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THE PEOPLE MUST PAY

A well informed correspondent in a letter to The Montan Transcript, devotes some attention to the legislation passed by the Flemming government during the recent session in connection with the Provincial Hospital. Heretofore, parishes which sent pauper lunatics to the Provincial Hospital paid for their support at the rate of \$1.25 per week. Under the legislation passed last session, they must pay at the rate of \$1 per week for the support of all patients. It means an extra tax of \$1,300 on those parishes of York County which have patients in the hospital. Discussing the matter The Transcript's correspondent says:

"The new legislation touching the support of the unfortunate inmates of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, which imposes an additional direct tax of \$17,000 per annum on the municipalities, is perhaps one of the worst features of the work of the session. With an ever-increasing yearly revenue, of which we have heard so much boasting, there certainly was no need or call for the placing of such a burden upon the people. How often have we heard the premier and his following, when in opposition, cry out against what they were pleased to term the system of direct taxation at times apparent under the old administration? What reason or excuse can they now give for such a radical departure from their pledges of the past? They cannot attribute it to the increased cost of maintenance of this institution, because the provincial secretary, in his budget speech, waxed most eloquent in claiming credit for the fact that the asylum, under the present regime, cost from \$5 to \$6 per head per year less than ever before. The only reason can be found in that inordinate desire of all conservative governments to make the people bear all the direct taxation possible."

This latest raid on the municipalities cannot be justified on any possible grounds, and so far as we are aware, not a single papered newspaper supporting the government has made the slightest attempt to defend it. It is a hold-up pure and simple, at the expense of the already overburdened taxpayers of this province. Premier Flemming is the man who introduced this bill in the legislature and it was passed with almost lightning rapidity. True, some of the back-benchers kicked against it in caucus, but when it came to a show-down before the House, they were as mute as the harp that once thrummed Tara's halls. They were also silent when the bill was passed increasing the salary of the premier by \$2,400, and that of the hon. doctor of agriculture by \$400.

As the Transcript's correspondent tersely puts it:

"All the principles of economy preached while in opposition seem to have disappeared from the 'make-up' of our present rulers. It is no wonder that, following the example set by the premier, his followers in the House made an attempt to have their indemnity increased. They felt they had as much right to an increase as the premier."

The indemnity grab was staved off this session but the "boys" feel that they have as much right to share in the spoils as the premier, and they will be heard from again next year.

"THE INTEREST THAT WE TAKE IN A CONTRIBUTION SPENT BY ANOTHER IS NOT THE INTEREST THAT I DESIRE FOR CANADA. I WANT TO SEE SOMETHING GRAFTED ON THE SOIL OF CANADIAN NATIONHOOD WHICH TAKES ROOT AND GROWS AND DEVELOPS UNTIL IT INCITES THE SPIRIT OF DEFENCE IN THIS COUNTRY, LEADS TO A PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFENCE, LEADS TO THAT QUICK INTEREST IN IT, ITS GLORIES, ITS DUTIES, AND ITS ACCOMPLISHED GREAT WORK, WHICH IS, AFTER ALL, THE ONE GREAT THING THAT COMPENSATES A PEOPLE FOR GREAT EXPENDITURES, EITHER ON LAND OR ON SEA, IN THE WAY OF DEFENCE AND OF THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE COUNTRY."

—Hon. George E. Foster, House of Commons, March 1909.

This seems to be a year of disastrous floods and it will be strange if the section of the country watered by the St. John River escapes the payment of a toll. An ice jam of gigantic proportions has formed at Springhill, and is likely to make trouble when it gives way. Property owners along the river should be on their guard. (Since the above was written the ice jam broke and carried away the draw of the highway bridge.)

The Montreal Star in a recent article on the lumbering industry refers to New Brunswick as "the Province of St. John" That is certainly going some.

The members of highway boards and road superintendents who gathered in convention here last spring Flemming Government having been and acclaimed the candidates of the ment will not be quite so hilarious kicked out of office by this government next the tocsin of war is sounded.

CUSTOM RETURNS

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Railroad construction, of which Fredericton is the centre, is accountable for much of the increase shown in the following statistics, but in addition there is a general prosperity which has caused a great increase in trade.

The following returns are for the past month, for the quarter and for the year:

MONTHLY RETURNS.

March 1913.
Free Goods \$62,949.00
Dutiable Goods 31,647.00

Total \$94,596.00
Duty Collected \$ 6,860.24

March 1912
Free Goods \$30,011.00
Dutiable Goods 27,719.00

Total \$57,730.00
Duty Collected \$ 8,600.95
A decrease for March 1913 as compared with March 1912, of \$1,800.71.

QUARTERLY RETURNS.

Quarter ending March 31, 1913.
Free Goods \$141,821.00
Dutiable Goods 113,467.00

Total \$255,288.00
Duty Collected \$ 22,610.00
Quarter ending March 31, 1912.
Free Goods \$ 95,740.00
Dutiable Goods 70,715.00

Total \$166,455.00
Duty Collected \$ 17,257.10
Increase for past quarter over corresponding quarter of previous year of \$5,352.90.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

Fiscal year 1912-13.
Free Goods \$265,643.00
Dutiable Goods 367,655.00

Total \$633,298.00
Duty Collected \$ 85,587.56
Fiscal year 1911-12
Free Goods \$293,074.00
Dutiable Goods 234,216.00

Total \$527,290.00
Duty Collected \$ 56,728.24
An increase in duty of \$28,559.12 for 1912-13 over 1911-12

COMPARISON

Following are the amounts of duty collected during the past five years:

1908-09	\$54,457.53
1909-10	58,730.85
1910-11	50,204.38
1911-12	56,728.24
1912-13	85,587.56

MANIFEST, ENTRIES, ETC.

