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TAKING IT OUT ON EDUCATION

How would you like to be a member of the School Board? Right now the average urban school board is in a rather unhappy plight, with County and Municipal councils emanding reductions in requisitions, the taxpayer howling for reduced taxes, and the government further reducing the legislative grants. Trustees who are fully aware of all existing conditions are faced on one hand with the demands of the ratepayers for reductions, and on the other with their responsibilities and sense of duty to the rising generation. Moreover the standards must be kept up to earn the grants in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Education, the policy of which has unfortunately been one which encouraged school boards to spend rather than to save. Is it any wonder the School Boards feel they are now among the most harrassed of our many public bodies. In York County even the Bank has stepped in and has decreed how much less must be spent for education this year, and this after all teachers are under contract until June, and two months of the term completed. The pathway of those in charge of education just now is not strewn with rose petals and the members are in the words of the popular song "between the devil and the deep blue sea."

There are frills in our educational system which can be dispensed with and action to eliminate such frills should not be delayed. BUT THE EDUCATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD NOT SUFFER BECAUSE OF THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERN-MENT OR THE YORK COUNTY COUNCIL. Because the government of the province of Ontario has carried on an orgie of spending in recent years which has plunged us so far into debt that we may never be able to pay it, or because the big spending of the York County Council has landed us in the position where the credit of the County is questioned and the bank steps in to say what must and must not be done, is no reason why EDUCATION should be the goat. Now that the Provincial government and the County government are in a jam both bodies jump on the school boards and blame it all on education. If it is possible to compare the value of WASTE we are of the opinion that we have received a lot better value for the money WASTED on EDUCATION than for the money WASTED by the County Council and the Provincial government in other ways.

* * * * * * * BANKS ARE AT LEAST SAFE

One hears many complaints against our banks and banking system here in Canada, and no doubt there is room for improvement, but the situation in Michigan emphasizes the fact that at least we can be thankful for the solidarity and stability of our banking institutions. We are astounded by the fact that in the United States there has been 10,000 banks close their doors in the past ten years, and that in 1931 alone there were 2000 failures, with depositors' losses amounting to millions of dollars. In the wake of these failures tragedy stalked unchecked. Suicides, the wreckage of large fortunes and corporations and the financial ruin of hundreds and thousands of people were among the aftermaths, and to-day confidence in American banks is at a low level. Many improvements in our banking system may be possible and desirable, but from the standpoint of security at least, we have reason to congratulate ourselves.

REDUCING EXPENDITURE

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It requires neither talent nor toil to economize where the pinch will be felt by someone else. This is the thought which should be kept in mind by members of public bodies who are looking about to cut expenditure and by ratepayers who are demanding reduced taxation. If we are sincere in asking for reduced expenditure we must be content to have expenditure reduced which will affect ourselves. It appears that too many are crying for reductions which affect only the pockets of others and when it comes right home demand the same services as before. This is a time when all must be prepared to sacrifice something because many have been asked to sacrifice much more than they could afford. Public administration in these strenuous times should consider not only those who are able to pay their taxes, but as well those who are not able to meet their annual tax bill. When we consider that we have reached the point where many people find it difficult to pay their taxes, we must be impressed with the necessity of cutting out every item of expenditure, except that which is absolutely necessary.

THINKS PUPILS SHOULD PAY FEES

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This paper had hoped that some powerful leader would rise up and advocate a return to the fee system for pupils attending continuation and high schools in Ontario, as a means of more justly meeting the burden of school taxation. Twenty-five years ago secondary education was not so free as it is to-day. The pupil was required to pay from \$1 to \$2 per month fee, which was collected for the Board of Education throught the principal each month. Under the old fee system a small portion at least, of the cost of secondary education was placed on the parents whose children were getting the direct benefit.

If a boy leaves school to-day after passing the entrance to high school exams. he must work for low wages while learning a trade. He must do this to gain knowledge of the business at hand. On the other hand, if he continues at school the province pays all costs to turn him out as a professional man in some field to charge high fees for what he knows and for what the state gave him largely at the state's cost. This of trades far more than it needs professional men to-day. Apprentices in every trade are all too scarce, while the professional field is glutted.

If the Ontario government would return to the old fee system enabling school boards to impose a moderate monthly charge on pupils, it would probably keep some municipalities from the defaulters list. Further, it would weed the "drones" out of the school classes .- Stouffville Tribune.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

One million, two hundred thousand Canadians on relief and about as many more finding only a precarious existence as a result of part time employment gives some idea of the deplorable picture of the economic condition as it exists in this country to-day. Add to this the fact that the national debt, the provincial debt, and the debt of the various municipalities are in themselves a burden of taxation almost beyond the means of the average business or taxpayer. Is it any wonder people are asking the way out.

