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TAX RATE DECLINING

Ratepayers of Richmond Hill Village will welcome the announcement in this issue that the 1934 tax rate will be one mill less than in 1933. A four mill reduction last year and another mill lopped off this year is encouraging news. To accomplish a further reduction this year the members of council have pared estimates to the very limit and if the ratepayers appreciate the importance of a declining tax rate in preference to a rising tax rate they must show their appreciation by being lenient in their demands in the coming year. Prompt payment of taxes is another way in which the ratepayers can help the council administer the affairs of the municipality efficiently and economically. No doubt the fact that the council is doing all possible to reduce the rate will be encouragement to those who have been finding it difficult to raise their taxes and more prompt payments will be the natural result. We congratulate Reeve Greene and the 1934 council on this further reduction in the tax rate which we know will be a very welcome announcement in Richmond Hill.

OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES

This story isn't ours, but nevertheless, it is a good one: "A farmer had an old blind horse which had outlived its usefulness. One day he fell into an old well. The farmer looked in and saw him standing deep in the water. There seemed to be no way to get him out, and as he was quite useless and the well abandoned and dangerous, the farmer ordered his men to fill up the well and leave the horse buried in it.

The men began to shovel dirt in the well, but the horse was not willing to be buried. When the dirt began to pour in upon him, he began to shake it off and tread it under foot. As the well was filled up the horse came nearer and nearer to the surface, and when the men finished their task the horse walked out into the pasture.

The very things which conspire to bury the lion-hearted these days, are used by them to lift themselves out of difficulties and into the light. The very last thing one should do is to agree to stay dead and buried.

A COMPARISON IN TAX LEVIES

Away back in The Liberal files a communication in an issue of 1898 complained of the rapidly increasing tax rate of that year and by way of comparison quoted the tax levies in the village in 1878. If the writer of that communication thirty-five years ago were to receive a 1934 tax bill we are afraid the shock would prove altogether too much for him. The tax levies of 1878, 1898 and 1934 are shown below and clearly show the great increase in municipal taxation in that fifty-five year period. A perusal of the 1878 levy explains to the tax weary ratepayers of the present day the reason older people talk of "the good old days."

1878 Levy	
County Tax	\$ 130.50
Village Tax	811.30
High School Tax	200.55
Public School Tax	420.80
Railway Tax	44.55
Total	\$1607.70
1898 Levy	
County Tax	\$ 289.08
Village Tax	943.00
Public Library Tax	84.00
High School Debenture	193.37
High School Tax	262.50
Public School Tax	840.00
Total	\$2,611.95
1934 Levy	
County Tax	\$ 7,150.06
Village Tax	7,465.54
Public Library Tax	462.50
High School Maintenance	4,725.00
Public School Maintenance	5,801.50
Debenture Levies Totalling	19,803.70
Total	45,408.30

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN—

The moustache cup was in vogue? The moustache cup was a table necessity in the days when men were men and their upper lips were hairy, not just fuzzy. In those days when a girl was kissed she knew it.

The cup saved father's moustache from swimming in his coffee. A small lip across the inside top of the cup, leaving a little opening for the coffee to pass through, made any ordinary cup into a moustache cup.

But the day of moustache glory is gone—and with it the glory of the moustache cup. For instance, in 1908 a chinaware dealer sold 600 dozen moustache cups. The president of the company says only two have been ordered since that time.

WHAT IS A GOOD NEWSPAPER?

Such a question has been asked ever since a newspaper was published and every conscientious editor has ruefully asked himself ever since the beginning of publicity. With the same earnestness that a minister of the local church might sigh for the day when he could dispense with reading the ten commandments and could omit the prayers for sinners.

In either case it can be little more than a pious aspiration, since both church and press deal with conditions of living. For the newspaper, it has to be said that it is primarily the handmaiden of history; day by day, week by week, or month by month, it records what men say and do; sin, it realizes, does not vanish because unremarked. Society eliminates sin by detecting and denouncing it. Publicity is the greatest agent of restraint. We all probably realize this. Nor would we be willing on reflection to welcome an ostrich journalism which, by sticking its head into the sands, would see no evil, hear no evil, and thus pretend to believe that the community could do no evil.

The newspaper is a reporter of events. If it is less it evades its duty. But if it searches out crime, not for the plain record of it, but to enlarge on it, ornament it,

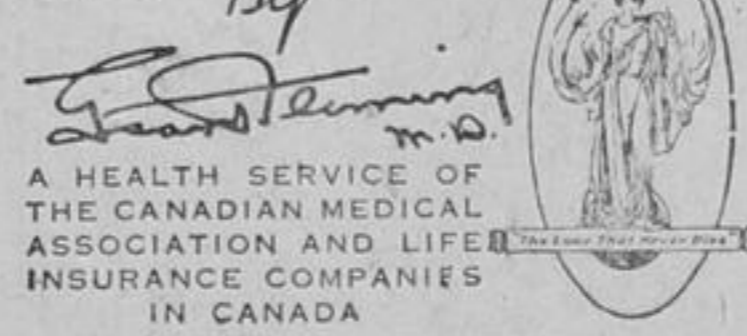
envelop it in the gilded robes of romance, and suspend it like bait day after day before the eyes of the public, then duty has been long since left behind and such a newspaper is with the panderers of crime, and is popularly known as yellow.

