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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

Elected School Boards

The advisability of electing high school trustees is being widely discussed in the province at the present time when so large a share of the tax dollar is going for educational pur-

Norfolk County Council and Simcoe Town Council have deliberated the matter at recent meetings with most councillors being in favor of electing trustees, provided that a suitable system could be worked out. The main problem appears to exist in the layout of high school districts, which in many cases take in portions of municipalities. It would be a difficult task to prepare voters' lists, but not an impossible one.

Despite the complex voting sit-

uation, councillors are speaking out strongly in support of an electoral system for trustees. They are taking such a stand because of the fact that school boards are spending approximately one-third-and in many instances considerably more - of the tax money raised by municipalities. Councils have a say in appointing trustees, but they feel that the electors should be given a voice when so much is at stake.

Voting for public school trustees has long been established in Ontario. A similar set-up would be warranted for high school trustees in the light of the millions of dollars being ex-. pended on secondary school educa--Simcoe Reformer

Really Vital Statistics

According to the experts on vital statistics, married men hang onto life longer than their unmarried bro-

Not only do they tend to stick around longer, but they aren't as easy prey to things like ulcers, hypertension, heart disease, cancer, tuberculosis and pneumonia. And they don't jump out of windows as often as the unmarried.

The list of perils they have better luck in avoiding is longer than that, but you get the idea.

According to a newspaper report, Graham Lount, vice president of the . National House Builders' Association has suggested to the convention of that group, that houses are being -built too well. They last too long.

The speaker said, "It is up to us to make the consumer so dissatisfied with his house that he is going to go out and buy a new one more quickly than he would have. I am not recommending that we should cut quality, but we should temper it with realism."

Being in an area where there is considerable building, we must say that if there is anything we don't need, it's a decrease in the standards of workmanship, which are all too often, much too low already.

While buyers seem to have accepted the fact that they have to

Uxbridge, Wednesday last with soon as possible.

The annual meeting of the variety:

quality potatoes. He pointed out potatoes.

but that improvements could be resolution.

the license for the Ontario vari- ford:

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Milburn Meek, the president in

made in marketing techniques.

the chair.

these findings are going to be tough to digest. There'll be plenty of skeptics. In fact, one already is on the record with: "Life longer for the married man? Hah! It only seems longer."

are pretty harassed around the house,

For a lot of men who think they.

Nevertheless, men, the figures are there in big bundles. So when you. hear that nagging voice jawing at you, think of it as sweet music. It's your insurance policy.

How Foolish Can You Get?

pay steadily mounting prices, many are thoroughly fed up with getting inferior products at high cost. Foolhardy waste of time and

vice-president. Albert

WEEK

materials is an indictment now against our generation. The fact seems even more shocking when we realize that half the people in the world are underfed, underhoused, and undereducated.

The House Builders Association, would do much better to concentrate on the best possible quality they can provide. It is possible that sales have slowed up already because of the lack of confidence engendered in the public by poor materials and poor workmanship. Healthy business conditions. are built on conscientious service.

It may be that suckers are born every minute, but some of them live. long enough to smarten up.

'Is Your Estate a Target for Taxes?"

to General Trusts Co.

have realized this before, but this arrangement your wife Act you would have paid \$9,000 taxes, nearly one third of every reduced. dollar. This compares with over ed. The result is that of all the portfolio contains only Cana ated against for the Dominion income tax collected since 1917. dian stocks which qualify for Government reduced their tax three-quarters of the total am- the 20% dividend credit which to one-half the amount. last 10 or 11 years.

sion in Business and Industry would be over \$2,400. est and most scientifically de- his tax rates are high, but on died in any other province.

immigrants accounted for more age. Retirement Savings Plans may be very important to a 100,000 persons sitting down to Annuities Branch. the next day another 100,000, pension, you may pay the differ- ed in Ontario by the Ontario and the next day. Some start- ence between your payments to limit of \$500. world population is exploding 500. with fantastic increases. took thousands of years for the 1950 of 2.5 billion. In just forty short years from now that figure will be doubled. Something will happen to prevent man planet. But what?

