Something to Shout About . . .

The Big Spenders . . .

Government, as we have reason to know, is spending more of our money for us than ever before.

Beginning next month, we are to get the benefit of the 10 per cent reduction in personal income taxes which Finance Minister Gordon announced in his recent budget. Even so, federal tax revenues this year will in all probability be higher than in any previous year. And so, we can be sure, will federal expenditures.

Yet it is of some interest to note that Ottawa is not responsible for most of the government spending in Canada today, nor has it been for some time past. Last year, for example, the provinces and municipalities between them spent more than $8 billion, compared with $6.5 billion spent by Ottawa.

The rate of increase over the past 10 years as between the various levels of government is even more revealing.

Total spending by the three levels of government increased by exactly 100 per cent between 1955-1964, while the gross national product — the sum total of goods and services produced annually — rose by just 73 per cent. (These are unadjusted figures and do not take into account higher prices.)

But when this 100 per cent increase in government spending is broken down, federal expenditures can be seen to have climbed by 52 per cent compared with a rise of 172 per cent by the provinces and municipalities combined.

Clearly, there has been a notable shift in the emphasis of government spending in the past decade. Huge as are Ottawa's outlays, those of the provinces and municipalities are, when taken together, even greater. And they are rising faster, along with the taxes which make them possible.

The trend, a reflection of national growth and the burgeoning demand for those services — education, highways, parks and sewer systems among them — which are primarily the responsibility of the provinces and municipalities, is one which tax-conscious citizens would do well to note. Not least those who tend to downgrade the importance of provincial and local government elections. —Reprinted from "Industry"

Something to Shout About . . .

Dominion Day, the anniversary of Canada's birthday, will be here in eight days' time and this year we've got something to shout about. This Dominion Day, for a change, we'll have our own, brand new Canadian Maple Leaf flag to wave in the breeze.

Canada's birthday doesn't usually stir up a lot of enthusiasm in the hearts of Canadians. Thanks to the lethargy of Canadians when it comes to getting riled up over their national heritage, you can expect a pretty quiet celebration around here.

To most of us, a holiday is a day to head for the cottage, do a little fishing, work on the lawn, or catch up on our reading. Unlike our American cousins, we Canadians don't go in much for holiday parades, picnics, or other organized outings. Maybe it's time we started to take a lesson from these tradition-proud Americans, who use a national holiday for the purpose it was intended.

The 100th anniversary of Canada's founding is just two years away now, and across the land, Canadians are at last starting to get worked up about their history as they lay out plans to commemorate the centennial in July of 1967. Never has there been such a resurgence of interest in our past, and it's a healthy sign that Canadians are, at last, taking such an interest.

Back in 1867, a Halton newspaper noted "the setting apart of a special day of rejoicing as a National Birthday is essential to our entrance into the family of nations, and no day could be more appropriate than that on which we make our debut. The American is proud of his 'Glorious Fourth' but how much more should Canadians be proud of the day that has ushered their nation into existence; other national holidays have been baptised in blood, but ours is the offspring of peace. Let, then, the first of July be celebrated by Canadians as their natal day and as time in its unending rounds brings us to that day it will become more and more fraught with pleasing recollections, and bright and glorious anticipations for the future."

The sentiments expressed by that writer in 1867 still ring a note of truth, 98 years later.

Let's wave those new flags this year!

Let's make THIS birthday more than just a holiday.

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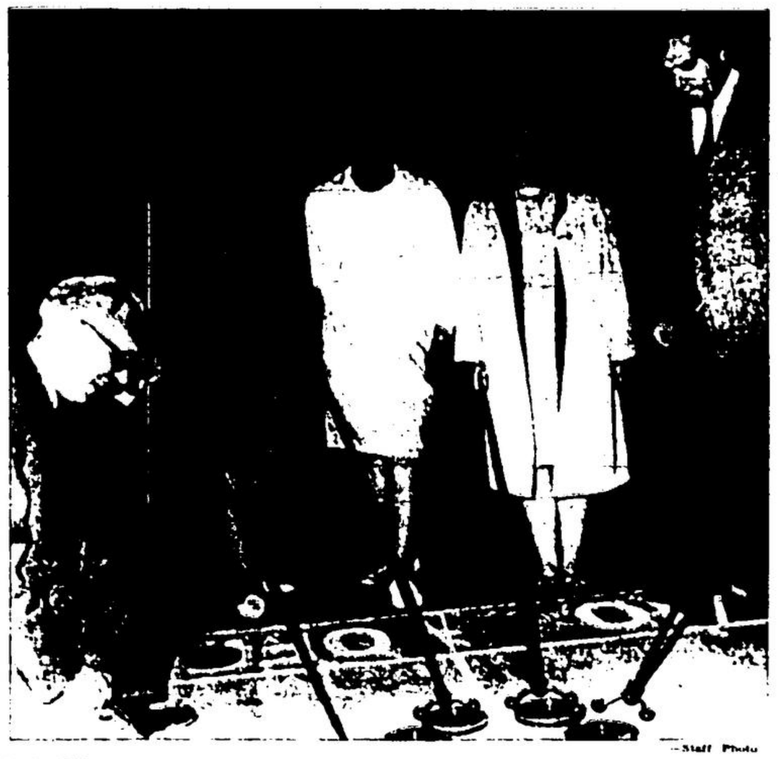

—Staff Photo

SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS have been painted on the cement floor at the arena and Neil Bowles is all set to start games going. Last Thursday night only a handful of people were present to play. Mr. Bowles outlines procedure to his wife, Mrs. Harris Roe, Mrs. Harry Otterbein and Dr. F. G. Oakes.

