medical Act, Liquor License Act, Milk Industries Act, Motor Fuels Tax Act, Municipal Tax Act and the Insurance Act — may be justified in some instances. However, it is creeping into many statutes simply because legislative draftsmen are finding it easy to incorporate it in the law. And of the statutes that allow various inspectors to enter private homes, he said that some stipulate that entry must be at a reasonable hour but that these are in the minority.

The individual tends to ignore the warning that the extended activities of government and the widened powers of the state infringe personal liberty. Freedom, it has been rightly said, can be chipped away and never missed until it is lost.

Doing Without . . .

Most families have projects filed away for the future, things to be done when they can be afforded—perhaps to buy a bigger house, or a better car, even a holiday excursion to Britain. But every prudent person knows that first things must come first. That the same limitations apply to nations and governments is not so widely recognized, nor is it often publicly admitted by politicians. But former Ontario premier Leslie Frost not only knows it, he was wise enough to say so in a speech at the recent opening of an addition to Queen's University.

"In these days," said Mr. Frost, "there are a great many things we would like to do. We have many pressures to emerge into a full-blown welfare state. Before getting into any of these commitments, I think it would be well for the Canadian people and the people of Ontario to look at the cost of the bare essentials we are going to have to meet if we are going to remain in the race at all."

Mr. Frost classes education as one of these essentials. Fifty years ago, he said, the government of his province spent \$1.9 million on education and today it spends

\$300 million. He might have added that for the whole country the cost of education, public funds only, is about \$1.5 billion. "Our survival in the remaining days of the twentieth century," he went on, "is going to depend on the training and development of our human resources. There is the question of raising the money of the magnitude required for our essentials without any frills. This should be done in a way best calculated to avoid injuring either our productive capacity or our competitive position. In my view personal income and corporation taxes are already too heavy and they are not the source from which to raise the amounts that are going to be required."

This requirement is fundamental in the changing, challenging new world. There is no escape if we are to be permitted to develop this half-continent of ours. To accomplish our objectives in education and to pay for them we are going to have to do without many things we would like to do. It is a good time for our people to assess what we have to do and what we can do first, and then set aside the things we can do without.

the full and complete results.

Actually, delays in final totals often occur because of the slowness of members involved turning in their reports. Nevertheless, we believe that final reporting should be carried out with the same dispatch as the preliminary plan drives.

THIS WEEK PICTURE:
The photograph by Esther Taylor on the editorial page this week is another view of Acton's lovely Fairy Lake, which has its charms even in off-seasons.

Account for Funds Raised . . .

We have a pet peeve. Groups and organizations are usually co-operative and even anxious for us to publicize their activities in money raising programs. But all too frequently, there is a decided lack of co-operation when it comes to telling how much money was raised, or in making a public accounting afterwards.

This is not a universal attitude since many of the groups make extra efforts to get such information to us. However, we believe if the public is to be urged to assist in any money raising plan, then the public should be told

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1912

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 21, 1912.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. B. Merritt of the fourth line was in town. When on the way home, he stopped in at Nelson and Co. for supplies. He had left his cutter for a moment when his horse dropped on the shafts and died immediately. The loss is a serious one as Mr. Merritt is but a young farmer and working hard to make matters go.

Mr. Gilbert Creamer's driver became frightened Saturday afternoon and ran away from where it was standing on Mill St. He Belgie the horse could be caught, it led quite a number of helpers a merry chase. Fortunately, the animal didn't hurt itself in the runaway as it is a prize horse.

The oil well struck in Milton last week is certainly booming and attracting a lot of attention. It was torpedoes last week with good results and a second one is being drilled within 400 feet of the present one.

Mr. W. D. Anderson, expressman, left on Saturday on a prospecting trip to the west. He may settle there. Meanwhile, Mrs. Anderson is running the express business.

During the council meeting Monday evening, about 50 men and a dozen women were present to present a petition regarding reducing the cost of licenses for selling cigarettes and tobacco. The petition was signed by 400 residents and had nearly 12 feet of names included. Rev. Charles D. Draper was the spokesman for the delegation and pointed out the dangers of youngsters being able to purchase cigarettes.

E. J. Haysard was present and stated he would not be found guilty of selling cigarettes to any youngster and suggested that no one under the age of 21 should be allowed to smoke. Mr. Samuel Bird suggested the women women should have remained at home to clean up their house instead of coming to council. He stated he was now 77 years of age and had had smoked all his life and hadn't been hurt by the habit. Before the delegation left, Rev. Haysard assured them that council would give full consideration to the matter.

When Samuel M. Lasby of the Station Hotel, came before H. P. Moore and H. W. Kenney for selling liquor illegally, he was fined the maximum of \$50 and costs amounting to \$13.90. He was charged with keeping a trunkful of liquor for the purpose of selling it. Fifteen bottles of whiskey, two of gin and a flask of whiskey were produced as evidence. Mr. Lasby pleaded guilty to the offense.

