

Claims Assessor's Ideas On Teaching "Outdated"

Editor
Georgetown Herald
Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Mr. Editor:
It was my good fortune to have a copy of your paper of May, 13th, given to me.

I have never been in Georgetown nor do I know any of your citizens, even in view of this fact I enjoyed reading the news of your Community.

I was a bit amused by the utterances attributed to your Assessment Commissioner Mr. Joseph Gibbons in connection with Separate School Assessment in his letter to the Editor.

It has been my understanding, that the right to establish Separate Schools in the Province of Ontario was granted and is incorporated in the Act of Confederation. I do not recall where the local Assessment Commissioner had to give his permission. Of course there might be a different law in Georgetown.

I have been associated with Assessors and Assessment Departments for nearly forty years, and as Public Servants paid by all the Tax Payers, I thought their function was to assess the property under their jurisdiction according to the Assessment Act. Apparently in Georgetown the Assessment Commissioner is also called upon to write letters to the Paper criticizing some of the Tax Payers that help to pay his salary.

I would also imagine this unsigned letter referred to would be a Church Bulletin. Mr. Gibbons if

he is a Church Going Catholic would be aware of this fact. They are never signed to my knowledge. They usually contain church announcements, for the benefit of people with poor memories.

As for the Separate School Board appointing a Chairman on Assessments, this is not unusual. Large Boards have permanent men on this kind of work. I spend many days each year working with our local assessors checking school assessments. It saves a lot of time for the Court of Revision.

I know it will be quite an additional task for Mr. Gibbons to use the extra column provided in his assessment ledger for Separate School rates, but I imagine he will manage alright, thousands of other assessors throughout the Province have gotten over this problem for years. Most positions do have little inconveniences about them.

The comments made in connection with the benefits of teaching religion as outlined in this unsigned letter would seem a bit out dated. If Mr. Gibbons follows the news, I am sure he will find it is the desire of all denominations at the present time to have more religion taught in Ontario Schools. It could be a good means of helping to combat Juvenile Delinquency.

Thank you Mr. Editor for the courtesy of publishing this letter.

Yours very truly
A. C. Love, Sec'y-Treas.
Board of R.C. Separate School
Trustees, Oshawa, Ont.

Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

NO FIREWORKS IN THIS ELECTION

With the forthcoming provincial election only a few days away, it is a pity that so little has been offered to the voters by either of the two major parties. In view of the many years of Conservative government we have had in this province, and because of a possible reaction against the party due to some federal Conservative policies, one would have thought that John Wintermeyer and his party would have made a strong determined effort to show the voters that the Liberals could succeed where the Conservatives have failed. This has not been the case. June the eleventh approaches and no real spark has been created.

The Frost government says: "Look what we have done during the past ten years — put us in again and we'll give you some more of the same." The Wintermeyer Liberals, after a few thrusts at trivial issues such as beer in grocery stores, some watered-down support for health insurance, and a bit of red herring raking, says "The Conservatives have been in power too long — it's time for a change." The urgent matters of importance do not appear to be mentioned. If the Liberals wish to conduct an effective campaign where are their proposals for dealing with the real issues and problems which face Ontario at the moment? What would they do about unemployment, land conservation, air and water pollution, education, cheap housing, Malton, distribution of natural gas, agriculture and northern Ontario Development? These are a few of the questions which Ontarians are asking at the moment — Mr. Wintermeyer does not seem anxious to provide the answers. Neither for that matter, does Mr. Frost.

There seems to be some truth in the statement made by CCF leader Donald MacDonald who said that the only real difference between Conservatives and Liberals is that one is in power and the other isn't. The similarity was quite pronounced during the Natural Gas strike investigation last year. The fact remains, that neither Liberals or Conservatives seem willing to clash on issues which many people thought would provide the fireworks of the current election campaign — issues which might have provided the Liberals with some real ammunition. Liberal failure to establish an effective campaign platform may result in Mr. Frost breaking another record for durability.

The CCF party, on the other hand, came up with a detailed programme on the same day that the dissolution was announced. People of widely differing political views agree that Mr. MacDonald is an able and sincere politician. It is not surprising that the CCF program contained a number of pro-

There is food for thought in this. Maybe we are too complacent about the growing similarity between powerful political parties and powerful big business. The result of this is a lack of choice for the voter, who, all too often, must vote against the candidate he wants in — I think our government, both provincial and federal, would be greatly improved if parliament were generously sprinkled with independent members.

Public spirited men of high calibre, men who were prepared to make some financial sacrifice in order to assist in the affairs of the country. These independent M.P.'s, would be under no whip, would owe allegiance to the public not to the party, and would cast their votes in the house directed by common sense and deliberation and not for party expediency. The Canadian political field desperately needs men of individual thought and independent action, but what chance of election would such men have? Against the power of a well-oiled political machine, they would have about as much chance of success as a one-man grocery would have next door to a supermarket.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkes Hoey, R.R. 1, Moffat, was hostess to the Arts and Crafts for their regular meeting on Thursday, May 21st. Mrs. Hoey is well known for her silk screen printing and has designed and printed draperies for many industrial buildings, schools and private homes using a theme to depict that particular place. She also designs and makes attractive mats and towels. Some of the interesting designs are Halton County butter moulds, spinning wheel, etc.

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Citizens of Georgetown will go to the polls in exactly the same places as at last year's federal election.

To avoid confusion in finding new locations, the same buildings are being used.

The number of voters registered as eligible to vote is the largest in history, with the smallest poll being located at the Fire Hall with 175 voters registered to vote, while the largest is No. 70, with well over 1,000 eligible voters.

Polling stations are as follows—
No. 61: Municipal Bldg. Main N.
No. 62: Public Library, Church St.
No. 63: Mrs. M. Maynard's residence, J. Arletta
No. 64: Mrs. C. E. Day residence, 38 Victoria St.
No. 65: Charles Ledwidge residence, 21 King East.
No. 66: Mrs. T. Grieve residence, 25 Queen.
No. 67: Fire Hall, Guelph St.
No. 68: Mrs. E. Jamieson residence, 82 Guelph East.

No. 69: G. M. Armstrong residence, 70 Rexway Drive.
No. 70: Barrager's Cleaners, 166 Guelph Street East.
All stations have two boxes, except the Fire Hall, and Mrs. C. E. Day residence, where there will only be one necessary. In the case of No. 70, at Barrager's Cleaners' highway location, there will be three separate ballot boxes and 3 sets of election officers, to facilitate voting.

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