The Good Old Days . . .

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 21, 1945.

Saturday last in Acton brought back memories of pre-war days. It was a Band Jamboree — the first one for the boys who make up the band of today and a splendid success. The Acton Y's Men's Club were in charge of arrangements; they sponsor the band in Acton.

There were four bands taking part in the event — Ingersoll, Guelph, Bolton and Acton—with a competition in the "Golden Gate" overture. Acton band won second place. Prof. Thiele of Waterloo gave some friendly criticism. Supper was served in the United Church school room.

In the park, the bands assembled as a massed band before the grandstand. Huge flags formed a beautiful background for the 150 bandsmen. Bandmaster Charles Mason of Acton conducted one the massed band numbers. The Boys' Band was formed about three years ago under Charles Mason.

Ospringe Presbyterian church was the setting for a very interesting event when upwards of 100 guests met to enjoy the reunion of members of the Women's Institute on their 40th anniversary.

Last week, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Van Geuzen received the first word in five years from their family in Holland. It says in part, "We are free to do as we say without fear of being hurried off to concentration camp! For five years, no coal, gas, electricity or hardly any food. We were able to give shelter to two men who had done underground work, so we had a big family in those nerve-wracking months.

"They searched our home a few times but could not find me or the boys! You can imagine our happiness when we saw the Canadians enter Rotterdam! The people were quite mad with enthusiasm and excitement. Our rescue came well in time. The people were starving in the streets and there was no wood for coffins. Fifty per cent of the young people in Rotterdam were deported to Germany as slaves . . ."

APPROVE PERMIT

Esquesing Council has approved a building permit for A. Johnston to build a home on the Ninth Line at Five Sideroad. The permit had been held over awaiting approval by Halton County Health Unit as the land is low and required filling to meet H.E.H.U. standards, but was approved when the specifications appeared to have been met.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 24, 1915.

The mercury fell to 43 degrees yesterday evening.

Mr. Earl Marshall of Limehouse has taken over Rural Route No 2, formerly carried by John Gibbons, and will remove to Acton.

One of the most interesting events which has marked the progress of Halton County occurred last Wednesday. The Women's and Farmers' Institutes of the county held their first annual picnic and incidentally had the best business meetings which either Institute has seen for some years. About three hundred assembled at Victoria Park, Milton, for dinner and in the afternoon the Institutes held their meetings separately.

A donation of $200 from the Red Cross Society to the Canadian Military Hospital at Shorncliffe has been received and acknowledged by Col. Donald Armour, the surgeon in charge at the hospital.

Letters from the front from Tom Alger, David Douglas and Fred Coles are full of courage and contain news of interest.

A large crowd assembled in the town hall to listen to the recital of experiences in connection with the war by Major James Ralentine and gave him an enthusiastic reception.

Died — Lane. At Georgetown, on Tuesday, June 22, 1915, Jennie Frazer Somerville, wife of J. H. Lane, age 44 years.

Died — Henderson. At the home of her husband, Grosvenor Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Sunday, June 20, 1915, Lena M. Borland, beloved wife of John A. Henderson.

TOWNSHIP ISSUE

Building permits valued at $170,000 were issued in Esquesing Township during May, building inspector William Hulls told Township Council at the last meeting.

POET'S CORNER

EVOLUTION

Some monkeys are painting
And showing their work
But surely their sponsors
Must have a strange quirk

Yet five hundred dollars —
The price is now tiffe,
For pop art must flourish
And have its short life

Yet, if evolution
Be true as they say
Some humans were truly
Detained on the way

Isabel Anderson

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

Well, father, how did you enjoy your day? Personally, Father's Day saddened me, as it saddens me each year.

The mere existence of such a day is an indication of the new low to which the father has sunk in the family unit. Just a few decades ago, every day was father's day and there was no fooling about it.

When I was a kid, there was none of this nonsense of father helping around the house. Nowadays, fathers scrub the kitchen floor on their day off and help with the dishes after dinner. In the good old days, father didn't have a day off, in the first place, and mother wouldn't have let him dry the dishes, in the second, because she knew her place, and his.

Perhaps it's the increase in leisure time that has turned the head of the house into the fool of the family; a substitute baby sitter; an unpaid domestic slaves; a handy wailing wall, and in general, a pale reflection of his dignified, respected male forebears.

Until a couple of decades ago, father worked a six-day 60-hour week. But he didn't get ulcers or drop dead at 45. And do you know why? Because he didn't see as much of his family as the poor, cripple-gutted creature who brings home the bacon today.

