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### THE TAX BURDEN

A reduction in taxation is one of the great needs of the present time in Canada. The situation is very clearly set forth by Canadian Finance, which says: "Both employers and employees are earning less than they were a few years ago, from the point of view of the purchasing value of money received. We have less purchasing power and yet our taxes are more than double in many instances. The interest on our public debt is more than was required in 1914 to meet all charges on current account. The gross public debt of Canada is now \$336 per capita as compared with \$230 per capita in the United States. Expenditures in the United States for civil purposes this year total \$31 per capita, whereas Canadians have to foot a bill for similar purposes on a basis of \$64 per capita, including about \$15 per head for the government railways." Is it likely that the Meighen government will reduce taxation? There is nothing in its record or in that of the Conservative party to encourage such a belief. Mr. Meighen has set out by surrounding himself with an unnecessarily large and expensive cabinet. He has been accustomed to lavish public expenditure. And yet if Canada is to recover her position the cost of administration must be cut down. The way to ensure it is to place a new government in power.

### A SILLY ORATOR.

At a party meeting in Toronto this week one of the speakers said: "Canada will never be an adjunct of the United States as long as there is one Canadian left to fight for the flag as Canadians have fought before." The old flag is being used again to cloak the misdoings of the government and to persuade the people that only by returning the torques to power can they show true loyalty. Nowhere save in the imagination of tory spellbinders is their desire to make Canada an adjunct of the United States. The Liberals and the farmers are quite as jealous of the rights of Canada as any Conservative politician. They desire, however the closest sympathy between the British Empire and the United States, and are entirely averse to any such campaign as would arouse prejudice over the border without serving any useful purpose in this country. Too many sons of Liberals and Progressives have sealed their loyalty with their blood to permit unworthy appeals to the love of the flag to go unchallenged. Nothing the torques could do would arouse a sentiment that is synonymous with toryism. Mr. Meighen will be well advised if he reads a lecture to such followers as the flag-waver of Toronto.

### FLIRTING WITH QUEBEC

Premier Meighen's Montreal speech was to strike the keynote of the campaign, but it contained nothing new except a pathetic appeal to the people of Quebec to forget the past and rally around his banner. In a lofty strain he dwelt upon the vital importance of national unity and for discussion on a higher plane, leaving provincial and racial issues out of the question. The premier would have a biased concord throughout Canada, with a high tariff party in power, and the rascally gits and farmers rendered powerless to stir up strife and ruin the country. To prove the sincerity of his love for Quebec he paraded his friends, Monty, Delaney and Normand, as noble fellows who could not sit still and see the country given over to the tender mercies of men who are not hidebound conservatives. Mr. Meighen was particularly savage in his attack upon the farmers. The Liberals are weaklings, not greatly to be feared, but those agrarians are terrible fellows who must be politically destroyed at any cost. Such problems as those of the railways, taxation, unemployment, immigration and trade are in his estimation minor matters compared with the necessity of a tory Quebec and a high tariff.

Despite the lofty strain affected in Mr. Meighen's speeches, the people will continue to go cheerfully about the business of getting rid of an autocratic, incompetent and extravagant administration. Bangor Commercial: Next week is to be observed as national fire prevention week, and that there is need for steadily increasing effort to reduce the losses from fires is shown by the annual figures denoting a total annual loss of some \$200,000,000 in property and 15,000 lives. And the pity of it is that a vast percentage of this loss can be prevented by ordinary care. There will always be losses, but the proper education of the public will greatly minimize these. Fire prevention week is for the purpose of interesting the public in doing its best to curtail this great economic loss.

### A SPLENDID EXAMPLE

Representatives of Catholics, Protestants and Jews sat together. The board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon, the most remarkable assembly ever got together in St. John. They were all inspired with a common desire to get more of religion into the lives of the people of this city. It was not a question of proselytizing, but of linking up every individual and family with the church of their choice. Such co-operation may easily have the most far-reaching results, and nowhere is there a finer field for the promotion of such a spirit than in this city. Let us hope that the feeling that inspired the conference yesterday will permeate the whole community and that in every branch of social work the citizens will get together for the common good. The points upon which the people agree in relation to religion and the common welfare are far more important than those upon which they disagree. It may well be that this home visitation will be the means of doing a great service to this community, and it should have the fullest sympathy of every citizen. Mr. Durham made a striking observation when he said to the Canadian Club that instead of standing outside and criticising the churchmen should go in and strive to make its work more effective.

### A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK

The best news that has come out of Ireland for a long time is de Valera's reply to Lloyd George. He accepts the government's invitation to a conference in London. The subject to be discussed is "how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Empire may best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations." Hope is universal that this man-to-man conference may achieve what could not be achieved by an exchange of letters. Every point at issue may be discussed freely and fully, and we may assume that it will be with an earnest desire on both sides to establish a firm basis of permanent peace. The period of truce has given time for passions to subside, and for men who desire what is best for Ireland and the Empire to reflect deeply upon the effect of the decision now to be reached. If the Irish leaders agree to Ireland shall remain within the Empire, other obstacles to peace are not insuperable. It has been made clear to de Valera and his friends that the world at large regards the British proposals as fair and reasonable and worthy of acceptance. To reject them utterly would bring chaos in Ireland without the remotest chance of establishing an Irish republic. The rest of the Empire will rejoice greatly if the conference in London results in an agreement acceptable alike to Great Britain and Ireland.