Do men become good because the existence of evil is ignored? Do communities become good because the evils of society are suppressed from knowledge? The key to the moral conscience of this generation is not in the existence of sin either, in individual or in community, but in the instant denunciation of it when discovered and the proclamation of society's ostracism of evil.

The newspaper, whose ethical principles are sound, knows that it is its duty to inform its reader each day, or week, of the truth as it discovers it, neither more nor less. It knows its readers do not wish to be lulled into false complacency by the omission of any part of society's activity, good or bad, any more than he wishes his intelligence affronted and his home degraded by the printed presentation of baleful exploitations and passion-provoking distortions of the weakness of men and women. The abnormal character of "bad news," sufficiently bad in its bare existence, is the supreme compliment to that decent confidently assumed to belong to the great majority of citizens.

When men and women no longer yield to passion and dishonor, good newspapers will be freed from including the records in their columns. But, as the true record of the times in which we live, those things which men do and say as challenges to common morality, must find their place for scrutiny and judgement of society. For that is the weapon of reform and the newspaper's watchful contribution to good living.

HEALTH



GOOD AIR

Millions of cells go to make up the human body. Each cell must have oxygen or it will die. Each cell must get rid of the waste carbon dioxide which it produces or it will perish. The simplest forms of life consist of one cell; they secure the oxygen they require direct from the water in which they live. The human body, requires a special arrangement for oxygen to reach all its cells. Air is taken into the lungs; the oxygen of the air is carried from the lungs, by the red corpuscles of the body, to every nook and corner of the body, delivering oxygen to all cells, and picking up and carrying back to the lungs their waste product, carbon dioxide.

It is not so many years since it was believed that the ill effects of poor ventilation were due to lack of oxygen or to an excess of carbon dioxide in the air breathed into the lungs. We know now that this belief was not correct, for even in a poorly ventilated room, under ordinary conditions of living, there is always plenty of oxygen for the needs of the body and never enough carbon dioxide to do any harm. The ill effects of poor ventilation are due, not to chemical changes in the air, but rather to its physical condition. What is harmful is the over-heated, still air that is loaded with moisture, because such air makes it difficult for the body to get rid of its heat, and the condition interferes with the regulation of the body.

To express this idea in a positive way, it means that if you are to keep your home ventilated, you must not allow it to become too warm, and that the air must be kept in gentle motion by means of an inlet (window) built on one side of a room, and an outlet opposite (window or door).

Most homes and work places are kept too warm. In England, people accustom themselves to living in rooms at about 62 degrees Fahrenheit. We believe that 68 degrees Fahrenheit should be a maximum, but many people complain if the temperature of their living-rooms is not nearly 80 degrees.

One practical problem in the ventilation of the home is that it is difficult, if not impossible to have the temperature comfortable for both sexes at the same time, unless men and women come somewhat closer in their ideas as to what clothing to wear indoors. Obviously, a man with his usual clothing will be unduly warm in a room which is comfortable for a woman in her usual attire.

Fresh air is desirable because it promotes health and a sense of well-being. Lack of fresh air predisposes to infections of the respiratory tract, common colds and pneumonia which are more common in winter when we live in over-heated, stuffy rooms. Maintain the temperature slightly below seventy degrees Fahrenheit and keep the air in very gentle motion; in this way, you will enjoy the benefits of good air.

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PLUCK

When things are running crosswise and the engine's out of gear, When the road is rough and rocky and the sky is far from clear, When you're plainly up against it and you're surely out of luck, That's the time to use your courage and to show your stock of pluck.

Most anyone can travel on a road that is smooth and clear, And anyone can get there if he only has to steer; But when the motor balks and you're running in the muck, If you're ever going to get there you must call upon your pluck.

There's no thrill in easy sailing when the skies are clear and blue, There's no joy in merely doing things which anyone can do. But there is some satisfaction that is mighty sweet to take When you reach a destination that you thought you'd never make.

So when everything's against you and your plans are going wrong, Just face the situation and keep moving right along; Don't sit down and wail and whimper even though you may be stuck, You're not absolutely helpless if you still possess your pluck!

MORTGAGE SALE

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Way Back in the Liberal Files

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO From Our Issue of Feb. 2nd 1899 At the annual meeting of the Board of Education held yesterday, Mr. J. N. Boyle was elected chairman and Mr. J. A. E. Ewitzer Secretary-Treasurer. The committee of Management are Messrs. W. T. Storey, J. H. Sanderson and F. McConaghy. Mr. Wm. Russell, the new appointee of the County Council, was present and took his seat.

