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RECEIPT TAX TO GO

Rumors of two or three more or less drastic changes in business taxes are discussed in an Ottawa special to Canadian Grocer. These are said to be:

1. Cancellation of the Receipt tax.
 2. Cancellation of the Excise Tax on beverages and confectionery.
 3. Change in stamp tax on cheques, documents, etc. This change would be maintaining the present 2c stamp on cheques up to \$100, and above that 4c only, instead of the present graded scale.
- The Government has secured a much greater revenue from the Sales tax than it anticipated, which leaves it in a position to make some changes in those taxes that have proven more or less of an annoyance to business men.—Financial Post.

MR. FIELDING'S SENATE REFORM

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, submitted to the House of Commons a scheme of Senate reform. In brief, his scheme—and he emphasized that he was not speaking for the Government but expressing a personal view—provided for a nominated Senate as follows:

- 1—One half nominated (as the Senate is now nominated) by the Dominion Government and to be known as "Dominion Senators."
 - 2—One half nominated by the Provincial Governments, and to be known as "Provincial Senators."
- The nominations would be for a period of ten years, with eligibility to a second ten years. At eighty years of age, senators would be retired. Mr. Fielding would not disturb existing senators, but would give them the right to retire at 75 on a pension of two-thirds of their present indemnity.

A SMALL TOWN, CLEAN BOY

A girl who left London, Ont., some time ago, and who has since figured prominently in a divorce suit in Detroit, has been in the old home town again. Of experience she has had more than the share that fall to most people in a whole lifetime. Reports have it that she is reconciled once more to her husband, reputed to be a millionaire. There is something in her remarks, though, that has a lot of human feeling when she says: "I wish I had married some good, clean boy in a small town." There's a thought for the girls who imagine that the man elsewhere are better than those at home; that the boys of the small towns are a bit dull and uninteresting. Yes, sir, a good clean boy in a small town is a pretty fair chance for a happy married life.

A GOOD MEDICINE FOR THE SPRINGTIME

Do Not Use Harsh Purgatives—A Tonic is All You Need.

Not sick—but not feeling quite well. This is the way most people feel in the spring. Easily tired, appetite fickle, sometimes headaches and a feeling of depression. Pimples or eruptions may appear on the skin, or there may be twinges of rheumatism or neuralgia. Any of these indicate that the blood is out of order—that the indoor life of winter has left its mark upon you and may easily develop into more serious trouble.

Do not dose yourself with purgatives, as many people do, in the hope that you can put your blood right. Purgatives gallop through the system and weaken instead of giving strength. Any doctor will tell you this is true. What you need in the spring is a tonic that will enrich the blood and build up the nerves. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do this speedily and surely. Every dose of this medicine helps to enrich the blood which clears the skin, strengthens the appetite and makes tired, depressed men, women and children active and strong. Miss S. L. McEachron, Nairn, N.B., says:—"I have been in the habit of taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the spring and they keep me in the best of health. I think it is entirely due to the use of these pills that I always have such good health."

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NOTE AND COMMENT

The Michigan senate passed a two cent per gallon tax bill by 19 to 11, after a very bitter battle.

Hundreds of thousands of pupils in the United States schools are studying Spanish. It is a reminder that English and Spanish divide almost the whole of the New World between them.

The first lot of store cattle shipped from Canada to Great Britain in 25 years was landed in Glasgow last Friday in first class condition. Some of the cattle sold for 12 cents per pound live weight.

Steel Company stockholders may cogitate a whole lot over revelation that the head of the stock-selling end of the business in Canada received an income of more than \$1,000 a week in 1922, according to an official record at Toronto.

The L. R. Steel collapse will perhaps give Canadians of moderate means a lesson in the folly of putting their money in foreign investments. It is calculated that nine millions of Canadian money was invested in the stock of the United States end of the Steel concern. Many of the investors no doubt thought they were buying stock of the Canadian company and were fooled by glib-tongued stock salesmen.

St. John Telegraph—The Soviet authorities have refused to pay attention to the urgent appeal from the British Government, the Pope and other influential sources to spare the lives of several clergymen who have incurred their displeasure. Bolshevism is a menace to the world. The sickening list of crimes it is responsible for is increasing every day. In enlightened countries it must be trampled upon whenever it rears its ugly head.

The bill before the Ontario Legislature which would change the personnel of county councils, the deputy reeve ceasing to function, would seriously affect Lambton county as at the present time there are six municipalities, Brooke, Dawn, Enniskillen, Sarnia township, Sombra and Petrolia with deputies serving. Under the new legislation, however, it is proposed to give the reeves voting powers in proportion to the population of their respective municipalities. Towns with 2,000 and 3,000 people would be given two votes.

Amherstburg Echo—Too many children are evading school these days. Frequently the parents are to blame and a flimsy excuse on the part of the juvenile is too readily accepted by many parents. This stay-at-home scheme is being overworked and the disinterested attitude of some of the parents in this connection is amazing. The home and the school make for the child his future, and where the home training lacks those essentials which combine to properly govern and direct a child, the school remains his one great hope.

