

### MERCHANTS GLAD LUXURY TAX OFF; WILL AID TRADE

Many Business Men of St. John Predict New Buying by Public

### CLAIM MEASURE RESTRAINED TRADE

Joy Among the Merchants When Hon. Mr. Wigmore Wined News of Its Removal

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Business world today. Goods that would ordinarily be moving have remained on our shelves; this has curtailed orders to the factories and they have been obliged to close down, or work on half time. The abolition is a boon to Christmas business, and should make the people happy."

Geo. L. Warwick. "The luxury tax has affected a certain range of prices in cut glass and higher grades of chinaware. It has had no bearing on the lower grades and, therefore, has not caused any particular annoyance to our retail trade. Where it has been a detriment to our business is in the jobbing lines. There has been so much confusion throughout the country districts over the taxable articles, the retail merchant there has been more or less nervous over the act, and this has retarded the wholesale business. The merchants didn't know what was taxable in our line and were inclined to shy of ordering. The act was just beginning to hit our trade, and had it continued, would have hurt. The abolition of the tax should prove a big boost to business, and the feeling of uncertainty existing throughout the country will now be dispelled."

F. A. Dykeman. "The abolition of the luxury tax will prove a great boon to business. I never realized what a detriment to trade the tax was until the Christmas business came on. Many little articles such as silk ribbons, so necessary in Christmas work, caused a tax and when the customers were informed of it sales were lost not infrequently. The tax has nearly ruined the fur business as a 10 per cent. load was added to the sale of a coat over \$200 in price. The tax was, in my opinion, very unreasonable in its application, and its removal must give a boost to the retail trade."

H. W. Rising. "The removal of the tax means that the goods, especially the 'Specials,' will now begin to move with greater freedom. The tax has been very unfair on our trade. Shoes selling at retail over \$9 per pair carried the tax, and it has been quite impossible to secure the higher grades at retail less than \$15 a pair. When the customer was brought up against the tax on that sale he usually 'bought' and a sale was lost. It is a healthy business to move for the shoe dealers all through the country that the tax is abolished, and will go a long way in alleviating the present trade depression."

D. J. Brown. "I regarded the tax as ill advised and generally unimportant, as it was imposed upon necessities as well as luxuries. Macaulay Bros. realize as well as all other merchants that taxes must be levied to get revenue for government purposes, but have always felt some easier and more effective form of taxation could have been devised. From the time the luxury tax came into effect down to the present it has been cumbersome and embarrassing to the retail merchant. The government is to be congratulated for abolishing the tax, especially at this time of the year when the taxpayers with a limited amount of money to make certain purchases, found the purchasing power reduced 10 to 15 per cent. because of the tax. The abolition of the tax will mean a big boom to the retail trade."

### Cases Dealt With In Police Court

Samuel Meltzer Fined \$200 for Having Liquor Illegally—Girl Charged With Theft

A fine of \$200 was struck against Samuel Meltzer, 599 Main street in the police court Saturday for having liquor in his possession illegally. Meltzer admitted his guilt and paid the fine. A plea of not guilty was entered in regard to a second charge, that of having liquor in his possession, but that his private lawyer, E. S. R. L., for the defendant, and W. M. Ryan for the prosecution.

Lottie Gouglas was charged with the theft of goods to the value of \$10 from Mrs. F. B. Brittain, 146 Main street, her employer, and Miss Alice Corkum, who resides at the same address.

Evidence was given by Police Magistrate and Detective Bidscombe, and the case was adjourned till today. At a session of the Juvenile Court, four young lads were severely reprimanded for breaking windows with stones. They were allowed to go on condition their parents made good the amount of their damages. The magistrates made some pointed remarks about children being allowed out on the streets at night, and ordered the police to do all in their power to put a stop to it.

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### Schools Observe White Gift Sunday

Children of Sunday Schools Brought Gifts and Provided Special Programmes

Each year the custom of celebrating "White Gift Sunday" is growing, and more churches are adopting the way of contributing their Christmas cheer for the less fortunate ones among their congregations. "White Gifts to the King" is the title given to the Sunday before Christmas when children of the Sunday Schools bring gifts of money and groceries thus proving that they have grasped the lesson "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The gifts are usually carried in procession to the platform, where they are laid about a Christmas Tree and afterwards distributed.

