

Editorial . . .

Let's Curb This "Nonsense"

We sat in the House of Commons at Ottawa last week and listened, at times with disgust, as speaker after speaker rose with questions meant only to consume time or embarrass the government. We were also surprised with the leniency allowed by the Speaker of the House, who after all, is the chairman of proceedings. Naturally the Minority Government of Prime Minister Pearson would like to see these unnecessary questions curbed and naturally it is the Opposition parties who have the final say as it is their prerogative to question the government.

If there was any chance that this prerogative was in danger unquestionably everyone would oppose the move to curb the questioners. However we all know this questioning

privilege has been abused by all parties, and has at times degenerated into a game to see how long it can be kept up, thus holding back legislation which could be of value to the country.

The move to limit the question periods to thirty minutes is a move in the right direction but making the speakers stick to matters which are of real public concern may be more difficult to enforce.

Nevertheless rules can be changed and should be changed if they jeopardize the welfare of the people. At the same time we believe that either the Speaker should have more authority to keep the sessions in line or if he has sufficient authority already he should exercise it a little more rigidly.

Can't Expect Something For Nothing

One of the chief complaints that will likely be introduced at the town nomination event on Thursday evening (tonight) will likely touch on industrial assessment or the lack of it as the subject pertains to Stouffville. Some criticism was voiced from the floor last year and from our vantage point, it would appear that the situation is still about par for the 1962 course.

We have an industrial committee here comprising well-meaning gentlemen who are as anxious to welcome industry within our municipal borders as any taxpayer critic but the truth of the matter is, you can't expect something for nothing.

With no remuneration, the committee members are no more able to take the time and trouble to search

for this type of tax relief than any of our commuter cousins or resident ratepayers. They receive nothing and nothing is received. Some towns and townships have acquired the services of well-paid industrial promoters to handle such important posts. We seem to expect the same service at some one else's expense, for free.

On the same issue last week in Markham Township Council, Reeve Charles Hooper contended that in the interests of industrial expansion, such a committee should display its "public spirit" and be satisfied with gasoline money. This is all very kind, co-operative and generous but we cannot help but wonder if the receipts from this committee will just about equal the payments for their year's activity.

"Kicks" Should Be Reversed

On Hallowe'en night, vandals entered the grounds of the Forsyth Cemetery south of Glasgow in Uxbridge Twp. and caused considerable damage to several tombstones there. Not satisfied, these lower forms of humanity returned again last week and caused damage even more extensive than on their initial escapade. A reward has been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the parties responsible.

These grounds, although not

used, have been kept in a neat and trim condition due to the efforts of a few local men who still retain a link with past pioneers now buried there. Funds to care for such premises are limited and acts of vandalism such as occurred at the site recently only add to the trustees' problems.

We sincerely hope that these irresponsible individuals are caught and convicted. It could bring an end to other related incidents of destruction that have occurred in the area over the past year.

All Too Quiet On The Election Front

With nominations in three local municipalities, Stouffville, Markham and Uxbridge Townships only hours away and three others, Markham Village, Whitchurch and Pickering, pending next week, one would expect that the electorate would be all primed up for this annual platform performance. In spite of the fact that three councils are headed towards two-year terms, there appears to be a general feeling of dis-interest among the ratepayers.

We feel that the main cause of apathy among the residents is due to the fact that there are few vital issues at stake and the general spending of the people's money is no longer any cause for concern.

If you want to attract a standing-

room audience to a nomination gathering in Stouffville the Council must first initiate plans to dismiss a policeman or organize a plebiscite for permission to slip a few grains of fluoride into the town's drinking water. It's the same everywhere you go. Create a little dissension among the rank and file of the electors and then hold onto your hat.

