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JOHN BULL TO TAX BETTING.

Not only is horse racing developed in England to a far greater degree than it is here, but its gambling department is an established institution. In the budget just presented to Parliament, indeed, one of the principal features is a proposed tax on race betting, so that besides being legalized it is about to acquire the additional sanctity of being a source of public revenue.

The vast extent of the industry is suggested by the estimate that a levy of 5 per cent. on the wagers will produce about \$30,000,000 a year. Racing is conducted almost continuously. With such exceptions as Christmas and Good Friday, there is hardly a week day during the year when there is not an officially conducted meet. British turf followers embrace members of every social grade, from peers to costermongers. The main support of the vast enterprise, however, comes from the wage-earners and salaried workers. Although few of them can visit the tracks, except on such holiday occasions as Derby day, they sustain the sport by their contributions through the betting system. There are about 5000 horses constantly in training in England; \$5,000,000 is annually given in prizes, and 8000 book-makers lay odds, employing 60,000 helpers and agents.

The system is protected by two legal fictions—first, that a race course is not a "place," and second, that wagers laid on credit with the "turf agents" to be found in every town are not bets, but "commissions." Betting in the streets, through the peripatetic handbook men, is still illegal, but this convenience for the masses flourishes nevertheless, and its suppression would be bitterly resented. As Chancellor Churchill remarked, "There is one law for the rich and another for the poor; credit betting and race-course betting are legal, while street betting is illegal, though in practice everyone can bet with impunity."

This equivocal attitude of the law was apparent throughout his explanation. Meeting objections half way, he admitted that the tax would be a recognition of a system which many Britons consider an evil; but, he said, the country was already benefiting from this "so-called vice" by collecting income taxes from the bookmakers. As to the legal and moral aspects of the question, he observed dryly, "I am not looking for trouble—I am looking for revenue." Also he admitted, somewhat cynically, that doubtless the book-makers will pass the tax on to their clients by shortening the odds offered; so that in effect the revenue will come out of the public, and not out of the professional gamblers. At any rate it appears that the British "bookie," like the British publican, is to receive the sanction of law as well as custom, for both of them minister to habits which John Bull is in no mind to relinquish.

An Ottawa dispatch to the Halifax Chronicle, says that because of a recent judgment of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, the legal right of Mr. R. B. Hanson, M. P., to sit in Parliament may be challenged. Possibly the electors of York-Sunbury may have something to say on the subject should it come to a show down. They returned Mr. Hanson in October last by a record breaking majority of 5,600 and there is nothing to indicate any dissatisfaction with his services as a representative or that the decision of the Supreme Court has lost him any friends in this constituency. So long as Mr. Hanson is able to retain the overwhelming confidence of his constituents he can well afford to sit back and let someone else do the worrying. If he were to resign his seat and seek reelection it is doubtful if any man in his right senses could be prevailed upon to oppose him.

What do ex-kings live on? Apparently they all manage to get a lot of property into a foreign country. The former Shah of Persia does not appear to be in the least distressed. When he was notified that he was dismissed he seemed quite indifferent and evidently preferred to live in Europe rather than to reign in Persia. Certainly he had no right to complain, for he was an incurable absentee, and a king who can get along without his country is likely to discover that his country can get along without him. His successor played fair; he warned the young Shah that if he didn't come back to his job he would certainly be

dismissed, and his Majesty said he didn't care, or words to that effect.

It is said of Henry Ford, who was one of three brothers, that in his youth he was the only member of the family about whom his father had to worry. The father confided to a Detroit banker that "Will and John are all right, but I'm worried about Henry's future." Presumably this father long ago passed to his reward. If from his present home he can look down upon this son, whose wealth has been rated as high as \$2,000,000,000, the thought must be borne in upon him that parents don't always know as much about their children as they think they do.

Efforts being put forth to settle the strike of coal miners in Great Britain have thus far been unsuccessful. A million coal miners are expected to quit work at midnight, and members of other trades unions are expected to walk out in sympathy, precipitating the greatest industrial crisis the country has ever known.

Halifax papers note that a schooner which bears the name of a very worthy citizen of New Brunswick who was at one time prominent in public life, has sailed for Georgetown, Demara to load a cargo of rum. The schooner captain's name is Fudge.

The way it works out, each of the 50 nightingales liberated by Edward Bok in Florida will have to compete with 241 silver-tongued publicity agents.

A New York wife says her husband compels her to wear the same dresses she bought five years ago. Husbands like that were never held to be in style.

There is such a thing as educating a person beyond his intellect. It is like hanging fine clothes on a dummy. Nobody is fooled after the first look.

A millionaire of 61 has wooed and won a telephone operator of 21, but that same line has been pretty busy of late, too.

One advantage in being a minority party is that you can love the farmer without passing any laws to benefit him.

