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LOCAL BUSINESS MEN ARE UP IN ARMS AGAINST THE NEW TAXES IMPOSED BY THE GOVT.

SAY IT WILL MEAN LOSS OF BUSINESS

Every Man Doing Business in the City Seems to Have a Grievance—Many Orders for Clothing Have Been Cancelled—Dealers Who Carry Expensive Goods Have Been Hard Hard Hit.

The tax on so called luxuries imposed by the Federal government has caused a great hubbub in local business circles and little else is talked of about the streets and in the stores. It is very difficult to find a local business man or manufacturer who does not claim to have been hard hit. The dry goods men, clothing dealers, the hardware people, the boot and shoe merchants and the jewellers are all complaining of the unfairness of the tax on luxuries and declare that it will mean a big loss to their business. To the majority of them it seems to have come like a bolt from the blue and they have not had time yet to fully size up the situation. One man said yesterday that he could almost see ruination staring him in the face, and he was considering the advisability of selling out, and settling on a farm at the head of the Tobique or some other out of the way place, where he could escape from abnoxious government regulations and other cares.

Orders Cancelled

It is said that several local clothing dealers have wired the manufacturers in the upper provinces cancelling all orders for suits and overcoats above \$40 in price, which had been ordered for fall delivery.

Local merchant tailors claim to have been hard hit by the tax on clothing to the value of \$45 and upwards. They have during the past month made up a number of suits for customers at a price agreed upon, and it is hard for them to figure out how they are going to collect the government tax in addition to the price.

The jewellers say that their business will be greatly crippled by the new tax and it will be next to impossible to dispose of a lot of the stock which they have on hand.

Business men declared that the new taxes are bad enough in themselves, and besides causing a loss of trade will mean no end of labor and trouble in filling out blank forms and complying with regulations which will be showered upon them by the authorities at Ottawa.

A local miller was the only business man whom the Mail could find who was not worrying about the new taxes "I have been having my troubles for the past four years," he said, "and now I see that others are to get theirs," was the way he sized up the situation.

Interesting Sequel.

The alleged arson prosecution at Waasels has had an interesting sequel for today in this city a license for the marriage of Agnes Virtue and Gilbert Howland both of that place was taken out. The prospective groom was the defendant in the arson prosecution and the prospective bride was to be the chief witness against him but Magistrate DeMille accepted the contention of counsel of the accused that she was married to Howland and could not be forced to give evidence. Developments today would indicate that there was a slight error in that particular. It is reported that the fire insurance companies are interesting themselves in the alleged case of arson. The wedding it is said will take place here today.

Further Adjournment.

The case of the local livery stable proprietor who was charged with a violation of the Prohibition Act came up this morning and was adjourned to May 26th, when judgment will be delivered in the case.

H. S. Keith of Blackville is at the Queen.

CARRANZA, FUGITIVE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, KILLED ON THURSDAY

(Special to the Mail.)

MEXICO CITY, May 22.—Venustiano Carranza, who fled from this city on May 6 and who took refuge in the mountains of Puebla following a battle near Dinconada, was killed at 1 o'clock Thursday morning at Tlaxcalatlango, according to an official announcement here. Carranza's companions, whose names are not yet known, are declared to have shared his fate. The attack which resulted in the death of the President, was led by General Rodolfo Serrera. Adolfo Delapuerta, Governor of the State of Sonora, has been elected provisional president of Mexico.

AGRARIANS ARE LIKELY TO TAKE A HAND IN DEBATE ON THE BUDGET NEXT WEEK

Will Probably Come to the Front With an Amendment—Western Unionists are not Satisfied With the Tariff as it Stands and Want a Declaration for a Downward Revision—The Attitude of Some Members is Uncertain.

Ottawa, May 21.—If Sir Henry Drayton, Sir Robert Borden or some responsible minister does not make, somewhere during the budget debate, a declaration which can be construed as a promise that as a consequence of the inquiry beginning immediately after this session the revision of the budget next year will be downward, the government is almost certain to lose the support of half a dozen western members.

Lacking such a declaration, three have almost decided to vote for the Fielding amendment, and others are in a state of indecision. It is remarked that there has been a singular absence of any desire on the part of Westerners from the prairie provinces to rush into speech on the subject, and to declare themselves one way or the other.

They intend to speak next week. The agrarians have leaped into the conflict today and they will have some very pungent things to say next week. Hon. T. A. Crerar will have returned on Monday, but the interest of the House is just as strong in finding out what will be said by the Westerners whose attitude is uncertain. Several of these boiled last year on the tariff, but have given an independent support to the government ever since. Most western members do not like the budget, and this is true even of many who are going to vote for it. Some who intend voting for it say that it fulfills one function which the White budget of last year did not do, that is, it prepares the way for a lower tariff taxation by opening up new avenues for securing revenue. They think, however, it bears unnecessarily hard on the consumer, and think that it would have indicated that the government was open to more liberal and democratic ideas if the excise tax had been placed almost entirely on domestic products and not on imported articles.

