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THE INCOME TAX AND OTHERS

So necessary is it that taxation be reduced in Canada, any proposal in that direction commands interest at the present time. The Retail Trade Bureau of Canada is organizing a campaign to abolish the income tax. The secretary of that body, Mr. E. M. Trovorn, reminds the public that at present in this country there are eleven forms of federal taxation. The list in itself is instructive, suggesting the need for simplification as well as for reduction. Here it is:

1. Customs tariff.
2. Excise taxes on various commodities, such as matches, automobiles, beverages, cigars, wines, etc.
3. Income tax.
4. Tax on sales.
5. Licenses.
6. Tax on corporations and companies.
7. Tax on cables and telegrams.
8. Tax on railway and street tickets.
9. Stamp tax on cheques, drafts, bills, notes, stock transfers, etc.
10. Stamp tax on money orders, letters and post cards.
11. Stamp tax on receipts.

Mr. Trovorn argues that the income tax penalizes honesty and puts a premium upon dishonesty. The amount collected in 1921-22 was \$101,804,000. In 1923-24 it was \$38,996,000. High inference from so great a decrease is that either the tax is killing the business of the country or that people are learning how to dodge it. That is seemingly too sweeping an inference, because it assumes that the income tax was the only factor unfavourable to business, which is by no means the case.

But when he comes to the distribution of the tax, or the contributions made to the total from various classes in the country, he becomes more impressive. Taking the last five-year period, the farmers of Canada paid income taxes to the amount of \$3,108,000; the professional classes paid \$11,283,000; the merchants, \$24,908,000; the manufacturers (not including their surtaxes), \$8,086,000; and the employees \$61,467,000. In this last class we have the fellow whose income is known to the tax inspectors. In most cases his employer makes a return showing the employee's exact income. That is true of some others, but only a small percentage. The employee, as a rule, pays to the limit. Mr. Trovorn contends, also, that taxation stifles business and increases unemployment, because business men will take their capital out of manufacturing and other activities and invest it in war bonds or in other countries.

STRACHEY AND THE RED MENACE

J. St. Lee Strachey, the famous editor of the London Spectator, who is visiting Canada, told the McGill Canadian Club last week that those who wish to bring about a revolution in Great Britain are doomed, self-doomed, to utter disappointment and to endless disappointment and remorse. The world, Mr. Strachey thinks, needs a deal of mending, but he is certain that the mending will not come through Communism or any other form of violence. He describes himself as a whole-hearted monarchist who believes that the will of the majority must prevail, and that to prevail, even when mistaken, all such a majority can be converted to better ways. "But though I will yield all to the will of the majority," he said, "I will yield nothing to class domination, whether of an emperor or of a privileged proletariat."

He proposes that the advocates of class war shall be met by all reasonable and law-abiding men with this war cry: "We will yield everything to your votes, until we can change them by persuasion; we will yield nothing to your rifles. If you use physical force, we shall fight, and if we fight, we shall win."

This statement recalls, as it resembles, the recent pronouncement of the British Prime Minister that if the revolutionary element should seek to interrupt the processes of orderly government their challenge would be met, and that there would be no doubt as to the result. Britain long ago disarmed those of violent tendencies by giving them a vote. It is open to them to bring about revolution by persuasion, for the majority of the electors can at any time make or unmake governments. Very recently Labour governed Britain, and although it was not a government representing the majority, it might have remained longer in power but for its misfortune—or folly—in having among its allies some of the wilder spirits who demanded confiscation of property and other destructive methods. Mr. Strachey is not a Socialist of any brand, according to his own description of himself, but, like a majority of the people of the United Kingdom, he believes in applying the powers of government to the amelioration of social conditions so far as that can be safely and soundly done.

ance with the Communists is a welcome and significant symptom of health and sanity.

The cheering fact that cases of notifiable diseases in Saint John, subdivision during the last ten months were only half as numerous as during the ten months previous is made public by the Board of Health. The number of tuberculosis cases reported, although a noteworthy decline is shown, is still so great as to give impressive warning as to the need for sustained preventive measures.