------QUALITIES OF GOLD (From The Christian Science Menitor)

From the beginning of history the lure of gold has drawn men to seek for it. Many individuals have endured hardship, danger, and solitude in their efforts to find and accumulate the precious metal. But there may come a time in one's experience when, though his income has run into many figures, and the possession of money has enabled him to fill his home with priceless treasures of rarity and beauty, he may be poorer in contentment than the servants on his staff.

Christ Jesus taught that those things which are deemed of value in the material world are at best but symbols of spiritual realities. Inestimable and enduring riches must accrue to the individual who withdraws his efforts from the seeking and amassing of money, and seeks with heart and mind to understand and build up in his consciousness those priceless qualities of purity, worth, stability, endurance and indestructibility, of which gold is symbolic. This undertaking does not involve strenuous, wearisome effort, accompanied by misgivings as to ultimate success. There must be an honest desire for good, and the only sacrifice entailed is the sacrifice of what is worthless and unprofitable.

There is no virtue in poverty; no goodness or holiness in the destructive beliefs of lack and limitation; no smallest quality of divine Mind in the false sense of fear, greed, or dishonesty; therefore, these errors are not real. Any individual can prove for himself that the priceless qualities symbolized by gold, when enthroned in human consciousness and unceasingly practiced, will be external, ized in unlimited abundance in the human sense of things.

Radio Programmes and Personaltles

The Tuesday evening symphony pro- have been chosen to supply the music grams arranged by the Canadian at the Inaugural Ball. Radio Commision are fast becoming a Anybody enjoys a good comedy pro-

for by the commission.

phony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. will make you laugh, and plenty. Then Ernest MacMillan.

phony Orchestra, conducted by Dr., mended to bridge fans.

Douglas Clarke. phony Orchestra.

phony Orchestra.

sult your program schedule. voices of famous figures discussing and got it-and a contract.

Elaborate preparations have been Jessica Dragonette, whose exquisite ter in Toronto for the winter. completed by both the NBC and CBS lvric soprano has won a place in the networks for a complete broadcast of heart of millions of radio listeners day, March 4th, when Franklin D. India, and until she was six years old of the United States. An array of man, into all the far away and hidden present, numbering over thirty. talent and equipment greater than corners of the world. When she reachever assembled for a single event will ed school age she was brought to be used. Microphones will be placed America and placed in the cloistered able transmitters will also be brought studied piano when her fingers were into play and bird's eye views of the scarcely able to reach an octave. craft flying above the city.

increase of thirteen thousand.

BC staff of announcers and will be angel," unseen by the audience. But assisted by William Hard, Floyd Gib- her beautiful voice impressed probons, David Lawrence and regular duction managers, and the following staff announcers. For Columbia Ted year she was featured in "The Student Husing will be assisted by Frederic Prince," while in the following year William Wile, Edwin C. Hill, Harry she had a leading role in "The Grand von Zell, Don Ball and others. The Street Follies." All this happened programs will commence at 9 a.m. and while she was in her 'teens, and she run continuously until late in the af- found herself a musical comedy star ternoon, and from 10 to 10 p.m. a sought by agents with contracts in description of the inaugural ball will their hands before she was twenty. be broadcast.

States networks, a number of Can- staff of the newly-organized National adian stations will be linked to carry Broadcasting Company. Visualizing the program.

there are Brad and Marge to add to Tuesday, March 14-Toronto Sym- the fun. The skit is especially recom-

every Monday evening at 7:15 over much enjoyed. Tuesday, March 28-Toronto Sym- the NBC-WJZ network. To my mind For details of time and stations con- ifying both old-time and popular songs medium of the radio they are able to you don't. The trio is composed of which no other agency can offer. By Wamp Carlson, just three discouraged

