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INCOME TAX RETURNS

A statement has appeared in reference to monies collected by the Government of Canada in the year 1934 for Income Taxes. This statement is illuminating and of interest.

In Canada in the year 1934 a little over \$1,000,000.00 was collected in income taxes from 46,000 tax payers with taxable incomes from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 each. There was about a like amount collected from 28,000 tax payers with taxable incomes of \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 and approximately the same amount from 13,000 tax payers with taxable incomes from \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

The remaining approximately 22,000 income tax payers for the year had taxable incomes of \$5,000.00 a year or more and they paid twenty-six millions of dollars.

In the whole of Canada there were less than 2000 people whose incomes were \$20,000.00 or more and these less than 2,000 people paid approximately seventeen millions of the entire twenty-nine millions of dollars collected in the year from all individuals.

Less than 9,000 corporations paid approximately twenty-seven millions of dollars in the year and in the whole of Canada there were only approximately 1,500 corporations of all kinds who had a taxable income of \$10,000 or more.

These figures go to show that the individual of wealth is paying the very great bulk of the income taxes in Canada and is thus a great asset to Canada. It also shows that industry is paying very heavily and that the great bulk of corporations have had very small taxable income in that year.

MEMBERS SHOULD PAY

We notice that Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance and Hon. J. L. Ralston, the Financial leader of the opposition have both expressed themselves in the House of Commons to the effect that the indemnity of members of Parliament should be exempt from income tax.

The Liberal financial man claimed that it was unjust to tax members of Parliament for full indemnity when it was necessary for them to spend most of the indemnity in order to earn it.

The finance minister pointed out that he had once had to pay more money in income taxes than he had earned in that particular year and argued that it would be desirable that income tax be levied on the current instead of the previous year.

While the remuneration to members of parliament are tactfully termed indemnities yet to many members of parliament this indemnity is the largest salary they ever earned or that they could ever expect to earn in any other work that they would enter.

While we sympathize with men of the calibre of the Finance Minister and the Hon. J. L. Ralston in the nominal remuneration that they receive for the very valuable service that they give to the country, yet it will be a most unpopular move for members of parliament, having the power to do so, to vote themselves or successors an exemption from taxes.

There is a very large class of men throughout the Dominion with much less income than the members of parliament secure in indemnities who have to pay income tax above the statutory exemption, to which the members of parliament as well are entitled.

We think the least said is the House of Commons regarding the exemption of members' so-called indemnity the better. The indemnity question is a most unequal one because there are in the House of Commons a certain number of members who are really at a great hardship in devoting the time that they do to the work of the country for so small a remuneration compared with their earning power. On the other hand there is unquestionably a line of members in the parliamentary seats who are not worth their salt let alone the \$4,000.00 indemnity which

is handed out to them. As a general and unflinching principle the law maker must not be exempted from the laws he makes if he expects those laws to be respected. Preaching and practicing must ever, to be effective, go hand in hand.—Truro News.

Eligible bachelor No. 1 should get married and have someone to adjust a tie for him. He forgot to wear one at a recent gathering.

Cornell reports an experiment there has proved Einstein's mass-energy contentious. The good doctor is doubtless wondering what it was, he said.

A Massachusetts bill would require a course in economics in every fourth year high school class. But who wants his child's mind filled with superstitious?

A machine that predicts earthquakes as well as records them is in the making. In this way, science comes to the assistance of viewers-with-alarm.

"The university graduate of today faces opportunities for adventure, service and achievement excelled in no other age", says a commencement orator—and he was talking to Missourians at that!

"Life begins at 40", said one man; then another said, "Life begins at 50"; and now one says, "Life begins at 60". Although there is much uncertainty concerning the date, the agreement on one point its reassuring. Life begins.

The political pot is bubbling, but the politicians should keep their feet on the ground and not say and do things about which they will be ashamed later.

Play the game as hot as you can but hit above the belt.

Life is too short to stir up rotten false charges which do more harm than good.

WOULD DESTROY TRADE BARRIERS

Boston Mayor Critical of Canadian Duty On Goods Entering Via U. S. Ports.

NEW YORK, June 12—The first conference of seaport cities set up a permanent organization today for battering down trade barriers around the United States.

Following a session of critical discussion of American tariff policies in restriction of the free movement of foreign trade, the conference created a permanent committee to draft recommendations and findings for remedying international trade conditions.

Criticism was directed by various speakers against proposed agricultural export subsidies, the Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act, the "protectionist attitude" on labor, political implications of the international trade problem, any complete monopoly by the American shipping industry, and the Canadian preferential tariff against goods entering by United States port.

Leads Opposition

Mayor Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston led the opposition to that part of the Canadian tariff. He urged the negotiation of a reciprocal trade treaty between the Dominion and the United States only after removal of the 100 p.c. duty now levied on Canada-bound goods entering via United States ports.

He argued that if such a reciprocal treaty between the Dominion and the country should arrange a similar "penalty charge" on goods destined for the United States that come to the continent via Canadian ports.

Recommendations were made in favor of a permanent United States port regulating authority, a unified national non-sectional program for the future to protect commerce and stimulation of import trade.