That kind of excise would have been collected before it got to the retailer, and the increased competition from outside would have protected the consumer against the tax being levied against the consumer. That was the argument and desire of the Westerners. That this was not accepted by the Western members are inclined to interpret as a sign that the government is linked up with the big interests. Wherefore some of them will require a declaration of policy more definite than that of Sir Henry Drayton as to whether the revision to come will mean a reduction of the duties before they will support the present budget.

A Difficult Problem

Meanwhile these Westerners are faced with a difficult problem. They are not sure of their welcome in the liberal group, and the movement among the farmers of the west to have farmer members as much as possible often ignores former services of those who have not lined themselves definitely with the agrarians. It is not impossible that there may be formed an independent group of liberal tendencies which will consider and vote on all questions independently of the existing groups.

The matter is being canvassed. The Borden government has been thrown into a blue funk by the close result of the vote on the Washington

minister plenipotentiary correspondence. It has been taken by the government as a hint from their following by reason of having a lukewarm support as to what might happen on account of deciding not to give an increased indemnity.

Sir Robert Borden has been besieged by importunities to grant an increase of at least \$1500 a year, and this afternoon he had a large number of the government members of parliament in an informal caucus in his office to discuss the question.

Members were unanimous in saying that it was only justice that such an increased indemnity should be given. One or two, who agreed with this, spoke against it, however, on the ground of "it not being expedient in the present juncture of the national affairs."

It is possible the question may be reopened by the government although the decision to do so has not yet been taken.

If it does, the increase would only be to \$4000 instead of \$5000 as talked of for a while.

The agrarian-labor or the national progressive party, as it is interchangeably called about Ottawa has told the government that the old rule that only one amendment should be made to the budget speech should no longer hold.

AGRICULTURE ON THE ISLAND

The agricultural production of Prince Edward Island during the season of 1910 has been one of the best in the history of that Province. Statistics indicate an increase over the previous year in almost every department of agricultural endeavor. This is especially gratifying in view of the fact of stringent labor conditions. Keen demand for foodstuffs has stimulated an unusual effort along lines of production, while favorable growing weather combined to make the past season a splendid one for the island farmer. Indications are that farmers are now starting away with a new and more vigorous program for production and farm management, with quality as a basis for all their operations. Many of the returned men secured farms, and are starting in their native Province. These men are full of enthusiasm and energy, and with the new ideas acquired during their absence abroad they should be a strong factor for improvement in the districts in which they reside.

French Short Courses.

Preparations for the French short courses in Household Science are being made by Miss Hazel McCain, the Supervisor of the N. B. Women's Institute. The course will open on June 15th and classes in nursing, cookery and sewing will be held in Madawaska Restigouche, Gloucester and Kent Counties.

MR. FRASER GIVES VIEWS

(St. John Telegraph.)

At a large and representative gathering of business men at the Y. M. C. A. building last night called to organize for the Provincial Referendum campaign in July, Donald Fraser stated that, as a business man, "he found the profits of prohibition so great that it was impossible to figure them." This form the head of a concern that by their brains and excellent judgment have built a gigantic business in a few years will doubtless have its weight in the coming campaign.

Mr. Fraser further stated that his firm has practically no trouble now with their men, while before prohibition came into force conditions at times were simply intolerable.

To Play in Campbellton.

"Bringing up Father" the amateur musical comedy which met with such notable success during its two performances here about a month ago is being taken to Campbellton. The members of the amateur company all young local people will leave this evening for the North Shore and the show will be put on Monday night. Word has been received that, the house which has a seating capacity of over eight hundred, has been completely sold out and a very successful trip is anticipated. The proceeds will go to the Campbellton War Memorial Fund. The company will return Tuesday morning.

THE PRICE CUTTING MOVEMENT SEEMS TO BE TAKING A FIRM HOLD IN THE GREAT REPUBLIC

CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT

Paris, May 22.—The chamber by a vote of 526 to 90 passed a vote of confidence in the government. This is considered as positive proof that the country is satisfied with Premier Millerand's disposal of recent international and domestic problems.

DALHOUSIE WON COLLEGE TRACK MEET

Dal. 51, U. N. B. 39 — Local College Entered Only Three Men—Winners Had Seven.

Moncton N. B., May 21.—The Inter-collegiate track and field meet was pulled off successfully this afternoon on the M. A. A. grounds with a small number of spectators present to witness the various events. Lowering skies and a cool damp breeze prevailed, rain being not far away throughout the afternoon. The majority of the ten events were, however, keenly contested between the representatives of Dalhousie and the University of New Brunswick, which were the only two institutions which sent teams to enter in the competition. For some unknown reason Acadia and St. Francis Xavier both of whom were expected to send strong teams, did not appear, thus lessening the interest very materially. Dalhousie was represented by seven athletes, and the University of New Brunswick by three Dalhousie carried off 51 points and U. N. B. 39.

Summary:

100 yard dash—E. B. Ellis, Dalhousie, 1st, H. A. Bridges, U. N. B., 2nd; F. H. Jones, Dalhousie, 3rd. Time 11 seconds.

High jump—Russell R. MacLean, U. N. B., 1st; C. A. Thompson, G. Holmes, F. E. Coster, Dalhousie, equal for second and third. MacLean's jump, 5 feet 4 inches.

