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Editorials

Boom Increases Tax Problems

The difficulties faced by the three levels of government in Canada in financing their operations are illustrated clearly by Finance Minister Harris.

The three governments, he said recently, "take away from our people in Canada nearly one-third of their incomes." In his opinion "this is a situation worth pondering."

Indeed it is. That nearly one-third of what Canadians earn is siphoned off by municipal, provincial and federal governments — even if it is to provide services for these same Canadians — is disturbing. Stated in these terms, it is enough to stir even the most disinterested to an interest in tax conferences.

In an editorial on the significance of the short-lived Dominion-provincial meeting of last week, the Montreal Gazette says that "it becomes a terribly anxious question how anybody is likely to get more taxes without enlarging that third steadily toward one-half."

Says the Gazette: "The lesson taught by the latest federal-provincial conference is big and solemn. It is the fundamental lesson that the taxing fields in Canada are all overcrowded — and there are no new ones."

The country, in the throes of its greatest boom, is suffering from the effects of expansion. The problem, apparently, is to find the money to pay the costs of its own growth — for the roads, water, sewers, fire and police protection, hospitals and schools which are necessary.

It is unfortunate that the failure of the conference seems to leave no alternative now but private negotiation between each province and the federal government, unless invasion of other tax fields is resorted to.

This could easily develop into a mere struggle for as much of the tax dollar as each can get, with no thought for the taxpayer or for damaging effects on Canadian nationhood. It is to be hoped that wiser counsels will prevail.

Reeve P. S. Legge of Whitchurch made a significant statement in this regard at the last regular township council meeting. Mr. Legge referred to increased housing as the only way in which the municipality could ease the burden of increasing costs on the present ratepayers.

We cannot agree with the statement for the fact that, increased housing, particularly if it does not carry with it fixed cash restrictions as well as services, will bring more added expense than any gain in reduced taxes to existing residents.

"Stouffville" Council is wrestling with the same problem, and has so far failed to come up with a decision to impose cash and service restrictions on proposed sub-divisions in some way ease the burden of increased taxation which these subdivisions inevitably bring. Stouffville has a prime example in a greatly increased public school budget, brought about to a great extent by increased housing.

Stouffville in Scramble for Teachers Stouffville Public and High School Boards along with others in the province are presently involved in the annual scramble for teachers to fill vacancies and staff ever-growing schools. Teachers' College graduates are finding a gratifying "seller's market." Boards in most cases are offering conspicuously higher salary schedules than a year ago. This is not because of any increase in living costs but by reason of the keen competition for a teacher supply inadequate to meet demands.

Teachers in the local high school by their "unionized method" are squeezing the board up the ladder. Legally they are quite within their rights and their preferred position in the labor market gives those in the profession a golden opportunity to raise their wages to executives' scale. The chairman of the local board placed a finger on the great evil of this bargaining system at the last board meeting when he stated that the board was more than willing to increase the remuneration of those carrying the load. The implication was quite clear, that the board felt keenly being forced to pay increases of the unworthy as well as the worthy.

Most people will agree that teachers are entitled to more than average wages, especially in these times when many parents turn over to them the responsibility of discipline and training formerly expected from the home. In time the salary scale may remedy the teacher shortage. Meantime, the annual scramble goes on all across the province.

Depends on the Ad

Every town has a merchant who thinks the sport page is the only page people read. Next door to him the merchant prefers the back page because it is "where people look first." The retailer across the street demands local page because that's all women read.

And so it goes. Everyone has his own idea of where people read most and first. The fact is they are all wrong, and they are all right.

A study of reading habits of hundreds of towns made by the Bureau of Advertising found that all the pages of the newspaper are read. In fact, left-hand pages get one per cent more readers than right-hand pages.

The fact is, and this is shown by the above study, that the page and position on that page make not one whit of difference in capturing readers. It is what the advertisement says, how it says it, and how it is presented that gets readers. —The Pocketbook.

NEIGH-BO! — COME TO THE FAIR!

Richmond Hill Horticultural Society Spring Fair, Saturday, March 24th in the Lions' Hall, Centre Street East, continuously from 2 until 10 p.m. Sales of bird houses, small corsages and a variety of house plants all at reasonable prices. The Natural Club will display sea-shells, carved birds, leaves, and other objects of nature. Afternoon Tea will be served throughout the Show.

