

**MUST PAY FOR DOGS**

Several Southampton citizens were summoned to appear before Magistrate Walker last Saturday for failure to pay their dog tax and were made to "whack up" for the luxury. A dog is useful on a farm but is only ornamental in an urban municipality and some of them no great ornaments either, especially the well-singed pets. In these days of economic depression it keeps most heads of families busy feeding their children and with those on relief there

are not many crumbs falling from the tables these days. A family in town last winter that was being given relief through the Women's Institute were suddenly dropped when it was discovered the recipients of help were feeding a big police dog, when they couldn't properly care for their children.

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**Notes and Comments**

Normal schools, like the high schools, are again over-crowded. This doesn't auger well for lower salaries.

The Dominion of Canada loan carried out so successfully last week, is reported to have found ready support among our citizens. While it is not possible to even estimate the total subscriptions it is known by those in a position to that the loan found a goodly number of investors in Stouffville and district. Of course those fortunate to have funds to invest or convert, are not among those who talk depression and hard times.

**Game Warden Wanted**  
A farmer stepped into the office of this paper the other day, and said to us: "What's the use of making laws if there's none to enforce them." Then he told us about a beautiful lot of pheasants roaming about a certain woods near Stouffville, but recently one of the lot was missing, and he found a pile of feathers in a corner indicating that the bird had been killed and plucked in the bush.

Almost at the same time another farmer from east of Stouffville called to see what could be done about having a game warden appointed for the locality. Being in such close proximity to the city, with numerous small woods all around, hunters are to be seen almost every day, and particularly on Sunday, roaming about. No one seems to have any authority to bring them before a court of justice, and consequently they are growing bolder each season. Now it is necessary to have a gun license, but there is no one to enforce the law on the matter, unless you are hunting back in the deer country where game warden's do put in an appearance, we are told.

Why not a game warden for Stouffville district? Municipal councils would be doing a right thing, if they petitioned the Ontario Government for such an officer, and any reasonable appointment would be acceptable to the people.

**Good sportsmen are clamouring for this protection: How about it?**

**York's Absurd Request**

The Chesley Enterprise, rightly expounds the position of outside municipalities to the most recent request from York Township where it says:

Like Sandwich Township and the town of East Windsor, in Essex County, York township in York County is also on the verge of bankruptcy and a delegation from the township waited on the chairman of the Railway and Municipal Board last Friday to request the Provincial Government to bear the whole cost of relief this fall and winter instead of the 80 per cent. now being received from both governments. The reply of Chairman McKeown was that he did not see how the Dominion Government could be induced to pay more than the 40 per cent. it had been contributing. The township council of York estimates it will cost the ratepayers for 1934 a little over 1 1/2 millions for relief and hospital charges.

Wouldn't it be establishing a bad financial precedent for one municipality to receive more than 80 per cent from the two governments? If York's relief bills are paid by the Ontario and Dominion governments why not all the rural and urban municipalities in Bruce and Grey? The ratepayers in these counties are also finding taxes burdensome. The chairman of the Railway Board realized the difficulty of granting any special favors and astutely shifted the responsibility to the Federal Government. It isn't very likely the Bennett Government will tax the ratepayers of the other eight provinces for the special relief charges of an Ontario municipality. We never read of a more absurd proposition advanced than by the delegation from York Township.

The Township of York surrounds the City of Toronto on the west and part of the north. It is largely urban, consists of only 5,050 acres, has a population of 63,000, an assessment of nearly 27 millions, a debt of almost 23 millions of which 3 1/2 millions are for schools and 3 1/2 millions for local improvements. York Township is classed as rural but is really urban. The farms are small and market gardeners truck their produce into the Toronto market. A considerable number of Toronto people also have their homes in York township. These market gardeners were prosperous in the days when Toronto was booming but now the trucks can bring in produce from such long distances early in the morning on paved roads that keep competition in farmers' produce has reduced the price. These gardeners in the suburbs of Toronto who are among those now seeking relief, are the same patriots who in order to keep out onions, carrots, beets and other earlier-grown produce from the Southern United States opposed the Reciprocity Pact in 1911 and like other market gardeners near the cities are largely responsible for the high tariff which has contributed to lessening international trade and helped to cause the business depression. How can these York people expect the Western farmers who sold their wheat at from 40c to 50c a bushel last year to turn the other cheek, even though it be a Christian act, and help to pay York township's relief bills in 1933.

