

FINANCE MINISTER'S BUDGET AS IT IS

NEW TAXES IMPOSED.

New domestic taxes announced by the Minister of Finance in his Budget address Tuesday were as follows:

Sales tax increased by 50 per cent.

Passenger automobiles—5 per cent. up to \$1,200; 10 per cent. above \$1,200.

Confectionery—5 per cent.

Alc. beer, etc.—15 cents per gallon.

Mineral waters and other soft drinks—10 cents per gallon.

Cheques—2 cents up \$50; 2 cents on each additional \$50.

Insurance—5 per cent. on premiums paid to licensed companies.

Telegrams and cables—increased from 1 cent to 5 cents.

Transfers of stock—increased from 2 cents to 5 cents per share.

Best sugar—40 cents per 100 pounds.

All the foregoing are under the Special War Revenue Act.

Bank—1 per cent. on circulation. This is now offset by exemption under income tax, but the exemption is to be removed.

The following reductions of customs duties were announced:

FARMING INDUSTRY.

Mowing machines, harvesters, binders and reapers, reduced today, the general tariff 2½ per cent.

Cultivators, harrows, horse-rakes, seed drills, manure spreaders and weeders, reduced under the general tariff 2½ per cent.

Ploughs and threshing machines, reduced under the general tariff 2½ per cent.

Milking machines, reduced under the general tariff 5 per cent.

Vegetable grading machines, reduced under the general tariff 5 per cent.

Nearly all other agricultural implements are reduced under the general tariff 5 per cent.

There is a corresponding reduction on these articles under the British preferential tariff, but practically all are imported under the general tariff.

Tractors for farm purposes valued at \$1,400 or less, and parts thereof, are now free by order-in-council. It is proposed to make these articles free by act of Parliament.

Wrought iron tubing four inches and under in diameter is reduced five per cent. under both the preferential and general tariffs.

Wrought iron tubing over four inches and not over ten inches is reduced five per cent. under the preferential tariff.

Tools are reduced five per cent. under the preferential tariff.

Harness is reduced 2½ per cent. under the preferential tariff.

Farm wagons are reduced 5 per cent. under the preferential tariff and 2½ per cent. under the general tariff.

TARIFF REDUCTIONS.

DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

Paper milk bottle caps are reduced 7½ per cent. under both the preferential and general tariffs.

Glass milk bottles are reduced 5 per cent. under both tariffs.

Dairy tin hollowware and cans for milk and cream are reduced 2½ per cent. under the preferential tariff and 5 per cent. under the general tariff.

Milking machines are reduced 2½ per cent. under the preferential tariff and 5 per cent. under the general tariff.

FRUIT-GROWING INDUSTRY.

Fruit grading machines are reduced 2½ per cent. under the preferential tariff and 5 per cent. under the general tariff.

LUMBER INDUSTRY.

Machinery for saw mills is reduced 2½ per cent. under the general tariff.

Wrought iron tubing four inches in diameter or less is reduced 5 per cent. under both tariffs.

Tools and cant-dogs are reduced 5 per cent. under the preferential tariff.

MINING INDUSTRY.

Porcelain parts of pumps are reduced from 20 per cent. preferential tariff and 50 per cent. general tariff to free under all tariffs.

Wrought iron tubing reduced, on tubing over four inches and not over ten inches, 5 per cent. under the preferential tariff.

FISHING INDUSTRY.

Gasoline over 725 specific gravity and not exceeding 730 is reduced from 2½ cents per gallon to 1 cent under the general tariff.

Manila rope not exceeding 1½ inches in circumference is made free of duty to all fisheries. (Under the present tariff, it is free only for holding traps used in the lobster fisheries.)

Oiled clothing is reduced 2½ per cent. under both tariffs.

Oiled hats are reduced 2½ per cent. under the preferential and 5 per cent. under the general tariff.

PLUMBING INDUSTRY.

Wrought iron tubing and tools reduced as stated with the other industries.

