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## THE REAL LOSS

A gentleman who has a leaning toward statistics told this paper yesterday of some thirty men who had recently got their pay checks cashed at one of the banks, all on the same day, and who forthwith left the city because they would not pay the head tax of \$7.50 each. If they had paid the tax, this gentleman pointed out, the city treasury would have been enriched by \$225. If they had remained in the city for a year, and each had worked all the time, they would have earned at a reasonable estimate \$400 each or \$12,000 in all. Practically all of this money would have been spent in the city. The gentleman with a turn for statistics went a step further. Suppose, he said, that 100 men left the city rather than pay \$7.50 as a head tax. Their earnings for a year, practically all of which would be spent in the city, would amount to probably \$40,000. Was it worth while, he asked, to lose the opportunity to have the greater part of \$40,000 spent in the city merely for the sake of the tax of \$7.50. However, the tax is now reduced to \$3. If sufficient care is taken not to collect it, the city will only suffer to the extent of the advertising it gets as the only city on the continent to impose a tax of this kind. Since a reduction has been made to \$3 it is possible that another cut will be made at a later period to \$2, and finally the tax in that form abolished altogether. There is certainly some need of explanation of the fact that the citizens generally profess a desire for the rapid growth of the city, and a desire also to welcome newcomers who are able and willing to work, and at the same time turn a tax bill under their noses before they have derived the slightest benefit from the services for which it is alleged this tax is to pay. The whole question of taxation in St. John will no doubt be made the subject of serious consideration by the board of trade as well as the city council in the near future.

## DEFAMING THEIR PARTY

Without any desire to intrude in family affairs the St. John Times desires to point out to Mr. Borden, Mr. Hazen and other members of the government that there are honest and worthy men in the Conservative party. It is not and never has been necessary to prosecute a general jail delivery to find a Conservative who is fit to hold office. There are many men who vote the Tory ticket but are otherwise irreproachable. The Times ventures to assert that there is not a community in lower provinces where it would not be possible to find several Conservatives fit to hold office, without the need of pardon or suspended sentence. Why then should Mr. Borden, Mr. Hazen, Mr. White and others permit the impression to go abroad that in some places it is necessary to pardon a lawbreaker or call upon a dead man to return to this troubled world in order to keep the offices filled with men of the right political stripe? The country was assured that when the Conservative got into power they would reform the civil service, and put an end forever to the reign of dishonesty and incompetency. Instead of that they have conveyed the impression that honest Tories are hard to find, and have also suggested to their followers that it would be a good thing to die or go to jail in order to be brought out of the grave or the prison to draw government pay and help Mr. Borden save the country. In the name of honest Conservatives, who are quite capable of filling all the offices at the disposal of the government, a protest must be entered. If the Borden Club and the Conservative Club are too busy admiring the Dreadnought to send forward a resolution along these lines the Liberals should do it. Mr. Borden and Mr. Hazen should know that there are still many Tories out of jail, who are ready to accept office.

## CO-PARTNERSHIP

The question of co-partnership between employers and wage earners was the subject of an interesting discussion recently in the city of Birmingham. Lord Robert Cecil, M. P., Earl Grey and other distinguished men took part. Lord Robert Cecil referred to the change in industrial conditions, which had diminished the personal relation between employer and employee and converted the latter into a machine, and declared that socialism would not prove a remedy but would rather tend to dehumanize labor still more. His contention was that profit-sharing or co-partnership would introduce an entirely different spirit and prove far more beneficial. Earl Grey said that, while employers of labor a quarter of a century ago were slow to accept the principles of co-partnership, they were today showing an increasing desire to apply the principle to the administration of their works. If the workmen responded heartily the present system of hostility and distrust between capital and labor would be replaced by mutual good will. Mr. Amery, M. P., declared that the carrying out of the spirit and principle of co-partnership would do more to bring new life to England than any other single reform that could be suggested. One of the speakers contended that the adoption of such a policy would not in any way prove detrimental to trade unionism.

