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MORE TAXATION

Many of the newspapermen visiting Timmins last month were startled by the taxation in this town and viewed it as a serious handicap to the real progress of the community. Some of the weekly newspapers had been thundering against a taxation of 30 or 40 or 50 mills in their own community, so the rates in Timmins came as somewhat of a shock. Here they found taxation rates of 63.95 mills for public school supporters and 77.47 mills for separate school supporters. The general opinion of the newspapermen seemed to be that taxes were unduly high here, even allowing for the necessary expenses required in a new and growing town. They were inclined to be cynical when they learned that the present mayor had volleyed and thundered years ago about the tax rates ten mills lower. At that, however, the Southern newspapers did not realize the full measure of taxation here. Indeed, it is doubtful if the people in general in Timmins realize fully how high is the cost of municipal administration. Some local property-owners in the last week or two were given further lessons in the fine art of further taxation. Bills were received by the property owners for amounts from \$3 to many times that amount for signs, coal chutes and other additional subjects for taxation about ordinary premises. This additional taxation for municipal purposes in reality runs the tax rate much higher even than it appears. The people of Timmins have shown the proper spirit in regard to taxation. They have desired improvements and conveniences; wished to have an up-to-date and progressive town; and been willing to pay the price. But there is a point beyond which taxation over-reaches itself. One of the signs of this condition is when it is necessary to impose taxes on the hidden plan, after the Nazi fashion, where nuisance tax is piled upon nuisance tax and the people are assured that their rates are not being increased. No doubt the additional taxation imposed upon property-holders under the guise of special rates for signs or coal chutes or whatnot will be excused by the plea that the ordinary householder is escaping. The latter can safely wager that if this indirect taxation is allowed he will not long escape. The business section of Timmins has always paid its full share of taxation, with one or two exceptions. These exceptions should be removed, instead of further burdening the others. The principle of attempting to conceal taxation by discriminatory taxation of features that are of community benefit is a vicious one and is not in the final interest of the town.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

During the recent Magna Carta Week, sponsored by the Canadian Legion, several references were made in Timmins and elsewhere in Canada to the fact that British people might be called upon at any time in this present troublesome world to fight once again for the fundamentals of the Great Charter. Unemotional people were inclined to think that this was putting the matter rather strongly. They have soothed themselves into the belief that the centuries have made secure British liberty and British justice. They forget the hundred and one forces working every day both at home and abroad to filch British freedom. The attention of these people is called to the case of Alderman Croft of Toronto. In a facetious moment the alderman expressed the opinion that Hitler of Germany wasn't as good as the ordinary monkey. The newspapers printed the remark and then the howl began. The Toronto Consul for Germany protested the remark of the Toronto alderman. The reply of the alderman was that so far as he was concerned the German Consul could go jump in a lake, or words to that effect. There were several Canadian lakes convenient for jumping in by German Consuls. The newspapers published that fact, and there was still more fat in the fire. Now the German Consul-General for Canada has added his august protests to those of the Toronto Consul for Germany. As the slang phrase has it:—"So, what?"

Surely, it is a sad day for Canadian civilization, if a Toronto alderman has not the right to say any silly or rude thing that comes into his head. This right has been won through the years. Some Toronto aldermen have bought it with their blood, if the police court records are to be depended upon. It is difficult to believe that Toronto would have given such enthusiastic observance to the recent Magna Carta Week if there were not something in the Great Charter giving special privileges to Toronto aldermen. Likely it will be found that there is a special clause won from the late King John allowing Toronto municipal heads to speak with special license. Toronto mayors have still greater powers, one of them making use of his place to slur a former Governor-General of Canada who thought himself as important as a motion picture

star. It will be remembered that the United States also observed the recent Magna Carta Week, so apparently that royal proclamation of 1215 also applies in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. Probably, it was under the authority of the Magna Carta freedom that Bill Thompson, of Chicago, used to fight all his municipal battles for the mayoralty of that city on a platform of abusing the late King George. What Bill Thompson used to call the late King would make the term "monkey" seem like a compliment. Yet nothing was ever done about it. People in King George's realm just laughed. That is the difference between the average Briton and the average dictator and his followers. The dictatorially minded take the wrong things too seriously. Hitler and his satellites have persisted in referring to a whole race as "swine," yet the same folks seem to have spasms at the idea of anyone referring to them as "monkeys." When the mayor of Chicago fumed and abused British royalty, the British lion never batted a tail lash. When newspapers in Germany said all sorts of things about the heads of the British people, the government of the Empire expressed more concern about the Derby and the fishing or the cricket scores.