**PLUCKING CHICKENS**

(Hudson Herald, Toronto)

"The second element in the strike at Stratford were the poultry pickers in the Swift establishment there they went on strike for an increase of fifty per cent in wages for plucking chickens. This seems to be a huge increase until it is explained that they were getting two cents per chicken and demanded three cents. We never picked for a living but we can't imagine anyone doing any riotous living while working at the job even at three cents per. We haven't the vaguest idea of the profit made by the Swift Co. in their business, but we find it hard to believe that they really found it necessary to close their factory rather than comply with the demands of the strikers. The average dressed chicken sells at about twenty cents per pound and tips the scales at around four pounds. If this extra cent was spread over the whole chicken the increase per lb. would not be very startling. In view of this fact we find it hard to believe that the action of the company was either necessary or wise."

**IS THIS ADMINISTRATION**

(Toronto Globe)

An Ontario County reader of The Globe has raised once more the pertinent question of the shrewdly in that municipality. "Nearly two years have passed since Sheriff Paxton resigned from active service," he comments, "and much inconvenience and some confusion have resulted. Repeatedly coupled with the new appointment has been the name of James Blanchard, M.P.P. for North Ontario. Hon. G. H. Ferguson recently announced that no election would be held until next year, which means that, if the vacancy is being held open for Mr. Blanchard, it will continue for another twelve months, and in a critical time. It would appear, if he is the Government's choice, that an immediate appointment should be made, and by-election in North Ontario would be in order, along with the other by-elections."

The situation suggests that Queen's Park is confronted with another of those dilemmas which are making it famous. It is a fact that the position is being held for the sitting member, the only conclusion is that it fears to open the seat by making the appointment. But why should Ontario County be made the goat because of Governmental timidity or indecision? Perhaps it is so well-behaved and so free from troublesome visitors that the office of Sheriff need not be taken seriously. In any event, holding the job for two years for a favorite, if this is being done, warrants a protest. It is not the way to conduct the business of the Province. If the Government thinks the office of Sheriff is not important, is merely a political bouquet, it ought to get busy and have it abolished, in the interests of economy. Either a county needs a Sheriff or does not. There is no half-way post.

[In the next Provincial Election Ontario County will be absorbed in Muskoka, and will be represented by a northern man in all probability.]

**TO SUE FOR CEMETERY ACCOUNTS**

An important decision was made at the Tuesday evening meeting of Tara council, says the Leader, which will affect persons owing for plots in Tara Cemetery, also for grave digging. It is a fact that nearly \$150.00 is owing the municipality for the digging of graves (a debt it is hard to believe any person would delay paying,) however, such is the case and the Cemetery Committee has decided that this state of affairs must be cleaned up, consequently the secretary has been notified to insist on all outstanding accounts for this work being paid at once, failing which more drastic steps will be taken. A test case will probably also be made against a plot owner who refuses to settle for his plot. Unless this man settles in the near future a court case is in the offing. The Cemetery is the property of the municipality and considerable expense is entailed in keeping the same up to the present high standard and the Cemetery Committee feels that in duty to the municipality these outstanding accounts must be paid.

Considerable has been written about the increasing number of girl smokers, especially among the University of Toronto students. Nothing is said, however, about the lady teachers on the university staff who are addicted to the coffin nails, and are habitual smokers, even in the presence of students.

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**CANADA WOULD DO MUCH BETTER WITH FEWER GOVERNMENTS**

(Evening Telegram)

The depression has emphasized the fact that Canada has too many governments, provincial and municipal. The maintenance of these many administrative organizations has added materially to the taxation burdens of Canadians. There is a growing realization that reorganization is needed to not only cut down the number of governing bodies but their personnel as well.

Under existing conditions it has been calculated that one man in every seven is employed by some government or governmental agency. Fees and taxes on the others support this top-heavy arrangement.

Ontario and Toronto have made a start toward reform along one line. The number of members of the legislature and of the City Council are being reduced. But over the whole of Canada there is much yet to be done.

