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## THE IMPERIAL BUDGET GRANTS A PREFERENCE ON COLONIAL PRODUCTS

**Reduction in the Duty on Tea Will Mean a Loss of Revenue of Over Two Million Pounds — A Good Opportunity Offered for Development of Trade Within the Empire on Sugar, Cotton, Tobacco, Wine and Rum.**

London, May 1.—The principal colonial products affected by the introduction of colonial preference in the budget as announced yesterday by Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will be tea, cocoa and rum, but there are other products, like cotton, sugar, tobacco and wine in which there will be great opportunities for the development of trade. It is considered there never was a time when imperial development was so important.

The preference on alcohol is one-third, while the preference on tea, nearly 92 per cent of which is grown within the Empire, will be equivalent to reducing the duty and involve a loss of £2,200,000 in revenue. It is expected the preference will greatly increase the consumption of tea. Fifty per cent. of the cocoa is produced within the Empire and at a preference of 7s. per hundredweight the loss in revenue will be £200,000.

**PREFERENCE ON SUGAR WILL BE EQUIVALENT TO FOUR SHILLINGS PER HUNDREDWEIGHT**

The increased duties on beer and spirits are domestic and not customs duties. The preference on manufactured tobacco will be one shilling four pence per pound, which is considered a substantial concession and should increase production in the colonies. The estimated sugar revenue is £39,000,000. Seven per cent of it comes from within the Empire. The preference will be worth 4 shillings per cwt., meaning a loss of £500,000 in revenue. The preference on wine duties is levied at two rates, 1s. 3d. and 3s., according to the strength of the wine. Preference is given by a reduction of 6d. on the lower class and a shilling on the higher class. This will prove of importance to South Africa and Australia.

**THE EXCESS PROFITS TAX ON BUSINESS IS INCLINED TO DISCOURAGE ENTERPRISE**

The taxation on wealth and business is illustrated by the increase on inheritance taxes, beginning with 5 per cent on £15,000 estates, so that they pay ten instead of five per cent as at present, while on estate of £1,000,000 pays thirty instead of twenty per cent.

Business is taxed by the retention of an excess profits tax of forty per cent, which is half the existing rate, but which brings complaint from business men who argue that it discourages business enterprise.

The policy of imperial preference on imports begins, after years of discussion with the colonies, without any arrangement for reciprocal favors by the colonies for British exports. This is the first wedge for the introduction of the protective system, because preference for the colonies means a tariff on other countries. Free trade sentiment, however, is far from dead.

## MOVING DAY IN FREDERICTON IS OBSERVED IN THE USUAL MANNER; RESIDENTIAL AND OTHER CHANGES

Today is May 1st and the tradition of a day for change on the part of those who occupy rented premises for business or residence. In Fredericton the number of changes is as great as usual. Rentable residences are greatly in demand in the city and there seems to be fewer houses than are desired. High cost of material and labor during recent years has discouraged building in Fredericton.

**In Business Sections**  
Several changes in the business section of the city have taken place. Mr. George R. Thompson who has occupied the so-called Lucy Corner, Regent and Queen streets, for several years has removed to the store at 87 Regent Street, recently purchased and remodelled by him. Mr. M. L. Block will remove his boot and shoe store from 440 Queen Street to the Lucy Corner. The premises from which he removes will be occupied by Mr. E. O. MacDonald's music store and the store vacated by Mr. MacDonald will be occupied by the W. Allan Staples Estate, electricians. The wooden building 634 Queen Street vacated by the Staples Estate will be removed by order of the Building Inspector.

**Residential Changes**  
Residential changes are quite numerous. Mr. F. A. Good has removed to his own residence at the corner of Regent

and Brunswick streets which has been vacated by Mr. J. R. G. Armstrong who has removed to Truro, N. S. The residence vacated by Mr. Good will be occupied by Mr. William Saunders.

The residence at 225 York Street vacated by Mr. C. D. Richards will be occupied by Mr. William B. Hicks. Mr. Samuel Ward has removed to the residence in St. John Street owned by Mr. James Frink and vacated by Mrs. J. Howe Dickson.

Mr. John Kinghorn has rented the dwelling in Brunswick street owned by Miss Jane Hodge and occupied by Mr. Charles McGibbon.

Mr. Charles McGibbon removed to the dwelling in Brunswick street occupied by Mrs. Edward O. Perley who removed to Devon.

Mr. LeBaron Bull has removed from 732 Brunswick Street to the residence in University Avenue recently purchased by him from Mrs. B. B. Manzer.

Ald. J. A. Reid who has been occupying the house bought by Mr. Bull has removed to the residence in Waterloo Row occupied by Mr. J. F. McMurray and recently purchased by Ald. Reid.

Mr. Bruce McFarlane has taken the brick residence in St. John Street owned by ex-Ald. J. M. Lemont.

