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THE AUTO AS A TAXPAYER

The late Hon. W. E. Gladstone, a former Prime Minister of Great Britain on being shown an electric generator, perfected by Farraday, gave it the once over with the eye of practical politician and addressed this question to the inventor: "What benefit will this confer upon mankind?" "Some day you will be taxing it," was the prompt reply of Mr. Farraday. The inventor proved himself a group prophecy as all the world now knows. Electricity and the countless devices used in connection with it pay taxes in every civilized country, and the total runs into many millions of dollars. It is not recorded that the inventor of the automobile ever predicted that it would also take front rank as a taxpayer, but that is what has happened, and the development has taken place since the beginning of the twentieth century. Here in the Province of New Brunswick only twenty years ago the government received little or no revenue from motor vehicles and soon after the first cars made their appearance a member of the Legislature, who had been a cabinet minister, came forward with the proposal that autos be restrained by law from using the roads more than three days out of the week. Last year registration fees from autos and the gasoline tax turned into the provincial exchequer the tidy sum of a million and a half dollars.

According to statistics compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canadians in 1929 paid in taxes on Automobiles in one form and another the enormous sum of \$66,993,857, which is equivalent to \$8 per head for every man, woman and child in the country. The various provinces, according to the authority quoted, collected \$18,744,968 from the gasoline tax and \$22,511,473, from licenses, etc. The Dominion government collected in customs duties from motor vehicles and parts for the same \$23,085,141.88, and a further sum of \$2,652,274.58, in excise taxes and customs charges, making a total of \$25,737,416.40. Surprising as it may seem this sum is equal to two thirds of the total revenue of the country four years before the auto made its appearance. In the case of New Brunswick the provincial government last year collected from autos and gasoline an amount more than twice as large as the total revenue at the beginning of the present century. And we have the further fact that the revenue derived from the gasoline tax alone last year, a tax, by the way inaugurated by the Baxter administration, was greater than the revenue total in 1905. The inventive genius of man has certainly been of great assistance to governments in providing a painless method of obtaining revenue.

It must not be forgotten that while the automobile pays a heavy provincial and Federal tax it is not overlooked by the municipal authorities. One would almost think that any further taxation of an automobile after it has paid the Federal levy should be left to the provincial authorities, but such is not the case. There are about 1,100,000 cars owned in Canada, which pay on the average about \$60 each in Federal and provincial taxes. Now what do the municipal authorities do? Here in Fredericton at any rate they assess a car as personal property, which means that one costing \$2,500 has to pay to the civic treasury a further tax of at least \$65. Generous allowance is made for depreciation and the second year a car, while making as much use of the streets as it did the first year, is revalued at fifty percent of the first cost on account of depreciation. If the owner retains it a third or fourth year he gets a further reduction in assessment. While the average person always welcomes a reduction in taxation it looks as if the system was not exactly right. The provincial authorities register a car

for the license fee according to its weight; it does not matter with them whether it has been used one year or ten it must pay at the same rate. In the meantime civic authorities keep on reducing the assessment on used cars. This is a matter which ought to receive some consideration. It rather looks as if the right to impose a tax on automobiles should be taken out of the hands of the municipal authorities and rest entirely with the provincial and Federal governments. Quite frequently we hear complaints that the provincial governments are depriving the municipal authorities of the right to impose taxation. This is certainly not true in the case of the much taxed automobile.

Provincial Governments, if they care to do so could take away from the Municipal authorities the right to tax automobiles as personal property. Then on the other hand owners of autos might well ask why provincial Governments do not tax horse drawn vehicles which use the roads and help wear them out. Viewed from any standpoint it will be generally admitted that the auto is a good taxpayer.

TOO WEAK TO STAND

The grouches, crabs and whiners create more unhappiness in life than the crooks. A lot of people who do their duty fairly well spoil the effect and add to the world's misery because of their cry for credit—credit for doing what is only proper they should do and for which no one is entitled to particular praise. They whine because they are not appreciated. All they have done is what any self-respecting, upstanding man or woman is expected to do. They are constantly seeking sympathy. They are hunting for someone to lean against. When they are sick they love to talk about it. When they are well they won't admit it. They may be honest citizens, but they are not upright. They can not stand alone.

REALLY WANTING FACTS

Any man who is willing to be perfectly honest with himself in the new year will make not more than half as many mistakes as those who can't stand to glare of being honest with themselves. We make most of our mistakes because we love to practice self-deception. We hate to come out in the open and face the truth.

Hon. A. B. Capp was elected Mayor of Sackville yesterday over Mayor Cameron by a majority of 16. It is to the credit of Hon. Mr. Copp, who has been a member of the Legislature, an M. P., A Federal Cabinet Minister and is now a Senator, that he should continue to take an active interest in the affairs of the town in which he lives.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The first bumper crop of the year—snow.

Pleasure before business—Postponing the Board of Trade Meeting on account of a Hockey match.

In some localities all that is now left of the scenery is the billboard.

Depression has not interfered with the broadcasting of the song, "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Nothing gives a humble man more encouragement to continue in his modest way than to see arrogance strut its stuff.

We must not forget that winter will continue to bite the helpless long after we have lost the Christmas spirit.

Notwithstanding human nature doesn't change, people do not seem to get fed up with it. Truth is, we are wonderfully created.

If the small boy objects to spinach, tell him the story of the vacuum sweeper that has to be satisfied with a holiday diet of spruce needles.

If we expect to accomplish anything during the year now before us we must have balanced confidence in ourselves, always keeping in mind the danger of spoiling everything with overheated presumption. The nut must not imagine himself a spark plug.

GOOD PROGRAM TO BE ON THE AIR THURSDAY

Following is the radio program in Atlantic Standard time for Thursday evening for stations most easily picked up in Fredericton and vicinity.

