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Editorial Comment**The New Defense Tax**

It has been estimated that during this new year there will be nearly twice as many Whitty citizens required to pay income tax than ever before. This is not mainly due to a decided boost in general incomes, although there has been some slight increase over a year ago, but to new taxes.

Ordinarily this might be expected to bring strenuous objection, but in view of the fact that the money raised is to be for defence purposes, citizens generally are likely to consider it a privilege to be able to pay it for the financing is needed for vital equipment to back up our country's fighting forces.

In order to help make the burdens as light as possible, the government recently sent out notices concerning the different methods of payment which many citizens received. These show that all single persons receiving over \$600 a year and all married persons receiving over \$1,200 a year are affected by the national defense tax and all within these brackets will recognize from the notices that it will be advisable for them to give the problem of remitting some thought. The rate of tax for married persons will be 2 per cent. if the income exceeds \$1,200, and for single persons the rate will be 3 per cent. if the income exceeds \$1,200, and 2 per cent. if the income exceeds \$600 and is not more than \$1,200.

Where a single person is working for say \$450 a year and his board, his employer must estimate the board which would bring the employee into the paying column, and the employer is bound to collect the tax. It is such instances as this that will affect many farm hands located near the larger cities.

So far as the farm owner is concerned, there appears to be no requirement that he estimate in his income anything consumed on the farm that he grows or raises, but he is required to tabulate everything he sells, and if there is a profit of \$1,200 then he is liable for Defence Tax.

Let us Play Fair with Our Municipal Officers

Many municipal councils struck the same key note at their inaugural meetings last week, when they declared that lower taxes would be the order of the day. That is a fine gesture and we hope that all places succeeded in attaining it. Lower taxes are always appreciated, especially in war time, when there are so many other means of taxation.

While keeping this "lower tax rate" in mind, it is to be hoped that the municipal legislators will not overlook that a servant is worthy of his hire, and thus avoid scaling salaries downward or fail to scale them upward, if the need should be apparent. We all remember the blunders of the past, when so many men were holding down important municipal offices because they did the work cheaply. Service seemed to be a secondary consideration, and many places lost money because of this. The cheapest help may prove to be the most costly.

The work of municipal assessors, tax collectors, clerks and assessors is steadily mounting, as a result of outside demands for scores of reports that often take days to compile. These officers should be fairly paid. Unfortunately there are so many ratepayers who will tell you the work of some officer could be done for half what the municipality is paying, yet if you question these people closely one soon learns that they know little or nothing about the amount of work involved. Therefore, it seems the part of wisdom and fair play to rely on your municipal council to properly remunerate their hired help fairly, and be prepared to stand before the ratepayers as a representative who is willing to be fair, not mean and ready to take advantage of those who serve them. The great majority of ratepayers will commend councillors for such a stand.

Overlapping and Needless Services

Recently a hint was dropped by the Financial Post that far-reaching changes may be seen in community services, especially in distribution services within a short time. As a war measure, the Federal Government may take steps to eliminate the unnecessary duplication in many lines. We hope the unnecessary over-expansion too will be made note of and checked.

Especially in the cities of course there is abundant proof of the waste of man power every day in the week. Delivery men from a half dozen dairies, and half dozen bakeries may be seen any day on the same street or block. Take even a village like Stouffville. The other morning we saw parked near our office a Toronto bakery truck, and the same day there were two departmental store trucks from Toronto in the neighborhood delivering small parcels, even to a dozen oranges or a pound of tea which could have been secured in town just as cheaply. Multiply the number of drivers these big stores engage to cover the area they do, and one would be amazed. Most of it so unnecessary.

According to The Post, Ottawa thinks that one third of the present number of men and equipment could do the same work. It adds: "By next summer it's highly probable that drastic steps will have been to tap this source of manpower in order to meet the rising demand for war labor."

