

**NEW 'MARRIAGE BILL' EASES LOT OF CLERGYMEN**

Clergymen are relieved of some red tape by a bill given second reading yesterday in the Ontario Legislature.

Henceforth the bride and bridegroom will fill out a form providing the government with their vital statistics. All the minister has to do is sign it. Previously he had to fill it out himself.

Another bill introduced by Municipal Affairs Minister Dunbar provides that a nurse or some other qualified person—not necessarily a doctor—may certify deaths from natural causes. The bill was designed to avoid the necessity of doctors travelling great distances to view the body.

**WANTS SALARIES CUT**

Liberal Leader Farquhar Oliver Thursday gave notice in the Ontario Legislature of a motion to reduce Cabinet Ministers' salaries from \$10,000 to \$8,000. The bill would amend the Executive Council Act. Opposition members Wednesday criticized the Progressive Conservative Government for restoring the \$2,000 increase after it was dropped in 1937 by the administration of Liberal Premier Mitchell Hepburn. Salaries were increased from \$8,000 to \$10,000 in 1930 under the Conservative Premier Howard Ferguson.

**SELDOM SEEN**

Around the cracker barrel we sat just one of the few meetings this winter, since somehow every body is busy and there is no time for our winter afternoon and evening musings at the corner store. One of the boys was cussing the very wealthy. Why should they have so much. No right to it, and all that. I cocked an eye and wondered what Bill would do if suddenly he found himself very wealthy.

Anyway, in defence of the rich fellow, I cut loose, perhaps more for argument than anything else, but before I got through I believed my own deductions on these money matters. I said I had been looking over a statement of American incomes that morning, that is the income of those who pay income taxes. It is a great story, 47,150,000 Americans pay this tax—many of them ordinary people, just like ourselves.

One hundred of these have incomes in excess of a million dollars a year. In fact, it is sharply in excess. They average out at \$1,721,000 but they get their combs cut a bit when income tax authorities are through with them, they take \$149,600,000 which leaves the boys with only \$22,500,000 to spend on other taxes and their own amusements.

This is, by all means, the cream of the bunch but there are some in lower grades who are not too badly off. Consider the incomes of those who have \$50,000 and over, they number 46,000 and have a total income of \$4,468,800,000 but after the income tax man has been around they find their burdens lightened. They are left with a relatively small sum, only \$714,400,000.

Suddenly I had a bright idea, I decided to leave each one of these wealthy gentlemen—those with incomes of \$50,000 or more, an income of \$10,000 a year. Then I would take what's left and distribute it. My interest was among the under-dogs—those with incomes of \$5,000 and less. In the United States there are 44,734,000 belonging to that group. When I figured it out I was able to hand \$28 to every single one of them. They would be richer by a little over 50c a week throughout the whole year. Surely they would send me to the Senate after that, even if I am a Canadian.

Should I have distributed that money? I had a righteous feeling when I was doing it but I am not so sure of myself now. That 50c in the pockets of so many would be of little use to them. Millionaires are always trying to make more. In doing so they help to keep the wheels of industry turning. The money they invest is a powerful factor in the national economy, it represents the leading business and financial men of the country. If you were to strip them of their wealth and suddenly reduce them to 10,000 a year they would be obliged to liquidate a great many of their investments and would have to drop out of some of their present lines of activity.

Capital may be a bad master but it is a good servant and the wealth of the nation depends, to some extent, on the volume of investment. Those in the richer groups are now heavy contributors to income taxes. If they were stripped of their income they would pay less. The loss would have to be met by higher taxes upon others.

OLD JOSH

**Manitoba May Outlaw Use of Daylight Saving**

Manitoba may be the second Canadian province to make daylight saving time illegal.

A bill given first reading at Winnipeg is said to be similar in many respects to one enacted in Alberta, where Mountain Standard Time is statutory the year 'round. The Manitoba bill proposed that only Central Standard Time be used in Manitoba.

In other years, Greater Winnipeg and other Manitoba urban centres, like many other Canadian cities, have put clocks ahead an hour from about April 25 to about the last week of September.

Many would like to see a similar law in Ontario. They see little reason why industrial plants cannot adjust their working hours without interfering with standard time which is a disadvantage to the agricultural part of the province.

**Exemption of \$1,000 for Single and \$2,000 for Married Couples**

When the budget comes down it will be revealed that Canada is the first nation in the world to restore her exemptions to the level that existed for many years immediately preceding the war, a Daily Star correspondent claims.

Informed sources say Canada's exemption level will be \$1,000 for single people and \$2,000 for married people. This will mean that the rates that prevailed in Newfoundland up to the time of Confederation will be continued in effect as far as those people are concerned.

Return to '33 Level

For other Canadians it will be a welcome return to the level of exemptions established in the Rhodes budget March 21, 1933.

Usually well-informed sources say this level of exemptions will be dated back to Jan. 1 of this year. If this is true, it will mean that Canadians have a tax cut now that they don't know about. However, it is believed that the Jan. 1 date can only be reached if the Commons hurries with its business and the budget can come down soon.

For a single man earning \$1,000 the raised exemption wipes out the \$29 tax he paid. For a married man earning \$2,000 it wipes out the \$70 tax he paid.

