

# Our Ottawa Letter

Budget Proposals Amended—Government Will Not Enfranchise Women—  
Railways To Be Forced to Aid Farmers.

(By The Guide Special Correspondent)

Ottawa, Feb. 4. The parliamentary week has been one of considerable importance and interest. Tuesday night, or, more properly speaking, the early hours of Wednesday morning, saw the conclusion of the debate on the budget. On Thursday, Sir Thomas White introduced a number of amendments to his budget proposals, which fully justify some of the criticisms of his original announcements as voiced by business interests, parliament and the press. There was no back up on the part of the minister, however, in regard to the few tariff changes, including the increased tax on apples, altho particular objection has been taken to the increase. It is not necessary, however, to remind the farmers of Canada that no attention whatever is paid to their complaints at Ottawa.

The amended budget proposals as

contained in new resolutions introduced correct to a certain degree the retroactive feature of the first announcement. Taxes will be collected from January 1, 1915, instead of from the beginning of the war, and will be in force for three years. This will obviate the necessity of making a double collection this year, and will to that extent lessen the immediate burden on the business men of the country.

## To Catch Watered Stock

Yielding to the criticism that companies containing a large amount of watered stock would escape taxation, the minister now provides that these companies will be treated as far as possible on the same basis as more legitimate enterprises. In a word the minister proposes that taxes will be paid on the fair value of stock held in these

companies on January 1, 1915, less the liabilities. The amount paid up on the stock will be considered its fair value. In the case of stock issued after January 1, 1915, its fair value at the time of issue will be taken as the basis for taxation.

The minister also takes the power in his amendments to make allowance in taxing the profits of mining companies for the annual exhaustion of the mine. Another change provides that in the case of British companies remission will be made of such taxes as they already pay under the Imperial Finance Act.

## Women Refused Franchise

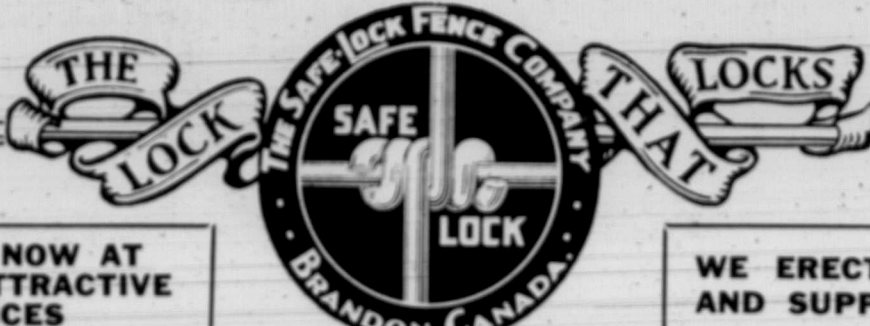
A proposal by Hon. William Pugsley that women voters in Manitoba and other provinces where the franchise is being granted to women, should vote in Dominion elections, did not meet with success. A number of Liberal members, including J. G. Turfitt, George McCraney and Dr. Michael Clarke, supported the proposal, while George Kyte, Edmund Proulx and others opposed it. No opinion was expressed by any Conservative private member, but two members of the government, Sir Robert

Borden and Hon. Robert Rogers, spoke. Sir Robert gave a practical promise that the question of Dominion franchise for women would be considered. He did not think that it would be fair to allow the women of one province to vote in Dominion elections while those of other provinces were denied the privilege. Hon. Robert Rogers was not very clear in his declarations. He accused Dr. Pugsley of insincerity, and said that at the last provincial elections in Saskatchewan some ballot box stuffing had been committed by female voters. George McCraney expressed surprise at this statement and asked for particulars, which Mr. Rogers promised to supply at a later date.

## Oliver Attacks Budget

Hon. Frank Oliver led off the budget debate this week with a long speech, in which he paid particular attention to the financial conditions and the increased taxation which has been imposed upon the country in recent years. He estimated that including the general increase in the tariff of last session, the war taxes then imposed, and the new taxes of this session, there has been