This matter is one which firms, likely to be affected by the suggested government action, might wisely consider now. Any method adopted to reduce overlapping, and merge services, is bound to create some degree of disorganization.

CHARTS BOMBING RAIDS

Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse— they call him "Lucky" Peirse and say he leads a charmed life—is the man who sends out British bombers to raid Axis territory from Narvik to Naples, from Bordeaux to Berlin. He's proud of another nickname—"Punch 'Em" Peirse—given him since he became commander-in-chief of the bomber command.

"LET'S WASTE NOTHING" CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Some time ago, two organizations in town, fired with the same patriotic zeal, unknowingly conflicted in their arrangements to collect waste material.

The Public School made their collection on the first Saturday in December and later in co-operation with the school, three lots of "junk" too large in quantity and weight for school children to handle, were picked up, by trucks sent out by the Study Club. This was taken to the school and the proceeds included in the Public School collection. At the beginning of the year when it became known that the Public School Staff hesitated to carry on the good work for fear of interfering with other plans, an executive meeting was called on January 8th, and Mr. Watson, and his staff urged to continue, with the full support and co-operation of the Study Club.

Planning to have a collection once every two months, the Public School requests all waste material ready for collection on Saturday, February 1.

THE SONG OF THE LAZY FARMER

My Neighbor says there ain't no way to make the farmin' business pay, except to work with all your might, and labor hard from morn till night. We've got to toll for what we get, and earn each dollar by our sweat, there ain't no easy road to wealth in farmin', if we'd git some pelt to store away for later years, we've got to earn it, it appears, by tellin' with a right good will, without a stop for rest until our work is done, the slacker is soon busted in this game, gee whiz. Some folks can prosper by their wit and never have to work a bit, but not us farmers, good strong backs are what we need to earn our tax, the Lord intended folks should toil to earn a livin' off 'e soil.

I suppose perhaps my neighbor's right, Mirandy says I'd be a sight more useful, if I'd work like him and do my chores up with a vim. But after all it can't be wrong to waste as we go along, and give some pleasure out of life, although it may annoy your wife to see you in the shade just when she wants the garden made. I git my work done up some way, and though this place of mine don't pay as much as neighbor's, I enjoy this life lots more than that old boy. I won't leave much when I am dead for I'm enjoying life instead and when I'm buried 'neath the hill no one will quarrel about my will."

NEW N.U.A. ADMINISTRATOR

Dr. Allen Peebles, new head of the national unemployment administration, was formerly engaged in similar work in British Columbia, whose policy he helped to shape.

Overseas Mail

Below is a letter just received by Rev. A. J. Orr of Melville from his sister A. B. Orr of Barnet, England.

"It would be difficult for you to picture what our house looks like, to-day, although it is several degrees better than last Sunday. We have now only one window in the house, the rest were blown out by a land mine which fell in our vicinity last week. It was rather an alarming experience but compared with folk around us we escaped lightly. The damage to our town is appalling and many people have lost their homes and all they possess. Herbert has worked hard and boarded up several of the windows, there will be no glass until after the war, and the council had to put 15 pounds worth of slates on the roof as until that was done the rain just poured through two ceilings and four places on the landing, so you guess we are in a fearful mess. Mother is in a nursing home for the time being and so far as we can see has quite recovered from the shock. We only got her out in the nick of time from her room as in another minute the glass of the French window poles and all were blown onto her head. We spent 10 hours in the cellar as owing to the absence of windows and black-out we dare not turn on any lights until next morning. It was the longest and most miserable night I have ever spent. However we are all alive and not even a scratch between us, so have much to be thankful for.

A. B. Orr.

Letter received by Mrs. T. White, Unionville, R.R. 1.

Dear Sister and Brother:

I am writing to tell you how we are getting on in England. The air-raids have been dreadful and we are afraid to go to bed and don't know when we are going to have a night's rest. We lie under the table for safety. We had 8 bombs drop not far off and I shall never forget it. I thought as though our time had come. They were after the railway. We are rationed 2 ozs. of butter and quarter ounce of sugar and a small ration of meat. Things are awfully dear and it's hard to get feed for the cattle.

