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TORYISM AND TAXES

Already there are complaints from all parts of the country against the additional taxation proposed by the Borden government and there will be more of them when the new schedule goes into effect. There is to be practically a flat increase of seven and one-half per cent. on every article now dutiable, while the rate of duty under the British preference is to be increased by five per cent. It is not the war but the reckless extravagance and prodigality of the Borden government which has made this increased taxation necessary. The imperial government has generously offered to finance Canada's expenditure incurred in connection with the war and will be quite content to await until the war is over before affecting an arrangement for the repayment of the loan. When the present government came into power it felt heir to a tidy surplus of thirty million dollars. This enormous sum with many millions added to it, have since been dissipated in reckless and wasteful expenditure. An insight into the extravagant methods of the government was given the people a few days ago when a return was brought down in parliament showing that 2,115 officials dismissed within the last three and one-half years had been replaced by 10,576 appointed by the present administration. If the average salary paid 800 new officials is \$500, which is not an extravagant estimate, it would mean an increased annual expenditure of four million dollars, which is the interest on one hundred millions at four per cent. Then, as another sample case we have Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, drawing a pension of \$5000 a year as a retired judge in addition to his salary and sessional indemnity of \$9,500. The government has never made the slightest attempt to prepare for a rainy day by exercising economy. In fact, the word economy is farcical as applied to the present administration of affairs at Ottawa. With this government it has been a case of "dash away and spend the money." Now the people are to be called upon to pay the price of the extravagance and prodigality of our rulers at Ottawa by increased taxation upon the necessities of life. The increase of seven and one-half per cent. will apply to practically every article of household consumption now subject to a customs tax. It will mean enhanced prices and those who find it hard now to make ends meet will find it much harder when the new tariff goes into effect. In addition to the increased tax on wearables and foodstuffs, the three cent postage rate is restored, the rate on postal cards will be doubled and there will be a special tax on bank checks, railway tickets and bills of lading. The farmer who is being urged by paid officials to increase his area of production this year will be called upon to pay an additional tax of seven and one-half per cent. on his agricultural implements, which are in fact, his raw material. This money, extracted from the pockets of the farmers, will not find its way into the revenue but will go to swell the receipts of the Massey-Harris Company and other "infant industries," which get their raw material either duty free or at a great reduction. The increased taxation is not due to the war; it is the inevitable result of three and one-half years of Tory misrule. There was business depression in Canada months before the war broke out and had the government heeded the warning and exercised ordinary prudence and economy in the administration of affairs, there would be no necessity today of increasing the burden of taxation upon the people.

PRODUCER AND CONSUMER

A year or so ago says the Journal of Commerce the press of the country became greatly worked up over a case of an Ontario farmer who received but seventy-five cents for a barrel of apples, while the consumer at Winnipeg paid \$5 for the barrel. The Journal of Commerce has just run across a more

startling case than that. In New Brunswick farmers are selling their potatoes at thirty-five cents per barrel, while in Montreal the consumer is paying his grocer 1c. per lb., or \$1.80 per barrel. In other words, the Montreal consumer is paying five times what the New Brunswick producer receives. This enormous spread between grower and consumer is far too marked. Shipping charges, the exactions of middlemen, the handling by wholesalers and retailers, all add to the charges, but there should not be such a spread as is indicated by the above figures.

Better marketing methods are urgently required in this country. In Denmark where marketing has been reduced to a science, the farmer gets ninety-two cents out of every dollar the ultimate consumer pays for his product. On this continent the farmer gets anywhere from 35c. to 60c., more often getting under 50c. than over. This question of bringing the producer and consumer closer together is one of the biggest problems confronting the country.

The taxation proposals submitted to parliament by Finance Minister White means an increase of five per cent. on British goods. The Tories have always been opposed to the British preference and have lost no opportunity to give it a knock. When the national policy was introduced in parliament in 1879 it was pointed out by the Liberal leaders of that day that the increased taxation proposed might be bad for British connection. The reply made by the government was that "if this be bad for British connection, then so much the worse for British connection."

Although the Borden government has found it necessary to impose additional taxes, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice is still drawing a pension as a retired judge, in addition to his salary as a cabinet minister and sessional indemnity as an M.P. His total receipts from the public treasury now amount to \$14,500 a year. The Minister of Justice will be unlikely to feel the financial stringency caused by the war.

