

"Temptation"

Editorial Page

You Pay For What You Get...

An eight mill increase in the tax rate for Action ratepayers is not likely to raise rates of jubilation this year. With the residential rate jumping from 58.5 mills to 66.5, the increased taxes on a home assessed for \$3000, go from \$175.50 to \$199.50. On commercial assessment the rate has gone from 63.75 to 72.9 mills. The taxes on a \$5000 assessed commercial property go from \$318.75 to \$364.50. A business tax of from 25 to 75% added to the commercial taxes makes a considerable amount for the small business owner to pay.

Studying the budget we find that the anticipated revenue from sources other than property tax is expected to be up \$14,000.

The expenditures anticipated for general administration are up in every case except for maintenance of public buildings. An expenditure of over \$7000, for a new bookkeeping machine is the major advance.

Protection to persons and property increases by \$4700, for police and \$1700 for fire.

The Wake-Me-Up Election . . .

There is a lot of general moaning and groaning right now about the horrible mess we are in when it comes to national government. It's about the only thing Canadians can agree upon - how completely towed up our affairs have become and how completely we lack leadership.

By and large we are inclined to agree. There does appear to be a tremendous hesitation on the part of the old-line politicians to stand right up and say what they mean.

On the surface things look black, but closer observation would indicate that a revolution is taking place in the mood of the Canadian voter himself. The very absence of strongly directed leadership is causing the average Canadian to ponder the importance of sound government and to think deeply about the consequences of a bad choice on April 16th when he goes to the polls.

This is not merely a theory. Note the attendance at meetings where the political leaders have been speaking. Crowds which were numbered at a few hundred last June have suddenly swollen to thousands.

Nothing could be healthier for the democracy of Canada. We have heard a lot of sad statements to the effect that by voting they shame the defence problem should be brought into politics that anti-Americanism has arisen.

We don't think it's a shade amiss. For 30 or 40 years the Canadian voters have been asked to elect governments on certain

Public works budget, reduced \$600, is lowered by a reduction of \$900 allotted to equipment purchase. Sanitation and waste goes up \$1600, mainly reflected by a wage increase.

Social welfare is increased by \$1500, \$2000 additional to the recreation commission for operations and \$2400 to the planning board add to the expenditures for recreation and community. Planning Board's budget is increased to provide for revision of the zoning by-law and the official plan.

Public school costs including operation and debentures charges are reduced by \$2100 to a cost of \$119,909.25.

Major increase of the year goes to the high school board, up \$48,767 to \$110,976.25. High school debenture payments were up \$1472; operational costs skyrocketed from \$42,772 to \$86,066.57, an increase of 103% of \$44,294, representing 6.3 mills alone.

While we don't like tax increases we recognize the fact that when we demand increased services we must be prepared to pay the piper.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT

BURLINGTON—Police have charged a 14-year-old youth, following two "sniper" incidents recently. Police said he shot at passing cars and trucks from a bedroom window, using a .22 rifle. One car received a bullet dent in the roof and a truck was hit in the fender.

OAKVILLE—Fluoridation of the town's water supply begins today. Authorized by council more than a year ago, the equipment has been installed for some weeks and goes into effect today.

GEORGETOWN—Council will clamp down on illegal basement apartments, and one councillor also wants a crackdown on businesses operating illegally from residential homes. Councillor Jim Emmerson said he would check to see if these businesses should be paying business tax.

BRAMPTON—Postmaster F. C. Holmes has asked Brampton and Chinguacousy Councils to stop duplicating street names in Brampton and the Bramalea subdivision. Both are served by Brampton post office and the postmaster is worried about Ayvalde Dr. (Ayvalde Blvd in Bramalea), Cambridge Cres. (Cres.), Carlyle Cres. (Court) Charles St. (Dr.) and Cornwall Rd. (Court) conflicting.

