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**STUDYING GASOLINE TAX**

Investigations looking to the advisability and practicability of a tax on gasoline are being studied by the Ontario Highways Department. In letting it be known that information as to this form of tax is being asked of other Provinces and of States in which there is such a tax, Premier Ferguson said it seemed to offer a means of taxing a motorist on the use he made of the roads. Admittedly there are difficulties in the way of such a tax, the most important being that to impose it against fishermen and those who do not buy gasoline for use in automobiles would be an additional hardship. It is not anticipated that the Ontario investigations will lead to legislation this year but the study of the subject impresses the fact that the collection from the motorist of a sum sufficient to maintain the roads which motor traffic demands, is a problem not entirely solved by the license fee system. The gasoline tax, if a satisfactory way of collection could be devised, presents itself as a particularly fair tax because payment will be in accordance with the quantity purchased, which means, in accordance with car weight and mileage travelled.



**MURINE**  
 NIGHT & MORNING  
**KEEP YOUR EYES**  
 CLEAN CLEAR AND HEALTHY  
 IS YOUR AD. IN THIS PAPER THIS WEEK?

**GASOLINE MAY HAVE CAUSED FIRE**

Probe Into Fatal Sombra Township Blaze By Fire Marshal  
 Analysis Shows Twenty Per Cent. Petrol In Coal Oil

Sarnia, Jan. 4.—Coal oil containing 20 per cent gasoline was suggested as the cause of a stove explosion which resulted on December 7 in the burning of the farm home of Harry Babcock, Sombra Township, and the loss of six lives.

An inquiry was conducted by Provincial Fire Marshal E. P. Heaton, at Wallaceburg, yesterday. Crown Attorney F. W. Wilson, of Sarnia conducted the examination of witnesses, including Mr. Babcock, Charles Robertson, Wallaceburg storekeeper who sold oil to the Babcock family, and John Richie, garage keeper who supplied oil to the Robertson store.

The crown produced evidence to show that a Government analysis of a sample of coal oil sold from the Robertson store tested 20 per cent, gasoline content, but Mr. Robertson and Mr. Richie disclaimed any knowledge of the gasoline mixture, though it was shown that previously complaints had been received of weakness of coal oil received by customers. The hearing lasted all day and the report of the marshal will be made at a later date.

Worms sap the strength and undermine the vitality of children. Strengthen them by using Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator to drive out the parasites.

**FROM FAR AND NEAR**

An Alberta correspondent asks for the date of the Donnelly murder in Biddulph township. It was in the early morning of Wednesday, February 4, 1880, that five members of the Donnelly family were massacred.

Diving on a wet concrete pavement more than 100 wild ducks broke their necks near Champaign, Illinois. The pavement, wet from drizzling rain and lighted by the moon, looked like a shimmering body of water.

A Toronto man who was in Germany lately states that he paid eighteen million marks for a night's lodging, and when he produced an English pound note it had to be sent from the provincial town he was in up to Berlin to get changed. The change arrived two days later by train.

Carpenters working on the P.B. Leighton residence, on the river front, in Amherstburg, were amazed to locate a large amount of No 1 honey on the south side of the residence when the cornice was removed during repairs. The bees were ousted from their shelter, and about 500 pounds of good honey was found.

Muskrat is becoming an article of steady diet in Detroit, according to an eastside merchant. When properly cooked, the muskrat has a wild gamy flavor that is suggestive of wild duck. "Many people would like muskrat if they didn't know what it was," stated the retailer. "Somehow the name seems to scare them off. The muskrat is a clean animal. His diet is entirely vegetable."—Detroit News.

Plans are being made jointly with the officials of the M.C.R. and the officers of the Western Union telegraph Company for the construction of an up-to-date telephone line from St. Thomas to Courtright on the St. Clair branch of the M. C. R. At the present time the trains on this division are handled by telegraph, but the telephone has replaced the telegraph instrument on all local railways of the M.C.R.

