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THE NEW TAXES

Canada's new so-called "war" taxes do not seem to be justifying all that Finance Minister White promised. Rather they seem to be proving the absolute wisdom of the prophecy of Liberal members of the House that the new taxes would not only prove burdensome to the people while benefitting only the manufacturers, but that they would fail altogether to produce the revenue that Mr. White so grandly declared they would produce.

Hon. Mr. White, in introducing the taxes, said the chief source and main stay of our revenue is the tariff, and to this we must look primarily for relief from our present financial condition. Figures show that in March, the last month before war taxes took effect, customs revenue totalled \$7,066,497. The war taxes began April 1st, and during the month of April customs collections totalled only \$6,276,377, or \$790,119 less than the month before customs rates were increased under the war taxes. Compared with April, 1914, the custom collections last month showed a decline of \$181,894.

Excise collections show a similar decline since the war rates went on. In March they totalled \$1,508,651 and in April under war charges only \$1,299,829, a decrease of \$208,821.

Stamp taxes took effect April 15th. During the whole of April the post office revenue was a million dollars, which is an increase of seven thousand dollars. This increase is not large enough to compensate for decline in customs and excise.

The Liberal resolution on the war taxes declared that under it there were "duties imposed which must be oppressive upon the people while yielding little or no revenue."

The rumor that Dr. J. Kidd Fleming, the Tory candidate in Carleton and Victoria, is to be unloaded, will not down. Those who have been through the constituency of late declare that Fleming has lost caste with the people and cannot be elected. There has been a movement started against his candidature and, strange to say, it is being led by Mr. B. Franklin Smith, M.P.P., who wants the job himself. Mr. Smith labors under the belief that he can be elected but he declares that Fleming has not the ghost of a chance.

The provincial government has not yet been able to fill the office of deputy provincial treasurer, which has been vacant now for over a month. It seems to be pretty hard to get Premier Clarke to deal with a matter today which can be stood over until tomorrow. If it were simply a matter of promoting an official to fill the vacancy the question could be settled in five minutes but the interests of certain hungry Tory politicians have got to be considered when the government has patronage to dispense.

The Fredericton fire department may not be as well equipped as some of us would like to see it, but many improvements have been made in recent years which has greatly enhanced its efficiency. We scarcely think that the condition of the department called for the observations which Chief Rutter made in his speech at a gathering of fire chiefs at Moncton this week. The fire apparatus may not be all that it should be, but nothing is to be gained by proclaiming it to the world. The property-owners of this city are not hankering for an increase in insurance rates at the present time.

Hon. A. E. Kemp and the wholesale liquor dealers who have been appointed an "independent commission" to purchase war supplies for the dominion government, are scarcely likely to set the world on fire. So far they have not been able to get away from the patronage list.

A conference to consider the problem of the unemployed was held at Ottawa yesterday. Tory governments and hard times appear to go hand in hand.

The new post office cost a lot of money and makes a fine appearance, but the authorities appear to be in no hurry to open it to the public. If it was erected for other than ornamental purposes it is almost time the people were getting some benefit from it. What is all the delay about, anyway?

Toronto Telegram, (Con.):—Millions for middlemen and commission hunters and a steerage passage for wounded soldiers.

Referring to the Second Contingent General Sam Hughes is quoted as saying: "They have been handicapped during the winter months in the way of efficient training. As regards rifle shooting and quick-firing, for instance, they have not had the advantage of being trained in masses as were the various corps of the first division." No body can accuse General Sam of being a "party-mad Grit partisan."

ON THE SIDE

The really crafty husband never remembers the color of the new stenographer's eyes.

Any girl who is willing to allow men to talk uninterruptedly about themselves can be popular.

When used as a punching bag, the Russian bear heretofore has always rebounded. So the worst may still be to come.

There is one comfort at least, as we grow older we can't possibly be bald and gray in the same spots.

When a woman says she is guided by her husband's opinions in everything it is a safe bet that she has cannily moulded his opinions.

When a man marries on a basis of bread and cheese and kisses he is too apt, later, to supplement his diet from the free lunch counter.

Kitchener want 300,000 additional recruits, from which we may infer that he agrees that the war is about to begin.

The system may grow so that some day we shall have to tip the Pullman directors.