The principle of co-partnership has gained the sympathy of a great number of employers in the old country, but as yet progress in that direction can hardly be said to have reached the proportions of a great

movement. The fact, however, that it is gaining ground shows that there is a growing realization of the strength of socialism, and of the need of an industrial system which will prove more satisfactory than that which Lord Robert Cecil says has a tendency "to turn a man into a machine and sacrifice both his head and his heart." The problem is not easily solved, but very able and earnest men are giving it careful study.

An earthquake? Nothing of the sort. Merely mother earth trembling with joy at the announcement of the Borden naval programme.

The promoters of the better roads programme have made a good beginning in the county. The more the matter is discussed the sooner the province will insist upon the adoption of a progressive policy of road construction and maintenance.

We learn with interest, and some degree of envy, that the small city of Brandon "has well equipped manual training and domestic science departments, with as evening classes organized especially for those whose early opportunities were limited," and that it now proposes further important educational improvements.

The city council of Sydney has decided to submit to the ratepayers in January the question of prohibition or license of the liquor traffic. Sydney is supposed to be under prohibition at present, but it has utterly failed through lack of enforcement, and there is now a vigorous agitation in favor of a return to license. The plebiscite will be taken in January.

The Montreal Transcript says:—"Premier Borden says that Canada might not be equipped for building iron war vessels within fifty years; and yet it is scarcely that period since Great Britain herself built the first iron clad war vessel. Japan has established successfully the industry within less than one half that time, and so too the United States. Mr. Borden is talking arrant nonsense. This is an electric age."

The controversy between Rev. H. E. Thomas and the Standard, relative to the enforcement of the liquor license law in St. John, having reached the stage where Mr. Thomas expresses a willingness to have his correspondence with the government published, the Standard announces that the controversy, so far as it is concerned, is at an end. Mr. Thomas says that the correspondence would "plainly show that not temperance alone but broader principles are involved." The Standard ought to print that correspondence.

Referring to the need of the work of Children's Aid Societies, and of a Child's Protection Act, the Bridgetown Monitor well says:—"It is a splendid work to turn the waste products of humanity into useful and productive citizens. A homeless child may not necessarily be a child without shelter. A sheltering roof does not constitute a home, and many a child not deprived of the shelter of the family roof may yet be infinitely in need of protection and guidance. The educative forces, combining protection with instruction, should be brought to bear upon every child in every community. In many cases it is necessary to take children out of so-called homes and put them into suitable institutions. In any case good government, instruction, and a sheltering care should be the privilege of every child, and the laws of each province should be framed to provide such care for needy children."

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## WHY.

"Why do you encourage your husband to drink so much?"

"It's the one thing that will keep him awake nights and that's the only chance I got to tell him what I really think to him."

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

WE'D LIKE TO ELIMINATE THESE.

People who remind eligible girls over 25 years old that there are only a few weeks left in leap year.

Affectionate souls who kiss babies on the mouth.

The girls who bring a box of candy wrapped in rusty paper to the theatre.

Men who wear rhinestone question marks in their stomachs.

Girls who call one another "dancing" soon after being introduced.

People who look at us through foregates.

## A GIRL'S PITY.

"It was King Midas, wasn't it, who turned everything he touched to gold?"

"I believe so."

"Poor old fellow."

"Why do you think he was a poor old fellow?"

"He never could eat a pickle with his fingers."

## UNCLE JOSEPH SAYS:

"In this here season," said Uncle Joseph this morning, "I'm glad Nature did not give me ears like a jackass for they must suffer, like sixty when they get cold all the way, by jinks."

## WHAT X STANDS FOR.

"Why do they call it Xmas?" inquired the man of the contemplative turn of mind.

"Because," explained his more contented friend, "Xmas means we have to spend for gifts is always an unknown quantity."

## SECRET PARTING.

Jack and I have parted forever."

"Good gracious! What does that mean?"

"Means that I'll get a five-pound box of candy in about an hour—Louisville Courier-Journal."

## RIGHT ON THE JOB.

A city girl took one of her country aunts to a theatrical performance given by a famous matinee idol.

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