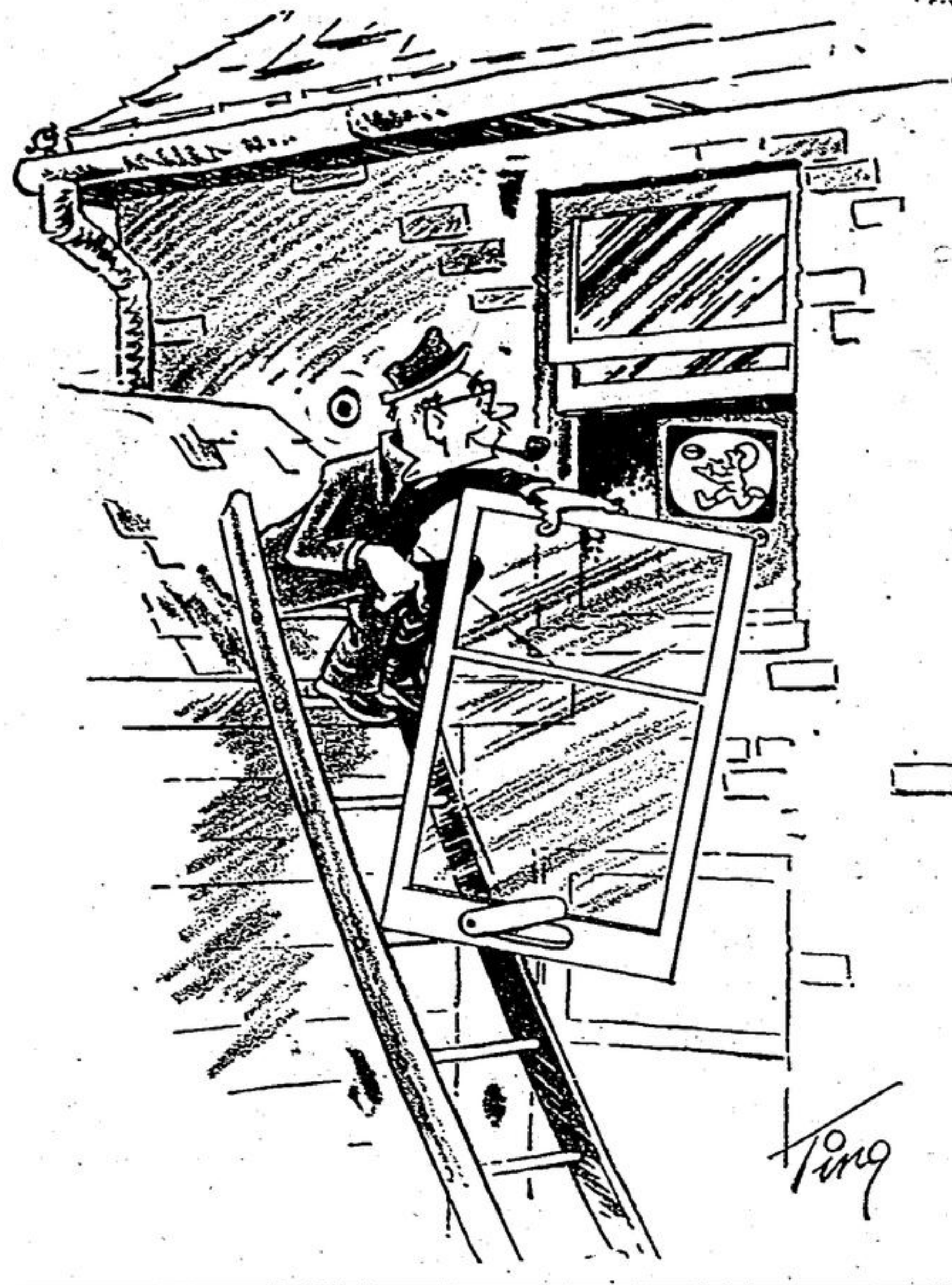
We can see little reason for verbal fireworks here in Stouffville, Markham Village, Whitchurch or Markham Township. Assessment problems could create a slight stir in Uxbridge Township and to an even lesser degree in Pickering. The sum and substance of the whole election picture would appear to be — no issues — no interest.

Spare Cash In Dusty Places

If you find any old government pamphlets in your attic don't toss them into the garbage can. They may be worth money. Four pages published during the third session of the first Parliament of Lower Canada, entitled "Act for Regulating the Manner of Licensing Public Houses" recently sold for \$75. At a Victoria antique auction this year Captain Walbran's "B.C. Coast Names," published in 1909 for less than \$2.00,

sold for \$85. Bidding is keen among scholars, writers, librarians and museums for informative material important to basic research.