GENERAL.

Certain liquid medicines, non-alcoholic, are reduced 35 per cent. under the preferential tariff and 20 per cent. under the general tariff.

Cocoa, unsweetened, reduced 1 cent per pound under the preferential tariff.

Cocoa, sweetened, reduced one-half cent per pound under the preferential tariff.

Cocoa in powder form reduced 5 per cent. under the preferential tariff and 2½ per cent. under the general tariff.

On refined sugar the preference is increased from one-quarter of the general tariff to practically one-third off.

Enamelled ware, reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Rubber clothing, reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Cotton fabrics, gray, bleached or dyed, reduced under the preferential 2½ per cent.

Corsets and cotton clothing reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Flannels, hosiery, mohair, reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Alpaca and Italian linings, reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Woolen fabrics, woolen clothing, cloths, doukims, cashmere, tweeds, coatings, overcoatings and felt cloth, N.O.P., reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Rubber clothing, reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Knitted goods, reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Boots and shoes, reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Collars and cuffs, reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Blankets, cotton, reduced under the preferential tariff 2½ per cent.

Clothes wringers, 2½ per cent. reduction under both tariffs.

British "movie" films will come in at reduced rate.

Dairy tin hollowware reduced 2½ per cent. under preferential tariff and 5 per cent. under general tariff.

Automobiles are now entitled to be entered as settlers' effects by farmers only. It is proposed to admit automobiles valued at not more than \$1,000 by other settlers, as well as by farmers. It is also proposed to admit boats for fishing purposes by settlers as settlers' effects.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.

Acts of last session regarding consular certification, valuation for duties, and limiting depreciation on foreign exchange to 50 per cent., are all repealed.

Goods Marking Act repealed, but marking made permissive at option of Government.

Importation of many kinds added to prohibited list.

Drawback schedule revised.

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30,000 ISLANDS—GEORGIAN BAY

The lover of Nature has to search further and further for the unspoiled wilderness as the years go by. Every year miles and miles of the "forest primeval" are being sacrificed to the onward march of civilization. Soon the majority of the great Northland's forest playgrounds will be things of the past, and the sportsman and the wilderness lover will have to go farther afield to find the unbroken haunts of their furred, feathered and furred friends. Nesting in the midst of the green wilderness of the Timagami Forest Reserve (300 miles north of Toronto) lie some gigantic oaks with their insuperable legs and arms and feelers, the Lake Timagami.

There you must go, if you really wish to enjoy Nature. Imagine this lake with its 1,500 islands. The fishing is excellent. Lake trout, tipping the scale up to 25 pounds, small mouthed black bass, speckled trout and wall-eyed pike abound. Altitude of the district 1,000 feet above the sea level. Illustrated publication with good map, list of hotels and camps and all particulars has been issued by the Grand Trunk Railway and can be had free on application to H. E. Charlton, General Advertising Agent, Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal.

A manufacturer says 85 per cent. of the people can drive a car. He means that many can sit at a steering wheel and trust to luck.

People soon grow tired of chasing Hollywood. They want too much general condemnation and not enough horrible details.

WHO DISCOVERED THE BRITISH ISLES

From the Christian Science Monitor.

If anyone were to ask us who discovered America, we should all be able to answer on the spot; but we might not be so ready with an answer if the same question were put to us about Great Britain. And yet the British Isles were, once upon a time, as unknown to the Greeks and Romans, and other peoples living round the shores of the Mediterranean, as America was to Europeans, before they sailed across the Atlantic.

That call of the distant land which came to Columbus, and stirred within him the spirit of adventure, came in a similar way to a Greek seaman named Pythias, who lived a few hundred years B.C., so he sailed from his home port toward the west; and, after an absence of some years, returned to give his fellow countrymen the first direct news of Great Britain, as well as of the wide North Sea and Arctic regions.

The Little World of Antiquity. Before giving a further account of this bold mariner, it must be explained why it was that his people and their neighbors knew so little of the countries beyond their home borders.