The whereabouts of the editor of a weekly newspaper have been unknown since in a recent wedding account in his paper a typographical error caused reference to be made to "the bride and groom."

A new service has been installed at a Pendleton, Oregon, hotel—registration by television from your car parked at a curbside stand—the clerk sees the driver and the driver sees the clerk.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"This is your conscience speaking... your poor wife needs a spring coat... your poor wife needs a spring coat... your poor..."

BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Archer Wallace

WEAPON OF RIDICULE

MORE THAN FORTY YEARS AGO, I was a young minister in the north country living in a village with appointments far in behind the railroad. There was one settlement to which people came from isolated farms fifteen and twenty miles distant. They were grand people and I enjoyed my life among them. We had no cars and drove to the meeting houses in buggies.

WE HAD OUR PROBLEMS and little things seemed important. MANY OF OUR PEOPLE saw little of the outside world; neither radio nor television were even heard of; people heated their homes with wood.

I WAS YOUNG AND EAGER to fill the church and if a family neglected church attendance, well it upset me. There was one couple who were extremely kind to me when I visited them, but never came to church services. I decided to discuss the matter with them.

VERY TACTFULLY — I thought — I brought the matter up during a visit. Then the lady said: "I have a good reason for not going." It took a while to get her to say what it was. Finally she came out with the explanation. "Nine years ago," she said, "One Easter Sunday, I went to church with a new hat and the girls in the choir laughed at it; it hurt my feelings so much I never went back to church." So there it was, for nine long years she had denied herself the privilege and pleasure of worship because of — what she thought — was ridicule. Of course, it was a foolish excuse, but to her the wound was deep even after nine years.

THE STORY SEEMS AMUSING NOW, but I have sympathy for that dear old lady even though I know her attitude was mistaken. Little things seemed large and she had time to brood over things. The weapon of ridicule is keen and can make people very unhappy.

JESUS FACED RIDICULE frequently when he said concerning a little girl: "She is not dead but sleepeth." Even the mourners laughed him to scorn. These professional mourners had been weeping loudly but their tears were quickly changed to loud laughter. No doubt Jesus was deeply hurt by ridicule; the sharpest of all weapons. I am sure that when the enemies of Jesus placed a crown of thorns on his head and said with mock solemnity: "Behold your king!" it struck keenly.

SOME PEOPLE ARE EASILY HURT and often stay hurt for a long time. I think it is particularly true of young people. Sarcastic or cynical remarks are often remembered for years or even during a lifetime. A famous French writer once said: "Let us face this truth; some people are so sensitive they go through life as a man would walk over broken bottles with bare feet."

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by George Morrison: "We are never so cruel as when we are scornful."

Letters to the Editor

Toronto, Ont. March 10, 1956 Editor, Stouffville Tribune,

Dear Sir: The following question in the course of a recent editorial made a home-run in this reader's simple mind, and is the "ignition-spark" behind this brief letter: "What factor is there in the business of living which is more valuable than experience?" (Lindsay Post).

Only the other day, in the course of an address, I noted the assurance of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (Ezra T. Benson) that the average farmer has to be an economist, a bookkeeper, a gambler on weather and market trends, an engineer and a veterinarian, a mechanic and an agronomist! In closing, the above authoritative speaker directly warned the farmer that "He has to be a jack-of-all-trades — and master of all!"

Now, sir, there is something slightly disturbing, not to say offensive, in the above picture being drawn by one who, it would seem fair to assume, knows farmers and their problems. From my groundline angle, the above capabilities and talents (even if cut ever so thinly) are factual enough. On that score, there can be superficial agreement. Yet, the pattern is contrary to all human experience. This furnishes the basis for my protest; for I am one reader who is convinced that the need for such a variegated group of sciences and skills is the weakness in the agricultural industry and those engaged in it, rather than its strength. The farmer is the victim of the life principle about which one of the wise men warns in the same number of words as the above authority: "He dissipates his strength over a miscellany of objects."

