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THE TAXATION PROBLEM.

It is evident that New Brunswick is not the only province or state on this continent where the people have their taxation problems. We have before us a boom edition of the San Francisco Chronicle very replete with optimistic articles telling of the wonderful opportunities of the golden state and of the great prosperity enjoyed by the various branches of industry, including agriculture, manufacturing, fishing, mining and lumbering. The rosy picture painted by optimistic writers however, is somewhat nullified by an editorial on taxation of which the following is an extract:

"Federal taxes are being reduced. The small taxpayer who paid only the normal rate when he filed his return this year smiled for the first time since the war. But other taxes keep going up. States and municipalities are issuing more and ever more bonds, and these are piling up taxes for interest charges and sinking funds.

"If the small taxpayer could be presented with a bill once a year, showing just how much his taxes amount to, including not only the direct taxes but all the indirect taxes skimmed off every commodity he buys, a howl would go up that could be heard on the planet Mars.

"The average small taxpayer, however, does not realize what is happening to him. He has a vague idea that all these vague taxes are met by "soaking the rich." In every age whose history we know there have been experiments to this end. Not one ever has succeeded. You cannot make another pay the tax on the food you eat or the clothes you wear.

"How much higher shall taxes go before the brakes are put on political expenditures?"

The government of New Brunswick has found it necessary to inaugurate direct taxation in order to balance the budget. We believe it to be the intention of the government also to apply the brake to political expenditures. If this is done the burden of an additional direct tax will be naturally lightened from time to time.

AN EXCELLENT SPEECH.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Harrison, D. S. O., one of the new members of the Legislature, contributed an excellent and carefully thought out speech to the debate on the budget last evening. It was his maiden effort and his speech, free from bitterness and personalities, and intensely business like, won praise from his fellow members on both sides. Besides carrying on a large law practice in Saint John, Col. Harrison discharges the duties of French Consul for the port. Because of this and as a compliment to the Acadian people of the province he prefaced his speech by a few observations in the French language, being the first English speaking member in modern times at least to do this.

Col. Harrison is a U. N. B. graduate and as was to be expected bestowed words of praise on his alma mater, and called attention to the need of giving it greater financial support. His views on the financial problems now confronting the province were presented clearly and forcibly and he heartily commended the government for having taken steps to apply the brake and restore the huge gap between receipts and expenditures. Col. Harrison's speech was an important contribution to the debate and the report of it appearing elsewhere in this issue is worthy of a careful perusal.

Toronto Globe: Mr. McBrien has a bill in the Legislature calling for the licensing of fuel dealers. He alleges that in the recent coal scarcity some undependable dealers sold short weight, and the public had no redress. It is doubtful if such a course was common, but the public is entitled to sharp protection from such scamps, for fuel prices have been high enough without fraud of this kind.

With Premier Baxter expressing doubt as to the powers of the Legislature in the matter, it does not look as if there was much likelihood of the bill to tax mail order houses, being able to secure a place on the statute books of the province. In the meantime the mail order houses are receiving the benefit of some splendid free advertising at the expense of the retail dealers.

The reelection of Hon. J. C. Elliott, Minister of Labor in West Middlesex yesterday will not create a great deal of surprise. He polled a total of 6,529 votes, against 3,800 cast for his opponent and namesake, Mr. Thomas Elliott, the Conservative candidate. At the general election Hon. Mr. Elliott, running as a private member polled 4,256 votes in a three cornered fight. Mr. McDougall, the Progressive candidate polled 3,540 and Mr. Elliott, the loser of yesterday, polled 2,816. A smaller vote was polled than in the general election and the bulk of the Progressives seem to have supported the new minister.

A new bathing fraternity of socially elect, consisting of 29 families, has been formed at Palm Beach for the purpose of taking its daily dip away from the contaminating presence of the lower order of human beings who infest that resort. It will be a matter of surprise to most persons that they will consent to use the same ocean without first taking precautions to have it strained or disinfected.

Although Canadian hens are good layers, the result of the Dominion egg laying contest at Ottawa, shows a pen of Black Leghorns sent out from England to be leading all competitors. This pen laid 818 eggs up to the close of the 20th week and was credited with 868 points.