#### Centenary Church.

Centenary Sunday School has a pretty custom in connection with this celebration. Each class has a small trimmed tree which is carried in the Christmas procession up to the platform where they are grouped into one large tree. J. J. Arthur superintendent of the school presided yesterday. The programme included: The Lord's Prayer led by Rev. J. A. Goodwin.

Responsive reading—Junior Class, led by Mrs. Irving.

Chorus—Primary and Beginners Class.

Christmas Lullaby—Five girls from the Junior Department.

Exercise—"In His Name"—Six boys from the Intermediate Department.

Reading—Miss Rita Brittain.

Exercise—A Christmas Wish—Miss Margaret Hayward, Margery Evans.

Selection from Centenary orchestra led by M. L. Harrison.

Prayer.

Contributions for Foreign Missions were received by Miss Annie McCavour and Mary Seely amounting to \$115.46. The Home Department gave \$10 for Christmas Cheer. A very large amount of groceries, vegetables and fruit were contributed. There were 410 present including 150 visitors.

#### At St. David's.

St. David's Sunday School had an unusually large attendance yesterday, classes assembling in the main church for the session. Robert Reid, superintendent presided. Several Christmas selections were sung by the school. A Scripture lesson was read by Assistant Superintendent D. W. H. Hughes. A story, "White Gifts to the King," from which originated the custom of so observing the day, was read by Murray Lawson. Readings were given by Miss Dorothy Sinclair and Thomas Somerville. A choir of young ladies sang sweetly, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Rev. J. A. McKeehan led in prayer.

Each member of the school brought gifts, while others gave individual presents to be divided by officers and teachers among the twenty families for whose Christmas cheer St. David's is responsible. Barrels of apples and potatoes were included among the gifts, and \$48 in money, \$20 of which was contributed by one of the young men's classes will go towards the dinner. Miss Milligan's Young Ladies Bible class raised \$29.50 for a family for which they sent the Christmas story.

An interesting address was made to the children by Rev. George Scott.

#### Central Church.

In Central Baptist Church over 450 were present at the White Gift Sunday exercises, which were in charge of the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Wamman and Mr. Stammers. A large Christmas tree had been erected upon the platform, but most of the gifts received were of such a nature that hanging them on a tree was impossible. This was true, for instance, of a barrel of potatoes that the class donated and the score of huge baskets, packed to overflowing, that were carried to the front of the hall. The Baruca Club dropped from their rooms above, a rope of one hundred twenty-five cent bills, while a smaller tree presented by another division of the school was decorated with the same class of trimmings.

Two little Chinese boys of ten and twelve years bore to the platform the generous donation of the men of that part of the school.

In addition, generous contributions of money were made by many individuals for use in providing Christmas cheer for the needy of the district.

When all the gifts had been received, the Superintendent presented bibles to the most regular attendants in each class.

On Thursday, the church will be open and many pies, cakes and other eatables of a perishable nature that could not be brought, to the hall yesterday will arrive for distribution.

#### Trinity Church.

At Trinity Sunday School teachers and scholars of the upper school were members of the Primary Department of which Miss Edna Jarvis is superintendent. The programme included Christmas hymns, solos by Freddie Jackson, with choruses by children, and Tommy Southouse, and an address by Rev. Canon Armstrong on "The Christmas Story." The children then marched to the platform, where they laid gifts of toys at the foot of a tree. The presents are sent to the Protestant Orphanas for their Christmas treat. Scholars from the other departments also brought gifts.

#### German Street Baptist Church.

One of the best Christmas exercises ever held at German Street Church was that of yesterday. There was a very large attendance. Donaldson Hunt, superintendent presided. L. W. Simms, associate superintendent, gave the legend of Cuttyhunk and Mrs. Everett Hunt told the Christmas story. All classes brought gifts, and \$200 in cash was received, beside quantities of groceries and fruit. One class brought their tree laden with money bags. The girls were attired as fairies, and singing a hymn. Seven boys dressed as millers brought bags of flour. An absent member sent vegetables and another sent money to be used for Christmas cheer.

