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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Honorable Peter may be honest, but even his friends will surely admit that he is "easy." Honest, but "easy", that's it.

What is home this time of year without a few little exemptions running around, thinks the man as he makes out his income tax papers.

How do you do?
 Some pay when their debts come due
 Others when overdue;
 Some never do,
 How do you do?

The Ontario Legislature has cut the school grants this year by nearly two million dollars. This had been anticipated by many, who realize that grants had been boosted in order to induce trustees into certain undertakings. Now the building demands of the Department of Education should also be reduced to a more saner basis.

Last week we made reference in this column to the war memorial that the citizens of Aurora propose to build, inferring that it was the same memorial which certain individuals were interested in having erected on Yonge street within a few miles of Aurora. We are informed by the popular and genial mayor of the ambitious town on the west boundary of Whitchurch, that there is no connection between the two proposals, and that Aurora never sought to have the York County Council build a shaft on Yonge street. We are glad to tell our readers that Aurora is not seeking nor never was seeking to encourage County Council to spend money on such a project.

The Church Union bill came before the private bills committee on Tuesday last week, but not even the first clause was passed. Anglican and Roman Catholic members, speaking generally, joined with those Presbyterians opposed to the terms of the bill and supported an amendment by W. Finlayson, East Simcoe, that the law clerk draft a clause permitting dissenting congregations to remain out of the Union church and retain their name and property. This is regarded by unionists as fatal to the success of the plan, and C. R. McKeown, mover of the bill is quoted as considering withdrawal of it.

Several citizens of Goodwood were in Toronto last week calling on the provincial hydro with a view to getting a supply of power for that little hamlet. It was suggested that the line should be extended from Uxbridge. Now why not supply Goodwood from Stouffville, a distance of little more than five miles, which is between three or four miles less than from Goodwood to Uxbridge. There is no doubt the cheaper power for Goodwood would be got from this direction. Reeve Dougherty and the Hydro committee of the council should keep in touch with this matter and see that another line is not allowed to invade our territory if we can furnish the power. The more customers on the Stouffville system, the cheaper power will be for every user.

If the bill now before the Legislature goes into effect it will be unlawful for any person to carry on the business of horseshoeing in Ontario unless he has obtained a "certificate of registration." The law, however, is not intended to affect those already engaged in the business. The bill proposes to have all applicants for certificates examined by a board of five examiners, composed of four master horseshoers and a veterinarian. Every practicing horseshoer must file an affidavit stating the time he has practised his trade and on payment of a fee of two dollars he will receive his certificate of qualification.

The basis of school grants is to be changed again. The qualification and experience of teachers have, for several years, counted for extra grants. This is to be changed. The value of school property, attendance of pupils and the school taxes paid by a section are to be what count for Government grants in future. A teacher with a first-class certificate will not bring any larger grants to a school than one with a second-class. Special grants are to be continued for poor schools. Those residing more than three miles from a school are relieved from paying school taxes. Circulars containing the full text of the new regulations will be sent to school inspectors who will send them to the secretaries of schools.

DISTRICT DOINGS

Claremont Farmer's Club held an auction sale which realized good prices.

Port Perry's municipal skating rink earned sufficient to pay \$1,000 off its indebtedness the past winter.

A faker has been going through the country collecting radio fees. A number of radio owners in Acton have been victimized.

A stingless bee has been developed but until the more "peppy" varieties have been demolished, full advantage may not be realized from the modern invention.

A canvas of the members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Newmarket, disclosed that a majority of the Presbyterians in Newmarket are opposed to Church Union.

The amount of uncollected taxes in the village of Markham for 1923 is \$73, according to the collector who returned his roll to the council last week. Markham is most fortunate in getting all the taxes in.

On April 23rd the ratepayers of Markham Village will vote on a bylaw to determine whether the school board should expend \$45,000 for the purpose of making additions, alterations and permanent improvements to their high school.

Percy Wideman's barber shop in Markham was robbed last week during the night and \$65 in cash taken, as well as a quantity of goods.

The question of personal safety is sometimes lost sight of in the rush and bustle of these times. Nothing but good can come of a general effort to reduce the losses due to accidents in this country and the idea "be careful today" should be carried throughout the land.