We might add a further note. If, at any time, you locate very old copies of your local newspaper, it would be an excellent idea to let the publisher know, or at least save them carefully. The opening and expansion of local museums make these early papers of great interest today. By "old" we mean previous to 1890.



Sunday School Lesson

Golden Text: To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.—2 Cor. 5:19.

Approach to the Lesson
The theme throughout the first five chapters of 2 Corinthians is Christian service in general and, more particularly, the ministry entrusted to Paul. He has set forth the spiritual nature of that ministry in chapter 3, and its compulsion, cost and sufficiency in chapter 4. In 4:18 he sets his sights on eternal values, which leads naturally in 5:1-9 to a warm statement of his happy expectation of glory when he is with Christ which is far better (Phil. 1:23). But, unlike so many Christians he realizes that there is a day-by-day discipline implicit in that hope: for when he needs Christ, he will have to give an account to Him of the use of his time and talents. The thought is sobering: "It is our aim, therefore, to please Him, whether we are 'at home' or 'away'. For every one of us will have to stand without pretense before Christ our Judge, and we shall be rewarded for what we did when we lived in our bodies, whether it was good or bad."

No one who is aware of the self-pleasing lives of many of our Anglican Christians today can fail to feel how sharply this reveals our present need. We must all stand before Christ as our Judge and give an account of the way we have spent our time, money and talents. Summers spent idly, Sundays used for personal laziness or pleasure, inordinate time spent on coffee breaks, golf courses, in reading light literature, or in careless gossip, what sort of an account will this be? And what then shall we say of Christian service carelessly rendered, mission-fields at home and abroad neglected, money retained to foster pride of life and to keep up with the Joneses? How then will anybody be able to justify the unforgivable sin of Christ-rejection? Surely the petty, even if sometimes true, excuses of non-Christians, inadequate preachers, insufficient time—will die on their lips.

Our lesson, therefore, takes every life in all its facets and holds it up to the searching light of Christ's judgment. It is bracing, challenging teaching such as we all need. As Dr. McLaren has said: "It is this setting of the will of Jesus Christ, high up above all other commandments, and proposing to one's self as the aim that swallows up all other aims, that I may please Him—it is this and not creeds, forms, opinions, professions, or even a faith that simply trusts Him for salvation that makes a true Christian. You are a Christian in the precise measure in which Christ's will is uppermost and exclusive in your life, and for all your professions and your orthodoxy and your worship and your faith, not one halfbreath further."

Heart of the Lesson
The Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is so complete that it revolutionizes the life. For example, note the sense of responsibility with which the child of God carries out the joyful but solemn commission. Not all are called to preach or teach but all have the responsibility of sharing this ministry of reconciliation. By living a transformed life, supporting the ministry of the Gospel at home and overseas by prayer and gifts, being loyal to those who carry on that high calling, gossiping the Gospel among friends and acquaint-

Sugar & Spice

by Bill Smiley

I think you'll agree that we all have problems. If you don't you're either dead or rich, and in either case have no business reading this column.

Wouldn't it be grand if we voters could solve our problems as easily as the government does?

When an ordinary person has a problem — too many bills, Mother hitting the bottle, children getting lippy, storm windows not on yet — he has to do something about it, either positively or negatively.

That is, he finds a solution to the problems or he doesn't. He stops paying his bills, tries to get Mom off the bottle and onto the bingo games, gives the kids a belt on the ear, and talks his neighbour into helping him put on the storms.

Or, if he's another type, he pulls his head into his shoulders and hopes. He hopes that he'll win a sweepstake, that Mother will join AA, that the kids will stop bullying him, and that it'll be a mild winter.

Either way, he has to make a decision — whether to act or hope. Not so the government. Municipal, provincial or federal, it has a much neater way out of dilemmas. It appoints a body to look into the matter. And in this case, body and corpse are often synonymous.

Ask a municipal council for new street lights, adequate sewage disposal, or patches for the potholes. It listens politely, and promises to "refer the matter to the proper committee". Six months later, when your fine fire of indignation has fizzled out, the council announces that the request would cost too much.