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| 5                                                | 40                  | 24                | 8, 9, 11, 11                                                              | Car lot                        | 20                                      | 21                             | 21                    | 21                             | 21                                             | 22                  | 22                  | 22                                          | 22                                     | 22                                             | 23                                         |                                |
|                                                  |                     |                   |                                                                           | Sm. lot                        | 21                                      | 22                             | 23                    | 23                             | 23                                             | 24                  | 24                  | 24                                          | 24                                     | 25                                             | 26                                         |                                |
| 6                                                | 38                  | 24                | 6, 7, 8, 8, 9                                                             | Car lot                        | 25                                      | 26                             | 26                    | 26                             | 26                                             | 27                  | 27                  | 27                                          | 27                                     | 28                                             | 28                                         |                                |
|                                                  |                     |                   |                                                                           | Sm. lot                        | 26                                      | 27                             | 28                    | 28                             | 29                                             | 30                  | 32                  | 32                                          | 32                                     | 32                                             | 34                                         |                                |
| 7                                                | 43                  | 24                | 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 9                                                          | Car lot                        | 33                                      | 34                             | 34                    | 35                             | 35                                             | 36                  | 37                  | 37                                          | 37                                     | 38                                             | 39                                         |                                |
|                                                  |                     |                   |                                                                           | Sm. lot                        | 36                                      | 38                             | 38                    | 39                             | 39                                             | 40                  | 41                  | 41                                          | 41                                     | 42                                             | 43                                         |                                |
| 10                                               | 48                  | 16                | 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 8, 8                                                 | Car lot                        | 52                                      | 53                             | 54                    | 54                             | 55                                             | 56                  | 56                  | 57                                          | 57                                     | 58                                             | 59                                         |                                |
|                                                  |                     |                   |                                                                           | Sm. lot                        | 56                                      | 57                             | 58                    | 59                             | 60                                             | 61                  | 62                  | 63                                          | 63                                     | 64                                             | 65                                         |                                |
| 8                                                | 32                  | 12                | 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6                                                       | Car lot                        | 44                                      | 45                             | 46                    | 46                             | 47                                             | 47                  | 48                  | 49                                          | 49                                     | 49                                             | 50                                         |                                |
|                                                  |                     |                   |                                                                           | Sm. lot                        | 47                                      | 48                             | 49                    | 50                             | 51                                             | 52                  | 53                  | 54                                          | 54                                     | 54                                             | 56                                         |                                |
| 7                                                | 26                  | 8                 | No. 9 Wire top and bottom<br>Rod of fence No. 12 Wire<br>3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5 | Car lot                        | 27                                      | 27                             | 28                    | 28                             | 28                                             | 29                  | 29                  | 29                                          | 29                                     | 29                                             | 30                                         |                                |
|                                                  |                     |                   |                                                                           | Sm. lot                        | 29                                      | 30                             | 30                    | 31                             | 31                                             | 32                  | 32                  | 33                                          | 33                                     | 33                                             | 34                                         |                                |
| Drive Gate, 12 ft. x 48 in.<br>high, each        |                     |                   |                                                                           | Car lot                        | 4 65                                    | 4 70                           | 4 75                  | 4 80                           | 4 80                                           | 4 85                | 4 90                | 4 95                                        | 4 95                                   | 5 05                                           |                                            |                                |
|                                                  |                     |                   |                                                                           | Sm. lot                        | 4 80                                    | 4 90                           | 4 95                  | 5 00                           | 5 05                                           | 5 10                | 5 15                | 5 30                                        | 5 35                                   | 5 50                                           |                                            |                                |
| Drive Gate, 16 ft. x 48 in.<br>high, each        |                     |                   |                                                                           | Car lot                        | 5 40                                    | 5 50                           | 5 55                  | 5 60                           | 5 65                                           | 5 70                | 5 75                | 5 85                                        | 5 90                                   | 6 05                                           |                                            |                                |
|                                                  |                     |                   |                                                                           | Sm. lot                        | 5 60                                    | 5 75                           | 5 80                  | 5 90                           | 6 00                                           | 6 10                | 6 15                | 6 15                                        | 6 35                                   | 6 50                                           |                                            |                                |
| Barb Wire, 4 point<br>Price per spool of 80 rods |                     |                   |                                                                           | Car lot                        | 3 52                                    | 3 60                           | 3 64                  | 3 69                           | 3 73                                           | 3 77                | 3 81                | 3 86                                        | 3 90                                   | 3 98                                           |                                            |                                |
|                                                  |                     |                   |                                                                           | Sm. lot                        | 3 69                                    | 3 80                           | 3 86                  | 3 93                           | 4 01                                           | 4 07                | 4 12                | 4 19                                        | 4 25                                   | 4 38                                           |                                            |                                |

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