

as it operates at present as a burden on the people, they are prepared materially to lighten that burden. It is pleasing and reassuring to see that they realize the existing condition of affairs; because, while we on this side of the House are not socialists, while we do not wear red shirts nor carry daggers, yet we do see that the conditions of society at the present are becoming strained, and relief must be given to those who are suffering from an enforced condition of poverty in our country, and if this relief is not forthcoming from these legislative halls it will be enacted in the streets.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. McINNIS. Hon. gentlemen laugh, but, Sir, it appears to me that those who laugh most at that statement fail most to recognize the existing condition of affairs; for justice is crying out for a redress of grievances which are felt in every city and home in the country, and that cry can no longer be withstood or ignored.

#### HOW TO RAISE \$7,000,000,

Under the above heading a morning paper publishes a number of letters proposing means of meeting the deficit under prohibition (liquor traffic). Some of the proposals are absurd and impracticable, others indefinite and of little or no value. While others suggest the taxation of land values, which of all proposals advanced is by far the best.

Those who favor direct taxation, do not say what they mean by direct taxation. It would be interesting to learn in what manner the proposed tax is to be collected. Then some others suggest that patent medicines be taxed, by imposing a stamp tax of 10 per cent on the retail price of all proprietary medicines as a means of striking at Indian medicine, men fakers of trash and ignorant peddlars of vile concoctions going from house to house, through the country" and to affix a stamp to each bottle sold. Another patent medicine taxer would also impose "a small internal tax, say twenty-five cents upon all aerated waters, sodas, etc.

One of those favoring direct taxation, rather pointedly remarks:

"If prohibitionists can justify themselves in shifting the gage of battle from the arena of moral suasion to that of physical and brutal force—which is more than doubtful—they can much more readily and certainly justify themselves in committing the country to the just economic policy of direct taxation, for its enforcement and for reparation of fiscal disturbances thereby created."

#### GOLD SILVER OR HONOR?

To the average Canadian the clatter about silver and gold among our cousins of the Stars and Stripes is one of the things "a fellow cawn't understand."

We have just enough silver to make change. We scarcely ever encounter gold coin in our trading, but we always have money for legitimate enterprise. We have currency enough why should the wealthy United States clamor for metal, when paper "goes" with us? Why must Uncle Sam have at least \$100,000,000 in gold always in his strong box? Why does he take a fit every time the gold sinks below that amount?

What is money?

It is a measure (not the standard) of value. It is a medium of exchange deserving of and inspiring confidence.