Of course out on the prairie, as we understand it, the air is so dry that even the tenderfoot does not feel the cold. But it comes early. A temperature of eight above zero was reported yesterday, and snow lies like a blanket between the Lakes and the Rockies. In this favored part of the Dominion we still have Indian summer ahead of us—although how far ahead it might not be safe to say at the moment.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

"Songs of a Bluenose"

"Songs of a Bluenose" is the title of an attractive book of verse by the Rev. Canon H. A. Cody, well known not only to the public here but throughout Canada as the author of many popular works of fiction. Readers are already familiar with a few of Rev. Mr. Cody's poems, for example, "The Port of Saint John," "The Indian's Grave," and some others in like vein.

As is the case with his fiction, Canon Cody's verse is marked by patriotism, love of adventure and spirited action. His poems, as one reviewer has said, appeal to the man in the street and "have a swinging rhythm, dash and action, and a virility that carries them along with a compelling sweep." They are of wide variety. He finds themes in the sea, our forests, our streams, incidents in our history—a rich store for the poet—about all in the ways, habits and character of the native-born. The first of the poems in the new book "Bluenose Blood," is characteristic. Here are the first three verses:

English blood and Irish blood,
And Bluenose blood is roving blood,
And all the great seas knew
The roaring Bluenose clipper ships,
And every Bluenose crew.

And Bluenose blood is loyal blood,
And when the bugles ring,
The Bluenose men are fighting men
For Country and for King.

There are spirited ballads about Lady LaTour, about the coming of the Loyallists and on many another subject, verses grave and verses gay, and all redolent of our own land. McClelland & Stewart, Toronto, are the publishers.

"Telling the World."

(Christian Science Monitor.)
If the elaborate publicity scheme matures upon which the Dominion Government in New Zealand is planning to embark in the advertising of its country's attractions for tourists, it will have found a practical application for the American slang phrase "I'll tell the world." For, according to dispatches, the idea is to advertise New Zealand so extensively, in the effort to correct the grotesque beliefs which are currently held in many parts of the globe concerning conditions there, that its citizens will no longer be thought of in a false light. New Zealanders are anxious to let it be generally known, in a word, that they are not so very different from people elsewhere; that they have automobiles, railways and street cars; that they wear clothes much like those worn in Europe; that they speak the English language, and that, in short, they are not undisciplined cannibals, but quite ordinary folks desirous of welcoming visitors from other lands.

After the Week-End.

(Dayton News.)
Monday used to be wash-day. Now it's the day mother counts up to see if any of the family got killed in a Sunday motoring accident.

An Important Discovery

(Hannover Post.)
Editor Evans of Strathroy has discovered the proper way to eat parsnips. Feed them to the cow and then eat the cow.

If That Was Only All!

(Springfield Union.)
It would be possible to look forward to winter resignedly and even with moderate enthusiasm were it not for the anguishing fear that styles will again demand flapping goshes.

Outrageous Fiction!

(From "Parking Space," in Detroit Free Press.)
Our completely revised notion of in Old and Unusual Story would be the announcement that Henry Ford was buying a horse on installments.

Not Anxious For Argument.

"That's the shape of the earth," asked the teacher, calling suddenly upon Willie.
"Round."
"How do you know it's round?"
"All right," said Willie, "it's square, then, I don't want to start any argument about it."

APPEAL MADE FOR CARE OF ANIMALS

Animal Rescue Officials Anxious For Special Thought as Winter Comes.

The Animal Rescue League sends out a petition to the people of Saint John to ask them to do all in their power to protect domestic animals, now that the cold weather is near. A member of the league writes that she hopes that no one will send little kittens and puppies, past their playful stage, and perhaps not attractive, out into the streets or alleys to starve or freeze. She urges all to take advantage of the home for animals in St. David street, where they can receive treatment, or a merciful end.

