

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

Reduce the Sales Tax

When an important delegation from the Boards of Trade waited upon the Government at Ottawa the other day, the question of reduction of taxation being referred to, Premier King asked for the views of the deputation as to which particular tax should first be reduced in preference to others. The reply he received was that, perhaps, the sales tax could stand as it is, if necessary, and that the corporation and income taxes should first be reduced. These, it was said, were the taxes that interfered with further investment in industries.

With this advice to the Federal Government, The Star cannot agree, believing as we do that in the best interests of the country the sales tax is the first that should be reduced, and as soon as possible done away with.

The sales tax lacks the merit of being a tax levied on capacity to pay, or on wealth. On the contrary, it is a tax levied on consumption and it falls most heavily, not on those best able to pay, but on those who are not able and who find it difficult enough to exist without having left upon them a tax burden that it would be possible to remove.

Prices are high, too high to suit the purses of many people, and the sales tax makes them higher. The taxing of sales is essentially a discouragement of business, which ought to have every possible encouragement, and this tax tends to reduce the purchasing power of the general public and lessen everyone's buying ardor.

The tax is unsound in theory, vexatious and troublesome in practice, and the benefits that would come from the present reduction and early abolition of it would be shared by those who need consideration most: the great mass of the consuming public who seldom have their interests presented to the government by large and influential deputations. But these people ARE the people and their interests should come first.—Toronto Star.

Villages Rejoining Townships

The people of the village of Bayfield, making application last year to the Ontario government to have their charter as a village cancelled, caused some surprise to those who did not know the inside reason. Why should a village having once become incorporated, wish to revert to the township, thus in a large measure losing control of its own immediate affairs? was the question naturally asked.

Now comes Wroxeter, another substantial Huron County village, asking to be made again part of Howick Township, so far as municipal government is concerned.

It's all a matter of business. Everybody now wants Hydro light and power, and the Hydro Commission grant specially favorable terms to rural municipalities where users are few and far apart, and no great amount will be used for power. Bayfield and Wroxeter are almost wholly residential villages, and because of the small amount of hydro current required, would under village rates have a rate so high as to be prohibitive. By reverting to the townships these villages will secure very advantageous terms, and at the same time help out the remainder of the township in the matter of securing hydro service at a reasonable rate.—Lucknow Sentinel.

Petty Grievances

Why do petty grievances cause so much hard feelings? Because some people are so narrow minded and selfish that they cannot see someone else doing better than themselves. A few years ago we heard a lot of talk about "the survival of the fittest" and that on being modified to comply with true morality, has extensive application. The boy who can pitch best is chosen by the kids' baseball team as their pitcher, the teacher who performs her duty best is asked to come back, the student who performs best work gets better marks and demands more respect. We all know this is true, so why hate someone who has been more industrious than we have and, because of his industry, has succeeded? Instead of having a spiteful, hateful, envious attitude toward the fellow who advances faster than you do, shake hands with him and say "Go to it, old man, you're doing fine." If you were as capable as he, you would be there too. If you envy him let your envy increase your working capacity instead of your beefing capacity. It is better to lose fair than to win dirty.—Kincaid Review-Reporter.