A suggestion that has much merit has recently been advanced by the Hon. W. D. Euler, a former cabinet

minister. Hon. Mr. Euler proposes that the three Maritime provinces be merged into one and that the three prairie-provinces be similarly united. He estimates that a substantial saving in cost of government could thereby be effected and in this he is no doubt right. Moreover, there is no reason to believe that the quality of administration would be adversely affected. The Maritime provinces have a population of scarcely more than a million people and their problems are much the same. The prairie provinces similarly have common interests and while their combined population is larger than that of the maritimes it is still much smaller than that of Ontario, which finds one government quite sufficient. The unions suggested would do away with much overlapping and if accomplished, would make possible a welcome tax burden relief for the sorely pressed people of the eastern and western portions of the Dominion. The possibilities therefore deserve serious thought and study.

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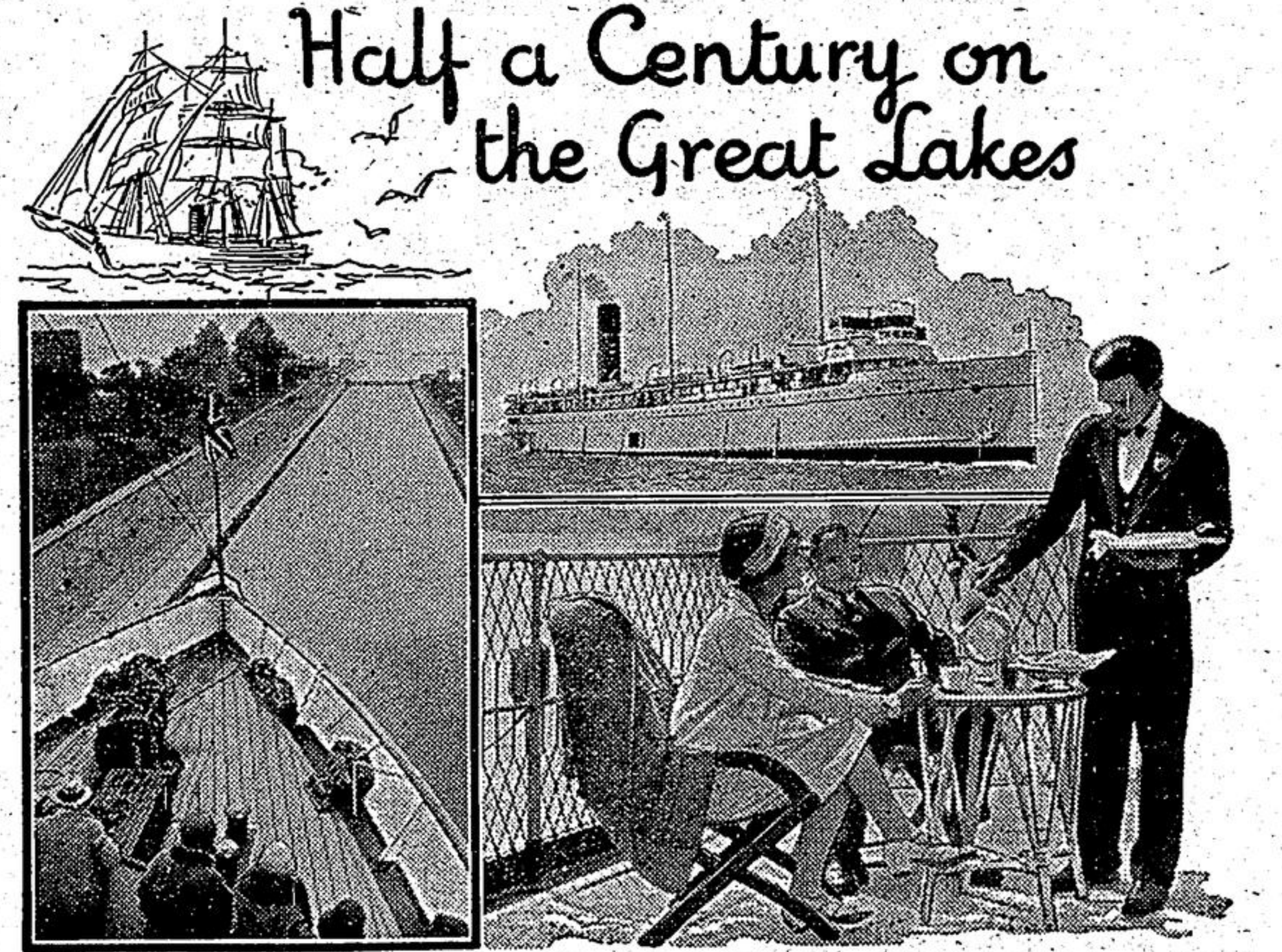
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