Driven to desperation by hunger, two thugs held up John Harkness, a grocer, 1313 Assumption street, Windsor, Christmas Day. "Compliments of the season," said one of the thugs, drawing a pistol. "Hate to do this, brother, but we must eat." "If I give you \$5 will you go away?" said Harkness. "With the greatest of pleasure," replied the gunman. They took the money and fled. In the cash drawer there was more than \$100.

The "arrest" of two members of Parliament on Ouellette avenue, near the Prince Edward Hotel, Windsor, each of whom was fined \$5 and costs in a private session of Police court, featured the annual newspaper sale for funds for the Goodfellows' Club in the Border Cities Saturday. Albert F. Haly, M. P. for North Essex, was charged by R. L. Bracken, member for West Kent, with having stolen Bracken's hat in the hotel. The police flyer searched the streets until Mr. Healy was found. He was handcuffed and brought before Magistrate Gundy. Mr. Bracken was fined for allowing his hat to be stolen. More than 15 lawyers, called as witnesses at the mock trial, were also fined. About \$50 was collected for the fund.

**HAS INSTALLED RADIO**

Mr. N. W. Young Now Has a "Loud Speaker."

Meaford, Dec. 31.—Mr. N. W. Young has had a radio outfit installed in his home on Trowbridge street. The outfit is known as a "loud speaker," and is the invention of Mr. Young's cousin, Mr. Charles Fitzgerald of Watford, who installed the outfit here and who is putting in one of equal size and cost for his uncle, Mr. W. L. Young of Markdale. Mr. Fitzgerald is a born electrician who has experimented with radio from the time of its inception. The machine was designed and built solely by himself and is said to be a perfect piece of mechanical and electrical construction, equal in every respect to the best on the market. It is the young man's intention to apply for a patent on his machine, which certainly is a credit to his skill and ingenuity.

Mr. Young states that he had the esteemed privilege on Sunday of hearing a sermon delivered in one of the leading churches in Pittsburg, Penn. Every word, he said, could be heard distinctly. Mr. Young also got in touch with Regina, Sask., as well as with Los Angeles, Cal, and San Antonio, which was a remarkable achievement for an ordinary house set.

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**PENINSULAR WINTER FAIR**

The Live Stock classes have filled beyond the expectations of the Fair Board. Representatives from the leading herds and studs in the Province will compete, including animals which were prizewinners at the larger Fairs. The local breeders have made large entries and some are showing for the first time.

The buildings arranged for will be filled and additional space will be arranged for in order that all exhibits of any one class of stock may be kept together.

The seeds and bean entries are filling fast. The bean competition will be the keenest ever held in Ontario. Large entries of small seeds are coming in from the east.

The Poultry fanciers are well represented. Entries cover the utility as well as many of the other breeds.

The Corn Entries are being held open until Jan. 15th in order to cover the Essex Corn Show.

The opportunity to study type in livestock and to see something of the commercial requirements in swine and sheep will be excellent. The carcass classes are well filled.

The sale of pure bred beef cattle and hogs will be held in the arena, Jan. 25th at 1 p.m.

The Show has been arranged for the people of southwestern Ontario because only a small percentage of the people can attend the larger shows.

**TURNING THE SPOT LIGHT ON SOUTHERN TOWNS**

Judging from reports floating around town, it's high time that our police force exercised a more rigid supervision of the night life of this town.—Amherstburg Echo.

"We have been asked by citizens why drunken men are seen on our streets and no notice taken of them by those who are supposed to enforce the law."—Kingsville Reporter.

**VETERAN TELEPHONE MAN RETIRES FROM SERVICE**

Petrolia, Jan. 7.—The retirement of W. G. Fraser from the local management of the Bell Telephone Company, removes from the service of the company one of its oldest employees. Mr. Fraser assumed the management of this district in 1882, and under his direction the branch has forged ahead until it is one of the most important branches in Western Ontario.

Mr. Fraser receives a pension from the United States government for the part he played in the American Civil War. He is 83 years of age.