Six hundred years from now, if the present rate of growth continues unchecked, there will only be one square yard of land for every man, woman and child in the world. Yes, the population as well as higher incomes has helped to increase revenues for the Government. This heavy taxation does not in 1931 the average age

seem to affect our health, for death for males was 60 and females 62, now it is 66 for males and 71 for females. These figures are calculated from birth but once you reach adulthood, the life expectancy is increased considerably. A longer, life is a prospect for today's Canadians. However, we are not taking any chances; the amount of life insurance owned -expressed in terms of national income - is higher in Canada than any-

where else in the world. The Government levies taxes against our income to help balance the budget, and then it is up to us with what we have left to budget the balance. To do us and arrange our affairs in would be a saving of unnecessary taxes,

The most important taxes that affect you are the Income Tax. Gift Tax, and Succession

Duty Tax. . The Income Tax, of course, is still heavy, but if one has more income than he requires for his current needs, he may be well advised to reduce his income by way of gifts made out of capital. Where the Testa-Following by only two weeks | tor contemplates making beelected deputy-reeve of New- you can make gifts in any year to one person, provided the ag-Mr. Struthers will seek a gregate value does not exceed or enter the public relations able income of the preceding year which was left after paying income tax, whichever is the greater. In addition, you can make as many gifts as you wish to any number of persons if each gift does not exceed \$1,000. Recently, due to an amendment of the Income Tax Act, an individual may make a once in a lifetime gift to his wife of his I home and receive a special exemption of \$10,000, which is in addition to other exemptions normally allowed under the

> This may be important to you for under normal conditions you can now either place a \$14,000 home in your wife's name or register a \$28,000 home in both your names. You would then have reduced your estate by \$14,000. Gifts made within the exemptions allowed are not subject to Gift Tax and will not be subject to Succession Duty, provided three years has elapsed since the date of the gift under the Dominion Act and five years under the Provincial Act.

Gift Tax.

For those who have large estates. Income Tax may be reduced through various clauses in a Will. For instance, if a widow had a \$10,000 income from an estate she would pay income tax on the full amount even though a portion of the income would be used for her children's maintenance and sup-

This is the text of a most re- port. Perhaps it would have leave a \$100,000 estate and vealing address given before been better if the income had your dependents are a wife and members of The Stouffville been divided among the wife four minor children, under the Lions Club on Monday night by and children in the Will, or a new Estate Tax Act there will Chris C. Morris, manager, busi- clause included stating that af- not be any tax. This is because ness development of the Toron- ter consultation with your wife, the Act provides an exemption the trustee would pay to your of \$60,000 for your wife and wife and children certain am- \$10,000 for each child under 21. Some of you here may not ounts out of the income. Under Under the Succession Duty

Canadians paid over 31c of ev- could receive \$5,000 and the tax so we welcome the new Esery dollar earned in 1957 to the children the balance. Your wife tate Tax Act. However, it costs Federal. Provincial and Municia's guardian receives the child-more to die in Ontario than any pal Governments in the form of ren's share and Income Tax is other Canadian Province where the Testator leaves his estate Perhaps some of you may outright, with the exception of 17c in 1929, nearly twice as not be aware that it is pos- smaller dutiable estates. It was much now as 29 years ago. Pro- sible to have an Investment In- not the intention when the Dofits and incomes during recent come of \$12,000 and yet pay an minion Government entered this years have been at high levels Income Tax of only \$74.00. This field of taxation that the citizens and they are all being well tax- can be done if your investment of Ontario should be discrimin-