Just what the Toronto German Consul and the German Consul-General for Canada expect to get out of their protests must be left to the imagination. Do they want poor Alderman Croft boiled in oil for giving a thought publicly that many have expressed privately? Maybe, they expect the Government of Britain to pass the protest on to the Government of Canada; the Dominion to pass it on to the Provincial Government, and the Ontario Government to press it on the government of the City of Toronto. Even if this were done, Alderman Croft would likely pay no more attention than to advise them all to go jump into a lake. This wouldn't be so good, as it would mean the overcrowding even of the large Canadian lakes.

In Timmins there is never an average of more than one alderman given to talking too much. Usually, the trouble here is to get aldermen to talk as much as they should—with the possible one exception. Toronto, however, has established more or less a record for considerable loose talk by aldermen. If the right to talk at large is taken from Toronto aldermen, it is easy to see how the Toronto newspapers will not long enjoy the freedom of the press, for they talk twice as much and three times as loosely as any aldermen. Accordingly, it appears that Magna Carta should be unfurled again, and a few weeks devoted to considering the fundamentals of liberty of speech, until the Consuls and the Consul-Generals of Germany retire from the limelight.

In the meantime the Toronto incident is worth some serious consideration, silly as it appears. For instance, it gives striking illustration of the difficulties endured these days by Czechoslovakia. It is surely easy to see that the people of Czechoslovakia must have patience and a sense of humour to live in any sort of amity with a humourless horde of Hitlerites for neighbours. When people assume the touchy attitude of German Consuls and Consul-Generals the only practical answer seems to be an order to immerse themselves gracefully in the nearest lake. For those simple people who think that Canada is too far away to become embroiled in European troubles this monkey business should be an eye-opener. If a Canadian alderman cannot spit a little wit without danger of international complications, Canada has the lesson impressed on it that an excuse may be made for anything.

ONE OF THE CAUSES

The attitude of the Dominion Government to military and naval and air force problems of the Empire gives apt illustration of one of the reasons conditions are so bad in the world in recent years. In the modern world there is no such thing possible as following self-interest with any success without thought of the other fellow. The man or body of men trying to secure everything on the one side and given nothing in return can hope for no permanent advantage, while the effect on world affairs is all on the evil side. It is the policy of "give and take" that built the British Empire, and for one element to expect everything in its favour—whether that element be capital, labour, finance, Empire or states—is to court the worst results. Recently the Dominion Government answered questions in the House of Commons to the effect that Canada was depending on the British Empire for naval and military defence in case of any attack upon this country. Last week in the House of Commons, Prime Minister Mackenzie King stated emphatically that no school for training Royal Air Force recruits would be permitted in Canada. In other words, British airmen might defend this country, but they wouldn't be allowed to train here. Britain must bear the cost of aerial defence and also must take full responsibility for any military performance. Peaceful Canada will not consider any show of militarism—except when it has to be imported for the defence of this realm. Neither will Canada permit any manufacture of munitions or arms for the Empire under Government auspices. But Canada has actually arranged for private firms in this country to manufacture arms and munitions, with private profit, and the government free of all onus or responsibility. Recently there have been suggestions made that Canadians do not properly observe Dominion Day—that there should be more patriotic addresses, more emphasis on Canada's history and traditions. If Hon. Mr. King's attitude is the popular



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was making the most simple mistakes. It was so annoying I threatened to discharge him. Toward the end of the week he came in wearing glasses. He explained to me that he hadn't been able to see distinctly but that Mr. Curtis had prescribed new glasses and assured him that he would not be troubled further."