Who remembers when it was cruelty to expect a little boy to carry a quarter's worth of potatoes home from the grocer's?

"Woman," according to a speaker, "will prove the last word in government." Which probably is true.

The majority rules. That's why most of us are in the minority. Figure it out.

A writer observes that many men owe their success to their wives. Others owe their wives to their success.

Motorists in Pennsylvania who raced with an express train going 70 miles an hour finished second.

Egypt seems to have been scared by the size of John D., Jr.'s roll.

Any flapper knows the difference between a sweetie and a sugar papa.

Blessed are the meek, for the rest of us are going to tread on their toes.

The Legislature has prorogued and the ice has run out of the river.

* THROUGH OUR SIEVE *

Even the Garden of Eden story two sides Adam's and Eve's.

People can discuss the weather amicably, because it is nonpartisan.

Lima Beane says the saddest note he can think of is a tolling village churchbell.

Where is a woman's boasted intuition when a bigamist makes her No. 3?

A scientist says every clock is wrong. That is what the man who is proud of his watch has been saying.

Having reached the age of 90 it is probably natural for a man to begin looking around for some reason for it.

If he goes out into the world and makes a success his intimates of the little old home town days set it down to fool luck.

Who remembers when it was not considered good taste to say "leg" unless referring to a leg-of-mutton sleeve?

BEAVERBROOK TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIPS

(Continued From Page One.)
Principal W. J. S. Myles and Mrs. Myles, Saint John, N. B.
Ethel Murphy, Moncton, N. B.
Julia Neales, Woodstock, N. B.
John E. Page, Fredericton, N. B.
Principal Calixte Saviole and Mrs. Saviole, Edmundston, N. B.
Harriet A. Smith (New Albert School,) Saint John, N. B.
Principal A. H. Stiles, Riverside, N. B.
Principal Waldo H. Swan, St. Andrews, N. B.
Principal C. H. Turner, Woodstock, N. B.
Sarah L. Thompson, Fredericton, N. B.
A. Kathleen Woods, Richibucto, N. B.
Bessie H. Wilson, Saint John, N. B.

Late E. W. Vavasour
The funeral of the late Edwin W. Vavasour took place Friday afternoon from his late home, Charlotte street, and was one of the largest which took place in Fredericton in some time. The flowers sent by friends and relatives were particularly beautiful and numerous. The service at the home was conducted by Very Rev. Dean Neales. The funeral was under Pythian auspices Fredericton Lodge No. 6, which attended with the Fredericton Brass Band. The mourners were Kenneth Vavasour, J. D. Black, Edwin J. Black, John Black, James Torrance, William Anderson, W. A. Hay, Postmaster Cameron and Post Office Staff. The pall-bearers were Ernest A. MacKay, T. A. Wilson, Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne, Harold Leach, George Jonah, George L. Haviland, members of the Knights of Pythias. Interment was made in the Rural Cemetery.

Banns Were Published.
The banns of marriage of Elmer E. E. Humes of this city and Miss Victoria Elizabeth Beatty of Marysville were published at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday for the first time. The wedding is to take place June 2nd.

In the Eligible List
The Civil Service Commission has announced the following in the eligible lists: Postal helpers, Fredericton, Douglas John Brewer of Upper Keswick; David R. MacLelland, Lewis Robert Tims of Fredericton; Postmaster, Cross Creek, George B. Currie.

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CITY OF FREDERICTON Registration of Dogs

Owners of dogs are hereby notified that all dogs should be registered at the office of the undersigned on or before the first day of June next. The fee for such registration is \$1.00 for a male and \$2.00 for a female dog.

C. FRED CHESTNUT,
City Treasurer.

City Hall, May 1, 1926.

WEEK-END FARES VIA THE C. N. R.

Effective May 1st, the Canadian National Railways will inaugurate reduced week-end fares from and to various points in the Maritime Provinces. Tickets will be good going on all trains leaving terminals after Friday noon, in addition to Saturday and Sunday, and returning the following Monday. The first Friday upon which tickets will be on sale will be May 7th and their sale will be continued until Sunday, October 31st. For further particulars apply to Canadian National Railways Ticket Agents.

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CITY OF FREDERICTON

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C. FRED CHESTNUT,
City Treasurer.
City Hall, May 1, 1926.

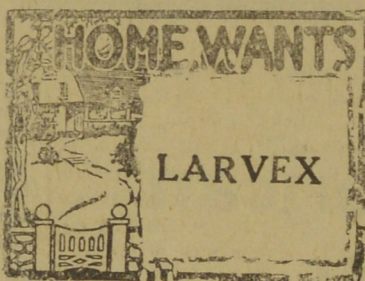
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WATER RATES

Water consumers will please take notice that the rates for the current term are now due.

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