During August the report shows that 137 animals were received at the home. Some exceptionally handsome specimens were given good homes, while the remainder were dispatched painlessly. She said that the people generally were taking more interest in the care of animals than previously and for this she felt the Animal Rescue League was partly responsible.

Letters to The Editor

A Request.

Sir—Would it be possible to allow some benches to be put in King Square and the Old Graveyard during the winter months as is the rule in the parks of other cities? Mothers and nurses find it a hardship to walk and stand for hours at a time while watching children at play. Even when it might be too cold to permit of a long rest, if a few benches were available one could sit down occasionally and so relieve the strain of a morning or afternoon on foot.

Many would be very grateful for this small concession.

MOTHER.

Saint John, Oct. 6.

Remots.

(Robert Hillyer in The Dial.)

The farthest country is Tierra del Fuego,
That is the bleakest and the loneliest land;
There are the echoing mountains of feldspar,
And salt winds walking the empty sand.

This country remembers the birth of the moon
From a rocky rib of the young earth's side.

It heard the white-hot mountains bellow
Against the march of the first food tide.

I lifted a shell by the glass-green breakers
And heard what no man has heard before.

The whisper of steam in the hot fern forest
And slow feet crunching the ocean floor.

I saw the slanted flash of a seagull
When a sheaf of light poured over a cloud.

I heard the wind in the stiff dune grasses,
But I saw no sail and heard no shroud.

To a promontory of Tierra del Fuego
I climbed at noon and stretched my hand

Toward another country, remoter and bleaker.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Doctor!

Dentist—Here's something strange.

You say this tooth has never been worked on before, but I find small flakes of gold on my instrument.

Patient—I think you have struck my back collar button.—Lancaster Chronicle.

Summer Education.

"I understand that Robert is paying a lot of attention to summer courses."

"Yes, Bob hardly ever misses his eighteen holes a day."

Maybe Expensive Is Meant.

Sign in grocery store—"Our eggs are like Caesar's wife." Was the lady fresh?"

Point of View.

Hub—What extravagance! You have two hats to match that one dress.

Wife—Oh, no, I haven't. I've only one dress to match the two hats.

Wisdom From the West.

"The beginning of disappointment," says the Duluth Herald, "is an exaggerated idea of what you deserve."

Something in a Name.

(Producing notebook)—"Name, please?"

Motorist—"Aloysius Alastair Cholmondeley Cyprian—"

Policeman—(Cutting book away)—"Well, don't let me catch you again."

Punch.

Once too often

"Edith has turned down many a good catch."

"Yes and now she's beginning to complain because a good catch doesn't turn up."

Caught.

Wife—"How many fish was it you caught on Saturday, George?"

Husband—"Six, darling—all beauties."

Wife—"I thought so. That fish shop has made a mistake again. They've charged us for eight."

On the Spot.

A city publisher directed one of his clerks to hang out a sign "Boy Wanted."

Five minutes later, says a writer in The New York Sun, a red-headed little "lad" appeared in the office with the sign under his arm.

"Say, mister," he demanded, "did you hang out this sign?"

"I did," replied the publisher sternly.

"Why did you take it down?"

Back of his freckles the boy gazed in wonder at the man's stupidity.

"Why," he replied, "I'm da boy."

You Are I.

(Forest and Outdoors.)

A fool there was, and he hung a match. Even as you and I.

Carelessly down on a sun-dried patch. Giving no heed that a fire might catch. And spread to the timber with quick dispatch.

Even as you and I.

The fool passed on with a wondering look. Even as you and I.

He couldn't explain the fire that took. The forest away and dried the brook. And left the region a place forsook.

He was a fool—that's why.

6 Councillors Elected By Acclamation

MONCTON, N.B., Oct. 5.—Six councillors have been elected by acclamation in Westmorland county. The nominations for the biennial election took place today. Those elected by acclamation are: Moncton parish, Bruce Johnson and Frank Bourgeois; Salisbury parish, C. C. Campbell and C. A. George.