Mr. E. G. Merritt of Barker's Point has removed to Fredericton and has

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## OBSERVATION TOWER TO BE ON MT. HOPE

One of the observation towers which will be used by the Provincial Forest Service in fighting forest fires during the present summer will be located within a comparatively short distance of Fredericton its site being on Mount Hope a high hill near the head of the Penniac River. The tower already exists having been erected some years ago in connection with the Federal Geodetic Survey. A wide sweep of country can be observed. Another tower used by the same survey which will be utilized by the Forest Service is located at Otferside, Victoria County. There will be telephone connection with each tower.

### Permanent Appointments

The Advisory Board of the New Brunswick Crown Lands Department at a session here Wednesday made twenty-nine permanent appointments to the Forest Service of the province. These men have been on temporary duty for some time. In addition to the twenty-nine appointments referred to there are seventeen game wardens on duty, thirty-two cooperative fire-wardens and four voluntary fire wardens. The latter are paid by the province and voluntarily place themselves on duty as fire-fighters. They have the power of summoning crews of men. The cooperative fire-wardens are paid by the licensees of Crown Lands for their services as fire-fighters and have the same powers as the others in regard to summoning crews.

### Towers and Telephone Lines

The Board decided to begin at once the construction of observation towers for use in fighting forest fires and the connection of those towers with existing telephone lines.

The chief observation tower to be erected this summer will be on Bald Mountain at the head of the Southwest Nepisquit and the Big Sevoile. The site is 2,750 feet above sea level and is the highest point in New Brunswick. From it a wide area can be watched.

### Two Long 'Phone Lines

Two principal telephone lines are to be constructed, one from the lower on Bald Mountain along the Nepisquit to Gloucester Mines and Bathurst, some eighty miles in length and the other from Summit on the line of the Transcontinental Railway eastwardly to Holmes Lake on the Little Southwest Miramichi from which point a telephone line now runs to Newcastle. This line will be some seventy-five miles in length. There will be an observation tower near Summit.

In addition to these structures the Department contemplates the construction of caches in connection with fire wardens' camps at which fire-fighting apparatus will be stored. Two of these

## BELGIANS ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH INDEMNITY ARRANGEMENT

**Delegates Will Not Accept It Without Consulting Their Government—Proportion of Ultimate Reparation to be Allowed to Belgium is Undecided.**

London, May 1.—One of the principal features of the arrangement for indemnity to Belgium against which Belgium is protesting is that that country will receive £100,000,000 as part of the one billion pounds which Germany will be asked to pay by the end of next year as part of a total reparation to be exacted later, according to the Daily Mail's Paris correspondent. The Belgian delegates, it is added, decline to accept the arrangement without consulting their government, because it leaves undecided the proportion of the ultimate reparation to be allotted to Belgium. A Reuter despatch from Paris states that a meeting of the Belgian cabinet has been held, under the presidency of King Albert, and that the question has been discussed. It has been decided, the despatch states, that three members of the Belgian government will be sent to Paris to instruct the Belgian delegates.

### Strong Measures Decided Upon.

Brussels, May 1.—Extremely strong measures relative to Belgium's demands at the Peace Conference have been decided upon by the Belgian government. "Belgium will not accept the terms the Council of Three desires to impose upon her," a leading newspaper says. "She will demand a complete fulfillment of the promises contained in the declaration addressed to her by France, Great Britain, Italy and Japan, and that expressed in the seventh of President Wilson's fourteen points. She will refuse to sign any peace treaty which does not restore Belgium to political and economic independence and does not entirely indemnify her for damage sustained in war."

## German and Allied Peace Delegates Meeting Today

### LICENSES NOT RENEWED

The "per"ing was not good in Fredericton today, in fact there was nothing doing. All retail vendors' licenses under the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916 expired at midnight and they were not renewed. The result was that there were no licensed vendors today. Scores of people went to the drug stores with physicians' prescriptions for liquor only to be told that the "pers" could not be filled as the store was not licensed. Some made the rounds of the drug stores and met the same in each place.

Chief Inspector W. D. Wilson left this morning for St. John where he was to appear before the Provincial Government. It was said that there might be a possibility of the licenses being renewed by telegram.

Applications by the vendors were made some weeks ago and it is not known how it happened that renewals were not made.

### Inspector Saunders in St. John

St. John Times: Inspector Saunders of York, Sunbury and Queens counties is in the city assisting the inspectors here during the illness of Inspector McAlinsh. The latter is reported today as not improving any.

### Military Board Met

A Military Board composed of Major F. F. May, Capt. R. J. Smith and Lieut. H. C. Parker sat this morning in connection with improvements on the building occupied by the District Depot in this city. The Board submitted their report to headquarters for approval.

Lieut. and Mrs. Hicks of Sackville who were in this city yesterday attending the wedding of Mr. William Hicks left last evening for St. John. Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks the parents of the groom, left for Chatham.

probably will be erected shortly.