ount has been collected in the is deducted from the tax pay- In Ontario, the trouble occurs able. If there were no Canadian when in many cases the Ontario Certainly Canada's expan- stocks in your portfolio, the tax Tax is more than one-half the Dominion Tax. The result is that has been much greater in the You can have a Pension or in. in Ontario with a \$100,000 estate last 10 years, than at any other crease your present pension. All going outright to the widow time in our history. However, payments made on the purchase and four dependents. you pay it does appear that we all work of your pension will be allowed \$625.00 more than if you had for the Government but the as deductions against personal died in Quebec which also has Politician is wise, he gets pald taxable income. It is true, your two acts, and \$5,525 more than for it. It is only fair, however, pension will be taxed when re- if you had died in any other pro-to admit that the Income Tax ceived, but the main tax fact vince, and for a \$200,000 estate represents the fiscal expression is to enable a taxpayer to "av- you would pay \$1,668 more than of centuries of groping toward erage" his income. He can make if you had died in Quebec, and a better world, and is the fair- a deduction from income when \$6,768 more than if you had

signed method yet devised of receiving annuity payments, he Also, the new Act permits in obtaining government revenues. will be taxable at a time when surance companies to advance It represents a marked stride ordinarily rates will be low. For up to \$11,500 immediately on in both our social and our fis- the majority of people, tax rates death, merely by notifying the after retirement are much lower tax office and without waiting More and more people are due to decreased income and for permission to make such helping to increase government there is a higher personal exem- advance. This ready availability revenues. Between 1950 and 1956 ption after sixty-five years of of funds for day-to-day living than two-thirds of the labour are operated by Trust Compa- family. However, the Ontario force in Canada. When you got nies, Insurance Companies, Mu- Act restricts the amount to up this morning there were tual funds and the Government \$2,500. The result is that in Ontario \$2,500 is the limit.

breakfast tables around the If you are self-employed, you Savings in Banks or Trust world who were not here yes may pay 10% of your earned Companies may be released unterday. Tomorrow there will be income up to \$2,500. If you de der the Dominion Act up to another 100,000 new faces and cide to increase your present \$1,500. But this is again govern

ling statistics put together by your company Plan and 10% of Another fact is that the two the United Nations show the your earned income up to \$1,- Acts differ substantially in prin ciple and practice and must be Under the new Dominion Es- settled separately with the Dotate Tax Act, which came into minion and Provincial Governworld to reach a population in effect the first of the year, the ments. This results in additiontax is calculated on the value al expense, confusion and delay of the estate, regardless of how The Government of Ontario the estate is divided among the should amend their Successionbeneficiaries, whereas under the duty Act, thereby bringing their from crowding himself off this Succession Duty Act the tax is Act up-to-date with the change dependent not only on the val- that has taken place in economue but also the size of each ic conditions today and in line bequest and the family relation- with the new Dominion Estate ship of the beneficiaries to the Tax Act.

deceased. In other words, the Under the new Estate Tax Act new Estate Tax Act is easier the rate of tax is the same whe For appointment anytime, phone to calculate and in addition pro- ther the estate is given immedvides for increased exemptions. lately to your wife, or is held in Main Street For instance, if you should (Continued on page 4)

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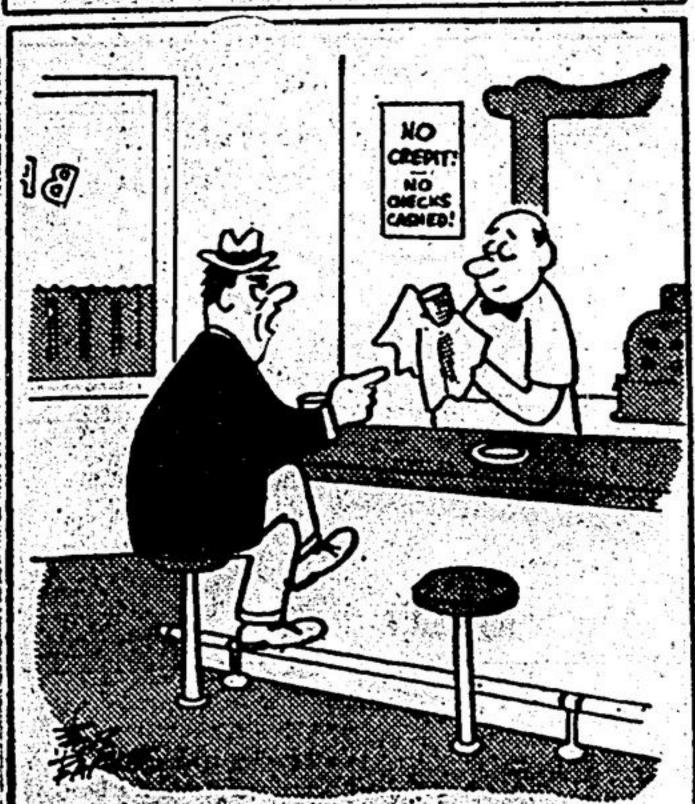
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Clarence Leech, South Simco County, spoke on the resolution Mr. Meek was appointed to the R. E. Goodin, fields crops presented by the South Simco Ontario County delegate to the branch, addressed the group, Potato Growers in connection annual provincal potato growers'

