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THE BUDGET BROUGHT DOWN IN PARLIAMENT BY FINANCE MINISTER

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 ticles of clothing which today are far from being luxuries.

Hon. W. S. Fielding
 Hon. W. S. Fielding was received with great applause from the opposition benches when he rose to reply to the minister of finance. He congratulated Sir Henry upon his speech. The minister of finance, he said, had taken office at a time when conditions were difficult. It was not during the war that the government was confronted with difficulties in financing, because at that time the spirit of the country naturally was aroused, people were ready to give freely in support of the cause for which Canada was fighting and parliament was willing to vote money for war purposes. Now was the time when financing would be difficult.

The new minister of finance had taken office at just about the time the last Victory Loan was floated. Mr. Fielding congratulated him on obtaining six hundred and seventy million dollars from the people without issuing tax-free bonds. If the former minister of finance had been more courageous bonds issued in previous Victory Loans would also have been subject to taxation and the country would have derived considerable revenue therefrom. As it stood now Victory Bonds to the value of \$1,380,000,000 all exempt from taxation had been sold by the government.

Mr. Fielding said that Canada had discovered herself financially. The fact that the people of this Dominion were able to and did subscribe two billions to various government loans, might be regarded as gratifying. But there was no rose without its thorn. If one turned up the last volume of the public accounts issued on March 31, 1919 two items would be found under the heading of Bank of Montreal trading account. One of these items showed that the government had paid out \$7,504,000 and received back \$5,177,904, making a net loss of \$2,272,096. These items simply showed that the government had been trading on the Stock Exchange with the money of the people of Canada. It would be said that this trading had been undertaken to stabilize the loan, but that did not enter the fact of the loss. The loss in the trading account for the last fiscal year would be more. He said the government had made an arrangement with the banks with the purpose of keeping up the prices of bonds.

Mr. Fielding reiterated that the public accounts showed a difference of \$2,272,097 in receipts and expenditures. While it was gratifying to note that Canadian people had subscribed so much money, it must not be overlooked that this meant so much money taken out of the regular channels. One result of this heavy subscription was seen in the fact that the banks were finding themselves hard up and were curtailing their credits. The housing situation arose, but there were no loans available for the people wishing to build houses. The government had drawn this money from its regular channels by offering high interest. Now they were offering seven per cent in New York for railway funds. The government should gradually get its finances into shape where Canada could float her loans through the regular channels so that home capital would be left intact to care for home financial needs.

"Knockout" Blow
 The man in the street did not understand the present method of talking in millions and billions. These terms came as a "knockout" blow to him. Mr. Fielding argued that the average Canadian has not been given a chance to understand what Canada is really facing.

Mr. Fielding's Amendment.
 Hon. Mr. Fielding in the evening introduced an amendment calling for a substantial reduction of the customs taxation on necessities and comforts of life, in view of the present unrest and hardship, and also for a lowering of the cost of instruments of production used in industries based on the national resources.

Concluding his speech, Hon. Mr. Fielding seconded by Hon. Mackenzie King leader of the opposition submitted the following motion:
 "That all the words after "that" in the resolution be omitted and these inserted instead:
 "The minister of finance in the budget speech in the session of 1919 gave assurance to the house that during the ensuing parliamentary recess there would be a public inquiry by the minister and one or more of his colleagues into the operation of the customs tariff with a view to again considering revision of the tariff at the following session.
 "That the promised public inquiry has not taken place and the expected proposals for tariff revision at this session have not been submitted to the house.
 "That in view of the continued increase in the high cost of living of the greatly increased burden of taxation of the hardships which many of the people suffer from these causes, and the unrest naturally arising therefrom and in view of the desirability of adopting measures to increase production and effect such relief to consumers and producers as may be within the power of parliament, the house is of opinion that, pending a wider revision of the tariff substantial reductions of the burdens of customs taxation should be made with a view to the accomplishing of two purposes of the highest importance, first, diminishing the very high cost of living which presses so severely on the masses of the people; second, reducing the cost of the instruments of production in the industries based on the natural resources of the Dominion, the vigorous development of which is

essential to the people and prosperity of our country."

The member for Queens and Shelburne warned the minister against continuing his present policy. Drawing huge subscriptions from the people of Canada was all right in its way but that meant diverting finances from their regular sources, and such a policy followed during the war had led to the present tightening up on bank loans and the housing shortage which was the result of lack of ready funds. The government should strive to get Canada's finances back on a normal basis so that her securities could be marketed through the regular channels and home funds left in circulation at home.

BE YOUR OWN WEATHER PROPHET

Clouds Form Signals in the Sky Which Tell the Wise Whether it is Likely to Rain or Not.

New York, May 17—A famous weather prophet once said. Reading signs in the sky is almost as easy as reading large print in the newspapers." So during this changeable spring season it will be simple, according to homely formulas, for you to tell by reading the clouds whether to venture forth or stay at home and sow grass seed before the rain.

Every one knows that there cannot be a storm or any considerable change in weather without clouds in the sky nor do all clouds indicate bad weather. There are certain cloud forms which mean fair weather, others foretell winds, and in their rapid changes seem to be trying mutely to communicate in sign language.

Those long, narrow mist clouds that gather in the south in parallel rows upward from the horizon are the advance guard of a storm, it is said.

Those big, rolling fleecy clouds which march along a blue sky may bring sudden showers without a moment of warning. They are the clouds which precede "sun showers."

Years ago an English Quaker, Luke Howard, classified cloud forms and tried to give their message to the public. He divided them into three general classes and called them cirrus, cumulus and stratus. The cirri are the delicate, lacy ones common to summer sunsets, when they foretell settled weather. Again they form the halo around sun or moon and forecast a stormy period. If these delicate clouds appear in tangled shape with borders indistinct, a storm will follow.

The cumuli comprise mountainous clouds which rise in the summer sky and bring thunderstorms. These are the ones which frequently have a "silver lining" showing around the edges of their rounded peaks.

The strati are the widespread, low hanging clouds of evening. They are the "sable stole" of Milton, cool and sometimes damp, but seldom bringing rain. The status formation frequently gathers after sunset and clears away later when the moon rises.

Besides this cloud language there are other signs which farmers often swear by. Shifting winds which show the backs of leaves in the summer mean light rains, while cobwebs on the grass are a sure sign of fair weather.

These two old jingles call to mind other ways for the individual prophet to work:

Rain before seven,
 Clear before eleven,
 and the well known
 Red in the morning sailor's warning;
 Red at night, shepherd's delight.

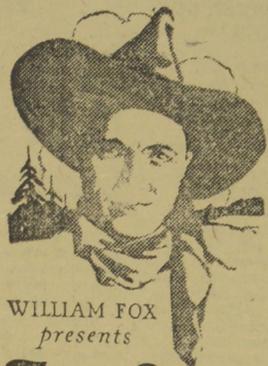
So if you are sceptical by nature and do not believe implicitly in weather reports, try being your own weather prophet.

"I tell you my friends," roared the patriot on the stump, "our navy may not be the biggest and finest thing of its kind afloat, but we have two of the finest oceans lapping our shores to sail one on that the history of the world has ever known!"

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