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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Next Saturday is the shortest day in the year.

The most needed loud speaker is for the still, small voice of conscience.

The last finance minister was named Robb, the new one is named Dunning. Peculiar how appropriate names are isn't it. Everyone thinks they are dunned and robbed by almost every tax.

It requires 1000 names of municipal voters in their own right and title on voters' lists as owners, tenants or income voters to entitle a municipality to a deputy reeve. This gives a township or town twice the voting power of the smaller municipalities at county council.

Oats are selling so cheaply in the United States that oatmeal manufacturers there are able to pay duty and undersell our products in the Canadian market. This condition may be good for the Canadian farmer, but its hard on Canadian oatmeal millers.

While the laws of Medes and Persians never changed the same can be said of the ratepayers in the Township of Raglan. For three successive years Mr. James Pilgrim has been elected reeve of that township over Mr. Christie Schutt by a majority of one. Schutt has tried to smash this majority to atoms but the men of Raglan are not of the kind who change their views, and while Schutt cannot succeed neither can Pilgrim increase his majority. The ratepayers are not fickle minded they make up their minds. —Pembroke Standard.

It would cost Stouffville \$1000 to instal a four faced clock in the tower of the municipal building. Such a time-piece would be illuminated at night, and seen for a good distance. All our citizens would like to see the town "dressed up" with a real clock, but who will derive a means of securing the \$1,000. If ten citizens would come forward with \$100 each the cost would be met, and their names could be engraved on a memorial plate that goes with a clock, that would show to the citizens for decades to come their public generosity.

An interesting law case up in Bruce County will be of general

interest to truck drivers and others. A driver of a truck, which was insured against public liability, and which recently ran into a herd of cattle near Dunkeld, breaking the legs of two animals so that they had to be despatched outright after the accident, was under the impression, it seems, that public liability covered injury to cattle, as well as persons, and that the insurance company and the cattle owner would have to fight it out to determine who would stand good for the damages to his car and for the loss of the animals. But he since, we understand, had the chagrin of learning that the insurance company is out of the picture so far as his case is concerned. Had he struck a person, it seems, the insurance people would have been right into the controversy, but a cattle fatality hasn't even a passing interest for them under this policy, we are told, and hence from a monetary, if not a humane standpoint, the motorist would be better off to have bowled over a pedestrian or two than to knock out a couple of beasts, provided it can be shown that he was in any way to blame for the affair, a point, we understand, that he is stoutly disputing in this case.

NEW SCHEME FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

"When a member of the municipal council desires to "move up" and pits himself against the mayor or reeve or some other member of the rating council for higher office, the result is that the municipality loses the services of one or other of the contestants. A Goderich ratepayer says the Signal, with an original mind suggests a plan of election which would meet this difficulty in connection with our present method of election. He proposes that all nominees for the council go on one ballot and that the one who receives the highest number of votes be mayor, the next highest reeve, the next deputy reeve and the next six be councillors. Then all the best men would be kept in the council and the municipality would have the benefit of their ability and experience, and those with any ambition would be putting their best foot forward throughout the year in order to win a higher place at the next election. Of course, the first objection to this plan would be that electors have a habit of putting new men at the head of the poll. Any untoward result from this tendency could be prevented by a rule that a man must have at least one year's experience in council before being eligible for the position of deputy reeve, two years for reeve, and three years for mayor but even without such a rule the ratepayers themselves would not vote with the same enthusiasm for a new candidate if they knew the result might be the elevation of an inexperienced man to the highest office in the municipality. There should also be provision whereby any man elected to one of the higher offices might, if he wished, decline it and allow the next highest man to take it. Any change in the method of electing municipal councils must be made by the Legislature, but if public opinion expressed itself strongly in the direction of any proposed form, the Legislature will in due time make the necessary enactment." There is material for discussion in the Goderich man's proposal.

LOWLY POTATO IN HIGH HAT

A new idea in the marketing of potatoes was tried out on the Ontario public by the provincial department of agriculture at the Royal Winter Fair. Instead of the time-honored brown 90-pound bag that once was the sole standard of potato commerce, the lowly spud will make its bow in neat cardboard cartons and small white cloth bags. Bags and cartons both are designed to hold only 15 pounds that is, a peck. All this is not to be dismissed simply as an indication that the humble tuber, like so many other products, is reaching for the high hat. It is a change, say departmental officials, that must be made to bring the potato industry up to date. Once upon a time the farmer grew his potatoes, chucked them holsobolus into the big bags, and sold them by the bag to the consumer. But to-day, experts say, the public wants graded potatoes. And furthermore, where mother had a big cellar in which to store her winter's supply every fall, the modern housewife, living in an apartment, has no cellar at all. Or perhaps she is reducing, doesn't serve potatoes so often, and wants only the high-grade article, and that in small quantities. With the new idea in marketing, the grade is stamped on the bag or carton. And the potatoes must be well-graded, for a bad one will show up easily in such a small quantity. So the dealer wants only high-class potatoes and the farmer must grow them.

That is where the department of agriculture comes in. For years it has been urging Ontario farmers to grow better potatoes and grade them. The result has been a growing demand for Ontario potatoes, and dealers who once stocked only the potatoes of other provinces have been compelled to keep the Ontario product. But if the new idea goes across

and departmental officials have every reason to believe it will—the incentive for farmers to produce first-class graded potatoes will be increased greatly.

WHY DO TAXES COME AT CHRISTMAS?

Why, oh why, must taxes coincide so nearly with Christmas? And why oh why must they go up ten dollars every year? Last year I remember the tax man came just as the threshing machine moved out and this year he came on the very day we had shipped some fat stock. It just seemed as though he timed his arrival so we should not forget our financial obligation or take any satisfaction in our grain bins or the cheque from the stock yards. From now until the 14th of December if you see a group of farmers standing at the street corner you can be pretty sure that the one topic under discussion is taxes. They splutter and grumble and make an awful

fuss and then when the time comes they each one-hand over their hard earned money like a lamb. Well I suppose these things have to be, and possibly in good year one would hear very little about taxes but in lean years they certainly do seem to take the gift off the gingerbread. Be that as it may, since there is no way out of it we might as well smile and look pleasant and think of taxes as a necessary evil.

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