A return brought down in parliament a few days ago shows that the Borden government since taking office three and one-half years ago, has dismissed 2,115 officials and appointed 10,576. It is not much wonder that the expenditure has increased so enormously under Tory rule that increased taxation has now to be resorted to. Think of saddling eight thousand officials on the country in three and one-half years. Hon. J. D. Hazen, New Brunswick's representative in the cabinet, was able to find soft berths for several close relations.

Toryism and taxes seem to go hand in hand.



NEW BANKER HERE

Mr. F. W. DeMille, of Waterloo Ont., who is to succeed Mr. G. W. Harrison as manager of the Fredericton Branch of Bank of Commerce arrived here today and is a guest at the Queen. Mr. Harrison and family will leave for Charlottetown next week.

BELGIAN RELIEF

The Belgian and Soldiers Relief Society of St. Mary's and Gibson, have this week sent to the Belgian Legation at London forty-four dollars for milk and other necessities for Belgian children, also some soldiers' comforts for the Canadians at the front. Miss Lenta Hall gave ten dollars to the Society which was collected from her Sunday School Class for the Belgians.

PERSONAL

Miss Perrin of Nova Scotia, is visiting Miss Valeria Steeves. Mrs. Frederick Baird will leave this evening for Ottawa, where she will be the guest of Senator and Mrs. Baird. C. Sutherland of North Sydney, is a guest at the Barker House. J. R. Brander of Amherst is in the city.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

When a woman loses her temper she shows her age.

Man comes to grief by meeting trouble halfway.

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CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN.

Minister, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith. 11 a.m., subject, The Helmet of Hope. The Ammunition Column will occupy the centre pews on the main floor.

2.30 p.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes.

7 p.m., subject, The Treasures of the Snow.

BRUNSWICK STREET BAPTIST

Rev. A. F. Newcomb, M.A., B.D., pastor.

11 a.m., subject, What financial fraction should a Christian pay for the work of the Kingdom?

2.30 p.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes.

7 p.m., subject, Causes of the War.

REFORMED BAPTIST.

Rev. S. A. Baker, pastor.

Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. by Rev. I. F. Kierstead, returned missionary from South Africa.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 2.30 p.m.

Seats free. All welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. T. Marshall, Pastor.

Prayer meeting at 10 a.m.

Services at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

After the evening service a public Temperance Meeting will be held in the vestry of the church. An address will be given by Mr. J. B. Jackson, National Grand Secretary of the Good Templars.

THE COMPANY A MAN KEEPS

(Brooklyn Standard Union)

A young man living in the Italian section of Coney Island was sent to Sing Sing for three years for carrying a revolver. It was his first offence. Ordinarily the punishment would have been much lighter, but unfortunately for the youth he came from a part of Brooklyn that had a bad reputation and Judge Duke made a good idea of this when he imposed the sentence.

Rightly or not this youth must suffer much for the sins of others. His neighborhood has earned a bad name, and the police have had a great deal of trouble. Judge Dike is anxious that the "plague spot" be cleaned up so he made an example of this offender convicted of pistol toting. Certainly the public is with Judge Dike to the extent of hoping for an end lawlessness in the section named.

The three-year term is, of course, hard on the youth, but it inevitably happens when the authorities start to work a reform some people get more than they deserve and come a great deal less. There is a lesson in that. It brings to mind the old saying that "a man is known by the company he keeps."

"No doubt the young fellow with the three-year term before him associated with old offenders against the dangerous weapons law, and, possibly, if he had not been caught early his revolver would have done some fellow citizen serious damage later on."

Mrs. F. A. Logue left yesterday to spend a few weeks with her husband in Edmundston.

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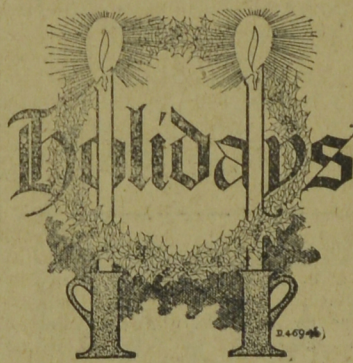
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