MILTON—Councillor Charles Menyai has branded the SCS Committee of Adjustment for adjustment hearings as "laissez". He said many people who wish to build a garage cannot conform to the zoning by-laws and must go to the Committee for a minor variance—which is usually allowed, if neighbors don't seriously object.

BRAMPTON—Foster Pearson, during the last election campaign, suggested we surrender to the Communists rather than be killed in a nuclear war. During the current election campaign this same man, for some questionable reason, reversed his stand.

Diefenbaker has succeeded in alienating the British and Euro-Canadian and can hardly be called a friend of the United States. What would he do for a cabinet, like E. P. Taylor?

Douglas has enough problems without the help from the Communists.

Gaouette and his kissing couple Thompson are making a mockery of bi-nationalism.

This entire election campaign appears to point up only one fact—that under our present political economic system this country is no longer here to sustain itself. We seem to have four main alternatives for April 16th:

A. We can continue to maintain protective tariff barriers and risk further forced devaluation of the Canadian dollar. The political party supporting this policy is going to the people twice without bringing down a budget. What is that to be hidden?

B. The party most strongly supported by our French-speaking compatriots seems to find great difficulty in telling us how they are going to accomplish their utopia.

C. Direction of capital investment by parliamentarians another alternative offered to us. The value of public infrastructure upon the right of a few large corporate entities to direct their own in-

Our Readers Write

FOUR ALTERNATIVES

Dear Sir:

vestment programs might not be too high a price to pay when considered against the alternatives offered by the three other large political parties.

D. Finally we are offered the wholesale sacrifice of our country to the interests of a foreign state. The winner of a Nobel Peace prize has been convinced that political power is worth any price. His party must insist that present day circumstances call for a complete change in our economic system or sell-out. I conclude that someone has done a Justice by selling job.

In conclusion submit that we will have minority government after this forthcoming election. I further submit that the frenzied economic strike for mess us with will under which this country finds itself warrants a coalition government. We should be certain that our personal points of view are well represented.

T. D. H. ANDREW

SPORTS CARNIVAL

Dear Sir:

I was listening to the CBC news on the radio at 6 a.m. today and heard that Sandy Best, the Conservative candidate, had challenged Dr. Harley to a walking marathon.

If that is the best Mr. Best can do for Canada, he had best give up and let someone else in. I thought it was an election for the country that was on—not a sports carnival.

Yours truly,
"OVER EIGHTY."
c/o Halton Manor, Milton

Sugar and Spice . . .

By BILL BAILEY

than politicians. Each bends my ear with intensity when the other isn't around, trying to persuade, bribe or inveigle me into joining her side.

It's all over those crazy kittens. Four more arrived two days ago. It's the fourth batch in two years.

The first batch was an event. The kids witnessed the wonders of birth. There was tremendous excitement. The kittens were nourished and cherished. The maw was fed daintily. I bought cigars.

When the kittens were weaned, I had a talk with my daughter. She wept, but agreed that we might have a problem if we kept them all. I put an ad in the paper. It was on a pretty lofty tone, demanding a good home, suggesting that nothing but the best would do. We got rid of them all, easily.

Next time around, a little of the gloss had worn off. It took two ads in the paper to get rid of only two kittens. Finally, a little boy turned up. He wanted only one, but I told him they were inseparable twins, bullied him, threatened him, cajoled him, and finally, he took them, when I gave him half a dollar apiece.

The third batch brought ultimatum from the Old Battle-axe. And I don't blame her much. Have you ever tried to get dinner with four mewling little beasts tottering about underfoot, waddling on the floor at every step? Even their own mother, became fed up with the grocery-gutted little punks, who gave her never a moment's rest.

I haven't the nerve to murder them. I haven't the nerve not to get rid of them, somehow.

The only way out, as far as I can see, is to take them in a basket, suitably decorated, with an appropriate note inside, and leave them on the doorstep of our next-door neighbor, whose big, black tomcat it is at the root of the whole dilemma.

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