Back in 1942

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 26, 1942.

The bingo last Friday evening by the Employees' Association of Beardmore and Co. proved quite an attraction and a splendid money raising event for war purposes. As a result of the event, the Toronto Evening Telegram's British War Victims' Fund was boosted by \$157 and the Acton and District War Service League received \$65.18. Special door prize was won by Stewart Richardson of Acton and Mrs. W. H. Clayton won special draw.

The Acton Junior Farmers and Lorne Literary Society held their meeting at Lorne school last Friday and a splendid program was enjoyed, with Elwood Johnston acting as chairman. Heard during the program was a piano solo by Betty Allan, a reading by Wilmer Watkins and saxophone solos by Leslie Swackhamer, who was accompanied by his sister Isobel at the piano.

During the special meeting of council this week, James Moore was hired as an assistant to Chief Harrop and will begin his duties at once. After sorting through the applications for the position, council agreed that of Mr. Moore's at \$3.00 per day was the most acceptable. Council also reviewed a complaint regarding the smoke nuisance but since there is no by-law governing this, little could be done at this time. It was agreed, however, to take the matter up with the business people in an effort to give some relief.

At a congregational meeting of Knox church during the week, a call was extended to Rev. Forbes Thompson to assume the pastorate at the church here. Mr. Thompson is one of the youngest ministers of the church and is to be ordained here. He has had charge of the church at Feversham and will assume his new duties in Acton next month.

Members of the Bannockburn Literary Society enjoyed a brief program at the conclusion of their meeting Friday evening when Eleanor Anthony gave a recitation, Arthur Johanneson did step dancing and Margaret Somerville gave a couple of instrumental numbers. Before the meeting concluded, Clarence Cook conducted a few games.

During the monthly meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter (O.E.) Wednesday evening, everyone enjoyed a film by Trans Canada Air Lines entitled "Across Canada by Air." It was shown by Mr. Harding of Trans Canada, after he gave an interesting and amusing outline of what T.C.A. is doing to further the war effort.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

Last thing in the world I want to do is turn this column into a weekly forum on education. What I don't know about the subject would fill the Sunday books of Cyclops, the mythical giant. But it seems to have a morbid fascination. After this week, we'll drop it for a while.

But I received a number of thoughtful, intelligent letters, after a recent column asking for opinions. Remember? The column dealt with the action of a high school principal who suspended for the rest of the year seven pupils, all "repeaters" and all over 16, who were not doing their duty, in his opinion. I thought you might be interested in some of the letters of readers.

Because of space limitations, they must be cut to the bare bones. Most of the letters were longer than the original column, which asked readers what should be done about the undigested lump of youngsters in the school system — those whose contribution, for various reasons, consists of holding down a seat and holding up the progress of the others. Should they be kicked out, or should they be put up with?

A mother in Renfrew, Ont., suggests the problem is aggravated by poor teachers. The training of these creatures puts too much emphasis on diplomas and degrees, not enough on teaching methods, she says. Many mothers will agree. Few teachers will.

A teacher's wife in Vernon, B.C., told me to stop making cracks about teachers, and warned that she would be a mother's friend if she ever met me.

But she concludes, "Throwing a few out of school once in a while does clear the air and relieve feelings, but it is not the best answer."

ed me to correct the situation in my next column. To heck with that. The teachers have a strong union. Let them sue me.

A male teacher claimed that if all the kids who are not working were kicked out of school, the labor unions would raise such a hue and cry about the extra labor supply that the pupils would have to be admitted hastily. Which I doubt. Since when did the labor unions start running the educational system?

An elderly Montreal woman asked, "Do the children, or their parents, fully understand that a boy cannot get anywhere without education?"

She pointed out that, years ago, a boy could begin learning a trade as an apprentice at 12, but that's impossible now. She warns that it is mighty expensive to feed and clothe a young man of 16 to 21 who can't get a job.

Best thing to do in this case is marry the kid off, and let his father-in-law worry about him.

A reader of the Paris Ont. Star, who is an aunt, volunteers her opinion — a return to the practice of publishing students' marks, at each examination, in the local paper.

She thinks this would prod lazy students, and more important, lazy parents. She assails the "casiness" toward children that is practised today, claiming it saps their moral fibre. And, she says, despite the new method of avoiding anything that will upset the children, there are just as many neurotics and compulsive drinkers as ever.

I could answer to that, "Why not?" But I won't. Well, there are some snits on today's youth, and their schooling. I agree with everybody, but not very much. What about you?

From Bowling Green, Ohio comes a lengthy analysis by a teacher and counsellor, William R. Gibson, who formerly taught in Ontario. Referring to the original column, he says, "Unless the attitudes, point of view and behavior of these seven young people have been changed by the action, this approach to the problem is not only negative, it is callous and foolhardy. . . . The problem has not been solved. It has only been shifted from the school to the community."