I wouldn't greatly mind some so-called "city slicker" attempting to glamorize the weak link in this primary activity, which sends the farmer to the foot of

the income class in every country; but when an agricultural authority attempts to do so, I feel it is time to at least present the other side of the picture. —AVERAGE FARMER

Must Restrict 'Frills' in Education Warns Leslie Frost

Premier Frost said last week that municipalities will have to restrict their spending on education during the next 10 years to bare essentials.

Repeating a warning he gave to the Ontario Federation of Mayors and Reeves recently he told the Ontario legislature the government will not be able to help municipalities to finance more than basic educational requirements.

With school enrolment expected to climb another 750,000 within the next ten years, millions of dollars would have to be spent on providing facilities.

The present provincial policy of not paying grants for the building of gymnasiums, auditoriums, manual and domestic training rooms and swimming pools would have to be continued.

Opposition leader Farquhar Oliver said it is time the government woke up to the fact that these "so-called frills" are an essential part of modern education.

Provincial grants to municipal school boards were falling far short of what was urgently required. The government, he said, is meeting only a bit more than 30 per cent of the cost of education instead of the 50 per cent promised in 1913.

This want ad appeared in the Dundee, Scotland, Telegraph: "A haunted castle requires a skeleton staff."

Observatory: A place where things are always looking up.

civil defence notebook

CIVIL DEFENCE IN WAR (6th in a series of 24 articles) Have you ever wondered why you keep hearing and reading about civil defence all the time these days? Why don't they drop the subject for a while? Let's talk about something cheerful for a change. How much do they expect a person to take? How long is this going to go on?

If you have wondered about these questions, you're certainly not the only one. But what about these questions — what are the answers? Let's drop the present for a moment then and look back at some recent history.

The airplane has probably done more than any other device contrived by man to bring war from the battlefield into the backyard. So let P. F. Worthington, federal civil defence co-ordinator, take the history from here. And don't think he has a personal axe to grind in this civil defence business. He confessed to some 70 newspaper and radio reporters recently that he'd far rather be home in Vancouver enjoying his retirement. "But there was a job to do," he said. "They asked me to do it." He left it at that.

"Following the Second World War," he told a group of women in Toronto not long ago, "it was fully realized that, in any future conflict, the civil population would inevitably become a target in the strategic aim of an aggressor for two reasons."

"First, because in a democratic country the government responds to the will of the people and if the morale and the will of the people is broken, it will reflect immediately upon the centre of government and may well bring about capitulation."

"Second, the complexity of weapons and equipment required in modern warfare renders the armed forces dependent upon production and production depends upon the men and women who work in the fields and factories."

"Therefore, if the will to work or the people themselves is destroyed, production will cease and the armed forces cannot continue the struggle."

How to meet this new menace to every man, woman and child — for the H-bomb makes no exception to age or sex — was the problem out of which grew modern civil defence. But how

should civil defence be created? There were two possible solutions.

The federal government could set up a central body, semi-military in nature, to make civil defence compulsory across the country. But how would this be accepted by each province? How would your community like to be told how to protect itself by some official in a distant Capital?

The other solution, the one Canada chose, was an organization based on the ancient concept of self-help, from which so many services already existing in Canada have arisen. Now, F. F. Worthington again:

"To maintain peace in the world, as it is today, demands a heavy price — the price of preparedness because no aggressor nation will dare attack unless it is reasonably sure to win — and to win, our home front must be knocked out."

