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## The Editor's Column

### GEORGETOWN WILL HAVE RECREATION DIRECTOR

With the estimated salary of a recreation director included in this year's Town Council budget, there is no barrier in the way of immediately advertising for the position to be filled. The Georgetown Recreational Council is holding a meeting tonight and it is expected that this is one of the items which will be foremost on the agenda. The hiring of a director within a month's time will enable the G. R. C. to go ahead with plans for baseball this summer and any other summer sports activities which the town and district may wish to indulge in. There is some talk of lacrosse and we know the sportsmen in the Glen are particularly interested in reviving Canada's national sport which has been dormant in Georgetown for many years. There are also plans to provide recreational activities for the girls in town. To date the program has been exclusively for boys, as without a full-time director it was impossible to make plans sufficiently broad to take in more than a juvenile and midget hockey league, combined with boxing instruction for a class of youngsters who have been meeting in the Armouries once a week.

It is gratifying to see the elected representatives of the town putting the stamp of approval, both morally and financially, on a program which will have ever-growing results in the years to come. Local organization had its inception when a group of a dozen or two interested men met together two or three times last fall to talk over the project. A public meeting in early November in the Oddfellows Hall elected a group of fifteen to form the official Recreational Council, and under the presidency of E. V. MacCormack, the G.R.C. laid plans to bring hockey back to the youngsters in the district. That this was successful was amply proven when a crowd of over 800 witnessed the final play-offs in the Arena and saw first-rate hockey described by one of the referees, the Maple Leaf's Gus Bodnar, as on a par with anything he had seen in midget or juvenile hockey in Toronto.

With a part-time organization making such a wonderful start, one can imagine what possibilities there will be when a director is hired who can give all his time and ability to the job at hand, be it hockey or baseball, handcraft, lacrosse, manual training or any activity which may come within the scope of recreation. Georgetown is making a wise move, and we should thank both the Town Council and the G.R.C. for their leadership.

### WE'RE CONVINCED, MR. COOMBE

We're going to usurp the traditional woman's privilege of changing her mind and back-track on our editorial of a few weeks' back in which we disagreed with the new county assessing system introduced this year by Halton Council. Our change of heart is directly due to the excellent presentation of the case for the system presented last Friday evening by Mr. J. P. Coombe, representing the Department of Municipal Affairs, at a joint meeting of the Georgetown and Esqueving Councils.

Mr. Coombe is a good talker and more than that he had so many facts at his finger tips and made such a convincing case for the system, that we were at a loss to pick out any major flaws in the points he presented. If the county system, measured as he called it "with the same yardstick" to ensure all municipalities assuming their fair share of county taxes, can avoid the yearly argument about equalization and the constant threat of costly litigation which is always present, then one concrete result will have been accomplished.

Another point which was stressed was that an assessor holds one of the most important positions in a town and is invariably underpaid. The whole tax structure and the lifeblood of the town's economic life rests on his shoulders, and yet it is assumed that he can do his job in a few weeks or months of part-time work, relying on his own ingenuity to figure out his basis for assessment and having his rates compare with other municipalities with whose assessors he has no contact.

It does mean that there will have to be a full-time position created to fulfill the duties expected of an assessor under the new set-up. With the expenses incidental to the new position, it will mean somewhere close to two mills on the tax rate, but if a full-time assessor can make adjustments which will result in the owners of under-taxed properties paying a larger share, and if it means a clearing of the air in County Council tax problems. The results will be worth the expense.

Mr. Coombe is a good talker and we're convinced.

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