**COLONEL OMAR MACKLEM APPREHENDED IN WALL ST. FOR HAMILTON POLICE**

New York, Jan. 7.—Charged with being a fugitive from Hamilton, Ont., Omar Macklem, aged 40, who says he was a colonel in the Canadian overseas forces, was arrested today in an office building at Wall street and Broadway.

A description with instructions that Col. Macklem was wanted on a warrant charging larceny of \$2,500 and attempt to defraud, was received here four months ago. Detective Mintern learned that Col. Macklem was a stock salesman in a Broadway office.

Macklem said he had lost his left eye and part of his nose in France.

No doubt there are several in Watford who will recall that Col. Macklem spent the summer of 1914 in Watford and vicinity as a stock and real estate salesman. His home is in Tilbury.

**LINGERIE OR LINGURRY**

A Frenchy word is "Lingerie," I saw it first in print.

The pictures all about it of its meaning give a hint.

"A Sale of Dainty Lingerries," the mammoth store announced.

But nothing there suggested how the word should be pronounced.

I asked the lift-girl. The question seemed to pose;

I spelled it out, and then she said, "why, 'lin-gur-ry,' I s'pose."

I asked the fair saleslady if she knew the proper way;

She tossed her head, and said with scorn, "We call it lan-zer-ray!"

I asked the buyer, just returned from lands across the sea;

He answered: "Well, in Paris, they pronounce it lan-zhay-ree."

Then I approached a customer of birth and education.

And asked her what the word was called by people of her station.

She said: "With those who visit me and those on whom I call, it's not considered quite the thing to mention it at all."

Corns are painful growths. Holloway's Corn Remover will remove them.

**Hot Slugs From Our Linotype**

The reckless driver is never late—at his funeral.

"A hotel," explains friend Canteleon "is the place where men kick about things they are afraid to kick about at home."

It often happens that the chip a man carries on his shoulder fell from his head.

One good turn deserves another, but "Neff" McCormick adds that it won't start the flivver on a cold morning.

A MAN SMOKES TO QUIET HIS NERVES—A WOMAN POWDERS HER NOSE.

YEA VERILY  
 "The greatest thing in life," Opines old Baxter Hirt, "Is a good old-fashioned wife Who keeps buttons on your shirt."

A SMILE IS THE SAME IN ALL LANGUAGES.

Tennis is sure a noisy game, thinks Reeve Connolly, for it can't be played without a racquet.

Dust is mud with the juice squeezed out.

The man who takes an umbrella to church, and leaves it out in the vestibule, has true Christian faith.

Most of the classical dances remind us of trying to get into a union suit in an upper berth.

A consistent vegetarian is one who won't risk eating chestnuts in the dark.

Chief Causes of Swearing  
 1. Collar Buttons.  
 2. Automobiles.  
 3. Women.

WHAT PARLIAMENT NEEDS IS FOUR-WHEEL BRAKES.

"Bill" Fleuty used to say—"Kissing a girl is like opening a bottle of olives—if you can get one, the rest come easy."

People and automobiles that knock need attention, harps Hec. Lucas.

"Some folks seem to think, that if they pay up by the time Germany does it will be all right," complains E. D. Swift.

WONDER JUST HOW MANY OF US ARE DOING OUR DARNDDEST.

Of all the sad surprises, There's nothing to compare With treading in the darkness On a step—which isn't there.

The only time pedestrians have the right of way is when the ambulance is taking them to the hospital.

Too many young people imagine they are live wires because they are shocking.

NOTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE—  
 But did you ever try to strike a match on a cake of soap? asks "Jakie" Richardson.

"There only one thing harder to raise than money," asserts Bro. Adams "and that is a window in a day coach."

Men should call women "honey" when they wear combs in their hair.

THE MAN WHO FOLLOWS, IS ALWAYS BEHIND.

"A friend in a strange town looks like a dollar in a collection plate."

HOME:—A SLEEPING PLACE NEAR THE GARAGE.—  
 Bill boards are not the most artistic things in the world. But a billboard is usually a big improvement on what it conceals.

The man who can bottle up his wrath at all times is a corker.

One of the things you cannot deposit at the bank is a promise, insists Bro. Nixon.

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