

In 1907, the Prime Ministers of all the Provinces of Canada claimed from the Federal Government an increased subsidy. The Federal Government has granted their request. And the Government draws today a few hundred thousand dollars more than in 1897. But it is always the people's money which they collect. It is the people's money which is deposited with the Federal Government.

In his speech on the Budget, made on the 25th January last, Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, Provincial Treasurer, stated that by that amendment to the Act of British North America, "THE SUBSIDY AND THE ALLOWANCE WERE RAISED TO \$1,559,118.40, SAY AN INCREASE OF \$59,965.00. FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS, THE SUBSIDY AND THE ALLOWANCE SHALL BE \$1,811,241.00 PER ANNUM, OR AN INCREASE OF \$285,125.00 PER ANNUM, OR \$881,991.20 OVER THE AMOUNT COLLECTED EACH YEAR BEFORE 1907."

In 1897 the Conservative Government collected \$163,216.87.

In 1912, the Liberal Government collected \$2,079,773.69, or a difference of \$1,616,526.82, a difference of a million and a half each year.

And note well, electors, the Federal Government gives us, apart from that each year \$881,991.20 more than in 1897. The Liberal Government thus collects at the present time, from the Federal Government and from the people \$2,501,518.02 over and above the amount collected by the Conservative Government in 1897.

Over two and a half million dollars, and the Government boasts of a surplus of about one million!

It means that if the Conin Government did not receive from Ottawa the annual grant of \$881,991.20, and if they did not collect by means of taxes \$1,616,526.87 more than in 1897, they would have a deficit of over ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS!

It is by the taxes that they maintain their surplus. Why did they refuse last year to abolish the tax on Estates as was asked by the Sauvé motion? Because they did not want to be deprived of the revenue derived from said taxes.

It is a Government of TAXERS and of ARCHTAXERS we have.