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## THE BRITISH BUDGET.

The Budget report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer is a striking revelation of the extraordinary recuperative powers England always has been able to command after superlative economic and financial strain. It is something for the world to marvel over when it sees that in the last year the United Kingdom was still paying income and super taxes of nearly two billions of dollars a year, and the great bulk of it contributed by England, with a population of only 35,000,000. The country was raising a total annual revenue of five and a half billions of dollars and saving a sufficient surplus out of that revenue to reduce its net dead weight debt in the twelve months by more than \$200,000,000.

The natural question that will leap from many a lip is where do the English people get it to pay?

The Government gets it from all the people who have an income of as much as one thousand dollars a year. The tax applies in the same ratio alike to all except to those coming under the super tax clause.

The external debt has been reduced by more than a billion and a quarter of dollars through operations changing obligations owed abroad into internal debt. The Englishman is well content to increase the internal debt in that way with the "definite gain of national welfare of paying interest to ourselves instead of to other people."

But most remarkable of all the remarkable features of the Chancellor's impressive report is the Budget programme to lighten radically the burden of taxation on the country, although it is still carrying a dead weight national debt of more than thirty-eight billions of dollars waiting to be reduced from such colossal proportions.

The income tax will be cut from six shillings in the pound to five shillings, or a reduction of 16 2/3 per cent, the heavy taxes on tea, coffee and cocoa will be reduced one-third; postal and telephone charges will be lowered and agricultural assessments reduced.

The load on the taxpayer is to come down because the British Government knows in the wisdom of the clear head of business sense that the tax burden is holding industry back when it is struggling to get to its feet. What the Chancellor of the Exchequer says of this all important question is something our own Government may well ponder, as follows:

"The burden of taxation which has been borne by the British people both during and since the war in a degree which excited the admiration of the whole world is now felt to be so oppressive as to check enterprise and deepen despondency."

"The need for reduction in taxation is great if industry is to have a fair prospect of success."

And so Great Britain will enter upon the next year of working out its economic problems with the Government collecting from the taxpayer public a tax bill lower than the previous tax bill by a billion dollars.

## ARBOR DAY.

We understand that today is to be kept as Arbor Day in the public schools in this City. It is to be hoped that the most will be made of the occasion to impress upon the youthful minds the important part that trees play in the scheme of existence, both from an ornamental as well as a useful point of view. There is a saying that a Canadian is never happy except when he has an axe in his hand. This may be somewhat of an exaggeration, but it cannot be denied that the destruction of trees is often carried to the point of absolute senselessness.

From an ornamental standpoint, consider the effect which a few nice trees make round a house, and yet there are people who deliberately cut them down "because they shade the lawn." What is more picturesque and restful to the eyes than rows of nicely grown and shaped trees along the streets and in the squares and open places in a city? Trees under such conditions should be the pride of all who dwell beneath their benign influence. They not only beautify a city, but are life and health-giving as well. They are valuable not only from an aesthetic point of view, but from an economic standpoint as well. There are some cities so empty covered with trees that their people do not appreciate them as they ought to. Of course there are a goodly number of gentle folk who are moved by the bright verdure of the trees in the spring, their shady boudoirs in summer, their quiet cool in autumn and their delicate tracery in winter.

St. John unfortunately, as far as trees are concerned at any rate, is a desolate spot. A walk through the city has been going to the land in the last few years. For the eight months ended with February our total imports from Canada, those affected by the emergency tariff and all others, have fallen \$215,736,000. In the same period our total exports to Canada have fallen \$227,000,000.

"If the American farmers have gained by the less amount of Canadian agricultural commodities sold here under the emergency tariff—less by \$12,000,000 a month—the country has lost by the less amount of its goods sold in Canada—less by \$25,500,000 a month."

"And the Canadians have put exportable commodities into hot competition with our farmers anyhow. Their agricultural exports, which were kept out of this country by the emergency tariff, went across the seas and sold there in place of American agricultural products that otherwise would have sold there. So, after all, the Canadians are now pointing out, that part of the business was as broad as it was long in respect of their selling against our farmers."