Ask a provincial government for more booze outlets, for bigger highways and smaller schools, and it immediately appoints a commission. After studying the matter for two years, the commission announces that, having weighed all the factors, it has decided that the best solution is an increase in the sales tax.

Ask a federal government to do something about unemployment, segregation or culture and it appoints a Royal Commission. This sounds more imposing than the town council's "committee", but serves the same function.

After four years of intensive study by the top men in the land, the commission states, in a 784-page brief, that unemployment is bad, or that segregation is silly, or that culture is good.

You think I'm exaggerating? Tell me, then, why the Government recently appointed the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism. Because it didn't know what to do about all the fuss the people of Quebec have been making? You're right.

I wish the commission nothing but the best. But I am certain that its public hearings will do more to increase French-English irritations than lessen them. And I am equally certain that its findings will be as stimulating as a tapioca pudding.

After all, everyone agrees that Canada has no culture at all. And here we have a commission to investigate two cultures.

And anyone in his right mind knows this country is not bilingual, despite all the night school classes filled with people madly "taking" conversational French. But never mind, we have a commission to look into the matter, so all is in safe hands.

However, all this is none of my business. I'd love to be bilingual and bicultural, but I ain't neither. And I caresay you ain't neither, neither.

All I wanted to say here was that I find this commission idea fascinating. It's the solution to every problem that promises to be awkward.

Jack, next time your wife says she simply must have new drapes to match the new rug that she had to buy to match the new chesterfield, just cool her with, "I've appointed a commission to look into it."

ances, using our God-entrusted gifts in the spread of the Gospel, and earnestly desiring the best gifts — by these, and every other available means, we are committed to the fulfillment of our high calling as the ambassadors of Christ. And we are to do this in the knowledge that one day we must render to God an account of our stewardship.

GORMLEY SAND & GRAVEL WINS CONTRACT

Gormley Sand & Gravel was the successful bidder for the supply of sand for Markham Township for this winter's slippery roads. The price was \$1.04 a ton for 2,000 tons. There were three other tenders.

A loose "tent" of foil over the top of a roasting bird will keep it from burning. Food experts at Macdonald Institute, Guelph, recommend foil rather than a tight fitting lid on the pan.

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By the way . . .

Anne Ross

We looked in vain in last week's Tribune for a report of the Commencement Exercises of Stouffville District High School . . . a most impressive program of awards and achievements, not only of the Grade XIII graduating class, but also students of Grades XI and XII. Such a report would have been a treasured record for the participating students and their parents. We found a picture of valedictorian, Wayne Hamilton and another of the winner of top honours, Helen Busato, both of whom in years to come, will look back with pride and pleasure on this evidence of their achievement. However, there was no mention of the other winners of scholarships and bursaries, nor of the representative of the Provincial Department of Education or other dignitaries assembled on the platform, nor of the choir and band participating in the program.

We found too an editorial extolling the merits of the newly-enlarged school building, but inferring a questionable regard for the teaching staff. Perhaps we received an impression not intended by the author of the editorial, but the obvious inference seemed to be derogatory to the competence of the high school teachers. The editorial reads in part — "Certainly the Board's efforts in providing top-notch facilities in the way of building and equipment leave nothing to be desired. To match these facilities with teaching proficiency equally as good may not be as easy, and this is the goal at which we think they should now be aiming."

Well, just for the record, at the Commencement there was a total of \$2,950.00 presented to students in scholarships and bursaries. This amount does not include the monetary and other awards presented by local citizens and organizations, but is made up of a \$400.00 Ontario Government scholarship awarded to the student with an overall average of 80% or more; four \$500.00 Dominion-Provincial Student Aid bursaries; one \$250.00 bursary and a \$200.00 and a \$100.00 Teachers Federation bursary, the winners of these chosen by local and provincial teachers.

There were 153 Certificates presented to students, thirty-one of which were awarded to Grade XIII or Honours graduates and ten to the Special Commercial students; thirty for Grade XII matriculation and ninety-two Intermediate Certificates. Altogether a record of achievement equally as impressive as the building in which the presentations were made!

