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**A CHANGE NEEDED**

The famous diamond and gold mines of Johannesburg have been air-conditioned at a cost of about \$1,000,000 each, and now miners can work comfortably at a depth of eight thousand feet, or more, below the surface.

One thing that is beneficial to the average Canadian in this European crisis, is the wider geographical crossed taxation, while the man who allows his property to become an eyecore and thus decreases the value of his neighbor's property, is encouraged in his neglect by reduced taxation. It is hoped that some day the people will wake up and demand a change in assessment law.

Why not tax the man who lets his property go to wreck rather than the man who keeps his property in good condition? As it is at present, the man who employs the painter and carpenter to make his place more attractive, and who thus improves the appearance of the whole neighborhood is penalized by in-curred taxation, while the man who allows his property to become an eyecore and thus decreases the value of his neighbor's property, is encouraged in his neglect by reduced taxation. It is hoped that some day the people will wake up and demand a change in assessment law.

**The Durham Review**  
 P. RAMAGE, Editor and Proprietor

**TOO LONG A HOCKEY SEASON**

Little wonder our winters are extending far into April now, when our hockey moguls are lengthening the play-off season each year. There is no good season (except more gate receipts on artificial ice rinks?) why the various championships should not all be decided by March 20th to 25th, or at least by the end of March. But now, April 16th, the Stanley Cup playdowns were at last finished, the Allan Cup games are still in progress, and the Int. B. finals O. H. A. (which Durham won 3 years ago finishing on April 7th) are going strong this week with the last game April 20 or 22nd.

This year's Int. B. play-off was a racket to get big gates for artificial ice rinks, the four last clubs surviving—Acton, Whitby, Woodstock, and Owen Sound Trapper Cubs, playing a round robin series of six games each before two winners, Acton and Woodstock, meet in the finals on Monday and Thursday this week. And we learn the gates have been nothing extraordinary, which was to be expected when interest is dying out. Cut out the round robins, and decide the championship in March, to maintain public interest and support to the finish.

Some of our exchanges regret Owen Sound Cubs lost out to Acton last Tuesday. We did not, as we felt the Cubs had no right to be in there. Arthur or Powassan were the rightful finalists. Had the original Cubs gone through, we would say they were deserving of the honors, but after starting play off the O. H. A. permitted them to be reinforced by the four best players of another team, the Greys, after the Greys were eliminated by Barrie. And the country was scoured last fall to gather in the most promising players for the Greys!

A city of 13,000 had the pick of two teams to defeat villages of 1,000 or less people like Arthur and Powassan! Such O.H.A. regulations will aid in a defection of Clubs in this district, to revive the W.O.H.A. next fall, which would be to their own self-interest.

resemblance in outline to a shoal of scrambling turtles. They comprise an area of great beauty and everything possible had been done to make the Garden worthy of its environment. In the near future a Peace Tower will appear there, while there is an amphitheatre for meetings and debates on international affairs which is now being considerably extended.

**AMALGAMATION THE CURE**

"Complete amalgamation of the two Canadian railway systems was the only possible solution to the present situation." This was the declaration of Mr C. W. Peterson, Calgary economist, editor and agriculturist, before the Senate Committee, at Ottawa.

Mr. Peterson challenged the committee members, the Senate and the House of Commons to sink consideration of party advantage to meet this national emergency. Political timidity on the railway question was year by year leading us on to disaster. Because governments refused to take the political risk involved, Ottawa had adopted an attitude of "laissez faire" which was tantamount to asking the taxpayers of Canada to contribute another half billion dollars to railway deficits.

It may well be that this attitude of frozen inaction is caused by the opposition of labor unions to amalgamation of the two systems. This attitude is plainly a selfish and entirely rational one—the railroad men are fearful of losing their jobs. But surely in view of the larger issue involved in amalgamation and the huge savings effected, the Canadian government would willingly consider a system of pensions for the men thrown out of employment. Not only would it be plain justice to the men but it would be good business. In stead of meeting a fixed deficit each year as at present, the country would find its obligations grow yearly less owing to the normal death toll.

Mr. Peterson put the solution of the railway problem squarely up to Parliament by boldly saying: "It is the business of Parliament to find the remedy and the man on the street is waiting for you to find it." Having given the question much time and thought, the witness was emphatic that in solving the problem all control of the railways must be taken from Parliament. His plan is a unified management under a board of fifteen directors. Five of these directors would be appointed by the Canadian National system, five by the C.P.R. and one each by the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Trades and Labor Council, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and the Engineering Institute of Canada.

Such a board, said Mr Peterson, would protect the taxpayer from the present "political pressure" exerted on railway management. The solution of the railway problem lay in the complete divorcing of the unified lines from political control.

"I believe," he said, "that a rapidly growing majority of the Canadian people, and almost the entire press of the country are today united in the demand for speedy railway rationalization. Are we to confess that our political leaders are unable to sink consideration of party advantage and agree on a rational plan of unification in the best interests of Canada? If our statesmen of today wish to avoid the opprobrium of the public of tomorrow they have no choice but to pursue the logical course dictated to them by the common people."