"But when the Canadians did not buy from us the goods they previously did buy from us—did not buy here by \$38,500,000 a month, or at the rate of \$340,000,000 a year—it was because they were now spending more of their money where they were selling more of their products. That was not as broad as it was long for the country."

roots find it very difficult to obtain the necessary nourishment which growth and existence demands, hence the trees in our city are not very much to boast about. It is our misfortune, not our fault. But that fact provides no ground for not doing all we can to make the most of such as we have. There are of course people to whom a tree is simply potential lumber, and to whom buds, leaves and branches tell no story. This class fell trees or mutilates them without the least compunction. Other people happen to live on leafy streets and in order to obtain just one ray more light for their dining room will fell a beautiful tree. The feelings of those who daily pass along such streets and watch the payment of the seasons as told by the trees are never consulted. Thoughtless persons like these might very well be reminded of their misdeeds. The forest life of the city which is fortunate enough to possess it, should be considered. Without the trees the world would be a dreary place to live in.

## TAXATION OF WOMEN.

The City Council of Fredericton is faced with a situation which apparently is causing it considerable disquietude. It seems that the young ladies of the City do not take at all kindly to the idea of paying taxes. This is one corner of the masculine domain that they do not think women should seek to invade. They don't want to compete with men along this line at all. For all they care the men can keep all the pleasures of paying taxes and chewing tobacco to themselves. Outside of these two items, they want their share of all that's going.

It would be interesting to know on just what line of reasoning the ladies base their refusal to "cash in." On the face of things there does not appear to be any. To claim exemption on account of their sex won't do at all. Sex in the matter of employment went by the board long ago and chivalry counts for little when you come down to business propositions. If women want to compete with men in business, they must do so on regular business terms and principles.

We do not at all agree with the statement made by one member of the Council that an income tax is the only proper tax. As a municipal tax our view is very strongly that it is a most improper one. However, proper or otherwise, it is levied and has to be paid by all income earners, and such being the case there is no reason whatever why women should be exempted from payment of it. We are not able to gather from the newspaper report just what reason the ladies themselves put forward why they should escape payment of taxes on their incomes other than, "We presume, the usual one 'Oh, because.'"

This, however convincing it may be to the feminine mind, is hardly sufficiently weighty to be effective with the official mind; and when it comes down to brass tacks, as the saying is, if women want to occupy salaried positions which if filled by men, would compel the latter to pay taxes on such salaries, they can hardly in common fairness expect any more favorable treatment. In this case at any rate, the same should be the same for the goose as the gander.

## A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD.

Our estimable neighbors to the south are beginning to find out that their so-called Emergency Tariff is that kind of a sword that cuts both ways; and that while it may prevent a good deal of competition from outside with American producers, it is also acting as a very powerful factor in reducing the sales of American goods to other countries, particularly Canada. The New York Herald says this tariff is killing American trade with this country, though it declares that it would be too much to say that this tariff has been the sole cause of the heavy fall in imports from Canada, because the surplus of American farm products and the decline in home prices might have made it difficult for the American market against home competition. At the same time, the Herald points out, "The reduction in Canadian exports to the United States costing the Dominion \$120,000,000 of business with us in commodities affected by the emergency tariff, has cost the United States still more than that in reduced exports of its goods to Canada. Department of Commerce reports to date do not show the details of our foreign trade for exactly the same period as the Canadian reports show. But the department's tables for the first eight months of the present fiscal year make it strikingly clear that under the emergency tariff, we have been giving to the land in our sales to Canada, more than Canada has been giving to us in its sales to Canada."

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## WHAT OTHERS SAY

Engaging Frankness.  
(Los Angeles Times.)

Whatever we may think of the Russian backdown on Communism, or whether we regard this backdown as honest or as merely a solemn declaration made with tongue-in-cheek, as a matter of fact, a search of their books for their frankness in one important respect, namely, the statement of the delegates that they are going to drive the hardest possible bargain. This is really refreshing when contrasted with the topographical pronouncements of most of the European delegates whose statements have all been prefaced with that alien song of diplomats who attempt to cover their real designs under the convenient rhetorical cloak of a deep desire to "insure the peace of the world" when, as a matter of fact, a search of their books or hips would reveal either a long-bladed stiletto or an ugly-looking "gat."

## The Women's Conference.

(Baltimore Sun.)

Nothing could more strikingly demonstrate how far the world has moved in the last few years from old precedents and customs than this great international gathering of women. For well or woe, for good or ill, the heretofore politically submerged sex is asserting an equal right with men to take part in the affairs of the world. This Pan-American meeting may, indeed, be secondary in importance only to the Disarmament Conference at Washington. It will necessarily stimulate feminism and feminist consciousness everywhere, will awaken feminine ambition, will tend to still further revolutionize social and political life, and will exert a far-reaching influence on governments and nations. It will sow the seed of a new womanhood not only in South and Central America, but its impulse may be felt even in the Orient.

## There's No Place Like Home.

(Kansas City Star.)

