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THURSDAY, Sept. 6th, 1917.

**A Comparison of Taxes.**

At the foot of this column we publish a comparative table of the income taxes recently imposed in Canada and the United States and of our own business profits tax, concerning which there has been some slight discussion. We should have quoted them before if they had been available, but our readers will not find them any the less striking now. The ratio of the last column to the two preceding it is eloquent enough to speak for itself, which we will leave it to do, since everything we say ourselves is coloured by our "political and capitalistic associations."

We will, however, anticipate one objection. It will be argued that our business profits tax is not an income tax, and so cannot be compared with the others. The answer to which is that the profits tax is nothing else than a tax on the income of those interested in the business. But there is this important point further to be noticed. If an individual is the sole proprietor of a business its profits will be his income, and the table will apply directly to his case. If he is only a part proprietor, the tax he will pay will be actually higher than that given, by an amount proportioned to the number of shareholders in all. To give a concrete instance—a man owning a business that turns in \$10,000 profits will pay a tax of \$1,400; if he earns an income of the same amount (\$10,000) as one partner in four, he will pay \$1,850. Only a difference of thirty per cent between two persons making exactly the same income! The simple explanation of the monstrous injustice is the fact that where there are more than one shareholder the benefit of the \$3000 that is allowed before taxation is divided between them; where there is only one he obtains the whole of it. In arriving, therefore, at a direct comparison between the Newfoundland tax and the foreign taxes, we need only bear in mind that the actual tax payable on any Newfoundland individual income may be considerably more, and will never be less, than the figure given in the last column. Another effect of the same disregard of an elementary mathematical principle is seen in the proportion of the taxes paid by different incomes. Thus, reference to our table will show that an income of \$7000, which is less than twice one of \$4000 must pay a tax four times as great. Truly, an admirable system.

But the chief value of the table is of course the comparison it presents of our own with the Canadian and American schemes. It will be seen at a glance how closely the foreign taxes resemble one another. Through the whole scale there is hardly a difference discernible that is of material size, though it is worth noticing that the Canadian is consistently larger than the other. Anyone who is conversant with the financial system of both these countries and has followed their handling of revenue questions will admit that neither of them is likely to let much money escape that can be reasonably and safely appropriated, and the graded tax exhibited in the table probably represents the extreme point to which the Government is either case thought it wise to go. If we take

**Comparative Table of Taxation**

of incomes in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland.

Income.	Tax payable in U.S.	Tax payable in Canada.	Tax payable in Nfld.
\$4,000	\$40	\$40	\$200
7,000	180	180	800
10,000	355	360	1,400
20,000	1,180	1,260	3,400
50,000	4,780	5,260	9,400
75,000	8,880	10,110	14,400
100,000	14,180	14,760	19,400
200,000	42,180	43,760	39,400

**LATEST!****CANADIANS NEED REINFORCEMENTS.**

LONDON, To-Day. General Sir Arthur Currie says the troops in the field want more men, whether it be by conscription or raised by voluntary methods. So far the morale of the Canadian troops has been well maintained, stated the General, by the knowledge that reinforcements are always forthcoming. In the last action our casualties were only one-third of the German losses, as we had accounted for sixty-nine of their battalions. The enemy had lately retaliated with numerous counter attacks, but these had been successfully met by new plans, said Sir Arthur.

**GOMPERTS' PATRIOTISM.**

MINNEAPOLIS, To-Day. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labour, who pledged the united support of organized labour to the Government in its prosecution of the war, assailed peace propagandists and denounced the futile activities of those who declare the working masses want peace, and challenged pro-German societies to step forth into the open and match their disloyalty against labour's loyalty. It was the keynote speech of the Conference of the American Alliance for labor and democracy, of which Gompers had just been named permanent chairman.

**Motor Car Laws**

CRITICIZED BY LAWYERS. Two motor car drivers were before court to-day, charged with violating the motor car regulations. The defendants were caught by Inspector Sparrow operating their machines last Saturday evening at 7.55, Anderson time, or 6.55 solar time, without lights. The law reads that lights must be going at sunset. Messrs. Blackwood and Higgins counsel for defendants, admitted a technical breach of the law but pointed out the scrupulous strictness and absurdity of it, as it was not dark on a summer's evening until sometimes as much as two hours after sunset, therefore not necessitating the lighting of cars at sunset. Judge Morris agreed with the view of the counsel, as did Supt. Grimes, who also intimated that the police had to show no laxity in keeping within the strict letter of the law. The defendants were fined \$1 each.