ARCHITECT'S FEES

Charges are appearing in certain leaflets to the effect that H. Claire Mott, of Saint John, architect for a period of seven years on important structural work for the provincial government, has been charged with collecting "\$56.00 per day for six years for his one man services."

Naturally the casual reader would think this an enormous amount for a government to pay, but the informed reader would know that five per cent is the fee set by the New Brunswick Association of Architects on all new construction work and at 7½ per cent is the professional fee on alterations and reconstruction.

The minimum five per cent fee charged by Mr. Mott of Saint John for his seven years of extensive construction work in Saint John, Fredericton and River Glade is the same fee charged by architects working for the Liberal Governments when they indulged in a construction policy during their tenures of office and the same fee charged for the planning and supervision of such buildings as the public schools at Saint John, Moncton, Fredericton, churches, private residences, warehouses, building blocks and federal institutions anywhere or everywhere.

It is absolutely silly to impute extortion or over-charging to any architect who for designing, specifying, superintending, engineering, and completing a structure is by regulation, practice and common consent permitted a minimum of five per cent. In the number of professional gentlemen standing for election on both sides of the argument this matter of professional charges is well understood whether he be a medical doctor, surgeon, architect, engineer or lawyer.

Although Mr. Mott, under the by-laws of his association, was permitted to collect extra monies for consulting engineers and other auxiliary professional services, not to mention travelling expenses at great distances in United States and Upper Canada, his one flat fee was the strict five per cent permitted the profession in this province and in most parts of Canada.

In some sections of the Dominion the architects' fee is six per cent and in others five per cent plus one per cent for consultants.

The typographical trick of quoting the Saint John architect's earnings at \$56.00 per day—same as one would compute an unprofessional service—is therefore quickly discerned in the light of this information. Furthermore, seven years of almost constant labor in the progressive policy of the Government in providing educational and curative institutions are embraced in the professional fee paid Mr. Mott.

It would be just as fair to criticize a surgeon who charged hundreds of dollars, perhaps thousands, for a difficult operation or a lawyer for handling a highly important case, as to insinuate wrongdoing or excessive charges to the Saint John architect. One wonders what the Sackville soothsayer

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— in —

“Men of the Night”

Ottawa Extends Aid to Provinces

OTTAWA, Ont., June 12—The Dominion will pay direct relief for this month to Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, pending execution of relief agreements between the Federal Government and the Governments of these respective provinces, it was announced yesterday.

An Order-in-Council authorizing these payments on next June 29 has been approved.

Lord Bessborough Is Much Improved

OTTAWA, Ont., June 12—The Earl of Bessborough is progressing favorably from his indisposition, it was announced at Government House today. He will, however, be unable to fulfill any public engagements for at least another week.

The Governor-General is suffering from a bronchial ailment contracted while on a visit to Petawawa recently.

DICKENS AS SANTA CLAUS

“David Copperfield,” in film, accentuates the belief that Charles Dickens is at his best when looked upon as another Santa Claus. The screen points up his vast charm, his sentimentality, his warm, quick heart. On the screen, even more than in his pages, his characters gleam with the radiance which the world may otherwise feel only at Christmas.

“David Copperfield” is not for those whose eyes have lost the credulous naivete of childhood or for those who cannot lay aside the disillusionment, the critical realism that have accumulated with age. The moving picture of little David dancing with his giddy mother, sobbing beneath the lash of his fiendish stepfather, Murdstone, laughing with the preposterous and friendly Micawber weeping with relief as his fierce Aunt Betsy Trotwood kicks the Murdstones from her door—all the traditional climaxes of the boy's life are for those adult moviegoers who have kept the power to remember the moods and spells of childhood.

Surrendered to those revived emotions, one who sees “David Copperfield” may feel again the splendid certainties felt at 17, the assurance that good people are white clear through, and that virtue forever triumphs in the end; that sinners' souls blaze transparently crimson through their wicked hides, and that justice must always bring them to the pit.

This film is appearing at the Gaiety this week. It is well worth seeing.

FOURTH ARREST

The fourth arrest in conjunction with a recent disturbance at a baseball game in Marysville was effected yesterday when Amos Rankine, of Minto, was brought to this city by R.C.M.P. officers. Three other Minto men, who had participated in the disturbance at the Marysville ball game on Friday of last week, are now in jail awaiting hearing on Monday before Police Magistrate Walter Limerick. Rankine is charged with being drunk and obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty.

ABLE TO LEAVE HOSPITAL

Rev. J. W. Bartlett, Wilmot United church pastor, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Victoria Hospital was able to leave for his home today.

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er of the Opposition party is receiving for his fanciful fables, or how he figured his 40 cents per copy issue of his newspaper circulated to the extent of 5,000 copies in one of the adjacent counties?

Yellow journalism and near-slander emanating from the fabrication headquarters of Mr. Dysart's party have done more to harm the cause of Liberalism in New Brunswick than the good old fashioned hammer-and-tongs platform electioneering. One looks for last minute hoaxes and roorbacks—that seems to be one of the humors of the political game in all countries—but premeditated attacks on respectable people in private life in the form of distorted statements that might be taken seriously by uninformed voters is lowering the discussion of public affairs to a plane upon which the respectable electors rich and poor, farm and city, does not think or talk.