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LOCALS

- Mr. Frank R. Gibson was a visitor last week to his home at Halleybury.
- Mr. Harry Jenkins was a recent visitor to Halleybury.
- Mrs. W. H. Pritchard left on Sunday evening to visit at Kingston.
- Mr. Wayne West is spending a two-weeks' holiday at Wasaga Beach.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clinton, of Toronto, were visitors to Timmins last week.
- Mrs. Art Eason left during the weekend to spend an extended holiday in California.
- Miss Eleanor Lawson, teacher at Oba, Ont., arrived home last week to spend the summer holidays.
- Messrs. Eddie Arundel and Mark Banning, left to-day, Monday, on a three months' holiday to England.
- Miss Mary Beadman, teacher at Moonson, Ont., is home for the summer vacation.
- Mr. Arthur Skelly and Lois and Bobby spent the Dominion holiday week-end at Kirkland Lake.
- Miss Francis Evans, of the High and Vocational school staff, left on Thursday to holiday during the summer months at Oakville and Kingston.
- Mr. and Mrs. T. M. White, of Kirkland Lake, spent Dominion Day the guests of Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Macdonald.
- Miss Marguerite Gagne, of Montreal, arrived in Timmins this afternoon and will spend an extended vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gagne, 43 1/2 Third Avenue.
- Miss M. E. Blyth, of the Birch street public school staff, left on Saturday morning to spend the summer at North Bay and Durham, as well as other southern points.
- Mr. Geo. Sharp and his mother, Mrs. M. Sharp, left on Saturday by train for Duluth, Minnesota, where they will spend a holiday visit with Mrs. Sharp's daughter and family. Mr. Sharp will return to Timmins in a couple of weeks, while Mrs. Sharp will remain for a longer visit.
- Miss A. Garrow, of the High and Vocational School staff, who has been teaching at that school since 1928, being popular with other members of the staff and with the students, has resigned to become the bride of Mr. Lang of Bowmanville, who was formerly employed at the Bank of Montreal, Timmins.
- Toronto Globe and Mail.—There's a rumor that the next issue of Who's Who in Russia will be published in loose-leaf form.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Last week a Muskoka newspaper annoyed The Advance by referring to "Shumacker," described as "near Timmins." There is no "Shumacker" in the Timmins district, while the neighbouring town of Schumacher, named in honour of F. W. Schumacher, is a thriving progressive little city that deserves to have its name spelled correctly. Any school child in Schumacher can tell you that F. W. Schumacher has done so much for Schumacher and particularly its school children that it is only

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-51-52-53-54

Six Births Registered During the Past Week

Born—on June 25th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Leont of 29 1/2 Mountjoy street—a daughter.

Born—on June 22nd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brewer, of 118 Mountjoy street north, at St. Mary's hospital—a son.

Born—on July 1st, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Couch, of 49 Laurier avenue—a daughter.

Born—on June 21st, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles De LaFrenier, of 106 Elm street south—a daughter.

Born—on July 1st, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hennessy, of 221 Cedar street north, at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.

Born—on June 30th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Easton of 7 Rea street, north—a daughter.

Leo Mascioi Returns from Trip to Old Lands

Mr. Leo Mascioi returned during the week-end from a trip to England, France, Italy and other of the Old Lands overseas. Mr. Mascioi had a very pleasant and interesting holiday, and returned in the best of health, but believes that Canada is the best land of all in the world to-day. During his holiday he spent some time in England, in Italy and in France, and was impressed by the earnest efforts being made in these countries to return to prosperity and progress.

Promotion Report St. Michael's School

List of Promotions in the Various Classes.

- Promotions at St. Michael's School are as follows:—
- Room 10 Grade II to III
Florence Bazinet, Doris Beetham, Fidelis Gauthier, Irvin Gauthier, Lilly Henry, Elva Kyle, Dora McCormick, Raymond Olesniuk.
 - Room 10 Grade I to II
Louis Anderchek, Earl Auger, Gladys Bazinet, Henry Beaulieu, Elizabeth Briere, Raymond Charbonneau, Donald Dagenais, Mary Lou Gagnon, Courtlene Hay, Mary Henry, Marcella Kealey, Brian Laface, Kenneth McCormick, Claire McGillis, Leonard Mousseau, John Skladany, Patricia Smith, Margaret White.
 - Grade IV to V
Irene Bazinet, Alice Beauchamp, Clayton Bolduc, Ruth Boudreau, Bernice Brewer, Vincent Capeless, Ramona Carpenter, Lois Clarke, Gordon Clement, Evelyn Conlas, Raymond Juras, Dolores Leblanc, Herbert Lefebvre, Audrey McAlenden, Kevin McGillis, June Boulton, Bernard White, Edward Zamin.
 - Grade III to IV
Jacqueline Auger, Jack Charbonneau, Bobby Gavan, Allan Kyle, Bibiana Leblanc, Billy Polvin, Christie Sullivan, Dorothy Walsh, Andy Yuskow, Annie Yuskow.
 - Grade II to III
Doris Amadio, Murray Carpenter, Denise Coyne, Annie Fedak, Irene Lefebvre, Jimmie Malowin, Joan McGillis, Violet McGregor, Donald Worth.