topics of interest to all, are brought | If you haven't yet heard Boake Car- | Association and Eaton Hall Farm. into the home. As a consequence, ter, radio's newest commentator on the despite any recession in business peo- news of the day, you've been missing attendance at a dance in McDonald when to go home and hostesses who ple are buying radios and taking out something really worth while. Boake and Wells Hall on Monday evening. | will not let them go are sworn enemlicenses for them in increasing num- is a commentator who is not afraid to bers. The monthly statement of the comment and hazard a guess as to the given by Excelsior Lodge of King, nicely under way at an hour when a radio branch of the Marine depart- real cause and effect of the particular was held in Masonic Hall, on Tuesday previous generation had retired for ment discloses that in ten months of news event that he is relating-espec- evening. Mrs. P. Dunn, Maple, K. the night. the fiscal year over a hundred thous- ially if it concerns politics. And he McVeety, Harry Bovair and H. Ed- The hour for going to bed should and more licenses were issued in Can- has a particularly pleasant, converada than in the whole of the previous sational manner of telling his news year. The ten months total was 716, and views that you'll really enjoy. 558 as compared with 598,358 in the Listen to him every evening except fiscal year ended in 1932. Montreal, Saturday and Sunday at 7:45 p.m. whose radio licenses increased by over over the CBS-WABC network, and I'll forty thousand, heads the list with wager that when you've heard him a have a social time to celebrate Mrs. the windows should be opened to admit 118,980, while Toronto has 99,444, an few times you'll look forward to his programs.

ceremonies will be broadcast from air | The first time she sang on the stage was in Max Beirnhardt's production of Graham McNamee will head theN "The Miracle" as the "voice of an

Then one day a letter came in her In addition to the two major United | mail inviting Jessica to join the artists the opportunities which radio offered, Guy Lombardo and his Royal Cana- she accepted the position, and her sucdians and Eddie Dutchin's orchestra cess in radio has more than justified

her decision.

In the studio Miss Dragonette behaves as though she were before the footlights. Her face is expressive, and she illustrates with graceful gestures the emotions of the song she is and she is always in evening dress when she broadcasts. She never uses notes when she sings, and she has memorized more than 500 songs and 75 operettas. Jessica is very fair, is five feet two inches tall and weighs only a hundred pounds. She is heard each Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. with Rosario Bourdon's orchestra over the NBC-WEAF network.

KING CITY

The Y.P.S. of the United Church was held as usual on Tuesday evening with the Missionary Convenor in charge of the program. Mrs. J. Arch-Study book. "Will India become piano solo.

Church held a social on Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. G. H. home in Aurora. Stone. Mr. W. M. Boys of Laskay, gave a splendid address. The class birthday of Feb. 28, Mr. and Mrs. G. decided to hold a supper and concert Hately presented the Anglican church

A large number from this community attended the play given by Laskay Y.P. in Laskay Institute Hall on Friday evening. This play "The Bishops Candlesticks" is certainly given splendidly by the characters. We wish them the best of luck in the Dramatic Competition in London on Thursday evening. The characters are Miss Gertie Patton, Miss Thompson, Messrs. A. Richards, J. Richards, F. Boys and P. Smelsor. The directors popular feature among Canadian lis- gram, but it's got to be good. Are are Rev. Davis and Mrs. W. Boys. teners. Broadcast over a coast-to- you an Easy Ace fan? I am! Every Mrs. T. Proctor and Mrs. F. Boys coast network of Canadian stations Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at rendered beautiful vocal solos. Jimthe programs feature the finest sym- 8:00 p.m. my dial is set at WABC for mie Gray, Champion Orator of Onphony orchestras in the county and the adventure of Jane and Ace. Jane's tario for 1932, gave a couple of degive to listeners the opportunity of droll, "dumb" humor is comparable lightful readings. Little Miss Doris hearing the best in music. The fol- only with that of Gracie Allen, and Hollinshead also gave a couple of is lost. To the majority of people, lowing programs have been arranged Ace's resignedly sympathetic attitude readings. Rev. Davis gave a monotowards his wife which just seems to logue and the beautiful pantomime part of the day, following naturally Tuesday, March 7-Montreal Sym- say "nothing can be done about it" "The Old Rugged Cross" was also upon the hours of mental and physical

ial in the Parish Hall on Tuesday ditions are favourable, relaxation is evening. Pancakes were deliciously complete, and soon they are asleep. Another favorite program of mine made on super health aluminum. Tuesday, March 21-Montreal Sym- is that of the Jester's vocal trio heard Jig saw puzzles and games were also