The candidates in the remaining parishes where there will be contests are: Dorchester, Elmer Legere, F. C. Paalmer, Angus Gauvin and W. Frank Tait; Shediac, William Murray, Frank Marley, Alphonse T. Leblanc and Edmund Melanson; Westmorland, Walter S. Chapman, Lloyd Miner, Edgar Brownell and Henry Grant; Bedford, W. K. Allen, Forest, Harry Ward and Herbert Bryan.

The election will be held on Tuesday next.

Says Students Short On Mental Equipment

MONTREAL, Oct. 5.—Many students begin college careers at McGill University "with nothing like the mental equipment which they need," states Sir Arthur Currie, principal, in his annual report, issued today.

The preparatory school, says Sir Arthur, must play its part by aiding to a certain extent to eliminate unsuitable students and in raising the standard of those who are destined for a university career.

Preston Is Right, Says Premier King

EDMONTON, Oct. 5.—"Mr. Preston is quite right in stating that if the government is given a sufficient majority we shall again take up the question of ocean rates," said Premier King this afternoon when asked concerning the interview given by W. T. R. Preston at Winnipeg.

"Indeed," added the Prime Minister, "I have already made the same statement from the platform on several occasions. But as to what form government action will take there has not yet been any decision."

Ex-Oarsman Dies As Result of Gassing

TORONTO, Oct. 5.—As the result of soldier's heart, brought on by gas at Passchendaele and other injuries received in the war, Richard J. "Dick" Gregory died today at his father's home here.

Before the war Gregory was an outstanding oarsman and as a member of the junior Argonauts was on the Henley Crew in 1910. He was 38 years of age and lately had been employed in the general post office.

20 BILLION GALLONS USED.

MONTREAL, Oct. 5.—Over twenty billion gallons of water have been pumped to consumers in Montreal by the city water department since the first of the year. The daily average for nine months was 75,000,000.

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SAYS KING AFRAID OF PULP EMBARGO

J. K. Flemming, at Hartland, Declares U. S. Retaliation Would Hurt Selves.

HARTLAND, N. B., Oct. 5.—Affirming that if elected he would stand up in the Federal parliament and demand that the Dominion live within its income and that the budget must balance, Hon. J. K. Flemming, one-time Premier of New Brunswick, and Conservative nominee in Carleton county, addressed a large meeting in the school building here Saturday night. Premier King, he said, was showing lack of courage of his convictions and was afraid to place an embargo on the exportation of pulpwood to the United States for fear that country would retaliate. Mr. Flemming said the United States would injure themselves if they did retaliate and place an embargo on coal for that would mean there would have to be more Canadian coal used and would afford more employment for Canadian workmen, thereby keeping much money within Canada.

\$5,000,000 IN ART TREASURES ON SALE

Indian Banker's Collection to be Auctioned in November at Amsterdam.

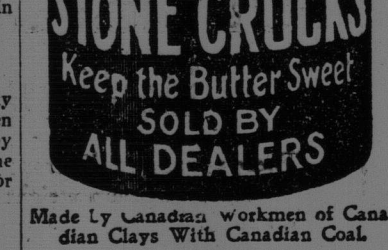
LONDON, Oct. 4.—Art treasures valued at \$5,000,000 are to be put up to public auction in Amsterdam from November 17 to 20.

The collection, which is of European reputation, belongs to the well-known Italian banker, Signor Camillo Castiglioni, who lived in Vienna for many years.

It contains Correggio's masterpiece, "The Marriage of St. Catherine," Tintoretto's "Portrait of a Venetian Nobleman," Rubens' "The Fall of Phaeton," and valuable Italian Primitive and Renaissance paintings by Carlo and Vittorio Cignelli.

The collection also includes works by Titian, Van Dyck and Franz Hals, and five large paintings of Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, which once occupied a place of honor in the Palazzo E. Delfino, Venice.

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