History and trade began long ago in the distant east, and there was a busy commerce carried on in the Mediterranean and along the caravan routes into Asia for many generations before there was any acquaintance, except by rumor, with the territories that spread over the west and north of Europe. There were ancient tales

of a land where day and night were mingled, some news from the Arctic north having filtered through; and it was believed that up there people slept for six months in the year, but the world of the west, beyond the Pillars of Hercules, the old name for the rocks that overlook the Straits of Gibraltar, was quite a sealed book, except to the Phoenicians.

These intrepid pioneers of commerce were bringing tin from the Cornish mines and amber from the Baltic, in very remote times. Now the rich Phoenician traders of Tyre and Sidon must have had a great deal to tell their home folk about distant lands and their inhabitants, but they were so selfish and so jealous about their trade, so determined not to have any rivals in business, that they kept all they knew to themselves. They said everything they could to discourage others from following their example and told all sorts of incredible tales about the difficulties and dangers they encountered. So the dwellers by the Mediterranean shores remained in ignorance, content to picture the world as a round flat plate encircled by a broad, even rim of ocean, with the pillars of Hercules bounding the west.

Greeks Copy the Phoenicians. But the Phoenicians were not forever to have it all their own way in keeping secret the routes of their trading expeditions. The Greeks were a cultured people and they awoke to the desire to go in search of distant regions full of unknown people and animals, and could no longer be satisfied with fanciful and untrue tales. So, about the time that Alexander the Great was preparing to march into Asia with his armies, Pythias was making ready for a very different kind of expedition in a contrary direction.

It must have been an exciting moment for him when he weighed anchor at Marseilles, his port of start; he knew not how vast was the ocean, how wild its storms, nor how perilous the lands that lay before him. But he had his good ship under him, and the stars to guide him, for the heavens were the only compass in those days. With a daring which, perhaps, we can hardly appreciate, he followed in the track of the old Phoenicians and sailed out fearlessly beyond the Pillars of Hercules, into the ocean that he had never seen before. He skirted the south shore of Spain, the Turkish of the Bible, sailed past the capes of St. Vincent and Finisterre, braved the Bay of Biscay he came to Brittany. Then he crossed to Britain and anchored somewhere off Kent. He now travelled about the country and went on foot into Cornwall.

A Bold Explorer. Returning to his ship, he sailed right up north to the farthest isle of the Shetlands. Think of the North Sea nowadays, plowed by hundreds of steamers, and then picture that lonely Greek vessel with its sails and its rowers with their long oars, slowly making its way along the east coast, and, having reached the northernmost point of the British Isles, sailing for another six days till the frozen ocean was within reach and the day was nineteen hours long. Here Pythias gathered further accounts of the polar regions, and he must have had strange and novel information to impart when he got home again.

All will probably agree that Pythias is worthy to be remembered as "one of the most intrepid explorers the world has seen." No discovery since outshines in importance that which was made by this Greek navigator; and it was as wonderful an achievement as any that we owe to "those who go down to the net in ships." Great Britain could now take its proper place upon the map.

GREATER TEA CONSUMPTION IN GREAT BRITAIN

The reduction of the English duty on tea by four pence a pound will undoubtedly result in greater consumption on the part of the public of Great Britain, which is now by far the largest tea-consuming country in the world. This increased demand will tend to raise the present abnormally high market, and an increase in cost of tea throughout the world may be expected.

PUBLIC HEARING

THE MINIMUM WAGE BOARD of the Province of Ontario will hold a Public Hearing in the BOARD ROOMS, SPADINA HOUSE, SPADINA CRESCENT, TORONTO, on THURSDAY, June 1st, 1922, at 8 p.m., for the discussion of the proposed decrease fixing minimum wage rates for female workers in the textile industry of the Province. Any comment or criticism may be presented.

J. W. MACMILLAN,
 Chairman, Minimum Wage Board.

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