they are one of the finest trio's glor- | tion held in McDonald and Wells Hall on Wednesday evening, for Mr. and on the air to-day. You'll enjoy Wamp Mrs. A. B. Wells. A very enjoyable Such effort is vain. He who concen-More and more the people of Canada | Carlson's bedtime stories in Swedish | evening was spent playing cards and | trates on sleep invariably remains are coming to realize that through the dialect and the boys' chatter. See if dancing. Max Cameron's orchestra awake long into the night. with Farmer Ball floor manager was enjoy a diversity of entertainment Guy Bonham, Dwight Latham and in attendance. Mr. R. Hollinsworth, thoroughly tired and who are able of Eaton Hall Farm, read the address to lay aside the problems of the day the simple turn of the dial the very insurance clerks who tore up their to Mr. and Mrs. Wells and Mr. J. with its disappointments and unsolved best in music, drama, comedy, the time cards in 1930, hammered at the Patton presented a Senora Radio to difficulties until the morning. latest news events of the world, the NBC portals, asked for an audition the happy couple from the friends and neighbors, Lake Marie Athletic hour may be an important factor in

wards were the prize winners.

the events in Washington on Satur- everywhere, was born in Calcutta, Feb. 19th, at the home of his grand- in some cases, but a heavy meal prior daughter, Mrs. R. Wilson of Teston. to retiring is apt to lead to physical Roosevelt will be installed as President travelled with her father, a French- Ten children and their families were discomfort.

on passing her primary piano exam. would not long continue. Many peoand Master George Armstrong on ple who suffer from insomnia also at every important point, while port- quiet of a convent school. Here she passing his junior piano exam. Both have poor appetites. The combination tried their exams at the Toronto leads to a lowered resistance. Conservatory.

son and daughter of Toronto to our sociation, 184 College Street, Toronto,

residence in the home of her brother. the late Mr. R. Cook.

Miss Eleanor Winterfield of Toronto spent a few days with Miss Verna Carson last week.

Mr. C. Benson and Mr. J. Dew attended the Aurora Alumni Dance at singing. Her favorite color is yellow, the Embassy, Toronto, on Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. Dew, Misses F. Stewart and Dorothy Dew attended the postnuptial reception of Mrs. C. E. Locke (formerly Miss Nora Henry) at her home on Russell Hill Rd., Toronto.

The entire village was very sorry to learn of the sudden passing of the late Mr. R. Cook of this place, on Wednesday. Neighbors taking the mail to the deceased failed to make anyone hear and the door being locked. they managed to find a key to fit the lock and entered. They found deceased had succumbed to a heart attack sometime that morning. The late Mr. Cook had seemed to be in ibald gave the last chapter "When and One sister, Mrs. Crossley of Toronto, survives and one brother in Saskat-Christian." Misses Hester and Mad- the service, assisted by Rev. W. F. eline Tankard sang a beautiful duet Wrixon. Interment was held in King cemetery.

The Adult Bible Class of the United Mrs. R. Walker, whose father passed away last Saturday evening at his

In honor of their year old son's in the church on Thursday evening, with a pair of hammored brass vases on Sunday.



SLEEP AND SLEEPLESSNESS The ability to throw off the cares

of the day and to compose one's self for a night's refreshing sleep is something tht is best appreciated when it the hours for sleeping are just a third activity They accept sleep as a mat-A number enjoyed the pancake soc- ter of course. The time arrives, con-

There are a goodly number to whom sleep does not readily come. Bedtime finds this group fearful that they are About 175 attended the presenta- about to put in another restless night. Some there are who go to bed prepared to make every effort to sleep.

Sleep comes best to those who are

The postponement of the bedtime insomnia. Late parties with too much Max Cameron's orchestra was in excitement; guests who never know The second of a series of euchres, ies of sleep. Dances are now only

not be unduly postponed. A quiet dark The members of the Baptist congre- bedroom is helpful, as is a comfortable gation journeyed to Toronto on Mon- bed. Relaxation should be complete. day evening, to the home of Mrs. Extremes of room temperature are to Wells, to present Mrs. G. Norman of be avoided. A free movement of cool King with a basket of flowers and to air is essential, and for this purpose, Norman's 76th birthday. Mrs. Nor- of a free blow of air through the man has been living with her daugh- room. Bodily warmth should be obtained by sufficient bed-clothing and Mr. Alex. Gray of Kinghorn cele- not by a high room temperature. A brated his 80th birthday on Sunday, little food in the stomach is helpful

Sleep, like food, is a fundamental We congratulate Miss B. McDonald need. Without one or the other, life are pupils of Mr. A. Melecci and of lack of sleep and inadequate food

Questions concerning Health, ad-We welcome Mrs. Crossley and her dressed to the Canadian Medical Asvillage. Mrs. Crossley has taken will be answered personally by letter.

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