### Game Sanctuary

Hon. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines, stated at the conclusion of the meeting of the Advisory Board that the matter of the site of the Game Sanctuary which is to be established under recent legislation was under consideration and that he hoped to be able to announce shortly what area has been selected. Officials of the Department already have examined certain areas.

**The Examination of Credentials of the German Delegates is the First Step — Some Hope of Clearing Up the Misunderstanding in Regard to Italy—If Italians Will Relinquish Claims to Port of Fiume, President will be Ready to Offer Suggestions.**

Versailles, May 1.—The first official meeting between Allied representatives and the German peace delegates will take place at three o'clock this afternoon. A committee from the Allies will receive the German credentials at that time.

There is a slight rift in the Italian cloud, which gives hope of the clearing of the difficulties that have arisen in the peace conference over the Adriatic problem. Overtures for the resumption of relations have not come thus far from either direction, but there are intimations from Rome that overtures from Paris would not be unacceptable and would receive every attention.

**THE PRESIDENT IS WILLING TO HAVE ITALIAN DELEGATES RETURN UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

The prevailing sentiment among the delegates is against soliciting a return of the Italian representatives and it was at first believed that President Wilson shared this view. Those nearest to President Wilson, however, assert that if Italy is disposed to relinquish Fiume and accept the compromise the President suggested, he could doubtless in the interest of harmony make such friendly suggestions as would permit the resumption of relations by the Italians without any sacrifice of dignity or self-esteem.

These personal sentiments are felt to be more of an obstacle at present than the territorial merits of the case. While popular sentiment in Italy still insists on holding Fiume, the recent official attitude has been less insistent and apparently tends toward acceptance of one of the various plans proposed by the Council of Three, whereby Fiume would be internationalized and some Dalmatian outposts given to Italy.

**THE COUNCIL WILL NOT YIELD ON FIUME EVEN SHOULD TREATY BE SIGNED WITHOUT ITALY**

It is the declared purpose of the council not to yield on Fiume even if the peace treaty is signed without Italy's participation. But should the recent official tendencies at Rome take the definite form of acceptance of a compromise, the President's friends say they are sure no feeling of pride will restrain him from taking steps which will fully restore the Italian delegation to its former agreeable status in the conference.

The town of Volna, which President Wilson said should belong to Italy in his letter and ultimatum to Premier Orlando, made public here Tuesday night, is not on the Dalmatian coast, but is an Albanian port now occupied by Italians. The Albanian delegation here is much exercised over this recommendation and say that a seizure of Volna would start a movement which would threaten the dismemberment of Albania.

## SOCIALISTS MADE THREATS

Montreal, May 1.—The police prepared this morning for trouble with the Socialist element in the city who have been forbidden by the city commissioners to carry the red flag in their procession today. Some of the more fiery members of the Socialist organization here stated that they would carry the flag, despite the police threat of confiscation. Trouble was also threatened by returned soldiers, who objected to the carrying of revolutionary banners in public processions.

### Death at Sheffield

The death occurred at Sheffield on Wednesday of Mrs. Mary J. Barker widow of Whitehead Barker aged 90 years. The deceased is survived by one son Fred W. Barker of Sheffield and by two daughters Mrs. P. T. Keirstead and Miss Ida Barker of Sheffield. She is also survived by one brother Hon. Archibald Harrison of Margerville.

### Butter Prices in St. John

St. John Times: Well, butter is coming down. A dealer who not long ago sold butter as high as seventy-five cents and later at sixty-five cents, said today that he had just sold 1,200 pounds at fifty-one cents because he did not care to hold it, as he believed prices would go considerably lower. He was led to this belief by the large receipts following a letter asking that supplies be forwarded to him. He got so much that he is convinced there is no scarcity in this province, and that prices will continue to go down.

Mr. F. Neil Brodie of St. John is at the Barker House.

## BIG FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, May 1.—Fire early today badly damaged the department store of Oppenheimer Coles and Company, located in the central shopping district. The loss was estimated at \$500,000. Five firemen were injured in fighting the blaze.

### Customs Returns

Customs returns for April are as follows for the port of Fredericton: Free goods, \$2,323, dutiable, \$23,719. Total value, \$26,042. Duty collected, \$6,674.31.

### S. O. E. B. S. Officers

Last evening at the Church Hall Islington Lodge S. O. E. B. S. had the honor of welcoming two Supreme Officers, Worthy President Proctor and Worthy Vice-President Carter, and a very interesting open meeting was held with District Deputy A. D. Thomas in the chair. Besides instructive addresses by the two Supreme Officers, following the welcome by the Chairman brief speeches were made by His Honor Judge Wilson, Mr. R. B. Wallace and Mr. H. T. Brewer and by some members of the Lodge. All present spent a pleasant evening, the gathering being informal, with smoking after the addresses of the visiting brethren. It is some years since a Supreme Officer of the Sons of England Benevolent Society has visited Islington Lodge and last evening will long be remembered by the members. The Supreme President and the Supreme Vice-President left for St. John in the early train this morning, and will go through to Halifax later in the day.