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Don't Forget Sale Ends Jan. 23rd

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COUNTY EXPENDITURES IN YORK

Mounting Expenditures Warrants Close Attention to County Matters

Probably no more warmly discussed subject came before ratepayers at the recent nomination meetings than that of county taxes which have ever been on the upturn of late years, and strong protest was voiced against the York Councilors for their lavish expenditures whether avoidable or not.

The Richmond Hill Liberal says, "It struck us rather forcibly that a Citizens' League in one of the southern townships should advertise this week in support of annexation to the City of Toronto that one of the advantages would be "No County rate to pay." County taxation has generally been regarded as attractive in comparison with city taxation rather than unattractive."

At Markham and Whitchurch nomination meetings on Dec. 30th Reeve Gohn and Reeve Kidd gave figures which Ratepayers of the municipalities in this great County which boasts the third largest legislative body in Canada have perhaps been prone to take County affairs too much for granted. Have County Councilors too long regarded it as good business to ask and support anything and everything as long as the County paid? Have the ratepayers too long placed merit marks to the credit of municipal representatives who succeeded in getting in "plenty out of the County? Sooner or later the "chiefs must come home to roost" and no matter through what body the business is done, nothing is surer than that, "the people must pay."

The County rate has steadily increased in recent years from 6 mills in 1923 to 9 mills in 1929. During that period the equalized assessment has increased from \$73,826,822 to \$102,026,387. The total levy has increased from \$442,960.93 to \$918,239.28.

The amount charged by the County for the cost of Municipal government has increased from \$2,551.90 in 1900 to an estimated expenditure in 1929 of over \$20,500.

The cost of Mothers' Allowance to the County for the year 1929 is estimated at \$54,000, as compared with \$15,533.50 in 1921, and the 1929 estimate is likely to be exceeded.

The net charge to the County for schools advanced from \$7,437.60 in 1900 to \$241,510.75 in 1928 and is estimated at \$300,000 for 1929. Debentures for various municipalities guaranteed by the County of York re the erection and equipment of High schools total \$1,927,500. The town of Mimico, the township of York and the township of East York are responsible for \$1,444,500, of this amount.

The County debenture debt shows a net total of \$793,361.59 besides \$35,000 re Industrial Home Building and \$45,000 re County's share of Bathurst Street bridge both authorized in 1929 but not issued \$194,000 for provincial road construction and \$50,000 for Mimico and New Toronto street widening.

The following items are among those which show increases over 1928 to the extent of \$107,700 and the total increase is made up as follows, Schools \$57,500, Debentures \$19,200, Criminal Justice \$10,000, Municipal Relief \$10,000, Roads (Toronto and York) \$11,000.

The expenditure for Municipal Relief, one half of which is charged back directly to the municipalities, increased from \$42,263.34 in 1926 to \$94,713.34 in 1928. The estimate for 1929 was \$100,000, and the expenditure will probably be in excess of this estimate.

The County's share of construction expenditure on provincial roads, which is twenty per cent of the total for the period 1920 to 1928 amounted to \$795,474.46. Of this amount \$143,474.46 has been paid and the balance of \$652,000 was placed on debentures. The County's share of maintenance expenditure on provincial roads has been \$56,128.01 which has been paid.

The construction and maintenance expenditure of the Toronto and York Roads Commission for the years 1911 to 1928 amounted to \$7,871,581.43. The provincial government paid \$3,477,512.13, the city of Toronto \$2,069,549.59 leaving \$2,324,219.71 to the County which was provided by special levies and sundry receipts from the various municipalities. The total levy for the Commission increased from \$158,000 in 1919 to \$247,500 in 1929.

From the foregoing figures the average taxpayer can glean that this County of York deals in figures of large proportion. The comparisons which have been made show clearly the trend which as far as the tax rate is concerned is expressed in the small word "up."

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Reeve Wesley Gohn has been attending council for Markham Township for seven years. He is a young man, with keen business intellect, and should make a capable Warden.