Dr. Bernhard Dernburg wants a recodification of international law. The request is entirely logical. If there weren't any solemn agreements how could they be torn up?

Germany protests that she has money enough to keep on building submarines indefinitely—an adequate sinking fund, as it were.

Anyway, if Gen. Joffre does expect to go fishing when the war is over, he might hurry things along for reports are coming in that they are biting good.

A TOUCHING LETTER FROM SIR HIBBERT TUPPER

The following letter has recently been received by Dr. H. H. McKay of New Glasgow, from Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, of Vancouver, formerly a member of parliament for Pictou County. His wife was a daughter of the late Chief Justice MacDonald and a former Pictou County lady.

The letter is as follows: May 4th Parkside Vancouver. My Dear Doctor:

Your kind note (the first from dear old Pictou) was welcome to my wife and me.

My son-in-law has been taken and my brother's death soon followed. They were two of God's men in every sense of the word.

My son is in a critical condition in Boulogne—shot through both thighs, with a compound fracture of the femur. There is gangrene but I am hoping that, as he was shot on April 22nd, and was slightly better yesterday, his life may be spared to us.

My youngest son is alive as I heard from him by cable from Boulogne. My other son (eldest) is going with the Mounted Rifles, now preparing. My only other son is in the Mounted Police and volunteered at the outset and has not yet been allowed to leave.

In all this time of stress and when the blows are coming heavily, my comfort and strength is in the Highland character of my dear wife. I never thought so highly of her till this awful war came upon us. Not a word to discourage her darlings going to the front, and not a word of regret now that they have gone and yet her silent agony is inexpressible and how widespread is the suffering and how splendid the spirit throughout not only Canada, but the Empire. God send us victory at last.

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7 p.m., preacher, Rev. D. W. Roberts

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11 a.m., subject, The Justice of Grace in the Gospel by John.

2.30 p.m., Bible School with classes of all ages.

7 p.m., subject, Conscience: What is it? Can it be educated?



AROOSTOOK DEPRESSION IS VERY GENERAL

Augusta, Me., May 27.—E. A. Rogers of the department of agriculture, has just returned from a ten days' trip through Aroostook county, in the course of which he visited Houlton, Caribou, Mars Hill, Blaine, Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield and other towns which play an important part in the business activities of Maine's premier agricultural country.

Mr. Rogers says that the depression in Aroostook county is general and unmistakable. This year's planting he estimates from the average of prospects as stated to him by leaders in the potato industry in Aroostook, will be twenty-five per cent. below last year's and Aroostook men declare that there will come into the country six hundred carloads of fertilizer less than in the season of 1914, which under normal conditions, would mean a falling off in acreage amounting to twelve thousand acres.

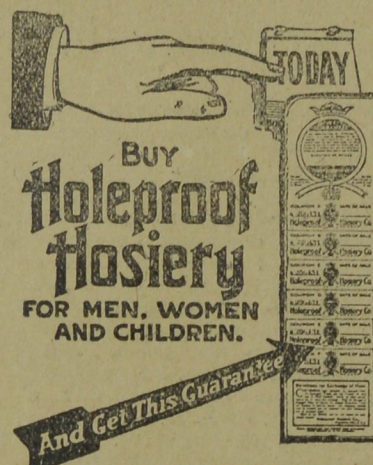
Mr. Rogers met one man who came out about \$800 behind in the 1913 season on account of the low price and hoped to make up his deficiency by the profits on an increased acreage last year; the result is an increased indebtedness. Such stories, Mr. Rogers says, are common in Aroostook county now. He says the depression can be accounted for by a survey of the low price of potatoes and the quarantine on account of the powdery scab.

Mr. H. H. Pitts, ex-M.P.P., of Ottawa, is spending a few days in this city.

Mr. A. J. Gregory, K.C., who has been at Van Buren, Me., attending a meeting of the St. John River Commission, returned home today.

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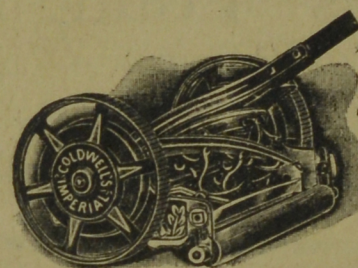
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