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WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO?

MANY OF the great people in this world have some little phrase which is designated a "motto." The words may be on a coat of arms or badge. Some business firms have a motto, which they display on their letterheads or elsewhere. The service club, too, has its badge and motto.

A great many people, in business and out, have a motto which they attempt to follow but which they would be ashamed to display or wear as a badge.

It would be interesting if every person had a motto that would be displayed proudly. Such a motto might be "I Play the Game." But, whatever your motto may be, let it be one of which you will always be proud and which will mean something in your life.

MAKE HIGHWAYS SAFE

THE GREATEST menace on the highways is the drunken driver. Strict laws should be enacted to remove this menace. A few days in jail or a fine of a few dollars will not accomplish the desired ends.

Nova Scotia is considering amendments in the motor vehicles act whereby drunken drivers convicted the first time will have his license cancelled for a year. For a second-offense the person convicted will not be allowed a driver's license for five years.

New Brunswick should take steps to keep the irresponsible and reckless drivers off the highways. In making the roads safe there should be no respecter of persons and the law should be enforced to the limit. When convicted a second time of driving a car while intoxicated a person should have his license permanently revoked. No law can be too severe for those who endanger their own lives and the lives of others by thoughtless and reckless acts on the highways or elsewhere.

CORPORATION TAXES

HON. C. I. RICHARD, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, when presenting his budget to the New Brunswick Legislature, suggested the possibility of an additional tax on corporations.

No branch of business today will welcome any tax burden, whether that business be privately owned or a corporation, when it is not making a profit on its actual cash investment.

Doubtless there will be found corporations, which, while not paying large dividends on issued stock, may still be earning large dividends on physical assets and actual cash invested. It is such corporations, no doubt, that Mr. Richard had in mind and to which the Government will turn its attention for additional revenue.

On close examination it might be found that high-salaried officials and holders of watered stock are receiving money in quite large sums, thus producing a balance sheet at the end of the year which might even show a loss. Before adding further tax burdens to business a search for hidden profits and inflated values might be considered.

The Government should take the necessary steps to stop inflation practices in corporations, particularly the watering of stock, and so place business on a sound basis out of reach of the manipulators.

MAYORS' CONFERENCE

THE MAYORS of cities of the Dominion in conference in Ottawa launched out with bold requests, which they presented to the Federal Government. They would have the Dominion control almost everything. However, the mayors in their conferences seemed to forget that besides the Dominion there are the Provinces, and in most of the Provinces the cities are subordinate to the Legislatures.

Mayors, like other humans, have a tendency to consult with what they think is the big fellow first, but they do not always get results in that way. However, we will bet that the delegation that waited on the Federal Government got a fine reception and if the suggestions they made can be used to advantage no doubt they will be adopted in modified form. Still it is hard to see how the mayor of Calgary can help us to solve our problems down here, any more than we can help him. In any case the cities must go to the Provincial Legislatures for authority to finance and it is unlikely that the Federal Government will attempt to take any of the authority from the Provinces in this respect. Had the Mayors wished to make their representations to the Federal Government effective, one would think that the procedure would have been through the Provincial Governments, but results are what count and the people of the Dominion will be watching to see just what comes out of the meeting of the mayors and their representations to Ottawa.

THE RHYMING OPTIMIST

By ALINE MICHAELIS

OLD PEOPLE

Old people have grown more like the Earth. They know That silence can be freighted with a song.

Small things are full of noise, but planets go

In velvet stillness through the ages long.

Old hearts have learned how futile speech can be.

How words can sting the hurt they hope to heal!

From verbal bondage they at last are free,

But they are versed in every mood you feel.

Old people have grown stronger, growing still.

They are as faithful as the moon-drawn tides.

They are as restful as an autumn hill

Where naught of summer's ardor now abides.

When they have left youth's clamors all behind

They have found silence beautiful and kind.

Haytassel Says . . .



"Wall I see thet yew peepul in Sent Jawn kum praitty neer hev'n a harbor bridge, without mutch effort on yewr part. Hed the ice held up thet railway bridge frum Frederickton it mite hev bin rite down heer. Maybe yew kin git it yit. I ges they wun be needin it enny more up to Frederickton fer I heer thet they air goin to build a new one so thet it will carry reel trains." Th's was Mr. Josh Haytassel's idea when he visited the office of "The Maritime Broadcaster" this week.

"Maybe thet old bridge aint mutch use ennyway. It wuz 52 years old end no one wud think uv it ez a modern peace uv engineerin. It hez served its purpus end it is time fer a new end a better bridge et the capital. It is needed to handle freight end other trains so thet they kin reech the port uv Sent Jawn by kumin over the transcontinental. Thet road wuz bilt to handel big trains end hev'y ones but it wuz always sed thet the bridge et Frederickton wuz not strong enuff to carry hev'y waits. Now they shud git rite to wurk biltin a new end a better one. The C.N.R. er the goverment shud hev no excuse now. Thet bridge is needed ez a nashunial necessity.

"But the ole landmark is



B. WISE says:

If we were but satisfied to be ourselves, and live our lives in a natural way, using a liberal amount of just plain commonsense, we would all be happier, and more successful.

gone. Thet ole bridge wuz almost historic. It wuz thet a adventure to walk across it end sum uv the peepul thet did thet got sum thrills, especially wen they met a train end hed to hang onto the girders to keep frum bein hit. They ust to tell thet sum feller in Frederickton crossed the bridge on a bicycle ridin on the upper wuks, but most peepul take the story with jist a littel grain uv salt. But it mite hev bin dun. But it wunt be dun no more.