Germany is spending \$2,800,000,000 a year on rearmament, and this makes business rather good; but the Government has not published its budget for four years.

Ontario has sixty-seven Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, the oldest eighty-two years old. They carry \$542,300,000 insurance for Ontario farmers, and the Farmer's Advocate says that for eighty years not a single just claim remained unpaid.

From D. W. Griffiths of the Bureau of Information of the New Brunswick Government, the Review has received a letter offering to supply us absolutely free, one column of "news" about the New York World's Fair, incidentally boosting the New Brunswick exhibit there. Mr. McFadden made the address and as the Review is not interested in



**At World's Fair, New York**

The Trylon and Perisphere, theme centre of New York's \$150,000,000 World's Fair which opens on April 30th. The Perisphere is a huge globe as tall as an 18-storey building and houses the theme exhibit of the Fair—"The World of Tomorrow." More than 10,000 full grown trees, 250,000 shrubs and millions of flowers have been planted, and 200 buildings have been erected on the 1200-acre grounds, transformed from a salt marsh to a picturesque park. Attendance at the Fair is expected to pass the fifty-million mark.

This propaganda, nor do we believe our readers would relish a weekly dose of it, we have consigned it to the "W. P. B.," along with much other "free publicity" matter which reaches this office.

Warton's new chief of Police, Robert Carson, aged 28, is making a determined drive to wipe out bootlegging in that town. He states there are more bootleggers there than in any other part of Ontario. We've been frequently told that if Durham had licensed beer parlors and liquor stores, it would eliminate the bootleggers, but somehow these towns with liquor sale still have that problem to contend with.

We thank the Dept. of Municipal Affairs for Ontario for a copy of the Annual Municipal Statistics of Ontario municipalities for 1937. It gives a wealth of detail re the financial status of every municipality, its tax arrears, debts, etc. etc, and also waterworks data in full detail—current standing, revenue, cost of supply, consumers classified, etc. The book is priced at \$5.00, but we believe its production in such detail is an unwarranted expense. Very few taxpayers of the province have any need for, or desire to peruse the data given, and any who wish such could secure it from the Dept. A book with only a fraction of the detail given would answer all ordinary needs. Any subscriber wishing to examine it may secure the loan of it.

**GUNS INSTEAD OF BUTTER**

Canada had 37,000,000 pounds of butter on hand in nine principal cities on December 1. In Germany the population has been rationed down to an allowance of a quarter of a pound a week. The people of the world could have plenty of every useful product if civilization learned how to distribute what the world is capable of producing.—Toronto Daily Star.

**FARMERS' CLUBS PRESENT.**

A FINE PLAY  
 The Junior Farmers and members of the Junior Institute put on a play in No. 9 school on Thursday evening which was very well-attended considering the bad condition of the roads. The play was entitled "Depend on Me" and was very well acted. The members of the cast were Jack Anderson, David Aljoe, David Allen, George Aljoe, Ailster Aljoe (supplied for Arthur Newell who was ill), Olive Newell, T. A. McGirr, Glenna McFadden, Glenna Strong, Elsie Markle, Irene Newell. The Edge Hill orchestra supplied several numbers and Alfred Nichol sang humorous selections. Mr. William Glencross was chairman. Mrs. Melville Anderson, director of the play was the recipient of a gift from the cast, Olive Newell and Glenna McFadden made the address and presentation.

**ROCKY SAUGEEN**

Visitors on Sunday with Mr and Mrs Robt. Lawson were, Miss Isabelle Lawson, Mrs Jack Lawson, Mrs Chas. Mighton, Miss Dolly Hopkins, and Miss Nellie Clark, all of Toronto. We are having a very backward spring with lots of snow and cold weather.

Easter visitors with Mr and Mrs. Fred Kelsey were Mrs Dunc Town and son, Freddie, Orilla, Mrs Glain and two sons Neil and Edward, of Woodstock, Mr and Mrs Marshall Brudder and daughter Norma. Mr Brudder, Sr. The latter friends are spending a couple of weeks with Mr and Mrs Kelsey.

Miss Catherine McMeekin Durham was a visitor for a few days with her cousin Miss Joan McKechnie. Miss Maxine McCrae spent a week with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs James McCrae of Meaford. Miss Priest, teacher at Latona, has been forced to close school this week on account of an attack of the flu.

Mr and Mrs James Crutchley were present at a social at the home of Mr Douglas and Miss Florence Robertson, Dornoch. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Colin Reay on the birth of a little daughter.

Mr Herb Miller is spending a few days in Merlin.

Mrs T. Doble and two sons, Ronald and John, London were visitors with Mr and Mrs Wm. Bell and Mr and Mrs James Crutchley.

Mr and Mrs Robert Mortley and family were guests with relatives at Arthur the first of the week.