While some parents may be concerned with the progress made by their sons or daughters in some particular subject, (which concern should be discussed with the teacher involved or Mr. Duxbury,) may I assure the teaching staff at Stouffville District High School especially those who are new-comers to this area, that the parents of high school students obtaining their education at your hands, have the utmost confidence in your proficiency to teach and your interest in our children's welfare.
Editor's Note

Just to keep the records straight and in case some readers may have very short memories, The Tribune carried a four column front page headline story (July 4th) listing the winners of individual awards for all students from grade 9 through to grade 12. Later (August 15th) The Tribune featured a six column front page headline story extolling the accomplishments of the grade 13 graduates and listing in order of merit, with photos, the winner of bursaries and scholarships. Prior to the Commencement, The Tribune carried a two column front page story (Oct. 1st) that listed the names of the guest platform speaker in addition to the names of each student in the Honours Graduation Class. We hardly think that an itemized repeat of the program agenda is necessary. We doubt if any high school in the area receives more favourable newspaper publicity, a fact that has been noted on many occasions by the Principal.

Urges Parliament Action to Solve Sweep-Stake, Lottery Issue

(John Addison, M.P. York North)

The Service Clubs of this country, and particularly those of York North, are to be commended on the value to the community of the projects they sponsor. However, they frequently meet difficulty in sponsoring draws or lotteries which are alleged to be contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. This happened recently to the Lions Club in Richmond Hill. They were forced to call off a draw 48 hours before it was scheduled because the Provincial Police had notified them that a complaint had been made, and that the Police advised against holding the draw.

Rather than break the law, the Lions Club abided by the advice of the police and suffered considerable loss. The Club acted in keeping with its long record of community responsibility and integrity. Should be Legal

What should be the case of course is that such draws and lotteries as the service clubs sponsor should be legal. Recently one of the Members of Parliament informed the House of Commons that one of the branches of the Canadian Legion was fined \$225 for raffling a boat, motor and trailer valued at \$1,800, at a dance last August.

One problem which faces all clubs wanting to hold draws of this kind is the uncertain state of the Law. A number of judgments have held that if there is an element of skill and knowledge involved then the draw is not illegal. Thus if a person is selected by chance, but must to win a prize answer a question of skill, the draw may very well be legal and not contrary to the Criminal Code.

Other judges have said this is not so, and that "absurdly simple questions" requiring little skill would not change the nature of the lottery. With the judges of Canada divided on the issue, there is no wonder that a problem exists. One Recommendation
Therefore, one recommendation which I would like to make is that a Service Club take a test case to court to see just what the law is. If by asking a question of skill the draw can

be legal, then the Service Clubs should be able to go ahead and sponsor their draws.

But that does not solve the problem completely. The York County Council hit the nail on the head when they passed a motion recently. They said that "accredited service clubs perform a useful function in fund raising for a variety of community and charitable purposes" and that their methods are "enthusiastically supported by the general public."

Unanimous Vote
Because of this, the York County Council unanimously passed a resolution requesting that the Federal Government amend the Criminal Code in respect of fund raising by accredited service clubs.

The action of the York County Council was responsible and forthright. There is no doubt that many people in Canada and in our own community do not feel that draws or lotteries should be legal. Nevertheless, there was a recent amendment to the Criminal Code so that agricultural fairs could legally sponsor games of chance. This is a special exemption for agricultural fairs, just as there is a special exemption for betting at race tracks.

Federal Provincial Conference
At the federal provincial conference which begins on November 25th, it is understood that the whole question of provincial lotteries will be discussed. According to informants here the government has no interest in state lotteries and has no intention in moving for changes in the Criminal Code on its own account. Any decision will be dependent on the interest which the provinces display in the idea. What might be the result, is that if the provinces wish to legalize lotteries the Criminal Code could be amended to allow them in the province where they would become legal if they met with the approval of the provincial Attorney General. Quebec and British Columbia are rumoured to support this proposal, and it is reported that Premier Robarts of Ontario also favours changes in the sections of the Code which now ban raffles and bingo as well as the larger sweepstakes and state lotteries.

Sincerely,
John Addison, M.P.

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