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TAX ON FOODSTUFFS DISCRIMINATES AGAINST POOR

(Toronto Globe.)

"The tariff exists for the people, not the people for the tariff," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his great speech in the Commons calling for fiscal freedom. The Liberal leader was not indulging in vague or meaningless rhetoric. He was presenting in a single picturesque phrase the difference between the two historic Canadian parties, which for almost forty years have battled against each other on tariff issues. Liberals believe that barriers placed in the path of trade are not beneficial, but injurious. They are convinced that protection injures more people than it benefits and that in the last analysis only the few—the big capitalists at the top who skim the cream—are made rich or prosperous by tariff taxes.

Of that Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave a striking illustration in his speech. The minister of finance had stated that the removal of duties on food would prejudicially affect seven thousand manufacturing establishments, and the wages of fifty-two thousand employees who were paid \$14,000,000 a year. Sir Wilfrid, from Mr. White's

own figures, showed that these fifty-two thousand persons engaged in the preparation of foodstuffs are paid an average wage of \$5.20 a week.

"Oh, delusion, delusion!" exclaimed Sir Wilfrid, "does he ask that men who draw such a meagre wage with which to support themselves and their families shall pay two or three prices for food in order to preserve these wages? Think of the tragedies of motherhood and home under such conditions!"

With the resolution of the Liberal leader in favor of placing wheat products and agricultural implements on the free list and of taking steps, without injustice to any class, to alleviate the high cost of living by a considerable removal of taxation. The Globe is in entire accord. It might have been specifically provided that the manufacturers of agricultural implements should be permitted to import their raw materials duty free but that is a detail which can be left to the next Liberal minister of finance.

The general principle of reducing the taxes of foodstuffs as fast as public opinion can be marshalled

PAY UP THE TAXES OR LOSE THE LANDS

Edmonton, May 4.—"Unless such lands are redeemed on or before the 23 of May, 1914, the same will be absolutely forfeited for non-payment of taxes."

The above notice applies to one hundred town lots in the town of Basano and a similar notice giving the last date for redemption as May 28 has been issued respecting some seventy-five lots in town of Lacombe.

The absolute forfeiture of town lots or agricultural lands for the non-payment of taxes is allowed to municipalities under the Town Act 1912. Last year only a few towns took advantage of the provisions of the act in this respect, but many municipalities both urban and rural, have advised their intention to do so this year. Twenty-seven such notices appear in the last issue of the Alberta Gazette.

Every chance is given to the owners or those having any legal claim against the property, to redeem the same before it is forfeited by the municipality, and in nearly every case the municipality not being in the real estate business, would rather have the taxes than the lots. In January each year the municipality prepares a statement of the properties on which taxes are in arrear. Search is made in the land title offices and all those having legal claim are notified of the town's intention to take tax enforcement proceedings before a judge of the district court at a date not less than sixty days after the notice is given. If nobody redeems the property by payment of the taxes the judge confirms the municipality's right to the property in default of tax payment but twelve months must elapse before the property is actually taken over by the municipality.

THE PAYMENT REDEEMS LOTS After the judge makes the order notices are again sent out by registered mail to all those whose property is affected and one month before the expiration of the year's grace a further notice is sent. All persons, whether owners or mortgagees of property are thus served with three notices by registered mail before the right of the municipality to confiscate the property is finally exercised. At any time within this period the property can be redeemed by payment of taxes and costs.

behind the demand for reform is one for which no Liberal need apologize. The party was driven out of office three years ago while seeking to secure larger markets for the farmer and at the same time relief for the food, consumers of the cities and towns. The people were suffering under the exactions of monopolies in control of the supply of prepared foods, monopolies which made a double profit by paying the farmer low prices for the raw foodstuffs and selling the prepared foodstuffs to the town dweller at extremely high prices.

These conditions still exist. The people of Canada do not need to be told that the cost of living is abnormally high and that to the average man saving for old age is no longer possible. They know, too, that taxation levied on food is unjust and unfair in that it discriminates against the poor. The rich and the well-to-do cannot consume much more actual bread, meat or vegetables than the poor. The rich man probably does not spend a tenth of his income on food, while the poor man rarely spends less than half of his if he is married. The taxation of food, therefore, bears more heavily upon the great mass of the people than on the wealthy who are best able to pay taxes. When this undoubted fact soaks into the public mind it will not be difficult for Liberalism to make a winning fight for the reduction and ultimate removal of food taxes.

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WHY HE DIDN'T TANGO

Ramsay Peugnet secretary of the American Silk Manufacturers' Association, pointed out recently that the tango had enlarged the silk business by two hundred and fifty thousand new looms and spindles.

The tango, the one-step, the hesitation and the other new dances dances," Mr. Peugnet said "have caused the average woman, who only bought one dinner gown a year in the past to buy two, three and four new gowns now. Hence the silk trade's enormous expansion.

"It's a good thing for silk," Mr. Peugnet went on, "that all men aren't like Blanco.

"Blanco sat disconsolately in the smoking room while all the other guests at a ball were tangoing like mad.

"Why Blanco, what are you doing here? Why aren't you on the floor tangoing, man?" his host asked.

"I don't tango," Blanco answered. "You don't tango? Incredible! How on earth is it that you don't tango?" "Well," Blanco said sadly, "I'd like to tango, and I would tango, only the music puts me out and the girl gets in my way."

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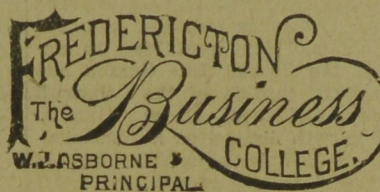
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