

### Union Street House Burned

#### As the Result of a Skyrocket Lighting on the Roof of 300 Union Street Much Damage Was Caused Last Night.

An alarm was rung from box 13 at about a quarter to ten last night for a fire which caught on the roof of a house occupied by W. R. Green, No. 300 Union street. Dense clouds of smoke which greeted the happy crowd who were speedily on the scene, led them to believe that a fire of considerable magnitude was about to develop. The fire, however, was confined to the roof, and as soon as several streams were brought to play it was under control. Owing to the fact that the damage done was not very great, the roof being burned through, its greater portion being the extent of the damage.

### CARRANZA HEADED TOWARDS THE COAST

#### Believed to be His Intention to Board Small Steamer and Escape from Country.

Mexico City, May 17.—(By the A. P.) "We are lost, good-by gentlemen. These were Carranza's final words before his flight from the besieged trains in the early afternoon of May 14, while passing under the guns of a crowd of terrified civilian refugees a few miles east of Sanmarco, accompanied by a few inmates and guarded by what the despatches term as "a very small cavalry force."

### CRITICISM OF THE BUDGET

#### Business Men Give Their Views of Taxation Features as Affecting Business.

Montreal, May 18.—Criticism of the budget is expressed by prominent business men here and considerable disappointment was felt that the business profits tax had not been abolished.

### FINLAND HAS NO LABOR TROUBLES

London, May 18.—(Associated Press)—Finland has no labor difficulties, declared its Foreign Minister, Dr. R. Holsti, who is on a visit here, in explaining the steadiness and promise of the country's economic and industrial recovery.

### STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLE

Once the liver fails to filter the poisonous bile from the blood, there is a clogging up and poisoning of the whole system which causes many troubles to arise. Therefore, upon the liver, more than any other organ of the body, depends the general health.

Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills are a great help to the stomach and liver troubles. I have told others about your valuable medicine and they have used them with good results.

### Strike Leaders Coming Sunday

#### Aldermen Heaps and Dunn, Winnipeg Strike Leaders, Will Tell Their Side of Last Summer's Troubles in the West.

A meeting of labor men was held last evening to consider the question of providing a hall for Alderman Heaps and Alderman Dunn, two of the Winnipeg strike leaders, who have written they are coming here next Sunday to tell their side of the story of the troubles last summer.

### FLOUR MILLS MORE ACTIVE

#### Output Greater Than Last Week—Buyers Holding off in Purchases.

Special to The Standard. Minneapolis, May 18.—The Northwestern Miller's weekly review of the flour trade says the flour market has been quiet the past week, with a light scattering demand and buyers holding off as much as possible until it becomes clearer what will happen after the grain control ceases.

### GOAL DEALERS HAVE JUST COMPLAINT

#### Protest Against Paying Freight Charges on This Side in American Coin.

Ottawa, Ont., May 18.—(By Canadian Press.)—A large number of coal dealers from various parts of Canada appeared before the Board of Railway Commissioners this afternoon protesting against the action of the railway companies, which bring coal from the United States and demand that the freight charges on the Canadian portion of the haul should be paid in United States money.

### EXPERIMENTAL FARMS REPORT

Almost every farmer in Canada is interested in some phase of the agricultural work carried on by the Dominion Experimental Farms System both at Ottawa and the twenty branch farms distributed between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

### UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION

#### The following letter has been received by C. W. Roman, Secretary of the Canadian Club in this city:

My Dear Sir, I am very appreciative of your kind invitation and had I been able to accept your invitation to dine with you on May 19th I had hoped, I should have been delighted to have addressed the Canadian Club at St. John.

### The Shantymen's Christian Assn.

#### Rev. Thos. Joplin of Toronto and Rev. A. G. Peters of Campbellton Here in Interest of Work Among Men in Mines and Lumber Camps.

Rev. Thos. Joplin, of Toronto, and Rev. A. G. Peters, of Campbellton, are in the city in the interests of the Shantymen's Christian Association.

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### Will Buy Eve Ross For Ferry Service

#### Lancaster Ferry Commission Decided Last Evening to Purchase This Boat Will Fly Between Lancaster and Indiantown.

At a meeting of the Lancaster Ferry Commission held in the County Secretary's office last evening it was decided to buy the Eve Ross from the St. John Dry Dock Company for the ferry service between Lancaster and Indiantown.

