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Sales Tax Doubles On Sales Of Cars



Record reporter Laird More, takes time out to chat with William Henderson, (r) of Jarvis. He learned the provincial government takes more than 10% in sales tax in the resale of cars. (Photo by Jim Mercer)

The Provincial Sales Tax is set at 5% but in reality it is greater than 10% according to a local new car dealer.

William Henderson, co-owner of Lundy & Henderson's General Motors Sales and Service said, "We'd be tickled if the sales tax only applied to new purchases."

In discussing a medium-priced new car for sale at \$3500 with no trade-in the sales tax would \$175.

Assuming the car is traded every two years and allowing for depreciation he gave the following figures:

After two years of life the same car will have a price of \$2100 with a sales tax of \$105; two years later the car will be worth \$1000 with a sales tax of \$50; two years hence the car will sell for \$300, giving the government \$15 in sales tax.

Over the eight year period then, the government would receive \$345 in Provincial Sales Tax, which substantially exceeds the 10% figure mentioned earlier.

According to Mr. Henderson a car ten years old is only junk and not worth the time or labour to haul it to a junk yard.

He said "to keep a car on the road for ten years is really stretching things, in referring to new legislation that takes unfit and older cars off the road, as in many cases they are not worth fixing."

The Garage Manager said the law is a good one but "if a person buys a license for a year he should be able to drive a car for a year or get a rebate if it is pulled off the road, or he should be able to transfer the plates." He said "it is just as big a racket as taxes themselves."

The garage operator said he felt sorry for those who paid the government fee for the unsatisfied judgement claim in order to drive. "They can't even switch the fee after paying it in the event their car is pulled off the road, but have to pay it all over again on their next vehicle even

though they have had it less than a year."

The average life of a new car today is 80,000 miles, and the average price of gasoline is forty-eight cents per gallon and the average car gets 20 miles to the gallon. This nets the government \$96 per car over the eight year life.

The mean life for a set of tires if 20,000 miles at a cost of \$120. This gives the government an extra \$24 per car in Sales Tax.

The Government, therefore, in an eight year period would receive substantially more than 10% from their 5% Sales Tax from the automobile industry when you consider the tax on parts, tires, gasoline, oil and on and on and on.

Farm Front

With the delay in spring seeding several changes in cropping plans have been made by different farm operators. In one case, soybeans were being considered as a crop that could be seeded a this late date. Another alternative under consideration by some is the changing of their crop variety to an earlier maturing hybrid. Some of these changes have come to our attention because of calls about the different requirement for fertility even though a soil test has been taken recently. Different crops have different fertility requirements.

Even the alfalfa weevil has been slowed up by the weather. A check on May 21st showed that some of the weevil had hatched but because of the cool weather feeding was limited. A few warm days could change this situation. A special meeting was called on short notice for Tuesday, May 27th. It is possible that further information will be arranged through spray demonstrations, etc. It is hoped at this time that with the late development of the weevil, cutting of the hay crop will be a sufficient control measure this year. If such is possible, it will certainly be less costly than the possible \$5.00 per acre spray method of control.

The time is almost upon us for consideration of haylage. Dr. Stan Young, Guelph, advises that good packing is facilitated by cutting at the right stage, that is the late bud or early flower stage for alfalfa and the head emerging stage for grasses. 60-65 per cent is probably the best range to work in. Even 70 per cent would likely produce a less palatable and smelly silage. Other problems such as gumming and packing become evident with lower moisture ranges. Demonstrations and discussion on haylage making are to be held at the Elora Research Station of the University of Guelph, on June 4th.

On Thursday, May 29th, all Haldimand roads lead to the Cayuga Technical and Commercial High School for those interested in the formation of a General Farm Organization. The Haldimand Campaign Committee has arranged for Mr. Ken MacLeod, a member of the Provincial G.F.O. Committee to address this meeting.

Charges Release Misleading

Vice President of the Ontario Farmers Union, Ellard Powers, said today that a recent GFO Campaign Committee Press Release is misleading. The press release stated that the Ontario Milk Marketing Board's decision to support the GFO proposals was unanimous, and that some directors of the O.M.M.B. were also members of the Ontario Farmers Union.

Mr. Powers said, "The O.M.M.B.'s decision to support the GFO was made prior to my election as a Milk Board Director, and I made my views clear to the Board that I do not support the present proposals for a GFO." Mr. Powers stated he objects very strongly to anyone misusing his name directly or indirectly indicating his support for the GFO.

Mr. Powers said that the farmers are led to believe. O.M.M.B.'s Board of Directors is well aware that if proposals will be a multitude of organizations as we have a decision to support the GFO was taken now that it had for years. I have not would not be unanimous. "I quarrel with a future decision do not support it until of Ontario farmers if they changes as requested by the really know and understand Ontario Farmers' Union are what they will vote for. The made, and furthermore, when the real question now, is what and if I then will support kind of a GFO, what will it such changed proposals for a do to improve farmers' situation. A special meeting GFO, I am quite capable of incomes? With the present issuing a press statement propaganda and half-truths, Tuesday, May 27th. It is myself," he continued.

"I am sick and tired of other people telling everybody what my decisions are," said Mr. Powers, "I am deeply concerned with the mistruths and half-truths that are being spread around about what the GFO really is, especially with reference to the One General Farm Organization bit. The proposals for a GFO as presently outlined are not for one farm organization as

Seat Belts Save Lives

The week of May 18-24, 1969 - Officers of the Cayuga Detachment investigated a total of 18 accidents, 5 of these were personal injury with 5 persons injured. This was an increase of 4 accidents over the previous week. A patrol of 5,500 miles - Officers issued 17 warnings and 22 charges to motorists for infractions to the Highway Traffic Act. One driver was charged with Impaired Driving. In Provincial Judges Court on May 22nd, 75 convictions were registered for this Detachment.

General occurrences investigated during the week were 6 thefts, 1 assault and officers answered 17 requests for assistance. Constable M. TATARNIC recovered a stolen truck from Oneida Township when the vehicle was involved in an accident.

Motorists! Facts prove that when fastened automobile seat belts are saving lives and preventing serious injuries. Seat belts are now accepted as part of your car's equipment . . . but they're no good unless fastened, every time you move the car. Make it a rule to never sit on your seat belts, but always fasten them!



SURE ARE BIG ONES - Mr. Henry Thompson of Selkirk displays two gigantic Maple Leaves that he acquired in Stanley Park in Vancouver, B.C. last summer. Mr. Thompson saw the beauties and decided to bring them back to compare them with the ones grown here in Ontario.



The water pump at the Northview School in Hagersville gets a hefty pump from many area residents. Here Glen Hewson, 14, of 80 Main St. N., draws his supply of drinking water. The Hewson home has town water but the well water tastes better. (Photo by Jim Mercer)

Community Chest Campaign Complete

All donations have been turned in for this year's Community Chest Campaign for Jarvis and South Walpole. The canvassers have completed their work and the sum of \$2,684 has been turned in. The objective was \$2,500 for ten charities, \$250 each with the donor designating the particular charity of his or her choice.

Auditors appointed at the annual meeting were Wm. Phibbs and Mac Dosser. When they have completed their work, cheques will be sent out to the various charities. Special thanks are extended to the Treasurer, The Rev. K. N. Brunton for his work.