Still we live, through it and we never know from hour to hour what is coming. We are very thankful for your food and troops. We have to give all we can possibly afford for the war effort. I do hope we are spared from losing our home through bomb or by a fire. We should not have much if it were not for our splendid air-force and good army and navy. For a time we did not have any raids here but now we have them the same as the rest. Of course we go over Germany too.

WAS MOUNT ALBERT NOTARY FOR 44 YEARS

One of the old residents and business men of Mount Albert passed away in Whitty hospital this month in the person of C. W. Davidson.

He was born in Uxbridge, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Davidson, in 1872, and attended school there. He taught school for two years and finally entered the law office in Uxbridge of T. W. Chappel.

He moved to Mount Albert and carried on business as a notary public and conveyancer for the last 44 years. He was also one of the founders of the Mount Albert Telephone Co. and was a staunch Liberal. He is survived by his wife, formerly Ella Terry of Mount Albert, and four children, Mrs. A. Locke (Helen), Mrs. D. Loach (Hilda), and Mrs. Frank Gore (Ruth), and one son, Bruce, all of Toronto. Two sisters, Mrs. Mary Scott of Toronto and Miss Elizabeth Davidson, R.N., of Akron, Ohio, and one brother, Fred Davidson of Seattle also survive.

"THIS LITTLE PIG"

News of special importance to farmers was recently emphasized by the CBC Farm Broadcasts Department. The Hon. J. G. Gardiner said at a Press conference recently that Canada's present bacon agreement with the United Kingdom provides for a revision in the event that prices for pork products in the United States rise substantially.

Reporting on this development on the CBC Farm Broadcast, Don Fairbairn pointed out that such an increase in prices across the line was not improbable. In fact, figures released by the United States Department of Agriculture late in December estimated a decrease of 10 p.c. in the fall and spring pig crop in the United States. With fewer hogs being marked and with consumer demand in the United

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States on the upswing because of the Defence Program it is not unlikely that prices will rise from one to two dollars per cwt. by spring.

Actually, reports the Farm Broadcasts Department of the C.B.C. such an increase has been predicted by some economists in the United States. If live hog prices over there did go up two dollars a cwt. it would bring them in line with current quotations here in Canada and in that case a revision in our present Bacon Agreement with the United Kingdom might be considered by the British Ministry of Foods.

FAKERS SENTENCED

Charles Robinson and George Burns, who breezed through district towns from Hamilton with their pockets full of printed cards headed, "A Cripple's Appeal," and who put on a fake limping stunt that was such a torture to gaze upon that sight-seers were supposed to reach into their pockets and extract some silver images of the king to assist these distressed guys to get by, were sentenced in Walkerton court last week to fourteen days.

SEEK TO SECURE TWO MILLION BUYERS OF WAR SAVING CERTIFICATES

Ottawa, January 21—Finishing touches are being put on preparation of a Canadian sales campaign in behalf of War Savings Certificates which will eclipse anything of its kind ever attempted in the country, according to Government spokesmen at Ottawa. During the month of February a gigantic attempt will be made to canvass every province in the Dominion—the objective to secure no less than two million men and women who will pledge themselves to buy War Savings Certificates regularly.

No definite money limit has been set. But the aim of the War Savings Committee is to increase the monthly purchases of Certificates from a present total of something under three million to ten million dollars a month. In other words, the Government hopes to have at least 120 million dollars worth of Certificates sold during 1941.

In order to cover so much ground in a period of one month, thousands of volunteer workers have undertaken to bring it about. Under the general direction of the War Savings Committee there will be some fifteen hundred provincial, district and local committees hard at work from coast to coast. And each one of these committees will have sub-committees devoted to the task of handling every phase of the intensive work which the campaign demands.

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