J. S. Honey's sale of grade Holstein cows at Milliken on Thursday last week drew a large crowd and fair prices were realized. Everyone of the 28 head in the offering was sold, the highest price realized being \$130. The average price was a little over \$75. A team of Pärcherons, a mare and a gelding, brought \$315 and went to Cherrywood.

A hen, part Wyandotte and part Leghorn, with four legs and two crops, which lays two eggs daily, each of a different color, is in the possession of Wm. Halpeny, an employe at the Ontario Hospital Farm at Brockville. The bird has in reality two bodies. The legs are joined in two pairs. The hen is 8 months old.

Last Monday an increase in the fares on the Metropolitan Division of the Hydro-Electric Railways went into effect. The change will be an increase from two cents a mile to two and three-quarter cents per mile. This increase only affects the occasional rider, as a special rate is quoted for the party who uses the cars frequently. A substantial reduction is made when a return ticket is purchased. There is no change in the time limit of the use of these tickets. At present the return fare from Aurora to Toronto is 75c, under the new rate the single fare is 55c, and \$1.00 return.

A number of the farmers from the Claremont district as well as a number of ladies attended a successful meeting in Claremont Masonic hall one day last week to hear an address by Mr. A. Wilfred, of Toronto, on "Co-operative Marketing and Egg-pooling." At the conclusion of the address, which was very highly appreciated by the audience, an egg-pool was organized, the committee being D. M. Morgan, Wm. T. Wilson, Mrs. Morgan, Pugh and Mrs. John Pallister. The committee met after the meeting and have engaged D. A. Scott as manager and grader for this district. They expect to be able to take eggs and grade them in about a week.

On Tuesday afternoon, nearly two score of pupils from Pickering school journeyed to Toronto by bus to visit the Ontario Legislature in session. Leaving at 12 o'clock they arrived at the parliament buildings, all of them for the first time, and viewed with awe and respect the interior of the building in which our representatives deliberate upon and pass the laws that make Ontario such a peaceful, progressive, law abiding province. Their arrival at the House having been prearranged by the principal with the enthusiastic sanction of the local Board of Education they were conducted to an allotted space in the Ladies' Gallery where they might face the main speaker of the day, Sir Adam Beck. He it was who gave on the floor of the House in the debate on estimates, the history of our Ontario Hydro development at Niagara. The debate was very interesting and the Pickering pupils were lucky to hear such eloquence and the language and fiery comment and retaliation hurled from the tongue of one saturated with his subject in hand. Perhaps the present advantage of such a trip will not be entirely apparent but an impression will have been gleaned by the local students that will never be forgotten.

The Stouffville Fire Brigade held their first practice this season on Tuesday evening, when the truck and brigade speeded to the East End and hooked onto a hydrant.