**The Grenfell Inquiry.**

Witnesses Refuse to Appear. Magistrate Squary, who was commissioned to hold an inquiry into the charges made in relation to the work of the Grenfell Association, began the sitting in the Supreme Court at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Dunfield, B.L., and Dr. Greave being present on behalf of the Association. Mr. Walter B. Grieve and Mr. A. W. Piccott, two of the petitioners against the Association, did not turn up at the hour appointed to give evidence. At 4 p.m. an adjournment was taken and the witnesses served with subpoenas to be present at 10 o'clock this morning. Again the witnesses failed to put in an appearance and Mr. Dunfield moved that the Commissioner issue warrants for their arrest.

**Reid's Boats.**

The Argyle left Burin at 7.50 a.m. yesterday, inward.  
The Thetis reached Sunday Islands yesterday.  
The Clyde left Seldom at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.  
The Dundee left Seldom at 3.30 p.m. yesterday.  
The Ethie left Humbermouth at 6.45 p.m. yesterday.  
The Glencoe left Placentia last night.  
The Home left South West Arm at 12.50 p.m. yesterday.  
The Diana arrived at Smokey yesterday.  
The Wren arrived at Clarendville at 3.30 p.m. yesterday.

**Here and There.**

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—The incoming express is due at 6 p.m. to-day. Tuesday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 10.55 p.m. yesterday.

GLENCOE'S OUTWARD PASSENGERS.—The following first class passengers left by the Glencoe for points west of Placentia last night: W. H. Cock, C. Forward, J. Thomas, S. Kavanagh, J. Goldstone, A. Edgecombe, C. J. Miller, Mrs. Flak, W. Stevens, Mrs. C. M. Thomas, H. Cooke, W. Dickson, Miss Bishop, J. Thomas, Mrs. M. Hallett, Miss E. Collier, Lieut. W. Hallett, Mrs. (Dr.) McDonald, Miss L. Baggis, Mrs. P. J. Aylward, Mrs. L. Connors, Mrs. M. A. Dawe, Sister Margaret Mary, Sister M. Annunciate, Sister M. Evangelist, Master R. G. Pike, H. Lindsay, C. A. McRae, T. Rumsey, P. Kelly.

**Here and There.**

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS.

BOWRING'S SHIPS.—The Portia left Channel last night, going west. The Prospero left Bonavista at 4.45 a.m. to-day, going north.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.—The further hearing of the inquiry into the motor car tragedy at the Goulds, will be held to-morrow afternoon at the Magistrates' Court.

League Football, this evening, at 6.45 sharp, Stars vs. Saints.—sep6, 11

NEW PURCHASING AGENT.—We learn that the new Purchasing Agent, Mr. Goodison, appointed by the Government, will have his office at the Custom House.

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Private Neil O'Reilly, 469426 B Co., 24th Battalion V.E.C., C.E.F., who enlisted in Canada Aug. 9, 1915, died of wounds received whilst fighting with his battalion in France, Aug. 18, 1917, was the son of Thos. and Ellen O'Reilly, late of Placentia now residing at New Waterford, N.S., and nephew of Messrs. Edward and Peter O'Reilly of Placentia. His brother Fred, who also enlisted in Canada is now at Bramshett, England, recuperating from wounds received in France, Oct. 13, 1916.

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**GEO. M. BARR, Agt.****COLONEL SHUMBY'S VIEWS ON EVACUATION OF RIGA.**

LONDON, Sept. 5. Colonel Shumby, military critic of the Petrograd Bourse Gazette, who is on a visit to England, writing concerning the evacuation of Riga, says the German offensive there cannot be carried to a point at which it will seriously threaten Petrograd. An offensive movement over four hundred versts, he says, would require not less than two months, and in the next two or three weeks the rainy season and bad roads will render impossible any movement on Petrograd this year. The routes leading to the capital are protected not only by the line of the Dvina, but by strong positions formed

by the lake system in the Phkoff region, which are well fortified. It is incredible that the Germans can overcome these obstacles before the rainy season, even if they do not meet with serious resistance from the Russians. Col. Shumby says there are not sufficient German forces on the eastern front for a great expedition of the kind required to reach Petrograd, and he scouts the idea of the Germans landing a big army for an attack. The aim of the German blow, he concludes, is Riga, and perhaps Reval, which is scarcely possible, but no further.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is calm and fine; temperature 44 to 50 above.

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