There was a very fair attendance at the Firemen's Carnival on Tuesday evening, though the number of masqueraders was not large. The prize winners were Mr. H. Sanderson, Mr. E. Coombs, Miss Ethel Switzer, Miss Laura Duncan and Masters Barker and Garness. About \$37.00 was realized.

Messrs. J. T. Saigeon and J. B. McLean who finished auditing Vaughan accounts in good time last evening were treated to an oyster supper by the acting clerk, Mr. Will Trench. A few intimate friends including ye editor, were called in, and all thoroughly enjoyed the tempting repast. Short speeches followed, the auditors expressed themselves as pleased with the way the books had been kept and all voted that no more popular young man than Will Trench has held a responsible position in Richmond Hill for many years past.

Dr. Shaw has purchased the medical practice of Dr. Hutchison and will in the course of a few days move his family to the Village to reside. Dr. Shaw lately practiced his profession in Markham where he was very successful and popular with all classes. Since then he has been pursuing courses of study in the great hospitals of New York and Chicago and has just finished a holiday in California.

When it became known a short time ago that Mr. Wm. Harrison, who had been superintendent of the Methodist Sabbath School for the past 40 years, had definitely decided to resign his position, a number of the friends resolved on showing their appreciation to a certain extent for his faithful and valuable services. It soon became known that many who had removed from the Village were anxious to join in the testimonial, therefore in order to give time, the presentation was delayed until last evening. A pleasant program was arranged, and a large number assembled in the school room of the church and spent a social time together. During the program Mr. Harrison was called to the platform, when a beautiful address was read by Mrs. Wiley and Mr. Switzer, Mr. Harrison's successor as Superintendent, made the presentation which consisted of a purse of \$50.00 and a beautiful gold watch suitably engraved. Mr. Harrison, although deeply affected by his surroundings, made an able and feeling reply, and closed by asking those present to accept his heartfelt thanks for the valuable present received.

The annual Banquet of King Plowmen's Association held at Cosgrove's Hotel, Bond Lake, last Friday evening, was a most enjoyable and successful affair. The spread, the first course of which was oysters, was excellent, and the after speeches and musical program were enjoyed by all.

Some folk resolve to labor and be somebody; then decide it is easier to high-hat people and make them think we are somebody.

SLATS' DIARY

BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—Mr. Gillem brung home his pitchers witch he had tuk down at the fotograffers last weak and he looks so growchy that pa sed the fotograffer must of told him whut they was a going to cost before he pressed the Button on him.

Saterday — well I fergot to carry in the coal witch pa ordered this morning and to-nite when he cum home he cudent see my side of the story and he tuk

me in to the Basement and like to of wore out the Razer strap on me. I think he is vrey very unreasonable and from now on he is just my Muthers husband.

Sunday—Charlie Fleet and his new wife came home from there hunney moon last nite and they was a tawking to pa and ma including me and they sed they was wonderfully Happy and after they went on pa sed to ma that was just Beginners Luck and she got very very sore at pa. even tho we are not Speaking I feel kinda sorry for him. Sum times.

Munday—Ant Emmy finished reading a Cereal story today and she sed to pa that she diddnt think mutch of Modern liteture becuz they was putting too much love in Fixion now days and pa replied and sed Yes and they is a great deal of Fixion in love to. Ma herd him say it.

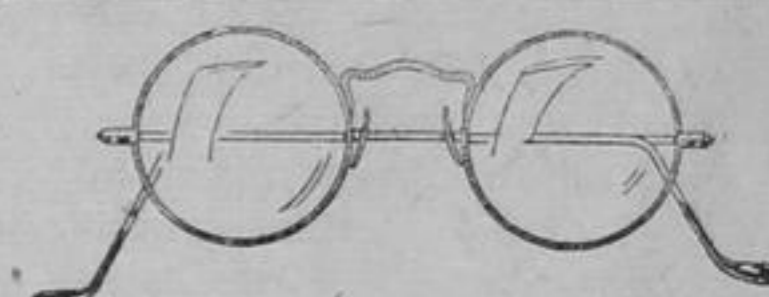
Tuesday—The teacher sent a note to Blisteres pa today and she sed she had cot Blisters in a lie and Blisteres pa rote back to her and sed for her please to give the Boy a Chance becuz mebbly she woodent ketch him in a Lie after heed had a little more Xperience.

Wednesday—We had are test in Lang widge today. I rilly cant see no use in spending a lot of time lerning fokes to tawk English when the movie Stars get big wages becuz they cant tawk it.

Thursday—Evry buddy is tawking about how well Mr. Mull looks here of lately. he told the reason he looks so well here of lately is on acct. of he boughten sum stocks that a frend tipped him off on and ever sence that he had to go on a Strick Diet.

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