MISCELLANEOUS

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Believe It or Not! Ladies Said They Liked Scrubbing

(Peterboro Examiner)

The Examiner's Campbellford correspondent tells of a meeting of the Seymour West Women's Institute at which the ladies present answered the roll call by replying to the question "The Work I Like Best." There were 62 present at that meeting and we are informed the majority selected scrubbing as their favorite occupation.

We read the report twice and there is no mistake in it. Scrubbing received the majority vote, and it can be regarded as a free and outspoken expression of opinion and preference.

Had Difficulty in Getting Facts for Life of Fighter

(Heywood Broun in New York World-Telegram)

Well do I remember a day when a noted boxing expert of that period came to me in tribulation. He said, "I've got to do a life of Jess Willard in 75,000 words, and they want 10,000 on his boyhood. All he can remember about his boyhood is that he had a dog, but when I asked him what the dog did he said, 'He didn't do nothing.'" "That boyhood stuff is going to be pretty difficult," I remarked.

"I've finished that," said the frantic Boswell. "The thing that worries me is the 65,000 words on his adult life. He can't seem to tell me anything about that. In fact, I think I may leave him out and just call the whole blame thing 'The Life and Times of Jess Willard's Dog.'"

Globe and Mail.—More startling news of the automobile-testing in Toronto. Of 426 cars examined in one day only 17 were found in safe condition for driving.

Heads Trade Delegation



Sir Earl Page, Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, will head a delegation to Canada late in July to negotiate with the Canadian government for a new trade treaty. At present the Australian delegation is in England negotiating for a similar treaty with the British government.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

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Wedding To-day at St. Anthony's Church

Miss Albertine LaSalle and Mr. John Roberge married this morning.

The St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on this Monday morning, at 9 a.m. when Albertine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. LaSalle, of Timmins, became the bride of Mr. John Roberge, of Rouyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberge, of Kirkland Lake. The father of the bride, Rev. Fr. R. LaSalle, performed the marriage ceremony, and the brother of the groom, Rev. Fr. A. Roberge, said the mass. The altar and the church were beautifully decorated for the occasion with roses and carnations, and suitable wedding music was played by the church organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was charming in a gown of powder blue lace, made on princess lines, with fitted jacket, with long leg-o-mutton sleeves, and fastened at the front with a row of tiny blue buttons. She wore a picture hat, made with a crown of forget-me-nots, and carried a large bouquet of cream roses and lily-of-the-valley.

The groom was attended by his father, Mr. L. D. Roberge, of Kirkland Lake. Immediately after the ceremony, a buffet lunch was served at the home of the bride's parents, 9 Birch street north, where a large number of friends gathered to wish the bride and groom all happiness. Mrs. LaSalle, mother of the bride, received the guests, becomingly attired in a street-length dress of flowered blue sheer, and a corsage of roses. She was assisted by the Misses Bertha and Marie LaSalle, the former wearing a navy-blue crepe, made on fitted lines, with a short jacket adorned with rows of white buttons, and the latter wearing a flowered white chiffon, with a box style jacket with elbow-length sleeves.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were: Rev. Fr. A. Roberge, of Montreal; Rev. Fr. R. LaSalle, of Halleybury; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberge, Mr. Maurice Roberge, Misses Lucienne and Germaine Roberge, all of Kirkland Lake; Mr. and Mrs. G. Ricard, of La Croche, Quebec; Mrs. H. McDonough of Rouyn; Mr. and Mrs. H. Aubrius, of North Bay; Mr. and Mrs. J. DeHaire, of Hearst; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tremblay, and son, Albert, of Hearst.

In the afternoon the bride and groom left by motor for Ottawa and Montreal, the bride choosing for travel a beige suit with Parisian accessories. They will stop at the home of the groom's parents in Kirkland Lake, where a wedding dinner will be served this evening.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. Roberge will reside in Rouyn.

Fleiton Gazette.—The first prize for meanness has been awarded to the man who put a tin-tack on the electric chair at Sing Sing prison.