He suggests that this sort of action will give students the green light to juvenile delinquency, making them live up to the role of "lazy" and "good-for-nothing" which has been assigned to them.

He goes on, "These kids — at least most of them — don't need to be psycho-analyzed. They need some adult help and a situation in which they can learn in areas in which they are capable and interested and where they can achieve and gain self-respect."

This can be done, he implies, by the provision of more vocational courses, which would teach the youngsters a skill saleable on the labor market.

He ends his letter, "Schools are operated by trained adults, people who are supposed to understand and help youth. We are better equipped to adjust to the kids, but too often, we require them to adjust to us, or else. Can we?"

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

OAKVILLE—Don't be alarmed if you hear yourself being admonished in a very audible voice, the next time you commit a parking or traffic violation here. A police cruiser has been equipped with a loudspeaker or "bailer," and warnings to careless motorists will be given over the sound system.

GEORGETOWN—Accommodation for senior citizens and a form of ordinary low-rental housing will be studied by council through the Minister of Economics and Development. Federal and provincial governments pay over 90 per cent of the cost of low-rental units if a survey proves their need.

BURLINGTON—Following charges last week that colored nurses at the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital were being refused accommodation because of their race, 25 offers of accommodation have been received. Six of the 10 Negro nurses reported they had been discriminated against.

BRAMPTON—Northern Electric's main plant in Bramalea is slated for a five-and-a-half million dollar addition, and up to 2,000 men will be required to construct the addition.

WATERDOWN—A large delegation of residents attended a special council meeting to protest the firing of joint Waterdown and East Flamboro Township assessor James Stinson. Councillors refused to comment on the firing, explaining the explanation would probably be misinterpreted by the ratepayers.

MILTON—The controversy over the town's proper name has been solved at last. M.P. Sandy Best announced last week the "Milton West" nomenclature has been dropped and henceforth the town will be known as "Milton." The "Milton West" was adopted as a postal designation years ago to avoid mixups in mail for other Miltons, Hilton, Wilton and Malton.

Class "A" Joins
Class "A" Newspapers, who have provided national sales representation for a group of weekly newspapers since 1928, and from 1955 for daily newspapers, passed a resolution in February to support and assist in the formation of the new organization. The 64 member papers of Class "A," in addition to the C.W.N.A. member papers that have signed contracts, brought the initial number to be represented by C.C.N.R. to over 320.

George M. Tatham, publisher of the Listowel (Ont.) Banner, and chairman of the provisional board of C.C.N.R., has announced the appointment of A. J. (Pete) Esling as general manager of the new organization. Mr. Esling is well known in public relations circles as former P.R. director of Goodyear, and for the past two years as an independent P.R. counsel.

The present sales and office staff of Class "A" will move over to C.C.N.R. and arrangements will be made with employees of other sales groups contemplating membership.

One Order—One Bill
Advertising agencies wishing to use the new system will issue one insertion order covering a specific ad or series of ads to C.C.N.R. with a list of the newspapers on the schedule. C.C.N.R. will in turn make up the individual insertion orders and pass them on to the newspapers selected. Member papers will sign a non-cancellable commitment to cover their national advertising rate for a one year period and will provide three copies of each issue of their newspaper. This will enable C.C.N.R. to check insertions and bill the agencies expeditiously. On receipt of proof of insertion and a single invoice, the agencies will issue one cheque to C.C.N.R. who will make payment to individual newspapers involved.

Valuable Corner

Stamps, Coins, Papers in Box

The copper box in the corner-stone of Halton's new court house administration building and registry office will be a valuable thing in itself and when it is ever broken open.

The box is stashed in the corner-stone of the new building under construction in Milton. County Warden Reeve Wilfrid Bird of Esquesing officiated at the cornerstone laying ceremony on Monday March 12.

The following is a list of the contents:

- * An expression of appreciation from Esquesing Council over the fact that Reeve Warden Bird had the honor of laying the stone.
- * One 1962 silver dollar.
- * Thirteen postage stamps, including one two three, four, five, seven, 10, 15, 20, 25 cent and \$1 denominations.
- * A printed copy of the County Council minutes, reports and by-laws for 1960 and 1961 including minutes leading up to the purchase of the site, hiring of the architect, official sod turning ceremony, and signing of the construction contract in November, 1961 with Top Construction of Hamilton.

- * Copies of all week's newspapers published within the county.
- * Two photos taken during the official sod turning ceremony.
- * Voters' lists from each municipality in the county, including the former Trafalgar Township.
- * A gift from Milton of assorted coins and a 1962 town telephone directory.
- * As the Warden's contribution, he gave a silver dollar and a note directing that when the box is opened, the silver dollar becomes the property of the Warden at that time.

(Warden Bird explained that in looking over the old records, he was unable to find anything pertaining to the cornerstone in the present building in Milton, either the date or the contents of the box.)

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