

STOKES QUESTIONS CHARGES ON CHARGEEX

The Hon. Allan Grossman,
Minister of Revenue,

Dear Mr. Minister,

I am writing on behalf of a retail merchant who has brought to my attention the fact that on all Chargeex accounts he is charged a collection fee on the sale price of an article and on the amount of the sales tax. On a sale amounting to \$6.50, the provincial sales tax is 46¢, for a total of \$6.96.

He tenders the bill to his local bank. The bank charges 5% for collection on the total amount of the sales draught or 35¢ on \$6.96 and he actually receives \$6.61.

This means that the retailer pays 5% on the sales draught plus 5% of provincial tax. Attached are copies of sales draught for your persual.

You compel the retailer to collect the tax without compensation. In fact it cost him in time and money to collect the tax and then be forced to pay an additional 5% of the tax on all Chargeex accounts.

I realize that all credit cards are on a voluntary basis but why should the Bank or Chargeex be permitted to charge a fee for the collection of sales tax when the retailer is prohibited from doing so?

Your comment would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Jack Stokes, MPP.
Thunder Bay

SCHREIBER TOWN TOPICS

Sister Monica Greengrass has returned to Peterborough after spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. Harry Greengrass. Now visiting Mrs. Greengrass are Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Gauthier of Kamloops, B.C. who are also visiting Mrs. Albert Gauthier and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gauthier.

Mrs. Stella Kuczma had her sister, Mrs. Julia Charbon of Thunder Bay with her last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Birch of Niagara-on-the-Lake are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Birch, visiting also Mrs. Ted Wilson Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Birch and their other younger relations in town.

Mrs. Dorothea Wykes has returned to her home in Sarnia after visiting Mrs. Ted Wilson and Mrs. H. Greengrass.

The recent report of the latest Schreiber town council meeting appeared to say that Schreiber and Terrace Bay would each have a representative on the Board for Homes for the Aged; instead, the meaning intended was that

the local council agreed to the suggestion that the two towns would have a member representing both centres - as has been done in the past to the satisfaction of both.



TODAY'S CHILD

BY HELEN ALLEN

THE TORONTO SUN SYNDICATE

This sturdy child is of Anglo-Saxon descent with blonde hair and fair skin. Her blue eyes are not quite symmetrical and this gives her rather an elfin look.

Cathy, nine, was born with three kidneys but this is not a health problem. However, she is prone to ear infections which must be treated by a specialist.

Now in Grade four, Cathy has been doing average work in school. She is the only child in her foster home where she basks in all the attention she gets. Until recently, she much preferred adult company and was impatient or even quarrelsome with children, but lately her relations are much more harmonious and she has developed friendships.

Cathy is neat and tidy, taking good care of her clothes, and always thrilled with new things. She likes to keep her hair well brushed and shining.

Warmly affectionate parents are being sought for Cathy. She should be the only child or perhaps have teenaged brothers and sisters. Her adopting family will need to accept the fact that information on her background is limited.

To inquire about adopting Cathy, please write to Today's Child, Box 888, Station K, Toronto M4P 2H2. For general adoption information, please contact your local Children's Aid Society.



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