Lapse of memory is made responsible for the crooked doings of many a crank who is trying to dodge responsibility for unlawful frolics. One of the latest bobs up at St. Catharines, when a clothes line was cleared of the garments by a prowler, whose mind appeared to be a blank when brought to book for his desire to add to his laundry equipment. A "cheerful" liar and "lapper" are two difficult propositions to enclose within a fence. The "lappers" constitute no insignificant portion of the population. Every newspaper has scores of them on its subscription list, and in some instances they have had the ailment for years.

Blenheim Tribune—We notice that some of our exchanges are carrying advertisements by municipal clerks giving notice of the posting of Part Three of the Voters' Lists prepared by the authority of the Chief Election Officer of Ontario for the coming provincial elections. We find from the clerk of the town of Blenheim that this is unnecessary and unauthorized, and he has on file at his office a letter from the Department to this effect, and that his duties are ended with the completion of the list. Any revisions are to be made at a latter date by a revising officer appointed by the Department. One newspaper last week from Perth county had a half dozen notices for as many different municipalities whose lists had been prepared at that office. This is fine business for the newspapers, but if instructions from headquarters had been more explicit or had been better understood by the clerks this expense in a great many municipalities might have been saved. The clerks of both Blenheim and Harwick were wise in the interests of their ratepayers.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Some Wise, Some Otherwise
Some Newsy, All Readable.

Sale of intoxicating liquor to any youth under 21 years of age in New Mexico has been made a felony and punishable by a penitentiary sentence of from two to fifteen years.

Recently issued legal directories show that there are at present 597 law firms in Toronto as compared with 515 last year. At Osgoode Hall 121 lawyers were called to the bar last year.

A hog weighing 250 pounds, believed to have been accidentally buried under a straw stack on an Ohio farm last October, was found last week, still alive but scarcely able to stand, and weighing but 100 lbs.

Canada lost 1,975,276 working hours in 1922 owing to strikes and lockouts, according to figures published by the Labor Gazette for March. From 1901 to the present time the country has lost 20,579,530 working hours, from the same causes.

June 4 this year will be observed in Canada as the birthday of his Majesty King George V. June 3 this year falls on a Sunday, and the proclamation provides for the following day being observed as a national holiday.

A new smokeless railroad locomotive has been invented by a Russian in Berlin. The new engine has no smoke stack and looks like an ordinary baggage car. The inventor says his invention will make it possible to build railroads in the Sahara Desert and other great stretches where water is not found.

It now turns out that the auto license markers this year cost the department 23c a pair, whereas the auto owner was forced to pay one dollar for these markers, in addition to the regular license fee. If a mercantile concern extracted the same rate of profit from the public as the department does, more than likely someone would be asking for a Government investigation.

Housewives of the country should declare "sugarless days" until the price of sugar is forced down. Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas, leader of the Farm Bloc, declares. In the meantime, the Federal Government should vigorously prosecute those responsible for market manipulations, which boosted the price and put an extra expense on the public of \$15,000,000 a month, he said.

Farm laborers in Great Britain are on strike. Why should not a few thousand of these men be brought to Canada, where farm laborers are scarce, and where they could readily be placed with farmers who would be glad to pay them more than the pittance of \$5 or \$6 a week they receive in the Old Country. When one considers the comparative size and population of Great Britain and Canada—forty million people living on an island that could be tucked away in a corner of Canada and hardly noticed, while this immense country has fewer than ten million people—the wonder is that there is not a great rush from the overcrowded land to the sparsely-settled areas of this Dominion.

Two notable discoveries are reported from Bolshevik Russia, one by Prof. Figu Pasazoff, who, it is claimed, has discovered a method to harness the latent energy of the atmosphere and use it for hurling articles of any weight almost unlimited distances. It is stated that "The prospects opened by the new invention are of incalculable importance, and certainly surpass by far the discovery of steam and electric power." The other discovery is by Professor Katz who, after fifteen years labor has perfected a "semi-artificial eye", consisting of a celluloid cup inserted in the socket so that light is reflected through it enabling the blind to see. Fully half the world's blind, it is claimed, may regain perfect sight through the new discovery. All that is required is that the light perception nerves be intact, and this, it is claimed, is true of at least 50 per cent. of the cases of blindness, including those born blind.

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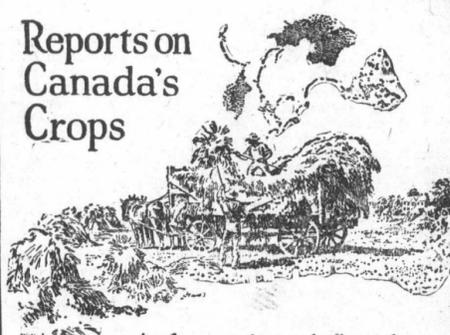
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