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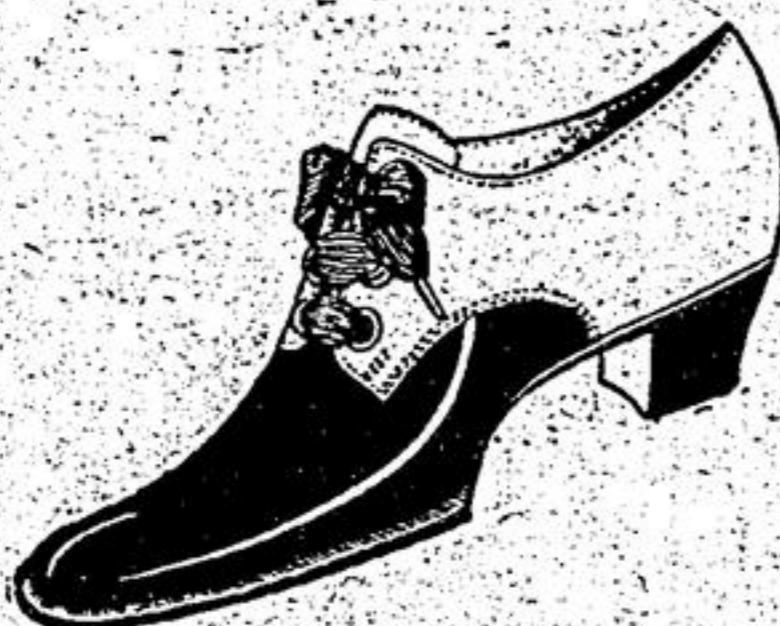
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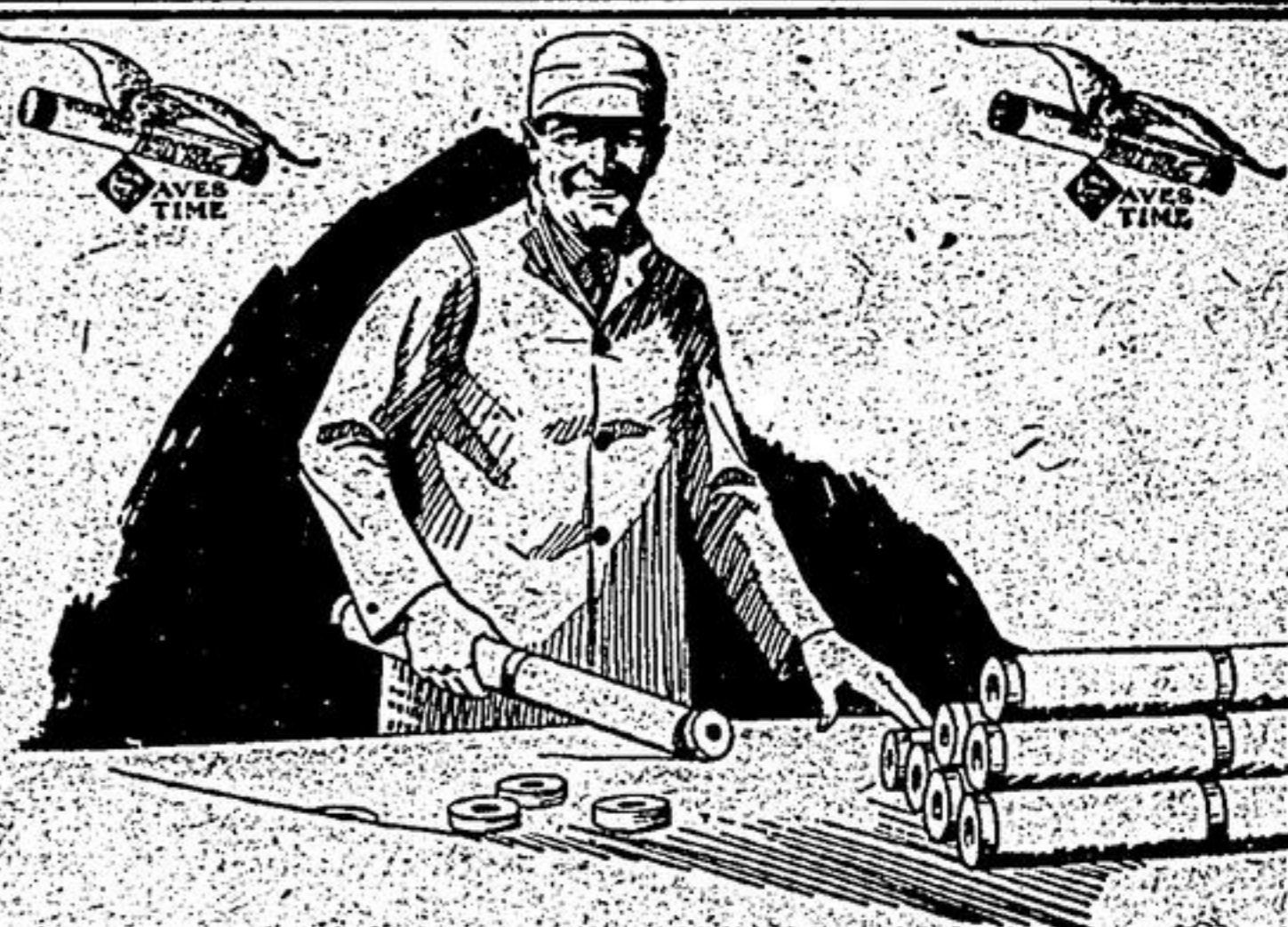
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