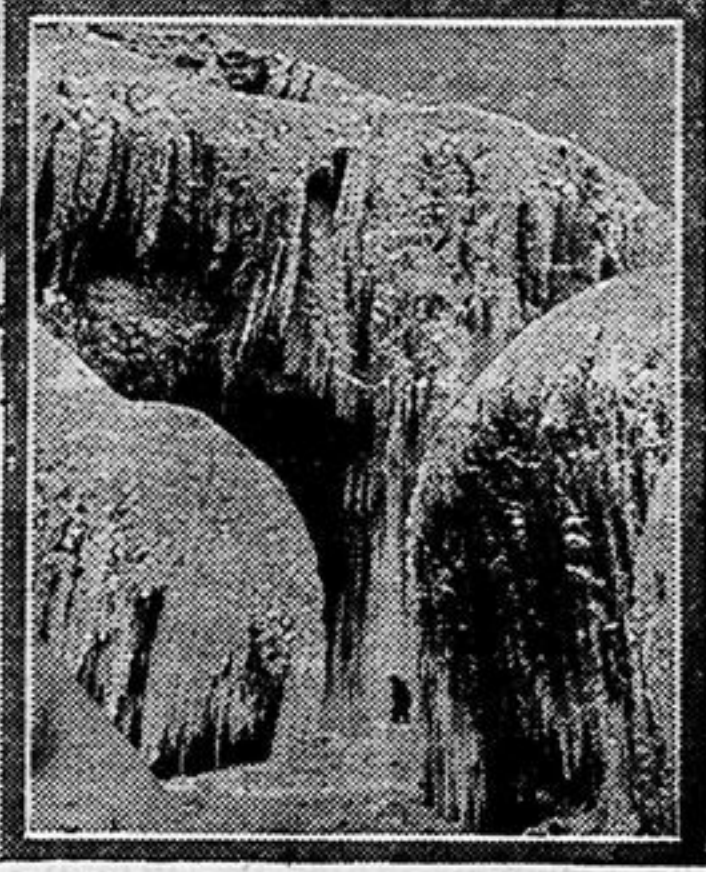
Sunday Opening of Theatres

The Quebec Government evidently intends that the public shall take the lessons of the Laurier Palace Theatre disaster to heart. A law is to be introduced into the Legislature prohibiting the attendance at theatres of all children under 16 years of age, whether accompanied by adults or not. The Government is also going to bring several actions against theatres that keep open on Sunday—it will be remembered that it was on a Sunday that the catastrophe at the Laurier Palace Theatre occurred. These actions, it is stated, are to be brought

.WINTER WONDERS OF NIAGARA.



The wonders of Niagara Falls which have for years attracted sightseers from all parts of the world, are even more striking when the frosts of winter have played their part in beautifying this magnificent spectacle. The Falls are coated with ice in peculiar formations and are, perhaps, even more attractive than during the summer months when the water runs freely over their brink.



states that enquiries from prospective visitors are pouring in from all directions.

So great has been the interest in the winter appearance of Niagara

that a series of excursions have been arranged by the Canadian National Railways from American points such as Chicago, Detroit and intermediate cities. Special trains are being operated from Chicago, South Bend, Battle Creek, Lansing, Flint, Detroit and other points. It is anticipated that because of the facilities provided, thousands of tourists will make the journey to view the Falls in Winter.

A. B. Chown, General Passenger Agent of the System at Chicago,

by way of test. The contention of those responsible for the operation of the theatres in the Province that keep open on Sunday is understood to be that they are entitled to do so by virtue of a custom that has obtained in Quebec for more than twenty years—and this notwithstanding the well-known federal statute to the contrary. Premier Taschereau has stated that "this is a question the courts will have to decide". Hence the forthcoming actions. Far be it from us to pose as legal authorities—and the Quebec Premier, we are well aware, is not only an Attorney-General, but also a lawyer of admitted sagacity and experience. But we much confess that had he not impliedly admitted some doubt on the subject, it would not have occurred to us that there was any. With the proverbial temerity of the layman in legal matters, we should have concluded that the federal statute over-rode—and that probably, at the time it was framed, it was designed to override—customs to the contrary that might obtain in any Province. Some months ago we pointed out that opinion, in very influential quarters in the Province of Quebec, against the keeping open of theatres on Sunday, seemed to be solidifying.—Toronto Saturday Night.

Two Co-operative Mistakes

It is through mistakes that we learn. If we cannot learn from errors made there is little hope of avoiding like blunders in the future. Co-operative marketing has attained its present status and achieved the notable success of the present era only after a long series of mistakes, blunders and disasters. The outgrowth of all these wrecks has been a purely co-operative organization, organized for the purpose of marketing the farmers' product, getting more market value for it, and returning the net proceeds to the producer. A binding contract is another feature of successful co-operative marketing as-

sociations; and without a binding contract commodity organizations have little chance of success.

