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THE ASSESSMENTS

The assessment lists have now been completed and handed to the Town Treasurer for collection. The total assessable value of property in the town amounts to \$2,516,800.00, which brings the rate to \$1.40 per cent. Last year the rate was \$1.45 the value being \$2,456,400.00.

In conversation with travellers we are informed that the rate here is the lowest they have found in either New Brunswick or Nova Scotia, for which we ought to be thankful, in these days of storm and stress. Nevertheless the rate small as it is, bears unjustly on the poorer man in this town, and there is much room for adjustment. In the assessing of income we claim that the man earning \$1.60 and \$1.75 per day is assessed on income beyond what he is able to pay, while others whose income is in the thousands are not assessed proportionately. Why should a man whose income is over \$2000 be assessed on only \$600 and \$800. By the act the assessors are empowered to assess income, then let them do so in a proper way, making an exemption of a certain amount and levying taxes on the balance. This is the way income is taxed in Britain on a graduated scale, the sum exempt being \$800.

It has been claimed by some who have heard this proposal that a working man having no real estate and living in a rented house, whose income did not come up to the exempted sum would pay no taxes. Such indeed we claim should be the case, but to obviate that difficulty so that everyone should pay a proportionate amount of taxation, he should be assessed on half the yearly rental of the house he occupies, the owner paying the other half. This amount added to the poll tax would make an adequate assessment on any laboring man.

We have long since passed the stage when the antiquated system of assessing now obtaining was suitable for a small country village. Campbellton is now of a size to require the services of a resident assessor, who should be appointed to have a proper survey of the town, and the assessment act changed to meet the needs of a large town.

We are growing all the time, and we have sufficient faith that our town and community will yet expand and there is no better time than now to make preparation for that increase.

"MAKE HAY"

Farmers generally have taken advantage of the almost perfect hay-making weather of the past three weeks, and the great bulk of the hay crop of the country is now safely stored in excellent condition. Those who did not "make hay while the sun shines" this year cannot blame the weather at any rate, for their failure to make good in that line.

A ton of hay made early is worth more as a food for animals than 4 or 5 tons of over-ripe and withered woody fibre cut and gathered later on. The theory that the grass is still "making at the bottom" has been exploded. The fact is that the upper part of the stalk is actually shrinking up and withering while the bottom grass is practically remaining at a stand still.

NOT OVERSUBSCRIBED

In order to allay any fears as to the Machine Gun Fund being over-subscribed, the following item is taken from the Moncton Transcript:

St. John, N. B., Aug. 11.—In order to set at rest rumors to the effect the machine gun fund had been fully subscribed, Mayor Frink yesterday wired Ottawa for information. He received the following reply:—His Worship Mayor Frink, St. John.—Government has not indicated that machine gun fund is oversubscribed.

CONSTIPATIANTS

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Yours,
JAMES A. LOUGHEED,
Acting Minister.

THE NATION'S BUSINESS.

Hon. Mr. Lougheed, leader of the Senate, who is temporarily acting as Minister of Militia, is setting an example which is worth following by other members of the Cabinet and by leading public officials. On several occasions recently he has given out very important information of the work being done in his department, presenting it in a simple, straightforward style. Evidently Senator Lougheed recognizes that he is the servant of the people of Canada, and that they have a right to know what is being done with their money, and what the men they have employed to spend it and administer the departments are doing. Most of our Ministers and public servants are ultra-conservative in this respect and refuse to give the people of Canada, through the press, the information they are entitled to have. In the case of most Ministers, the neglect to supply the press with important information of the progress of the work of their department is due to preoccupation or oversight. Others, however, are very uncommunicative to the press and difficult of approach, and quite overlook the fact that the correspondents at Ottawa represent the people of Canada, not the owners of their individual papers. We trust that Mr. Lougheed will not fall into the habit of some of his colleagues.—National Leadership.

During the last ten days newspapers supporting the Government have had excellent editorials on the subject which has been so persistently discussed in The Financial Post for the past nine months—the development of Canadian trade and industry. It is most encouraging to find such papers as The Mail and Empire and the Hamilton Spectator dealing seriously with this big question. Unfortunately they feel their work is done when they advise the farmers, the workers, the manufacturers, the miners and lumbermen of Canada that it is their duty to the nation to go ahead and produce more. They are like the Yankee general who told his soldiers that where they led he would follow. What Canada needs today—what The Financial Post has been contending for—is national leadership, not advice. We have Ministers of Trade, Agriculture and Labor—high-principled, delightful, good-intentioned men all of them—but they are not leaders in their respective fields. The Toronto News apologizes for them, saying they are available for advice. The Mail and Empire is owned by the Riddians and The Spectator by the Southans. Both families are identified with the upholding and conduct of some of the most important industries in Canada. They are good business men, and we would suggest that these editors discuss the business situation with them and then strongly advocate the policies they recommend. We are sure that the big men in the Riddian and Southan organizations will tell the editors that what every business needs is capable leadership, not advice; that what Canada needs to-day is capable leaders in the Department of Trade, Labor, Agriculture; and that when personal friendship for Ministers and public duty, public interests should prevail.

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AN ENGLISH PERDITION.

There has been many severe attacks in England on Lord Kitchener, principally from Lord Northcliffe's papers, and due, in the opinion of many persons, to further the plan of forcing conscription on the country. Naturally, the Secretary for War has many defenders, not alone from among his admirers, but from that large number of persons who consider criticism in the present condition of affairs unwise. One of the first class, probably, is Mr. A. G. Hales, a well-known journalist and author, who in a contribution to the press praises the War Secretary for his great work and makes the following prediction:

"His hour is passing, with great sorrow. It will not be long before our need will grow from great to great, and a splendid story of triumph and daring, and men will bare their heads

and thank God for giving us the grim granite man who sits like a sphinx at the heads of our armies, and works night and day with locked mouth, for his country's salvation. I have searched the pages of history, and searched in vain, for a man parallel to him. He is and may put a gigantic new strain on the world's resources, seeking to realize his most superhuman efforts. The spirits behind the attacks may be one of mistaken patriotism—I hope it is."

humiliation will be utter and complete. * * * Knowing what I do know, I can write to-day more in pity than in anger, concerning Lord Kitchener's enemies within the gate; they are going to drink of the cup of derision which the British people will fill to the brim, and they will have to drain it to the dregs, whilst a wondering world shrugs its head at the quivering aches. There are no sands in Britain deep enough for them to hide their faces."

as her soul in patience—the world's greatest soldier has not been sleeping; he did not need people of untrained intelligence to teach him a soldier's duties; he may not have secured the kind of shells to meet their views, but it will be found that he has ready to his hand all that will be required to satisfy the German soldiers and their leaders. The foregoing, which was written two weeks ago, has an air of mystery about it. It is possible that Mr. Hales is the possessor of information not given to the public, and that great events are impending.—St. John Globe.



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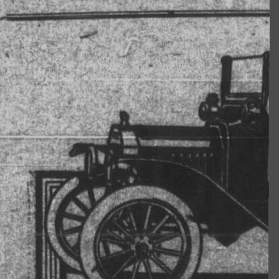
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