#### DISAPPOINTED CROWD

The C. P. R. Police at the West Side sheds were kept busy yesterday holding up the crowd who gathered seeking admission to the dock occupied by the Victorian, which arrived in the morning. Those who wished to board the big liner were not allowed to do so and many returned home disappointed. Steamship people find that what were carried to the front of the sheds can be better handled without having a lot of people in the way.

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### OLDEST MONCTON RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Passes Away at the Age of 93 Years.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 19.—The oldest resident of Moncton in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Sumner, widow of the late W. H. T. Sumner, and mother of the late P. W. Sumner, Agent General for New Brunswick in London, passed away this morning at the home of her grandson F. R. Sumner, in her 93rd year. She was born at Thompson's Landing, N. B., in 1828, and had lived in Moncton the last 66 years.

She was a member of the First Baptist church during the whole of her long residence in Moncton. She is survived by two sons, Charles, barister, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Walter, of Truro, N. B., and one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Mahon, of this city.

The second reason. "Tipping is said to be one to public weakness and it is also due to the desire to have luncheon served in time for dinner.—Augusta Herald.

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  - 3 Fancy Handkerchiefs with colored scalloped edge, \$1.00 a box.
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### OVERTURES MADE TO LLOYD GEORGE

Believed if Collins Will Act Moderate Party Will Formed.

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By G. H. BRETHERTON (Copyright, 1920, by Public Dublin, Dec. 16.—The only peace have still remaining is that of Father O'Flanagan, secretary of the Sinn Fein, who has been informed by Lloyd George that he must see the situation with President Wilson and the British Government. The Sinn Fein, before proceeding and suggested that the night facilities matters by a safe conduct to the parties. The Premier will agree to but Griffith dare not commit Michael Collins, which he has returned from America, where with the faction headed by Cobhan and John Devoy still desolved.

But Father O'Flanagan has of moral courage, much in runs no physical danger, as the backing of the Catholic which is desperately anxious peace, and then close to him he will not hesitate. De Valera remains intrinsically a member of a party of Sinn Fein and Nationalist enough to carry a settlement effort would receive the support of the Catholic, but still place to the church before all the Irish republic.

Bishop Precipitated Struggle

Monks' Cobhan's decree, Bishop Precipitated Struggle has put the church and the Sinn Fein sharply at variance, and many Sinn Feiners have admitted that it is a struggle in war or the other must go down and loss of prestige cannot be avoided. Hitherto the Sinn Feiners have assumed the role of a struggle in war or the other must go down and loss of prestige cannot be avoided. Hitherto the Sinn Feiners have assumed the role of a struggle in war or the other must go down and loss of prestige cannot be avoided.

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denouncing Bishop Cobhan's course, speaking for himself and the other bishops do not lead, the church loses its voice with the moderates approving Republicans, but his influence with the Sinn Fein, by appearing afraid to stand own bishop in the face of Sinn Fein's threats.

A sinister aspect of this is that the lead in defying Cobhan is being taken in women and girls over which the influence of Sinn Fein is est. If other bishops, each must act on his own initiative. Bishop Cobhan's lead the Sinn Fein will not follow. He will drive nearly all but the Sinn Fein party, though it might be able to force a cessation of Sinn violence in the absence alternative.

Hence it is imperative church that the avenue opened by Father O'Flanagan not be closed by the action other Sinn Fein leaders.

Meanwhile, though Ireland Dublin wants peace, Sinn Fein has not yet had enough Sinn Fein, Limerick and still are breathing defiance Bishop Cobhan and the Sinn Fein.

Hope to Ignore Collins

A month of martial law communication may make sense, but only if the Sinn Fein make a great effort may be for by the church and its to pave the way to peace since Premier Lloyd George by obtaining without Sinn Fein's consent, without Michael Collins is prepared to. The Sinn Fein have had rather than terrified Sinn Fein who fear nothing loss of their own lives and that.

The Sinn Fein undoubtedly work of an anti-Sinn Fein which consists of police, and other loyalists who, and driven from work by Sinn Fein, had undertaken to the loss of one of their men.

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