



Look at Britain

BONFIRE NIGHT

By Barbara Palmer

There will always be arguments about home town loyalties. Some citizens seem to feel no obligations in this respect. It must be conceded too that in some instances loyalties are not merited. This business of shopping out of town is always good for a few thousand words and we might as well take up our space this week on the subject.

We are not 100 per cent home town buyers for reasons we feel are justified. We suppose others feel the same way. The reasons are that articles a person wants can often be purchased in the larger centers with greater satisfaction. The small town merchant is at a disadvantage in not being able to stock the diversity of goods carried by his contemporaries with larger turn over. This applies chiefly in the field of furniture, clothing, footwear, etc. Food and hard goods is essentially the same no matter where it is purchased. These things, we think, should be purchased at home. It grieves us to see people driving miles to purchase goods in the big chains where colorful advertising draws the money out of their wallets like nails to a magnet. Perhaps others read the recent magazine article which pointed out the additional dollars spent by the average housewife over and above the basic necessities for food. It amounted to more than the annual instalments on a healthy retirement fund.

Apart from the years of the Great War and the Second World War, and especially children love to celebrate the Anniversary of Guy Fawkes on November 5th. Over four hundred years ago, this man tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament by placing barrels of gun powder in the cellars. But he was caught before he did any damage. The old custom has persisted till today, when bonfires are lit and fireworks let off on November 5th.

Mrs. Taggerty had spent all her Bonfire Nights at a Bonfire Party for as long as she could remember. Some had been in small back-yards, some in fields, but this year she was staying with her daughter in a tiny English village and looking forward to Bonfire Night in the company of her three grandchildren.

Mrs. Taggerty and her daughter came from Yorkshire where Bonfire Night was celebrated by eating a sticky gingerbread made with oatmeal and treacle, called parkin, and by thin slices of gingerbread cut into shapes of little men and animals, especially pigs. But her daughter's village knew nothing of these North-England traditions.

What a rich, spicy smell filled the kitchen. Fuguing was the custom outside, for nearly always, November 5th and the days round about are hidden in the thick, early winter fog. The children had saved their pennies for many weeks to buy fireworks, and ever since September had been collecting dead tree branches blown off by the Autumn gales, old chairs, unwanted tyres, anything which would burn. This was for their bon-

fire and was called "chumping". The collection of the garden and now at the bottom of the garden and now at the bottom of the garden and now at the bottom of the garden...

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Why the Sales Tax was introduced

Ontario is experiencing the most dynamic growth in its history. As a result, the demands on the provincial treasury continue to grow at an unprecedented rate. For example, during the next five years we must build the equivalent of one thousand schools large enough for 500 pupils each. This means that provincial grants to schools must be greatly increased in the years immediately ahead, or municipalities will be faced with crippling mill rates to provide basic educational facilities. Hospitals, highways and other public works most also be greatly expanded to meet the needs of our rapidly increasing population.

Your Province must increase its revenues by about \$150 million annually to pay for these vital projects.

After considering every method available to the Province, of raising money, your representatives at Queen's Park decided that our vast financial needs could not be met out of present sources of revenue. It was agreed that The Retail Sales Tax Act was the fairest and most practical way for residents of Ontario to contribute to the cost of their schools, hospitals and other essential services.

Before drawing up the Ontario Retail Sales Tax Act, your government closely studied the retail sales taxes of seven other Canadian provinces and many states of the U.S.A. The Ontario Retail Sales Tax Act has the broadest exemptions of any of these retail sales taxes. Only two other provinces have a tax rate as low as Ontario.

Collection of Tax

Those who regularly sell goods as a normal part of their business must apply to be registered as vendors. Those who have applied are now receiving their permits.

They will collect 3% tax on the price of goods sold to the ultimate consumer. The tax will be collected only once. Thus, a registered wholesaler will purchase goods for resale tax free from the manufacturer. He in turn will sell to the retailer on a tax free basis. Then the retailer will collect the tax when he sells to the consumer.

Major Consumer Exemptions

Most of the day-to-day necessities of life are free of sales tax. Food, prescribed drugs and medical supplies, and children's clothing are all tax exempt. Heating fuel, electricity and gasoline are exempt. Newspapers, magazines and books are exempt. No tax applies on restaurant meals charged separately at \$1.50 or less. Each sale of less than 17¢ is exempt. These and many other exemptions are discussed in detail on special cards that are now being mailed to retailers and other vendors.

Homes Not Taxable

Houses and other buildings are real property and are not subject to tax under this Act. The building contractor pays tax on materials incorporated into the home or other structure but no tax is payable on the labour that constitutes a large part of the total price of a home.

Services Not Taxable

Only items of merchandise that are moveable, and telephone services, except long distance calls, are subject to the tax. Those persons selling "services," such as barbers, beauty shops, laundries and dry cleaners, do not collect tax, but must pay tax on the materials they use in supplying their service. However, if a repair service includes substantial quantities of parts or material, the entire bill will be taxable unless the materials are shown as a separate charge from the labour.

Casual Sales

When an individual sells goods privately, the transaction is a "casual" sale. In such cases the purchaser and not the seller of taxable goods is responsible to report the purchase and pay the sales tax on the purchase price to the Retail Sales Tax Branch, Office of the Comptroller of Revenue.

Instalment Purchases

Sales tax is due on the total price when the sale is made, even though payments may continue over a long period of time. Finance charges are also taxable unless quoted and itemized separately.

Trade-ins

The actual selling price minus the amount of the trade-in allowance is the amount upon which sales tax is payable.

Farming

Farmers will be exempt from tax on most equipment, on agricultural seeds and feeds, on drugs and medicines for livestock and on many other commodities used directly in the business of farming.

Exports and Imports

Goods exported from Ontario are not taxable since the tax is applicable only to goods used in Ontario. No tax is payable under this Act by manufacturers on goods they purchase for use in the production of goods for sale. Thus, their competitive position in the export market is maintained without change after the introduction of this tax.

Goods imported into Ontario are taxable since they are purchased for use in Ontario. The purchaser of the imported goods is subject to the same tax he would have to pay to an Ontario Vendor if he purchased the goods in Ontario.

Rental of Moveable Property

The person who acquires possession of moveable property by paying a rental price for its use is regarded as a purchaser of such property under the Act and tax is payable by him on the rental price paid.

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