

BURDEN OF TAXATION.

Weighing Down White Population of Transvaal.

Private bankruptcy is already wide spread in the Transvaal, and the State is in danger of being beset with financial difficulties. The crash was imminent three years ago, when Lord Milner sent his hysterical cables to the Colonial Secretary demanding Chinese labor to avert disaster. Acquiescence only postponed the inevitable day of reconstruction. Ever since then the area of ruin has spread and we now have record output and record depression.

Lord Milner based the revenue upon taxation of commodities by way of duties, and their taxation by way of railway freights. Consequently it is necessary to have recourse to two budgets—that presented to the Intercolonial Council, which body controls the railways, and that presented to the Legislative Council of the Transvaal.

The estimated net profit from the central South African railways for the year ending June 30, 1907, is, according to the International Council budget, £683,963. As the Transvaal contributes to the deficit in the International Council budget £6 for every £1 contributed by the Orange River Colony, the profits may be allocated in somewhat the same ratio. Therefore, it may be said that approximately the amount it was estimated would be raised by railway taxation from the Transvaal for

the current year was £650,000. The estimated revenue of the Transvaal for the same period from other sources after deducting that received from services rendered at cost, such as post, telephone and telegraph, is £4,195,000. The total revenue then is £4,795,000. Of this amount it was estimated £1,850,000 would be raised by customs duties, although the commodities on which this impost is levied contribute another £600,000 to the revenue by way of railway profits, for it is the carriage of imported goods which yields the railway revenue. Therefore, the taxation of commodities may be said to contribute £2,450,000 to the revenue.

To arrive at the revenue per head of the white population the sum of £2795,000 may be deducted as payable by the native population, and this would be generally regarded as an overestimate. This leaves a revenue of £4,000,000, or a revenue per head of the white population of £13 6s. 8d.

This analysis at least serves to indicate how crushing is the burden of taxation that has been imposed upon the Transvaal. There is a disposition to admit that the impost is great, but at the same time, to argue that the people are peculiarly well able to bear it, owing to the high rate of wages ruling.

FED BABIES WITH HOSE.

Novel Scheme Adopted on Emigrant Ship—150 Portuguese Children Lined up with a Nipple for Each.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Herald has received the following despatch from Honolulu:—Feeding about 150 babies with a hose in a novel method of giving food to the youngsters, but this is the way that the officers of the British steamship *Silveria* are said to have been cared for a part of the Portuguese contingent of immigrant settlers that arrived here last Saturday from the Azores. The Portuguese are noted for their large families, and out of the 1,325 immigrants that arrived by the vessel a large number were children, and many small ones. The captain is quoted as saying that he had a hose strung along the deck fitted up with 150 nipples. Then the milk was pumped through the hose and with a young Portuguese baby at the end of each nipple the youngsters were fed at and healthy. The story, as told by a seaman from the ship is:—

"We was stued for sure when we picked up that raft of young ones. If we feed 'em condensed milk we

lose; we'd be cleaned out of our supplies in a day, and if we give 'em bottled milk the mothers fight for the best for each one. Besides, the bottled milk runs out. So the captain, he says, 'here's where every bloomin' kid gets a fair show. 'He takes three or four lengths of fire hose, and every four feet, he plugs it with a little rubber tube and a nipple on the end. Then he runs it along the deck and pipes all kids to quarters. Say, you couldn't get 'em away from them nipples till they're all asleep from exhaustion (at) so much. My mate, that had to pump the milk from a barrel into the hose had sore arms for two months. The captain says it's the biggest litter he ever seen raised. All the mothers was happy. They didn't have to bother about feeding any more but themselves, which they did. 'The game pleases the captain so much he's thankin' o' feedin' us our coffee an' tea an' grog through the hose. When he does we quit.'"

MAN OF THE DAY.

Winston Churchill a prominent figure in the Imperial Parliament.

The present British Parliament has been called the Parliament of young men, and of these ambitious youths the most notable by far is Winston Churchill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Colonial Office. Master Winston, as he is popularly called, has passed his thirtieth year, and has borne his share of the burden of governing a great empire, but is still very much of a boy in disposition. He has any amount of confidence in himself, and a large share of ability to back this self-confidence up. More versatile than most men, he is a warrior of experience, a journalist, an author, a statesman, a politician with a record both as Conservative and Liberal. It is said that no British Statesman ever developed the front-bench manner so early as Master Winston. He always dresses like a Cabinet minister, says M. A. P., and in spite of his military training stoops as if burdened with the cares of States. His utterance is deliberate and official in tone to the last degree, and he does his best to maintain the solemnity that is expected to hedge those who occupy the treasury benches.

But at times when someone has dealt the honorable gentleman opposite a particularly clever blow, the Under Secretary's face lights up with a true schoolboy's grin, and his position will sweep over him again and he will lean over his table in an attitude worthy of a Prime Minister, or go through the papers of his despatch box with an air of gloomy concentration.

There are rumors afloat at present that the young statesman will soon find a seat in the cabinet, but in the midst of all the speculation Master Winston preserves a reticence that would put the sphinx to shame. His lips are sealed and he has the invaluable gift of saying nothing and appearing to know everything. He knows well enough how men are guessing and betting and arguing about his future, but he makes no sign.