Mr and Mrs Roy Wiggins and Beverley and Mr and Mrs Fred Murdoch, Durham were visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs L. McLean, Saturday evening.

**ROCKY SAUGEEN U.F.W.O.**

The April meeting of the Rocky Saugeen U.F.W.O. Club met at the home of Mrs Malcolm McKechnie. The meeting opened with singing, followed by repeating the creed in unison. The roll call was answered by "What Constitutes Good Neighbourliness" and was well responded to. Letters from Head Office were read and discussed by the sec'y. Then Mrs Geo. Noble gave a reading on "The Country Doctor" which was very amusing. Mrs Lawson gave a paper on "Gardening" which led to a lot of discussion. Mrs Lawson in the absence of Mrs Milligan read an interesting article on "Unselfishness." Then Mrs Joe Crutchley conducted a contest with Mrs J. A. McCusick winning the prize. This brought an interesting meeting to a close when a dainty lunch was served by Mrs McKechnie and assistants. The next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs Nelson Hunt.

The poet comments, "Winter lingers in the lap of Spring." To present date, Spring has no lap for anybody to linger in.

**HAMPDEN**

Mr L. Davis attended the Ontario Educational convention held in Toronto last week, and also visited with his daughter, Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs Nettie Boddy and daughter Isabelle have returned home after spending the winter months in Dobbinston. Miss Mary Ford has returned to her teaching duties at Holstein after spending the holiday season at her home here.

Mr. Wm. McDonald has returned from his home at Teeswater to his duties with an increase on the roll. Several new beginners started out on Monday morning, among them Phyllis Ford, Isabelle Boddy and Harry Seim. There are others to follow with better weather conditions.

Mrs Noah Metzger entertained several of the ladies at a quilting on Monday afternoon.

The W.M.S. are having a gathering of the ladies in the basement of the church Thursday afternoon when they intend quilting for the bale supply.

Road conditions are not at all favorable for cars these days.

**MULOCK**

Those spending a pleasant holiday here were: Rev. W. J. and Mrs Macdonald and little daughter Joyanne of Sudbury; Mr. Reginald Adlam of Carr; Mr and Mrs Gerald Brunt of Bradford; Janet Patterson, Margaret Lynn, Morris Brown and Arthur Mighton of Hanover High School.

Mr J. H. Cromar spent the holiday with his parents, Mr and Mrs And. Cromar of Chatsworth.

The April meeting of the Ladies Aid, which was to be held at home of Mrs. George Turnbull, was cancelled on account of the bad condition of the roads. The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Crickington.

Sincere and heartfelt sympathy is extended to the friends of the late David Donnelly of Hutton Hill, who passed away on Tuesday.

**DORNOCH**

Mr and Mrs Stevens, and little son, Mooreburg were recent visitors with Mr and Mrs A. D. MacIntyre. Miss K. Bolen and Mrs M. A. Vasey and little son spent Easter week with their parents at Kenilworth.

Miss M. C. MacQuarrie, Aberdeen, spent part of the Easter vacation with Mr and Mrs W. H. Smith. Mr and Mrs W. Schilderth, Toronto, spent the Easter weekend with Mrs. A. MacIntosh. Mrs J. J. Robertson, Mr and Mrs Alex Robertson were visitors to London, recently.

Easter week end guests of Mr. and Mrs E. B. Dargavel and family were Mrs. Picard, Toronto, and the Lowe families of Niagara Falls, N. Y. Mrs. T. K. Doble, Ronald and John were weekend visitors at their summer home.

Mr and Mrs Melbourne McKay accompanied their mother, Mrs Richard Barber home Sunday after spending the winter months with them at Inwood. Her daughter, Mrs Wayne Babcock of Morris, Illinois, who came to spend Easter with her, accompanied them home to Durham for a week before returning.

**CRAWFORD**

Mr Will Livingstone of London spent a day last week with his aunt, Miss Tena Livingstone and Miss McMillan, Miss Cassie Brown R. N. formerly of Winnipeg was a guest at the same home recently.

Mrs Geo. Fisher, left on Tuesday for Detroit and Windsor for a few weeks visit.

Mr Bill Hastie of Woodstock spent the Easter holidays with friends around Crawford.

Miss Ruth Walls visited her parental home at Lamash on Sunday.

CRAWFORD V. P. U.

The C. Y. P. U. met on Friday evening at the home of Mr Wm. Anderson. The roll call was answered with an Easter thought. Scripture lesson was read by Charlie Campbell and Mr Anderson led in prayer. A reading, "An Easter Message" was given by Alma Anderson and the topic "The Risen Christ" was taken up by Ralph Campbell. The meeting was closed by singing Bless Be the Tie that Binds and repeating the Y.P. Benediction. Contests conducted by Alma Anderson were enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

Contrary to the usual custom practiced in many Ontario towns, Collingwood merchants have decided to discontinue the Wednesday afternoon half-holiday until next winter.

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