The number of freight entries inwards for 1912-13 was 2,521 as against 2,244 in 1911-12, a gain of 277 for the past year.

The number of freight manifests inwards for 1912-13 was 3,130 as against 2,833 in 1911-12, a gain of 297 for the past year.

The number of express packages inwards for 1912-13 was 2,510 as against 2,294 in 1911-12, a gain of 216 for the past year.

The amount of duty collected in express packages less than \$25 in value in 1912-13 was \$3,174.13 as against \$2,251.15 collected in 1910-11 and \$2,765.68 in 1911-12, a gain of \$922.98 over 1910-11 and of \$498.45 over 1911-12.

The number of postal parcels received in 1912-13 was 3,354 as against 3,031 in 1911-12, a gain of 323 for the past year.

The amount of duty collected on postal parcels in 1912-13 was \$1,367.53 as against \$1,109.15 in 1911-12, a gain of \$258.38 for the past year.

Dr. de Van's Female Pills

A reliable French regulator never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system. *Refuse all cheap imitations. *Dr. de Van's are sold at 25c a box, or three for \$10. Mailed to any address. The Sobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

Sold in Fredericton by A. J. RYAN

"Keeping up with Hanks" is something of a task.

TO THOSE WHO ARE WEAK AND NERVOUS

Frank Beauchesne Says Take Dodd's Kidney Pills

He Suffered for a Year and After the Doctor Failed Found a Quick and Complete Cure

Stoke Centre, Richmond Co., Que., March 31—(Special)—Those who are sick, weak, nervous and irritable will be interested in the case of Frank Beauchesne, a well known resident of this place. For a year he was in just that condition. Today he is a well man. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured him. In a statement given over his signature Mr. Beauchesne says:

"I was sick for a year with cramps in the muscles, backache, and nervousness. I was always tired and irritable, and my sleep was broken and unrefreshing. The doctor treated me, but it was five boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills that made me a new man."

Mr. Beauchesne suffered from a complication of complaints, but they all sprang from the same root—the kidneys. With the kidneys out of order the impurities are not strained out of the blood. That means poison all over the body. It means weakness, irritability and pain. The cure is to cure the kidneys. Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure the kidneys.

A GREAT SHOW

Captain Bing which is to be put on by local amateurs at the City Opera House, April 8 and 9 is to be the biggest thing attempted in Fredericton. There is to be an orchestra rehearsal tonight and rehearsals every night this week. The various performers have their parts perfectly now, as the performance is to be a benefit for the Fredericton Baseball Club there is little doubt that the house will be crowded on both nights.

C. P. R. BOOMING

The stock of the Canadian Pacific Railway had another three point jump today. It sold in New York this afternoon at 238. A further rise is predicted.

Mr. E. L. Palmer of Amherst, who represents the United Shoe Machinery Company, is a guest at the Queen.

FORTY YEARS IN USE, 20 YEARS THE STANDARD, PRESCRIBED AND RECOMMENDED BY PHYSICIANS. FOR WOMAN'S AILMENTS, DR. MARTEL'S FEMALE PILLS, AT YOUR DRUGGIST.

'From the Sunny South'

Reserve THURSDAY EVG. for the ENTERTAINMENT in the AULD KIRK.

THE JUNIOR AID SOCIETY purpose giving you an evening with our Friends, Uncle Tom, Aunt Chloe, and other favorites from Uncle Tom's Cabin, with lots of Southern Music, Readings, etc.

Admission Children 15c. Adults 25c.

Cure That March Cold?

The dangers of a MARCH COLD are just as serious as any other. Don't treat the attending aches and pains of MARCH COLDs lightly. They are serious enough to deserve your immediate attention.

HUNT'S Laxative Cold Tablets

are tablets upon which you can rely at all times. 25c a bottle.

HUNT & MACDONALD DRUGGISTS PHONE 65

Hartt Shoes for Men

TRY A PAIR FOR EASTER Spring Styles Now in Stock.

MADE IN OUR OWN TOWN THE FINEST IN THE LAND

H. S. CAMPBELL SHOEMAN

Prepare for Spring Rains

JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON

Have just opened an Immense Stock of Ladies' and Children's Raincoats Rubber outside and Rubber inside all Lengths and Sizes bring your Children and get them fitted while the Sizes are complete.

John J. Weddall & Son

STANDARD PATTERNS. REYNIER GLOVES.

Carpenter's Tools

When you want a tool you will find it here and at the right price. We aim to maintain our reputation in keeping EVERYTHING in TOOLS

You will always find our prices consistent with the quality of goods we sell. See Window Display.

R. CHESTNUT & SONS

WHOLESALE The Hardware People RETAIL Domestic Sanitary and Heating Engineers.

See Them in My Down Town Window.

NEILSON'S CHOCOLATES "The Chocolates that are Different"

1 LB PACKAGES 50 CENTS to \$1.25. 1-2 LB PACKAGES 30 to 50 CENTS.

George Y Dibblee Druggist Opp. City Hall. The Rexall Store

"The Tree Imp" UNIQUE "The Masqueraders" Drama Majestic Reliance Comedy

"The Wives of Jamestown" An Historical Production In Two Parts Produced In Ireland.

E. O. MacDONALD The Piano and Music Store

is offering Sheet Music, Victor Gramophones and all musical instruments at the very lowest prices. High Grade Pianos and Organs always in stock. Post Cards for sale cheap.

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