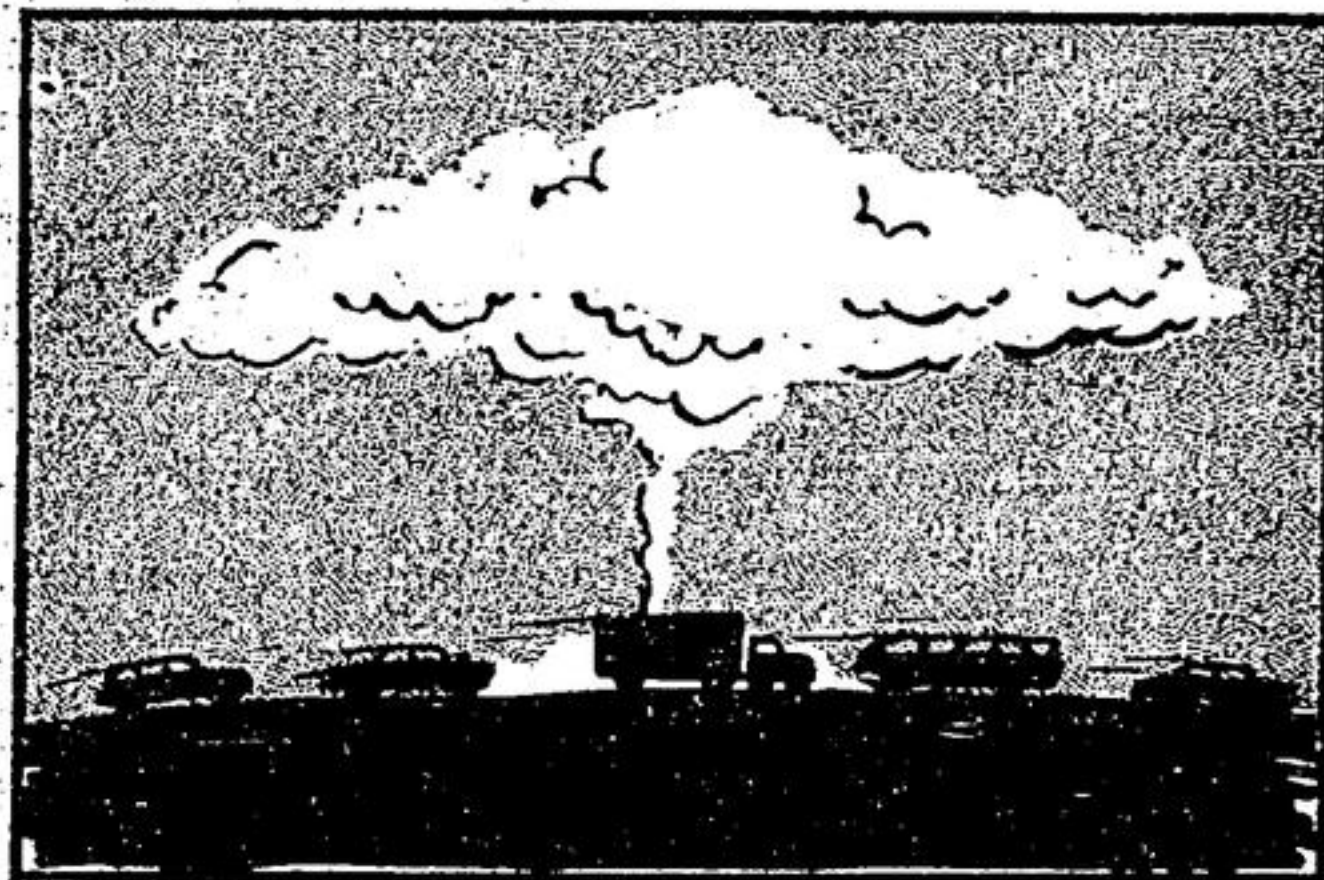
This preparation we call civil defence must be carefully carried out. It requires time, but above everything else, it requires the acceptance of responsibility at every level of government and of as many of its citizens as possible."

He added: "There is hardly a community in our country that will not be affected in the event of enemy attack. There is a feeling that the smaller communities in the 'safe' areas have little responsibility for preparedness because they are 'out of harm's way.'"

I wish to emphasize in the strongest possible terms that such a belief is entirely erroneous. No one city, however big, can withstand the terrible effects of a nuclear weapon without the combined efforts of each and every community within reasonable distance, and when I say reasonable distance I am talking in terms of hours of travel — not miles."

Does that answer the question? All but one — how long does this go on? Here's that answer from G. S. Hatton, deputy federal civil defence co-ordinator:

"The need for civil defence will continue until either we have achieved a permanent secure peace or our military advisers are able to guarantee that no enemy can make a successful attack on this country. Neither is a foreseeable contingency and as long as we need a military defence we shall need a civil defence."