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### Dr. P. E. Doolittle Arrived Yesterday

#### Is Founder of the Ontario Motor League—Came East in Response to Request of Automobile Leagues to Talk on "Good Roads."

Dr. P. E. Doolittle, of Toronto, who will address a joint meeting of the Canadian Club and N. B. Automobile Association on "Good Roads," arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Ontario Motor League to talk on "Good Roads."

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# GOVERNMENT TAKES NEW AND VERY BOLD STEP

To Bridge the Gulf Between Expenditure and Visible Revenues, it Decides to Increase Taxes.

## FALLS UPON THOSE ABLE TO BEAR THEM

Those Indulging in Luxuries and Extravagant Expenditures Will Carry Most of the Load.

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Two Courses Open

To bridge this gulf two courses were open to the Ministry: (1) More borrowing; (2) More taxation. Either course had to be increased, and substantially increased, or a new loan had to be floated. The former course was chosen. It was chosen because the existing regard to the already vast dimensions of the public debt, and to the effect which further borrowing must inevitably have upon our credit and currency, additional loans were out of the question. So that the problem narrowed down to the form which new taxation should take. A debt which is not easy, it was not easy because criticism to the contrary notwithstanding, Canadian war taxation having regard to the economic position and general wealth of the country, had reached a considerable peak. Increased tariff rates, having regard to the pending inquiry respecting this branch of fiscal policy, were ruled out. Income taxation was already as high as exists in the United States. The business profits tax was as severe as prudence would permit, and special taxation on banks, loan companies and so forth, fairly adequate.

To announce all this difficulties the Government has taken a bold, new step. Realizing that the curbing of extravagance and luxurious expenditures was nearly as vital as the necessity of revenue, it has proceeded to kill two birds with the one stone by bringing in a luxury or tax in terms of the English "Economy" tax, and so it proposes to levy upon luxuries and upon certain other articles, that only those of well-to-do means can purchase. Taxes ranging from ten to fifty per cent; to levy a tax of one per cent on the sales of all manufacturers, wholesale dealers, jobbers and importers. Most goods, stuffs, coal and other necessities of life being exempted; to increase the tax on bills of exchange and promissory notes; to advance the taxation of income by a tax of five per cent on the present tax now paid by all incomes in excess of \$5,000; to substantially increase the excise tax on beer, wines and spirits; to lighten the excise tax on motor cars, and to introduce a new tax on motor transfers, the extent of two cents on each share transferred.

Merit in Plan

These new taxes have three supreme merits. They fall upon the shoulders of those best able to bear them; they discourage a reckless spirit of extravagance; and by checking expenditure upon luxuries, they incidentally tend to help adjust our adverse balance of trade, for which importation of luxuries is largely the cause. But, if they represented nothing else than the principle that taxation ought to be paid by wealth and prosperity, they would even then be greatly worth while. For the man or woman who, in these days, is in a position to purchase a motor car, thereby supplies prima facie evidence of capacity to pay more to the State.

Some of the old taxes have been reduced or abolished. The business profits tax, which nevertheless netted \$40,000,000 last year, has been substantially reduced. The tax on moving picture films has been wisely left to the provinces; and the general war duties' tax of 7.13 per cent, has been reduced from the tax on exports to \$110,000,000, making a net gain to the Treasury of at least \$75,000,000.

Therefore, going back to expenditure, standing loans to the extent of \$74,000,000, and also to take care of practically all of its capital expenditure and its railway deficits without having to borrow at all.

Fine Achievement

This, taken all in all, must be regarded as a first rate achievement. It is all the finer, too, and all the more encouraging, when studied in conjunction with certain salient financial facts which the minister had to present. For the past few months we have had it drummed into our ears, by ignorant or partisan critics, that our financial situation was hopeless; that our currency was absurdly inflated; that our note circulation was out of all proportion to the gold by which it is backed. But Sir Henry Drayton was able to show that, since the war, Canadian note circulation has increased by only 108 per cent., as against 207 per cent. for Great Britain; and that the percentage of gold reserve to Dominion and bank note circulation is greater than is required by the Federal Reserve Bank legislation of the United States, being 43 per cent., as against 26 per cent. for Great Britain, and 65 per cent. for the United States. Thus, having regard to all the circumstances, bearing in mind that during the war Canada not only financed herself, but also extended credits to other countries, the situation is one not for pessimism but for pride.

The only fly in the ointment perhaps is the rise of the national debt. People are in the habit of referring to the net debt as the real debt, and of assuming that the gross debt, against which national assets are