2.30—Ocean Limited Hour.
6.15—Stock Reports.
6.30—Dinner Hour of Music.
7.00—Tuckett's Tobacco Program.
11.00—Transcontinental Hour.

Thursday's Best Features.

Maxwell Hour—WJZ network.
Amos 'n' Andy—WJZ.
Fleischmann Hour—WEAF.
WLW, CINCINNATI
8.00—Amos 'n' Andy.
9.00—Special Program.
9.30—World Tour.
10.00—Band.
10.30—Musical Program.
11.00—Hollingsworth.

WOK, NEWARK
8.00—Concert Three Cheers
9.00—Bamburgher Symphony.
10.00—Minstrels.
11.45—The Globe Trotters.
12.00—News; Dance music.
WEAF, NEW YORK
7.45—Uncle Abe and David.
8.00—Midweek Hymn-sing.
8.30—Niagara-Hudson.
9.00—Fleischmann Hour.
10.00—Birthday Party.
10.30—Jack Frost Melodies.
11.00—Lucky Strike Orchestra.
12.00—Slumber Hour.

WJZ, NEW YORK
7.00—Raising Junior.
7.45—Literary Digest Topics.
8.00—Amos 'n' Andy.
8.15—Test Easy Jesters
8.30—Phil Cook.
8.45—Friendly Five Footnotes
9.00—The First Nighter.
9.15—Landi Trio.
10.00—Dunlop Orchestra.
10.30—Maxwell House Melodies.
11.00—Victor Herbert Opera
12.00—Slumber Music.

WABC, NEW YORK
7.45—Mountaineers.
8.00—Beck Brevities.
8.30—Tip Top Club.
9.00—Music.
9.15—Specials
9.30—Kaltenborn Edits the News.
10.00—Family Program.
11.00—Lutheran Laymen
12.00—Dream Boat; Dance Music.
KDKA, PITTSBURGH
7.00—Pictures; Orchestra.
8.30—Kemble and Mule.
9.00—Programs from WJZ.
12.00—Orchestra.

CKAC, MONTREAL
7.30—Program from Ottawa.
8.00—Bulova Time Announcement.
9.00—McDonald Blendars.
9.30—Supertest Program.
10.00—Nelson Chocolate Orchestra.
11.00—CNRA Progra.
11.30—Family Music.
12.00—Hookel Results
CNRA MONCTON
8.30—Weather Forecast, News, Musical Programme.
12.30—Musical Programme.
1.15—Stock Market Report.
7.00—Stock Market Report, Weather Forecast.

Convict Captured
How Gloria and Jimmy unwittingly assist in the capture of an escaped convict will be heard Wednesday night, January 21, when another episode in Gloria Gay's "Affairs" is broadcast by NBC at 7.30 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time.

Engineering Progeass
Mark Morris, a civil engineer of the Iowa State Highway Commission, will review "A Century of Progress in Civil Engineering" during the science series broadcast over an NBC network Wednesday, January 21 at 8.15 p.m.

Mabel Myne Song Hit
One of Mabel Wayne's first song successes, "In a Little Spanish Town," will be played by Leonard Jay and his all-string orchestra during the Coca Cola Program which will be broadcast over an NBC network Wednesday, January 21 at 11.30 o'clock.

Recall Old Favorite
A song of 1917, "Darktown Strutters' Ball," will be included on the program which Murial and Vee, vocal and instrumental duo, will present through an NBC network, Wednesday night, January 21, at 10.00 o'clock.

What has become of the old fashion—d January Thaw.

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FOX NEWS

Two-act Comedy—
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HERE WEDNESDAY

"THE OFFICE WIFE"
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Natalie Moorhead

PUBLIC OPINION

PUT THIS IN YOUR PIPE AND SMOKE IT!

Editor Daily Mail
Sir:—
If smoking ruins our health, we have to pay. We pay for our cigarettes, no others' business. We can do more harm than merely smoking. If the boys don't want to associate with us, no one compels them to. All this "ap-plesauce" about men not marrying girls that smoke! What about as many married women as single girls that smoke to attract attention, but I smoke because I enjoy it. So from now on, you knockers can "shoot your heads off." I'm not listening to any narrow-mindedness.
ANNETTE

For Cramps, Chills Colds A New Brunswick Lady Has Made a Discovery

Rothsay, N. B., Jan. 21.—For the benefit of many mothers who don't know just what to do when sudden ill-ness overtakes the children, Mrs. H. L. Carpenter gives good advice: "For the last three years," she states, "I have used Nerviline and find it a wonderful medicine. In our home we have used Nerviline for neuralgia, colds, chills and cramps. In each case Nerviline has given wonderful relief. For my children I employ Nerviline for chills, colds and pain in the stomach. I live in the country, and find Nerviline a necessity to assist in overcoming the many small ills that constantly arise in the family."—Mrs. H. L. Carpenter.

To Sing Scotch Songs
"The Land of Leal" and "Comin' Thru the Rye" will be sung by Mabel Zoeckler, soprano, during the broadcast of Wayside Inn over an NBC network, Wednesday, January 21, at 11.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Levina Jones, widow of Stephen Jones, passed away at North Devon last evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Donald McDonald. Surviving are three sons, Donald, of Portland; Benjamin, of Houlton, and Arthur P., of Island Falls, Me.

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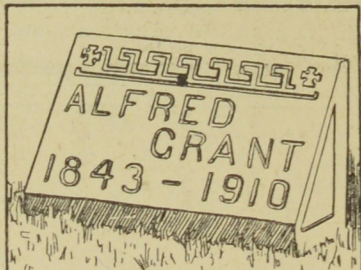
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Notice of Legislation

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