Box Grove

Mrs. Shirley Howard

We have been asked to announce that the library in the Youth Centre was opened for the first time on Monday. Although there is a very good selection of books available, only two children were there. There is no charge for a library card and there are books on the shelves for all ages including adults, so do take advantage of this opportunity. Miss Armstrong has spent many hours cataloguing the books and will be at the Youth Centre every

Monday afternoon from 4:30 till 5:30 to help you make your selection.

The boys of the Senior Boys' Club did not have a regular meeting last Tuesday, instead they attended Exhibition Night held by the Unionville Lions Club Peevee Hockey League for the boys and their friends to mark the end of the current hockey season. The local boys who took part in the exhibition were Clarence Deeger (star goalie), Rae Coakwell, Ernie Armstrong, Eddy Gray, Paul Bajari and Donnie Wicks.

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For Parents Only

Hockey, Canadian Gift

By Nancy Cleaver

Here's to hockey, a truly Canadian sport and a game which has become popular all over North America and Europe! In the 1870's a game with the players on skates hitting a ball with a stick was played on the ice on many Canadian rivers and lakes.

A group of players at McGill University, Montreal, thought that the round ball went too far when struck and thus slowed up the game. A bright student took a knife, cut off two pieces from either side of the ball, and produced the first rough puck.

The early hockey games were played with an indefinite and usually large number of players on each side. Later the number on each team was gradually reduced to the standard six-man team of today.

From Canada the popularity of hockey spread to our neighbour to the South late in the last century. Early in this century British and then European countries were attracted by the speed of the skaters, and the brilliant teamwork necessary for success. Each winter the eyes of sport fans are on the hockey battles in the Olympic games and national competitions. Radio added greatly to the number of hockey enthusiasts and now TV has gained a lot more hockey supporters.

Hockey is played in every place large and small from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the 49th parallel to the North Pole. Many thoughtful citizens regret the great outcry from some quarters when our Canadian team was defeated by the Russians in the Olympic games.

Most parents prefer to have the moulders of public opinion place emphasis on good sportsmanship rather than on the necessity of winning! Fortunately the majority of youngsters pick up from volunteer coaches in hockey and in other sports, a code of being a good loser and generous winner.

This is surely just as important equipment for life as skill, physical stamina and team-play in a game. In the center in which we live, a large number of boys belonging to Sunday School classes are members of a Church hockey league. Their practice hours, and the time of their league games, are frequently at odd times, (often early Saturday morning) when other teams don't care to play.

Not too many parents turn out to see their sons battling valiantly on the ice. How many mothers and fathers have expressed their appreciation of the men who work out these hockey schedules, arrange for the use of the arena and coach the teams? How many have ever thanked the women's organizations who have donated hockey sweaters for the teams?

The smallness of the number of grateful parents might surprise you!

Active participation in athletics under the supervision of men who want to see boys develop into good citizens is excellent insurance against the growth of juvenile delinquency. The old saying about "Satan finds work for idle hands to do" is still true. A boy occupied with sports is likely to be a happy boy who keeps out of trouble with the law.

There are not many girl's hockey teams, but skating is a great source of pleasure to many girls and boys. This healthful exercise on a lake, pond or river, out in the sunshine, is particularly enjoyable. This is a truly Canadian sport of which we can all be proud. (Copyright)

GORMLEY

Mrs. C. Milsted (March 15)

Mr. Murray Bennett is convalescing at his home, from pneumonia.

Master Peter Johnston is improving following his bout with pneumonia.

Master Victor Noble was able to come home from Sick Children's Hospital on Saturday but is confined to bed.

Mrs. Alex Lambe of Kirkland Lake spent a week recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estyn Roberts.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wideman on the birth of their daughter at York County Hospital, Newmarket. The Junior Sewing Circle of the U.M.S. Church met on Monday night at the home of Miss Marilyn Harman.

The Annual Rally of Christ Crusaders was held on Sunday at the Heise Hill Church. About seventy-five young people sat down to the Sunday dinner meeting. The Crusade had charge of the morning and evening service. Rev. Arthur Heise of Tillsonburg spoke at both services.

M-M-MONEY



WHY WORRY ABOUT IT WHEN IT'S SO EASY TO LET AN AD IN THIS NEWSPAPER TURN THINGS YOU NO LONGER NEED INTO CASH

Advertisement for Canadian Army recruitment, featuring a soldier and text about career opportunities.

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