With the discovery that the home of today apparently is not meeting the competition of the outside world for the attention and time of the youth, there has been dealt out a great amount of advice to parents, the value and advisability of which may often be doubted. But there is value in the fact that attention has been redirected to the home; for, with the changing condition, especially in the cities, the increased numbers of motor cars, the growth of amusements and opportunities of boys and girls to obtain money to enjoy these attractions, the value in the last decade or two has been taken for granted or else forgotten. Development of the home, in short, has not kept pace with modern conditions.

## THE LAUGH LINE

Easy street never leads anywhere.  
A stitch in time, like good advice, is rarely taken.

Pollster.  
Marcel: "Why do you call him an 'Expectorate's dog' son? I never heard of that kind of dog before."  
Jimmy: "Cause me leaser says to never say 'Spit.'"  
—New York Sun.

Worth While.  
"Do you expect to raise your own vegetables this year?"  
"Why not? It doesn't cost much more than it does to buy them."  
—New York Sun.

Some Symptoms.  
Manager: "Stop that, please! You can't dance here, sir!"  
Guest: "We're not dancing! My wife has fainted!"  
—Vancouver Province.

The Right Adjective.  
"Blanche is a striking girl."  
"What's striking about her?"  
"She pounds the typewriter by day and the piano at night."  
—Boston Transcript.

Avoiding Trouble.  
"Did you ask the doctor if smoking was hurting you?"  
"No."  
"Why didn't you?"  
"I was afraid he'd tell me it was."  
—Boston Transcript.

Drummers.  
His drum of blues  
I would not spoil,  
He hopes to strike  
It rich in oil.

Yes, money here  
Has been found,  
Who backed with cuts  
A horse this land.

—London Daily Mail.

## Benny's Note Book

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Fred Feernot. While Fred Feernot is with you nothing shall harm you, either animal vegetable or mineral. So fear not.

Princess Cardenia. Well hold my hand.

Fred Feernot. With pleasure.

Princess Cardenia. This forest is full of bore constrictors and of all the snakes I don't like I hate bore constrictors the worst.

Fred Feernot. All is well. A friend of mine used to be a snake charmer and if a bore constrictor attacks us I'll just wave my hands in its face and mesmerize it and it won't do a thing because it can't.

Princess Cardenia. Wat a relief.

Bore Constrictor. Sssssssss.

Princess Cardenia. Help, it's got a hold of me. Its skewering me ferse. Help, mesmerize it, mesmerize it! Wave your hands!

Fred Feernot. That's wat im doing but it dont seem to notice it. It must be neer sighted or something. Maybe I beter make a noise like a rabbit. Holey smokes how can I I never herd one make eny.

Princess Cardenia. Help, its skewering harder! Help, help, help!

To be continued if I can think of a end.)

## Electric Trolley Line Earnings Grow In Cities

Interurban Lines of United States, However, Fail to Join in Upward Swing.

New York, May 4.—The earnings of electric trolley lines, an industry 34 years old today, are improving steadily in cities but the interurban lines of the country have not yet felt the upward swing, according to a statement issued by Robert I. Todd, president of the American Electric Railway Association.

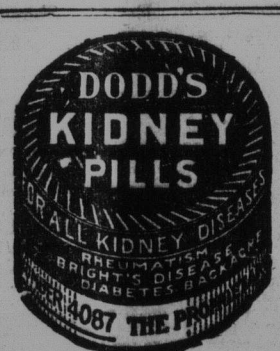
His statement is based on the revised operating returns from 180 companies, representing more than fifty per cent of the total lines of the country. Of the number, 105 are city and 77 interurban and their total operating revenue for 1921 was \$487,453,863 as compared with \$450,119,896 for the entire industry in 1920.

"The improvement is not due to any growth in the amount of business done," said Mr. Todd, "because the actual volume of business shows a slight decrease over 1920. Improved operating conditions, however, have helped finance."

"The outstanding feature of the reports is the increase in net income. In 1921 it was \$22,022,722 as compared with \$7,799,261 in 1920. In the face of a business depression, with unemployment at a maximum, this income figure is remarkable."

"At the same time, however, traffic on the lines fell. In 1920 it was 7,606,190,770, and in 1921, 7,144,335,320, a decrease of 6.1 per cent. The operating ratio, that is, the operating expenses divided by operating revenue, dropped from 78.4 per cent in 1920 to 75.5 per cent in 1921, the source of the good showing and its bright promise for the future. That is helped by the reduction in labor and materials cost."

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