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6 a.m.—For St. John, etc., St. Stephen and Charlotte Co., Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Counties, and United States.

7.00 a.m.—Woodstock and Gibson Branch Stations, daily.

WAY MAILS—East Side St. John River.

7.00 a.m.—For Keswick Ridge, Southampton, etc., Mondays and Thursdays.

7.00 a.m.—For Springhill, Kingsclear, Prince William, etc. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

6.30 a.m.—St. John River via Steamer—For Oromocto, Shefford, Gagetown, etc.

9.15 a.m.—St. John, etc., C. P. Railway stations, East, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

10 a.m.—For St. Mary's Ferry, Gibson and Marysville.

WAY MAILS.

2 p.m.—For Nashwaakias and St. Mary's Ferry, daily, New Brunswick, New Maryland, Hanwell, Lower St. Marys and Royal Road, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

4.15 p.m.—For Gibson, Marysville, Boiestown, Doaktown, Blackville, etc., Chatham, and I. C. Railway Stations, north and south.

8.15 p.m.—For St. John, etc., Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

4.30 p.m.—British mails via New York, Mondays and Thursdays.

MAILS RECEIVED.

From 'togo 'unop 'is moad—'m'w og's Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, etc.

11.00 a.m.—From Nasonworth and New Maryland, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

12.00 noon—From Montreal, Ottawa, Northwest Provinces, etc., and United States.

1.20 p.m.—From I. C. Railway Stations, North Shore and Quebec.

5 p.m.—From Oromocto, Shefford, Gagetown, etc.

9.05 p.m.—From Woodstock and Gibson Branch Stations, daily.

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A christening mug engraved with the names of all the boys was dedicated last night.

Trial by telephone is the latest from Wisconsin. At Tarrant a judge of the peace entertained a charge against a rural resident to failed to appear for a hearing. Straightway the court called up the alleged offender on the phone, and the following dialogue ensued:

"Hello, John," said the court. "I wish you would come down today."

"What for?"

"The town marshal has sworn out a warrant against you for beating him up election day. I want to try you."

"Can't do it, judge. I'm too busy. I'll have to send a constable after you."

"But I am busy husking corn and buildin' a fence around my east forty. Why don't you try me now?"

"All right. Are you guilty?"

"Yep."

"Five dollars."

"All right, judge. I will send it down by the rural mail carrier. Good-bye."

A squire of Andover decided to take into his employ a brother of Patrick, one of his hired men. The terms were made with Pat before his brother's arrival, and the following conversation is a specimen of what they agreed upon.

Squire—I'll pay your brother one-fifty a day, Patrick.

Patrick—Yis sor, yis sor—and will he ate himself?

The squire thought that Mike had better eat himself.

One of King Oscar's bon mots show his vivacity.

"Is not your majesty shocked to see the court of Sweden invaded by republicans?"

"Not at all. I greatly like republicans—in other countries."



A SMALL COAT OF BROWN CHEVOIT.

Nearly all of the new coats for little girls are long and richly so, for with the short French dresses and the mode for wearing washing fabrics all through the year, real warmth is needed in the outer wraps. The coat shown closes in double breasted style its double row of buttons giving a warm, sturdy appearance to the whole. A tuck at either side of the front and back lends extra fullness to the lower part of that dainty frock worn beneath may not be crushed, Cheviot, serge, homespun, broadcloth or velvet might be used for the coat, with a narrow soutache as trimming for collar and cuffs if desired. The medium size calls for one and three-quarter yards of fifty-four inch material. 1100—sizes, two, four, six and eight years.

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The Shah and the Asparagus.

When Muzaffar-ed-Din, shah of Persia, paid his first visit to England he was the guest of King Edward VII, then prince of Wales. On the evening of his arrival a banquet was held at the palace, and on the menu was asparagus. As it happened, the shah had never heard of, much less tasted, asparagus till that evening. When the dish was brought on he helped himself to half of it, picked each stalk up in his fingers, nibbled gingerly at the head and then threw the stalk on the carpet. To have let it remain on the plate would have been a breach of Persian etiquette. All eyes turned to the Prince of Wales. What was he going to do? The prince, tactful as ever, glanced at those about him, then at his plate; then he picked up stalk after stalk, ate what he wanted and threw the balance on the carpet behind his chair. A moment later thirty people in that room were eating asparagus in Persian fashion, and the attendants, who are trained to look more serious than ever on such occasions, never moved a muscle.—Black and White.



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The Equinoxes.
"The popular belief that storms are more frequent about the time of the equinox, or when the sun crosses the line in March and September, receives some slight degree of support from the investigations of European scientists," states an expert of the weather bureau. "In southwestern Europe March is the stormiest month, while in the British Islands and Norway January takes the lead in that respect; but, considering Europe as a whole, it appears that storms preponderate near the seasons of the equinoxes."

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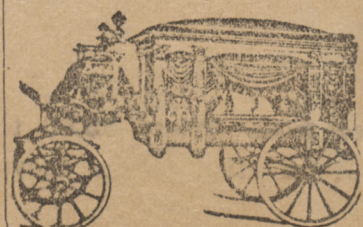
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