Although the taxes to be gathered in the Township of Whitchurch this past year amounted to more than \$7000, over the year 1928, the amount outstanding as overdue taxes are less at the present moment than they were the previous year. The total amount of taxes to collect was over \$72,000. All this has been paid in with the exception of a sum running between \$8000 and \$9000. In view of the fact that there was more to collect and still less unpaid taxes, it looks as though Whitchurch Township farmers have financed themselves well during the year just closed.

Many municipal councils have been complaining because they have received accounts for a part of the expense of the late Ontario elections says the Fergus News Record. This would seem to be most unjust and merely another way of passing along the expenses to the municipalities to be raised by direct taxes on the people. Sums that we have noted in the accounts in York vary from \$60 to \$80 and are supposed to be the expenses of the Election Board. The Reeve of West Luthier in Wellington County complained that only three names were added to the list in his township, yet they were forced to pay some \$70 or more. We think the Ontario Government ought to pay their own election expenses particularly when they force elections on the people before their allotted term of office has expired.

The council of Stouffville might do well to consider installing a water meter either at the west entrance of the municipality or at the reservoirs to record the total amount of water consumed by all the users. This would be an inexpensive thing, that would provide interesting data for the water department. There ought to be a better effort made this summer also towards installing more shut-off valves, so that when repairs have to be made to the pipes the whole system will not be interrupted as is so often the case. The water works account is in a healthy condition, so that such improvements as are needed ought not to be delayed. We understand that council intends to reflow the old reservoir this summer, and this too is very necessary work to accomplish.

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IT'S ALL AS YOU THINK

How old are you? The adage says that women are as old as they look and men as old as they feel. That is wrong. A man or woman is as old as they take themselves to be. Growing old is largely a habit of the mind. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." If he begins shortly after middle age to imagine himself old, he will be old. To keep oneself from decrepitude is somewhat a matter of will power. The fates are kind to the man who hangs to life with both hands. He who lets go, will go. Death is slow only to tackle the tenacious. Ponce de Leon searched in the wrong place for the fountain of youth. It is in oneself. One must keep oneself young outside; so that while the outer man perishes, the inner man ceases to exert itself; when there is no longer an active interest in the affairs of life; when the human stops reading and thinking and doing, the man, like a blasted tree, begins to die at the top. You are as old as you think you are. Keep the business on; your job is not done yet.

MAY COMPEL USE OF RETURN ADDRESS

There is a possibility that the Post Office Department will make it compulsory for mailers to place a return address on their mailings. If this order is carried it will mean a saving in the neighbourhood of \$500,000 annually to the government. The record of the department reveals that this amount is lost annually because of carelessness in addressing mail.

The expense incurred by the department, it is said, in giving a special directory service to some millions of pieces of mail which are carelessly addressed. A suggestion which has been forwarded is a campaign among school children as a means of eliminating some of their lost time, effort and expense in handling mail from careless patrons. The proper wrapping and addressing of mail more than once has been stressed by postal officials, but there are still some patrons of the service who fail to heed the advice of the Post Office Department.

It is the Post Office Department, or in the final analysis, the taxpayer, who pays an annual toll for the support of this malignant growth, which amounts in the thousands of dollars.

A HORSE! A HORSE!

It's enough to make a horse laugh the way people have been running around looking for nags to draw rigs.

For years now we have depended on automobiles, and we have also referred to this as being a horseless age.

At times, of course, certain folk have ridden in very fine cars to attend a show or something like that where splendid horses were to be seen jumping over hurdles and hedges, but they didn't depend on these horses to pull the people home. They departed in motor cars.

And often have we seen racehorses too riding around in specially made trailers. They could stick their heads out over the side of the things at times and see what was going on, but the horse wasn't supplying the motive power at all. He was really being spoiled.

Now that snow is deep and drifts are high the quest turns for horses because motor transport is stuck. And there are few horses to be had. There is an old saying that if a person keeps anything for seven years he will have use for it. Apparently we haven't done that with our horses.

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