If these forecasts are correct and the rate of taxation on the amount of income that is taxable remains the same, it is possible for anyone with a stable income to now estimate what his taxes will be for this year.

Can Figure Own Taxes

A married person, without children, earning \$200 a month would have an income of \$2,400, and with the married person's exemption of \$2,000 the taxable income would be \$400.

These items of taxable income can be reduced by the various amounts given to charity, and so on, but whatever the taxable income, the tax to be paid on it can be figured out from this table:

\$100 or less	10%	
100	\$10 plus 12% on next	\$100
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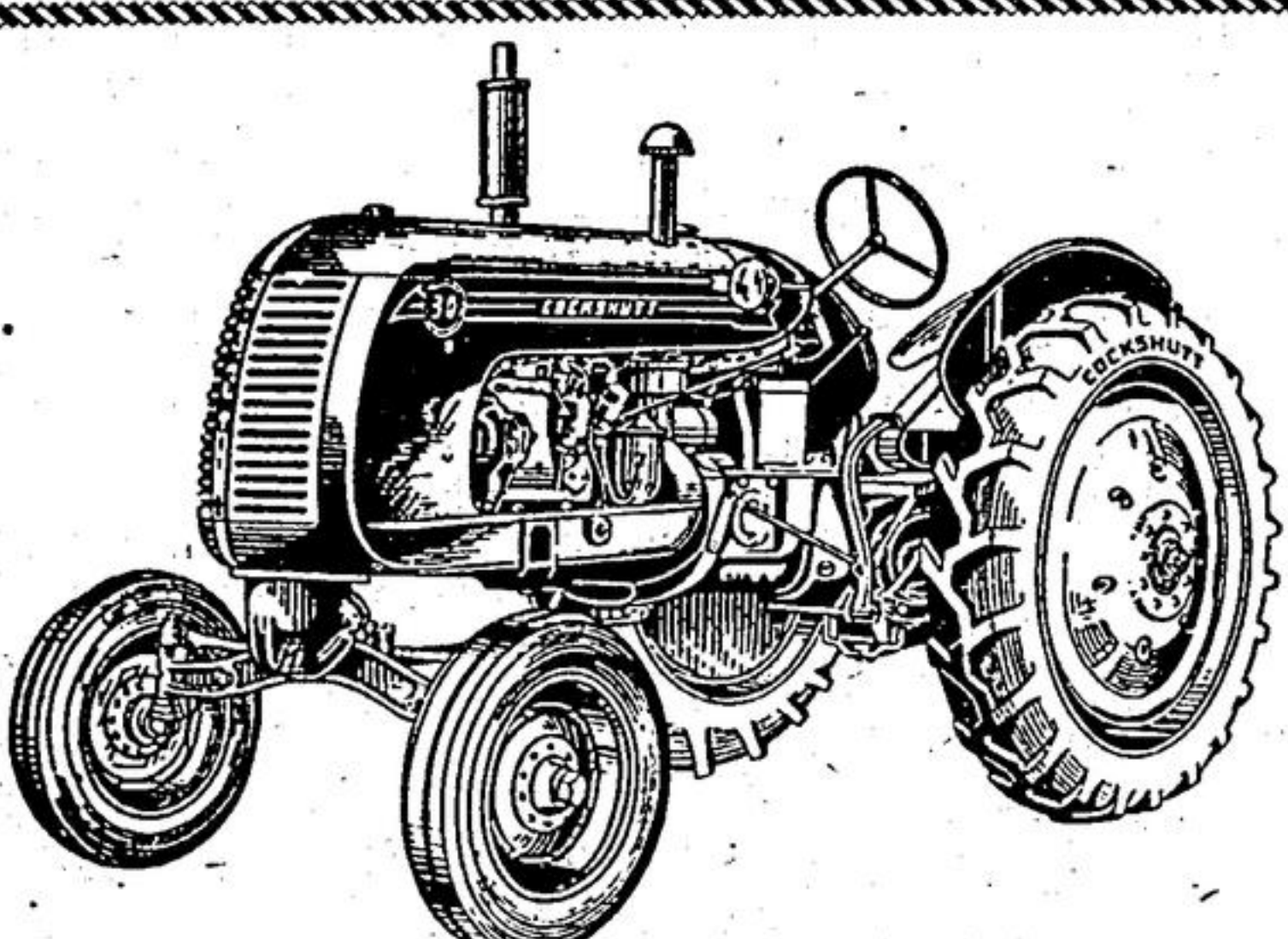
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The truck was operated by Gordon McEachern of Cannington and he had with him in the cab his 8-year-old son Ronald. McEachern, owner of the hogs, was transporting them to Peterborough.

**Mennonites Back From Paraguay Criticize Set-up**

A group of 47 Mennonites from Manitoba, who went to Paraguay last spring to try farming there, returned by plane last week.

Diedrich Wieler of Altona, Man., a member of the group, said the Paraguayan government, which experienced three changes of administration during the last year, had not kept its original promises to the migrant farmers.

He said the group found the task of clearing the jungle too great and the type of farming required by the country too far removed from their previous experience.

Wieler said other of the 1,700 already have returned to Canada and more are to follow.

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