Broad jump—T. Coster, Dalhousie, 1st, 18 feet 11-2 inches; H. A. Bridges, U. N. B. 2nd, 18 feet 10-4 inches; H. Trimble, U. N. B. 3rd, 18 feet 9-2 inches.

220 yards dash—T. Coster, Dalhousie, 1st; F. H. Jones, Dalhousie, 2nd; E. B. Ellis, Dalhousie, 3rd. Time 25 seconds.

Shot-put—Trimble, U. N. B., 1st, 41 feet 1 inch; N. A. McKenzie, Dalhousie, 2nd, 36 feet 3 inches; H. A. Bridges, U. N. B., 3rd, 34 feet 11-2 inches.

440 yards dash—G. Holmes Dalhousie, 1st; Jones Dalhousie 2nd, Trimble, U. N. B. 3rd. Time 56-2-5 seconds. 120 yards hurdles—Coster, Dalhousie 1st; McLean, U. N. B., 2nd; Bridges, U. N. B., 3rd. Time 19-3-5 seconds.

Pole vault—MacLean, U. N. B., 1st; Turnbull, Dalhousie, 2nd; Coster, Dalhousie, 3rd. Height, 8 feet 8 inches. Hammer throw—Trimble, U. N. B., 1st, 132 feet 8 inches; McKenzie, Dalhousie, 2nd, 119 feet 3 inches; MacLean, U. N. B., 3rd, 100 feet 7 inches. Mile run—Trimble, U. N. B., 1st; Holmes, Dalhousie, 2nd; Logan, Dalhousie, 3rd. Time 5 minutes 7 seconds.

OUR EGGS ARE IN FAVOUR

Toronto, May 22.—Owing to rigid Government inspection at point of shipment Canadian eggs last year sold on the British market at a premium as high as 24 cents per dozen or about \$1,000,000 in the year, Canadian exporters are now receiving inquiries from the British trade, and business is anticipated at an early date. According to recent cables, on account of the reputation established last year Canadian eggs are in good favor on the British market.

BOSTON MOTORMEN TO WEAR DENIM BUT DECIDE IT MUST BE CLEAN

BOSTON, May 22.—"Clean overalls and jumpers." So is it nominated in the bond. Motormen employed by the Massachusetts Street Railway Company, by the terms of an agreement entered into between fifteen locals of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America and the company, may henceforth go about their duties clad in denim; but lest the aesthetic souls of the Bostonese be shocked, the covenant distinctly sets forth that they be "clean." The new garb, which it is conceded will be practical and neat without being gaudy, as well as harmonizing with the general color scheme of the cars, has been decided upon by reason of the high cost of blue uniform cloth.

COMMODITIES ARE DROPPING IN CHICAGO

Cotton, Sugar and Corn Options Broke Violently in New York — Cereals and Provisions Also Suffer Reaction—President of Merchants' Association Says Reduction Has Been Anticipated.

New York, May 22.—Influenced by the general price cutting agitation which is steadily gaining ground, the principal commodity markets of the country today continue to "mark down" quoted values. Cotton, sugar and corn options broke violently here and in Chicago and cereals and provisions, including pork, also suffered sharp reaction. Significance was attached to the drop in the pork prices as marking the first pronounced break in high priced foodstuffs.

A large part of today's liquidation in cotton and grains was attributed to the further scaling down of credits by banking institutions here and in other reserve centers, evidently in conformity with the request of the Federal Reserve Board. In the local cotton market May contracts broke almost 400 points, with equally sharp reactions in New Orleans. The Liverpool market also reported substantial reactions.

William Fellows Morgan, president of the Merchants' Association said: "The reduction of the prices of merchandise, which now seems to be universal throughout the country has been anticipated. It was inevitable as one of the steps of deflation which we must go through in order to regain normal conditions. The necessary preparations for the shrinkage of values which really means an increase in the value of the dollar, were long ago made by the banks. I do not anticipate that we shall have any trouble as a result of it, although certain lines of industry may be more or less disturbed."

"This readjustment has been retarded by the interruption of the transportation lines, especially in this city. The tendency of this interference with the free movement of merchandise has been to keep prices at high levels and even to increase them by cutting off supplies."

STATISTICS OF HEALTH DEPT.

The following are the statistics of births, deaths and marriages compiled for April by the Department of Public Health, April evidently being a favorite month for those contemplating matrimony:

	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Albert	17	5	6
Carleton	47	31	33
Charlotte	49	16	24
Fredericton City	21	8	
Gloucester	124		61
Kings	33	7	26
Madawaska	84	27	25
Northumberland	77	12	44
Queens	26	5	9
Restigouche	61	11	23
St. John City and County	143	79	99
Sunbury	18	1	7
Victoria	32	15	14
Westmorland	150	35	63
York (exclusive of Fredericton)	64	12	34

The total figures for the province, with the exception of Kent county, which is not organized, are 967 births, 321 marriages, 475 deaths, and the rate per thousand for the month of April is: Births 31.33, marriages 10.37, and deaths 15.40.

The figures for the three cities are:

	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Fredericton	22	21	8
St. John	112	73	71
Moncton	71	24	24