Nowadays, father gets a day off. Does he potter in the garden? Does he go fishing? Does he play golf with the boys? Would it were so. He is kicked into the street with the children, while mother does whatever modern women do around home, with $2,000 worth of labor-saving machinery.

There is nothing more pitiable than the sight of a father, on his day off, wandering forlornly about a supermarket, trailed by two or three whining kids.

When my Dad got home from work, he didn't have to set the table, run around looking for the kids, then jump in the car and go to get a quart of milk. Nor did he have to "pick up a few things on the way home", because mother looked after her own shopping.

No, sir. When my Dad got home from work, he was greeted affectionately, but politely, and left alone. He retired to HIS chair and read HIS paper until he was called for supper. During the meal, he was not forced to listen to a 30 minute monologue about the terrible day mother had. Nor did he have to break up quarrels among the children. They wouldn't have dared squabble.

And on the weekend, my Dad wasn't expected to turn into a party boy. He was tired on Saturday night and he went to bed. If he felt like going to church next day, he did. If he didn't, he didn't. But he wasn't pestered all day Sunday by kids wanting to be taken swimming, or wife wanting to go for a drive, or "have somebody in". He made the decisions. If he just wanted to sit on the verandah and look at the grass growing, he did.

Not that he was an ogre. Usually, we went for a picnic on Sunday. But there wasn't any foolishness about Dad doing the cooking on an outdoor grill. Mother made the lunch and Dad would sit on a stump, in his Sunday best, gazing with dignity and a certain amount of distaste, at nature. After lunch, he would recline on a blanket, in the shade. He was relaxed, that man.

Another reason for his unquestioned head-of-the-house status was that we didn't argue with him. Now you have to discuss everything with the brats. Today's father can get into a 20 minute argument with any kid over the age of five, at the drop of a suggestion. And come out whimpering.

One generation has turned fathers from giants to pygmies. And now, if you'll pardon me, I have to go and make the beds, while my wife dries her hair and watches a little TV.

Mutual Aid

Demonstrate Firefighting Foam

A new method of squelching building fires was demonstrated last week in Georgetown for members of the Halton County Mutual Aid Firefighting Service. These men, representatives of the Halton fire departments in Acton, Georgetown, Oakville, Burlington and Milton, gather regularly for fire training and keep their equipment and service standardized so each will be able to help the other in emergencies.

The new product is a liquid, called High Expansion Foam. Placed in a machine and mixed with water, the liquid spurts out huge bubbles of foam—millions of them — — which quickly fill a burning room, cutting off the oxygen so a firefighter wearing no special equipment could walk through the bubble-filled room, and break enough bubbles to get air to breathe.

Firefighters said later the foam would be ideal for such things as a house basement fire. It would take only five gallons of the H.E.F. liquid and five gallons of water to snuff out a fire in the basement of an ordinary sized home.

For the demonstration, a vacant building at the rear of Georgetown Fire Hall was used.

In 1916, forest fires in the vicinity of Porcupine, Ont., caused the deaths of at least 224 people.

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This Sunday's

Church Calendar

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.
Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, JUNE 27th, 1965
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
10.40 a.m.—Kirk - Session meeting.
11.00 a.m.—Public Worship and Sacrament of Lord's Supper. (Babies and toddlers cared for in new Nursery during entire service.)
Combined Summer Services with Trinity United begin on July 4 at 10 a.m., with Rev. D. I. Engel preaching throughout July.

Everyone Most Welcome

TRINITY CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, JUNE 27th, 1965
DIVINE SERVICE
One service only—10 a.m.
Quarterly administration of Holy Communion.
Sunday School discontinued for the summer.

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Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
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SUNDAY, JUNE 27th, 1965
9.45 a.m.—Church School for all ages all the year through. Scripture Press material used.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Contest of Life."
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. "The Great Surprise."
Tuesday, special church meeting, June 29—Members, adherents, visitors all welcome. Time 8 p.m.
Wednesday — Prayer and Bible study, 7.30.
Thursday—Choir practice, 7.30.
This Saturday, June 26 — S. S. picnic, Rockwood park, 2.00 p.m. All welcome.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(formerly Evangel Baptist Church)
SUNDAY, JUNE 27th, 1965
Bus leaves Y.M.C.A. at 9.15 a.m. Calling at Limehouse 9.30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, JUNE 27th, 1965
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
2.30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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853-2715
SUNDAY, JUNE 27th, 1965
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Water Baptismal Service. The pastor will speak on "Three Christian Baptisms."
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Christ's Ambassadors.
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
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M.A., S.T.B.
SUNDAY, JUNE 27th, 1965
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
Sunday is the last day of Church School for the season. The parish picnic was planned to be held this year in Sept. On July 4, our services begin at 8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. throughout the summer season.

WE NEED REMINDING

Seed time and harvest, summer and winter, day and night have not failed us. God has been ever faithful in His promises to us. Has the same been true of all who promised to follow in the Master's way?

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