### THE EVENING CLASSES

The evening classes which are to be reopened in the city on Monday evening should have a large enrollment. They are for the benefit of working boys and of men who feel the need of more schooling than they have been able to secure. Last winter one saw men well on to middle life in these classes, giving earnest study in the effort to fit themselves better for the work in which they were engaged. Boys who were forced to leave school in the lower grades should especially welcome the opportunity for study, since that which is taught may save them from blind alley jobs. The youth who is not able to read and write well and has no knowledge of arithmetic is greatly handicapped in his life-work. These classes are his great opportunity. It is interesting to note that similar classes open in Fredericton on Monday evening, and that vocational classes begin at the same time. There are business courses in salesmanship, typewriting, shorthand and book-keeping and business arithmetic; home-making classes in home nursing, millinery, plain sewing and knitting, dressmaking and cooking; industrial classes in practical electricity, motor mechanics, blueprint reading and mechanical drawing, and possibly one in industrial stitching. These various classes will appeal to a large number of persons needing just such instruction as is given, and will supplement in a most valuable way the work of the public day schools. A portion of the long winter evenings cannot be put to a better use than in attending classes which make the student better fitted to succeed in life.

Only ten days before the prohibition. The friends of prohibition should carry on an intensive campaign during this period to bring out the largest possible vote.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ The deep interest of the people in the political situation is manifested by the great meetings addressed by the Liberal leader.

### CORNELL HAS 257 OUT FOR ROWING THIS FALL

Itasca, Sept. 30.—Two hundred and fifty-seven undergraduates signed the Cornell rowing register at the annual fall registration of candidates, breaking all university records. The squad includes 127 freshman candidates, as against 120 last fall, and 122 varsity candidates, as against 112 last year. Among the varsity candidates who have reported are some twenty men who rowed in the leading varsity eights and in the freshman crew at Poughkeepsie last June.

### DOWN WEST

(Olaf Baker in Westminster Gazette.) Will you come to the strange ways down in the West. To the narrow land where the seas are wide. And over the ridges of Cornish tide The brown-sailed ketches swing in from Brest?

There's a Celtic gleam on the lonely hills, There's a candle-light in the old church tower. And up the furl of the granite downs The dew of an earlier world distils.

And here your London's of small account, We're a stiff-necked people in far Penzance; New York and Paris we view askance, We're Marston and St. Michael's Mount!

We've high Carr Brea, and we've low St. Leven, We've the Logan Stone in a land of myth, We're incurably Cornish in old Penwith, And England starts when we get to Devon.

So if you've come by the haunted ways Where the church-ward wanders by moon and dawn, You'll leave geography up in town, And loiter back to King Arthur's days.

For out where the currents boil and twist, And the gannet breeds, and the breakers boom, Is Lyonesse where the Scillies loom, Amber floated in amethyst.

Come down to the Land's End, west-south-west, Where the skies swoop down, and the seas are wide. For the world's awash in the Cornish tide, When the Breton fishers beat up from Brest.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

The young girl had refused the millionaire who was twice her age and he was very angry. "Even Cupid," he said, "could do nothing with you. You're like an iceberg. Why, a hundred Cupids might shoot at you all day long and not one of them would make any impression on your stone-cold heart." "Not if they used an old bean," retorted the girl.

### He Knew!

Teacher.—You have named all domestic animals, but I have a bath, and is found of mud. Well, Tom?

Tom (shamefacedly).—That's me.—Chicago Herald and Examiner.

A free-lance journalist found himself on a train without a ticket and decided to play the deadhead game. When the conductor appeared, he told him that he had left his pocketbook home, but that he was on the staff of the Daily News. "All right," said the official, "come forward to the next car. We've the editor of the Daily News aboard and he can identify you. There was no one back, so the passenger followed the conductor, expecting ignominious exposure, but to his great surprise the editor, looking up from his paper, said simply: "Yes, conductor, that's all right. The man is on my staff." When the conductor had departed the free-lance undertook to express his gratitude to the great man for his magnanimous falsehood. "Oh, don't mention it," said the editor. "You see, I'm not really the editor of the Daily News."

### TIME CHANGES ON C. N. R. LINES OCT. 2

Not Much Change in the Local Train Service.

Changes in train service on Canadian National lines effective Oct. 2 do not greatly affect the trains in and out of Union station. No. 10 will arrive at 1:30 p. m. instead of 1:35 p. m. and No. 13 will be due at 5:35 p. m. instead of 5:25 p. m.

