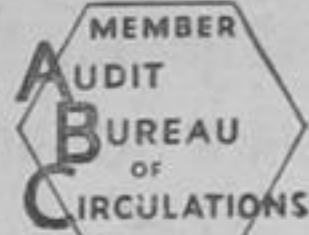




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"Look At Our Record"

With the date of the forthcoming Ontario election just one week away, the Conservative government, its premier and its candidates, are still content to say to the electors "Look at our record, it speaks for itself". It does speak for itself in effect — it may be inferred from this statement that the Conservatives are quite satisfied about the current burden of municipal taxation in comparison with general taxes — one may gather that the present Frost administration is quite proud of the retrograde movement in education — in fact the record does speak for itself. Ontario's taxpayers are hearing the promise of nothing better — they are only being told that the record is there, there is nothing better to offer.

It is evident that Ontario's Tory administration plans nothing further in the line of province-municipal relations, nothing to improve the second-rate educational trends, nothing to aid municipalities in meeting the excessive tax burdens — in short, the people of Ontario are being offered nothing more than they have at present.

In contrast, the Liberal Party pledged itself to support a redistribution of taxes to remove the heavy burden from the home owner. Education and welfare would be shifted to the general tax level, which is only fair, for all Ontario's citizens receive the advantages of these services, whether or not they are property owners.

Such a shift of tax levies as advocated by the Liberal party would do

much towards the foundation of a solid social structure. Families firmly established in a community are a much happier group than those who for reasons of living accommodation find it necessary to move from place to place. The man, who must leave a community because of lack of accommodation often finds it difficult to re-establish in a new centre and to find new employment. A family unable to locate a home or a job becomes the responsibility of the municipality, thus causing a fluctuating social element.

The federal government has made it much easier for a small wage earner to own his own home — the Liberals in Ontario want the opportunity to co-operate with federal authorities in making it easier for a man to carry the expense of maintaining a home. The easing of the tax load on real estate would have the advantage of encouraging home ownership in Ontario. A community of owner-homes gives added social stability — yet with the present burden on real estate taxes, this desirable widespread ownership is restricted to a limited group.

The Liberals are advocating changes in many fields, but most important, at the municipal level, where so many injustices lie. A government with new ideas can mean a vigorous new approach to the problems of Ontario — a government which is content to rest on its laurels cannot expect the support of an intelligent and vigorous electorate.

An Important Role

With the approach of the Ontario provincial election, it is interesting to note the part local ratepayers associations are playing in promoting public service meetings in the riding. Across the North York area, property owners' associations and ratepayers groups are enabling their members to hear the candidates seeking election discuss their respective policies.

The taxpayer is playing an increasingly important role in the everyday life of the provinces and of the entire country. Therefore it is appropriate that groups representing this important element in our society should sponsor meetings of this nature. Until recent years, politics were the chief concern of a select group, monied interests and those of higher social standing. Recent advances in social and industrial development, however, have brought about a renaissance of political interest and responsibility on the part of the average citizen.

Ontario's citizens in the days of Upper Canada rose up in rebellion against the Family Compact government and handed down to their descendants a heritage of government by representation. It is every citizen's duty to exercise his or her franchise and it is to the credit of any organization to encourage Canadian citizens to take a conscious interest in their government and to justify the struggle for responsible government by going to the polls.

Richmond Hill Village Mill Rate

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| EXPENDITURES | |
|---|--------------|
| General Government | |
| Salaries & Allowances | \$15,384.00 |
| Printing, Postage, Telephone, Advert'g | 2,100.00 |
| Insurance | 1,100.00 |
| Election Expenses | 800.00 |
| Planning Board | 300.00 |
| Maintenance - Municipal Hall | 2,300.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,110.00 |
| | \$23,094.00 |
| Protection to Persons & Property | |
| Fire Dept. | |
| Salaries | 2,500.00 |
| Equipment | 500.00 |
| Maintenance - Truck | 300.00 |
| Insurance & Telephone | 380.00 |
| Hall Repairs | 300.00 |
| Hydrant Rental | 1,200.00 |
| | 5,180.00 |
| Police Dept. | |
| Salaries | 10,960.00 |
| Mileage | 2,500.00 |
| Office Expenses | 650.00 |
| Equipment & Uniforms | 400.00 |
| | 14,510.00 |
| Street Lighting | 3,200.00 |
| Building Inspector Expenses | 1,800.00 |
| Public Works | |
| Salaries | 3,225.00 |
| Streets & Sidewalks - subsidized | 25,000.00 |
| Streets & Sidewalks - non-subsidized | 13,000.00 |
| Truck Operation | 2,500.00 |
| | 43,725.00 |
| Sanitation & Waste Removal | |
| Garbage Collection | 5,200.00 |
| Disposal Plant Operation | 5,000.00 |
| Sewer Maintenance | 1,500.00 |
| | 11,700.00 |
| Public Health | |
| Hospitalization | 2,200.00 |
| Social Welfare | |
| Direct Relief | 2,500.00 |
| Post Sanatorium Care | 300.00 |
| Charity | 100.00 |
| | 2,900.00 |
| Education | |
| Public School Board Levy | 76,619.20 |
| High School Board Levy | 28,984.88 |
| Separate School Board Levy | 3,493.12 |
| | 109,097.20 |
| Recreation & Community Service | |
| Public Library | 1,800.00 |
| Village Park | 200.00 |
| | 2,000.00 |
| Discount on Taxes | 1,700.00 |
| County Rates | |
| Balance of 1954 Levy | 8,718.69 |
| 1955 Levy | 27,673.56 |
| | 36,392.25 |
| Debt Payments | |
| Principal | 48,903.71 |
| Interest | 39,726.72 |
| | 88,630.43 |
| Interest on Bank Loan | 300.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 910.00 |
| | \$347,338.88 |

Council Agrees To Disband Police Force In York County

York County Police Department, one of the oldest law enforcement bodies in Ontario, is to be disbanded.

York County Council Tuesday accepted a recommendation by the Attorney-General's Department that the 150 year old force cease to exist on September 1.

Ever since the County was split by the establishment of Metro, the fate of the force had been uncertain. Council in repeated briefs to the Attorney-General's Department indicated that it could not pay the operating costs of the 16-man police department.

Chief function of the force in the last 10 years has been that of escort and court duties.

The Attorney-General's Department indicated that it could place four members of the force. Council will endeavour to place

other members on other police forces.

United Church C.G.I.T. Outing

Nine girls from the C. G. I. T. group of the United Church and their leader Mrs. A. Martindale, wound up the year's activities last Saturday with a hike to the west branch of the Don River. Many flowering trees and wildflowers were out, the most notable being huge clumps of yellow water iris just coming into bloom. Virginia Peak and Ida Hawes were the winners of a nature identification contest. One of the most enjoyable aspects of the hike was dinner cooked over an open fire.

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