"We hop to see a fine new bridge in place uv the old. Thet is wot the experts hev bin advisin fer yeers end now Natur seems to be uv the same opinion end she stepped in end washed away the ole one so thet they wud be no reel excuse fer not putting up the new one. Whoever hez the doin uv it shud git busy rite away so thet it will be redy fer busyness et the earliest possible minute. The hole province shud git together on this end demand thet the bridge be bilt et onct. Wall s'long. I'll be seen yew et the openin uv the new bridge wen we hope to hev a reel celybrashun."

CLIPPINGS

DIRECT DENIAL

(Halifax Herald)

During a parliamentary discussion of Labor conditions in the Canadian steel industry some days ago, A. A. Heaps, C.C.F. member for Winnipeg North, declared these conditions "a black spot in Canada."

"Men in Nova Scotia mills," he charged, "sometimes worked 102 hours a week, often for seven days." And this he said, was "a deplorable condition calling for immediate adjustment."

Noting these charges, this newspaper suggested they should "bring forth some explanation or comment from those in a position to deal with the question and to state the exact facts."

Sir Newton Moore, president of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, has now given denial to these charges.

"As far as the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation is concerned," the president states, "the Sydney plant is 100 per

cent on eight-hour day, except in cases of emergency when men voluntarily work overtime when requested."

This statement from Sir Newton Moore will be very reassuring to the people of this Province, and it should receive prominence equal to that received by the charges made by the Winnipeg member.

MORE PROVINCIAL TAXES

(The Toronto Globe)

The proposal of the Federal Government to broaden the Provincial field of taxation may be justified by dire necessity, but certainly on no other ground. The Provinces which have submerged themselves in debt have shown little disposition to "err on the side of safety," for their troubles did not start with the depression, and it is to be feared that the permissive nature of the legislation will be viewed eventually as a mandate to spend up to the limit of taxing privileges. Nevertheless conditions exist now which must be met. It is preferable to offer means of raising new revenue than to be confronted with defaults and unsound methods of getting from under the load, as have been suggested in some parts of the country. Doubtless the situation was carefully considered before it was decided to authorize the imposition of so elastic a tax as one on retail sales. This will hurt every citizen, and if the charge is required to be shown on the bill the electors will soon realize what it costs to maintain or condone spendthrift Governments.

Possibly it is anticipated that through the agency of the Loan Council a curb can be kept on future spending. With wise and careful administration, the new taxes can be made to serve through the present emergency, and then be allowed to fall into disuse or be reduced to a minimum. If the taxpayers do not forget the lesson learned, and the Loan Council has a restraining influence, perhaps this is not too much to hope for.

Still, Australia's Loan Council is able to keep the States in check only with the aid of the Commonwealth Bank. It is the tendency of all governments, apparently, to press for more and more money when the funds come from some extraneous source, and Canada is no exception. If the existing emergency can be relieved with the aid of new taxation, some way ought to be found then to introduce limitations for both Provincial and Municipal budgets.

CLIPTOGRAPHS

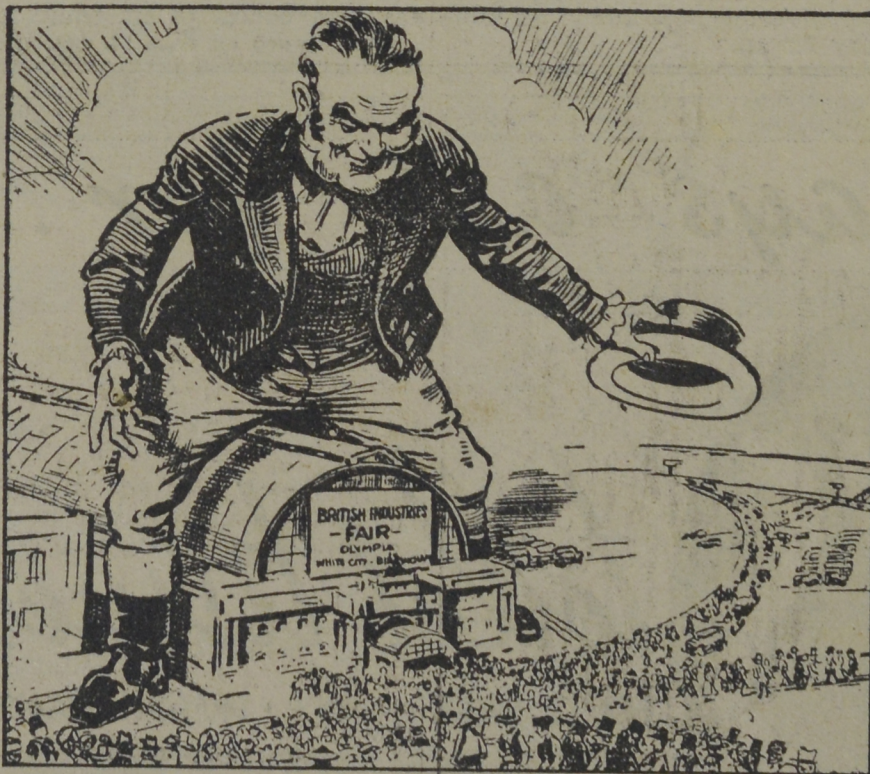
"The highest victory of all is victory over ourselves."—Smiles.

"He that studieth revenge keepeth his own wounds green, which otherwise would heal and do well."—Bacon.

"What God has put in our power is the happiness of those about us, and that is largely to be secured by our being kind to them."—Drummond.

"Let us serve instead of rule, knock instead of push at the door of human hearts, and allow to each and every one the same rights and privileges that we claim for ourselves."—Mary Baker Eddy.

"When absorbed in one's work one loses all sense of age."—Samuel Untermyer.



WHERE ALL ROADS LEAD!

Visitors from all quarters of the globe are attending to do business at the British Industries Fair, London and Birmingham.

—"News of the World."