Train No. 14 will leave at 1:40 p. m. instead of 1:15 p. m. and will connect at Moncton with No. 4, Ocean Limited. The afternoon connections for Prince Edward Island will be made by changing to the Ocean Limited at Moncton, and from Sackville by taking train No. 40 leaving for Tormentine at 6:25 p. m. The morning train connection for Prince Edward Island will be by No. 18 as usual. There will be no change in the P. E. Island service until Oct. 29, when the train will be changed to make two round trips daily (except Sunday) until then. No. 10, the night express for Halifax, will leave St. John at 11 p. m. instead of 11:25 p. m.

There is no change in the service on the Valley Railway, nor in the through service to Quebec via Fredericton and McGivney.

The Cafe Parlor Car now running between St. John and Cape Tormentine on trains No. 14 and 40 and trains No. 10 and 13, will be between St. John and Moncton, eastbound on train No. 14 and returning on train No. 17. This is the same arrangement as last year.

CHOLERA GRIPS ARMENIA Population, 500,000 of Whom Are Homeless, Also Faces Famine.

Constantinople, Sept. 30.—Cholera is spreading throughout that part of Armenia which was the scene of the war between the Turks and Armenians last winter, according to a dispatch received here from Tiflis and forwarded by Paxton Hibben of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Hibben is a member of the group of representatives of the Near East Relief, and recently visited Armenia before starting northward through Russia to Moscow. He writes that the cholera is due to lack of foodstuffs and the consequent reduced resistance of the population to the insidious disease. He adds:

"The present crops in Armenia were sown in May, after the departure of the Turks, and in consequence of this late planting the grain is stunted. The Government estimates that it cannot possibly, even with a minimum consumption, supply the population with food beyond January next."

"The housing conditions also are appalling, owing to the destruction of the many villages. Last winter the roofs of houses throughout Armenia were burned for fuel. This leaves many occupied houses with gaping roofs which will be open to the winter's snows while the Government estimates that 500,000 people are homeless."

### THE LIBERAL LEADER.

(Halifax Recorder.) The opponents and enemies of Hon. Mackenzie King have all along been attempting to make the people regard him as a well educated theorist, a man of literary talents, but greatly wanting in practical capacity. He certainly is a man of exceptional learning and culture, of literary gifts and a comprehensive generalizer; but he is more than that. He is one of the readiest and ablest parliamentary debaters in the public life of Canada today. Before delivering himself on any question of importance he is in the habit of making a thorough study of the whole matter in all its details, which enables him to speak weightily and with precision, all of which makes him a man difficult to answer. Gifted with fine attractive presence and an exceptionally good voice, his speeches are always well worth listening to. His oratory, while plentifully supplied with eloquence, is never marred by purple patches, and he never tears a passion to his subject. His superb self-control even under the most irritating provocation. In the campaign of speech-making during the past month, he has shown himself to be an exceptionally keen yet just critic of the administration, with an unerring faculty of finding the weak points of his opponent's position. But he has proven himself to be more than a critic. His speeches are replete with suggestion and the electorate of Canada are fast coming to the conclusion that the policies outlined by him carry the very surest of promises for the betterment of the nation and the amelioration of the great and widespread evils with which we are afflicted. The premier has made the formal announcement that the coming campaign will be a battle between free trade and protection, thus, as he hopes, calling to his aid the entire manufacturing interest of the country to preserve the tariff which has preserved them. Mr. King has very effectively called his bluff, and shown that the Liberal policy is to maintain the tariff, but so shape and apply it so as to help all and injure none; a tariff high enough to give the greatest possible revenue compatible with adequate protection to the manufacturers and the encouragement of new industries based upon and largely supported by our own natural resources; in other words, to aid in establishing industries especially adapted to our own condition and resources. Such a policy is a guarantee of permanence for the industries thus founded, for they are not exotics that can only exist under hot-house conditions, protected by a tariff which gives opportunity for unlimited profiteering. Such industries constitute a malignant growth on the body politic. If the premier imagines he can corner the Liberal leader by his tariff announcements, he must resort to other methods than those heretofore used. Mr. King has not been pleased for a moment by such tactics.

### KU KLUX.

(New York Evening Post.) Of the 650,000 members enrolled by the Ku Klux Klan, it is certain that a large number are citizens who have been duped and who will recoil from it now that its real character is known. The Ku Klux Klan is a movement of the World. The Emperor Simmons, the Imperial Kluge, and his fellow-leaders, are making a race of it to see who can outdo the other in a garb of devotion to law and order, to 100 per cent Americanism, to lofty patriotism. There are simple-minded "liners" everywhere always ready to take the oath of a Kluge and the more fanatical exalted titles, the more numerous the ritual, the quicker the Klan grows. The Klan is a movement of the World. The Emperor Simmons, the Imperial Kluge, and his fellow-leaders, are making a race of it to see who can outdo the other in a garb of devotion to law and order, to 100 per cent Americanism, to lofty patriotism. 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