Two co-operative mistakes are now fresh in the minds of the people of Ontario. One is the method employed by the Canadian Co-operative Tobacco Growers' Association of buying and selling the product of its members. The mistake was in buying the tobacco rather than simply marketing the product brought to it by the growers. The other mistake to which we refer was aired at the annual meeting of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company when the management frankly admitted that they blundered when they purchased seed in the hope of turning it over at a profit; and in this connection the President made the following significant remarks: "We must admit that as a farmers' company trading in farm commodities, a departure from strictly co-operative principles has always met financial disappointment as well as less prestige. At the same time a strict adherence to our proper field of true co-operative effort seldom fails."—Farmer's Advocate.

SCHOOLBOY'S ESSAY

From a Streatham schoolboy's essay on Clergymen: "There are three kinds of clergy—the bishops tell the rectors to work and the bishops tell the rectors to work and the curats have to do it. A curat is a thin, married man, but when he is a rector he gets fuller and can preach longer sermons and becomes a good man."

The rule at the Aberdeen Races: Keep your eye on the bookie; if the horses won't run away."

ONE DOG—ONE BITE

Judge Holds that Dog's Right to Bite Once is Sound Legal Principle

(By Roger B. Priestman) Towser, you are allowed one bite, But only one. 'Tis your inalienable right, So close your jaws and hold on tight. Don't snap and run.

And Towser, choose your victim well. Be most discreet. God gave to you the sense of smell. Whereby to forage out and tell The choicest meat.

And should you ask for our advice, We would suggest. To bite the tradesmen is not nice, Nor yet the lad who brings the ice. Should you molest

The lyric tenor should be far The first be reckoned. The man who lights a cheap cigar, Then gets aboard a tramway car Comes easy second.

Then he who cranes his neck to see What we are reading. The men who never will agree, Or stay all night, when asked to tea, Devoid of breeding.

And these for sooth, are but a few Of all we might Suggest. We know so many too, It seems a shame to limit you To just one bite.

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The Municipal Council of the Township of Normanby met in the Clerk's office, Ayton, on Monday, February 6. The Reeve in the chair; all the other members present.

Ovens—Baetz: That the minutes of the last regular meeting as read be adopted.—Carried.

Baetz—Ovens: That Bylaw No. 2 of 1928 be given first and second readings.—Carried.

Widmeyer—Seim: That Bylaw No. 2 of 1928 be given third reading, signed by Reeve and Clerk, and filed in the bylaw book.—Carried.

Ovens—Seim: That Bylaw No. 3 of 1928 be given first and second readings.—Carried.

Widmeyer—Baetz: That Bylaw No. 3 of 1928 be given third reading, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and filed in the bylaw book.—Carried.

Seim—Ovens: That Bylaw No. 4 of 1928 be given first and second readings.—Carried.

Baetz—Widmeyer: That Bylaw No. 4 of 1928 be given third reading, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and filed in the bylaw book.—Carried.

Baetz—Seim: That Bylaw No. 5 of 1928 be given first and second readings, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and filed in the bylaw book.—Carried.

No. 1—Statute Labor abolished 1928.

No. 2—John Rowan, Road Superintendent, 1928.

No. 3—James Lynett, Assessor 1928.

The following patrol men were appointed: Lots 1 to 15: Concession 5-6, Ed Herbst; Concession 7-8, Christian Hill; Concession 9-10, John Seip; Concession 11-12, Wm. Bender; Concession 15-16, John Rehkopf; Concession 17-18, John Becker.

Lots 15 to 31: Con. 5-6, John D. Miller; Con. 7-8, Fred Nuhn; Con. 9-10 Jacob K. Fischer; Con. 11-12, Valentine Kraft; Con. 13-14, H. B. Becker; Con. 15-16, Albert Mearns; Con. 17-18, Wm. McNaughton.

Con. 2, North: Andrew Stewart. Con. 2, South: John E. McPhee. Con. B: Norman Hopkins. Sideroads: Henry Braun.

Baetz—Ovens: That the following accounts be paid: Council meeting at date \$17.40; dog tags, 1928, \$20.55.

Ovens—Seim: That this Council

pay \$4 for man and team, and \$2 for man, for ten hours.—Carried.

The Council adjourned to meet in the Clerk's office, Ayton, on Monday, March 5 at 10 a.m. for general business.

R. H. FORTUNE, Clerk.

Value

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