And speaking of clothes of the lack of them as a future possibility, if it is really true skirts are going higher, some way ought to be found to eliminate knees.

New Yorkers have fitted up a sea-going clubhouse. They are not expected to do their cruising exclusively on water.

The Melk copy of the Gutenberg Bible brought \$106,000 at auction. The Bible is still one of our very best sellers.

Incidentally, some one asks us how we pronounce Lenglen. We don't. Our cowardly method of ducking the issue is to call her Suzanne.

O. O. McIntyre says Miami is a great place for lovers and rheumatism, but so far as we have observed it isn't advertising its rheumatism.

Harry Thaw, according to his own confession, is writing a book, and now maybe he'll get the punishment we have always contended he deserves.

We wonder what good a Southern exposure would do a home in Lapland where the temperature recently went to 63 degrees below zero.

The big victory of the coal strike was the lesson the public learned in accommodating itself to a situation which as first seemed almost hopeless.

Time flies: Only 20 years ago the buyer was asking whether the nag was afraid of automobiles.

Italian surgeon is going to operate on Mussolini. We hope he removes his disposition.

Our idea of a crime wave is the result obtained when it makes a girl's head look like a mop.

Work comes easy to some men, while others can go for days at a time without having to dodge it.

Also, if the glories of old Egypt had only been as carefully embalmed as her kings.

It appears the Countess is not going to slide to further fame on "Ashes."

B. & A. RAILWAYS ARE PAYING INVESTMENT

Bangor, Me., March 29—The Bangor & Aroostook Railway paid its stockholders in dividends \$475,200 in 1925, compared with \$465,550 in 1924, and the company's property is in a higher state of efficiency than ever before in its history, states President Percy R. Todd, in his annual report to the stockholders. Automobiles cut deeply into the passenger traffic and train service was reduced making a shrinkage of almost 12 per cent, in the passenger traffic earnings but the freight traffic earnings increased six and two tenths per cent, one item being 32,744 carloads of potatoes, the largest bulk ever handled by the road in the same time.

Truck lines also cut off the express revenue more than 7 per cent.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Though the early bird is here the worm has not turned up yet.

Half the world doesn't like what the other half is doing.

Perhaps the worst disease of all is a chronic desire to hold political office.

Lima Beane says the most democratic institutions are auto tags and pants.

What has become of the old-fashioned stenographer who was forever fussing with her back hair?

An inspirational writer says he believes flowers feed the soul. If so there is danger of foundering the soul of dandelions.

There is a considerable volume of sentiment in this country now to the effect that you not only could have led the horse to water that time but also could have made him drink if there had been a federal enforcement bureau and adequate appropriations.—Ohio State Journal.—Speaking of obstinate horses, there are disheartening moments when the mind turns to Thompson's fool colt so many people are swimming

TIMBER BLOCK WILL BE SOLD

Bangor, Me., March 29—The creditors' committee of the Saint John Lumber Company have announced the auction sale in Portland, on April 9, of all the spruce timber lands of the company, a little over 22,000 acres listed in 11 parcels, mostly located north of the Saint John River, or between the Saint John and the Allegash. The largest parcel is about 8,500 acres in No. 20, the extreme northern township in Maine. Other parcels are in Townships 14 and 15 on ranges from 11 to 15.

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City Of Fredericton Proposed Assessment Act

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C. FRED CHESTNUT,
City Clerk.
City Hall, March 27, 1926.

Notice of Legislation

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick by the City of Fredericton for the passing of an Act authorizing the said City to issue Debentures in a sum not exceeding the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), for the purpose of constructing permanent streets in the said City.

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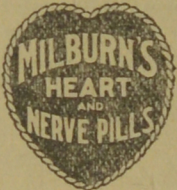
In spring a young girls fancy Turns to one thing—dwells upon it; Geraldine and Mae and Nancy Have one thought an Easter bonnet.

Her Heart Palpitated She Had Fainting Spells

Mrs. J. Wilson, Port George, N.S., writes:—"I suffered from palpitation of the heart and fainting spells, and, at times, I could not be left alone I was so nervous.

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