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BETWEENTOURSELVES

Strength for Climbina The late Arthur Guiterman wrote a poem in which he turns from the easy paths of life and declares his preference for difficult things. He scorns the level plains and gentle valleys and asks, like Caleb of old, for hills to climb.

"I want my hills - the trail that scorns the hollow.

Up, up the ragged shale where few will follow. How pure at vesper-time the far bells' chiming; God, give me hills to climb, and strength for climbing." One cannot but admire the healthy, wholesome spirit in which these lines are written. There are hearts that eagerly respond whenever and wherever there is an appeal for courage. When Sir Ernest Shackleton asked for volunteers to join him in an Antarctic expedition where terrific hardships were certain, he was deluged with applications. The explorer him-

absolute security pleaded for a place in his crew. For very many people, the hills of life have put a terrific strain upon them. It almost seems as if some were not made for steep ascents. They are hesitant, sensitive and easily discouraged, and their timidity is often mistaken for cowardice. Of some it has been said that they pass through life as one would walk over a path of broken bottles with bare feet. :

self was amazed when men occupying positions of ease and

After conducting a service in a Canadian city, the writer was met by a middle-aged man who said: "I am not looking for financial assistance but I am so utterly discouraged I simply have to talk to someone. Twenty-four years ago I came to this country from England with my wife and two children. We were so happy then. After a few years my boy died and soon afterwards his sister passed on, and then, their mother. During the severe financial depression I lost my job and sometimes I feel I just can't carry on."

Even in such cases, the steep acent must be made; the hills must be climbed. Some of the saddest pages of history are those which tell of men and women who sought escape from the common lot of mankind by flight or seclusion, or in some other way. There is no such deliverance. But it is here that the message of religion is most heartening. True courage simply means strength of heart, and this is a basic truth of spiritual religion: "He shall strengthen thine heart."

What a delightful verse is in Psalm 110:7 - "he shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head." One does not need much imagination to visualize that scene; a weary traveller dragging himself along a highway in some Oriental land; the intense longing for cool water which could refresh drooping energies, then the clear brook; how welcome it would be. Thirty centuries ago the writer of that Psalm understood the ministry of religion - it revives drooping energies, he said, it redeems life from despair.

We all have hills to climb and we may have strength for climbing. That is a simple statement but I think a true one. I have known a vast number of young people, devout and sincere, who embarked on the Christian life and always there has been in my heart the prayer that they might have strength to climb the steep hills.

On the south-east coast of England there are chalk cliffs

that rise perpendicularly out of the sea. A lady, who for many years had lived near these white walls, once dreamed that she was climbing up the face of these cliffs by means of iron holds which were firmly set in the cliffs. On and on she climbed until with diminishing strength, she came near the top. Then at the crucial time her strength almost completely left her, and in despair she felt unable to proceed one more step. She dared not look below but she looked upwards, and suddenly a great hand was stretched toward her and closed upon her, then lifted her over to safety. It was assurance she needed, for life had been hard for her, and she had attempted too much in her own strength. What a singularly beautiful and dramatic fulfillment of this incident is found in Ezekiel 2:9 (Moffat): 'Then I looked, and there was a hand stretched out to me."

Our quotation today is by James Thompson: "There is a great free masonery of sorrow."