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## Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

Many people, many newspapers and most men in public office prefer to avoid controversy whenever possible. People fear to lose friends, newspapers fear to lose readers and men in public office fear to lose votes. It is reasonable to suppose, however, that on an important issue, intelligent controversy can only do good, and can only result in a greater depth of consideration before the issue is decided.

The right to agree or disagree, and the right to hold an opinion and to express it are fundamental to our way of life, or more correctly to our political constitution because our way of life may be such that controversial issues are just not discussed. Disagreement is interpreted as disagreeable. Many people hold opinions which are based on emotion, superstition, selfishness and ignorance, so that when the shaky platform of their opinion is threatened by controversial discussion, they have no alternative but to run for the safety of anger and pugnacity to cover their inability to reason. This is an unhappy situation.

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 11.00 a.m.—Mattins: "after the Mission - what next?"  
 11.00 a.m.—Church School (3-8 yrs.)  
 11.00 a.m.—Nursery Guild  
 7.00 p.m.—Evensong  
 Festival of St. Mark Sat., April 25th  
 10.00 a.m.—Holy Communion (intercessions)  
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 Only the early birds would know, but last Saturday morning members of the town works staff rendered a service for merchants and shoppers by a "hosing off" job on Main Street.  
 This yearly service is much appreciated by the public, and the efforts of the town staff makes for a better Georgetown.

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## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### A World of Taxes

Federal increase in income and sales taxes has been followed locally by a sharp municipal tax increase which will cost the average household an extra fifty to sixty dollars a year. The rise was, perhaps, inevitable. We are living in a day when people demand more and more in the way of public services. It was not many years back that Georgetown's road budget was \$5,000. This year council anticipates spending \$120,000 in this department. Once towns people disposed of their own garbage. In 1959 some \$32,500 will go for this. Twenty years ago the combined salaries of the chief constable, town clerk and the night man would scarcely have equalled the \$6200 which councillors will receive for their service. And administration salaries now total \$31,000, and police costs an equal amount. Eight thousand dollars now goes annually to the Conservation Authority. School costs have zoomed to a combined total of \$250,000. The town pays \$12,000 this year to maintain the

arena; \$8700 for the public library. We have new public bodies today like the planning board and industrial commission which take their bite from the tax dollar. We have an ambulance and a police cruiser, a sewerage system and a new waterworks. One of the things we haven't acquired is a fairy godmother . . . and so it is that the more we have, and the more we ask for, the more we pay. No one will complain too bitterly that taxes have reached the point where they inflict a crushing blow on the property owner. But no one likes to see taxes rise either, and the best efforts of council this year should be directed to reasonable economies when possible. It seems that we live in a world of taxes. And unless there is a sharp change in the economic philosophy of all levels of government which, in effect, is ourselves, we can see no easing of the tax burden in the foreseeable future.

### Chamber of Commerce Week

An editorial holiday last week by-passed the opportunity to comment on Chamber of Commerce Week in Georgetown, in company with hundreds of municipalities had a share in. Locally, the town is a better place for some 70 men who have devoted a share of their time to promoting Chamber work which, in essence, is promoting Georgetown. An advertisement last week pointed to some of the concrete results . . . an industrial commission, an illuminated road sign, waste containers, Christmas lighting contest. More than this, is the community spirit

which such an organization engenders. The Chamber is like the rudder of a ship. Without such a group, the town is drifting like a ship. With luck it reaches port, but it has an equal chance of foundering on a shoal. The Chamber of Commerce gives direction to a town, makes it conscious of what collective action can do. If 70 men can accomplish certain ends, the results will grow in direct proportion to the membership. We urge those who have not seen fit in past years to be active on the C of C, to do so this year.

### Municipal Tax on Income?

Municipal taxation on an assessment basis is, perhaps, the easiest way of accumulating money for public projects, but it is by no means the fairest. A man who puts his savings into a home is, to our mind, paying an unjust share of civic expenses. Town taxes, like federal ones, would be more equitably shared if a portion of them were acquired by a tax on income. And the burden would be eased for those residents living on fixed incomes for whom even an extra couple of dollars is a real hardship.

It would not be impossible to set up a municipal income tax. We have a local office which administers the provisions of the Sales Tax Act and collects custom duties. The same office could easily be augmented to include an income tax inspector, whose duty it would be to check on federal income payments, and who, with the town clerk, could assess municipal taxes on an income basis too. The day is not too far distant when such a plan must be examined by higher levels of government.

### THE MAIL BAG

#### Teamwork Made Hockey Season a Big Success

April 22nd, 1959  
 The Editor, Herald  
 Through the medium of your news columns, the undersigned wish to thank all who helped to make this hockey season so successful. The past season was the biggest one in the history of the league and the cooperation from every one was all that could be desired. A special word of thanks would be in order to all those who helped with the actual operating of the league, as managers, coaches, referees, timekeepers, etc. also the Arena Board and the sponsoring organization, Branch 120, Canadian Legion. As a fitting end to the season the annual banquet will be held for the boys in the near future and the various awards presented. It is hoped to have present a number of hockey stars from the NHL on that occasion. On behalf of the executive may we thank all concerned once again. Yours very truly,  
 Bud Hill, Chairman  
 Frank Connelly, Secretary  
 Jack King, chief referee.

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