

## COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCIAL SURVEY

MR. MERCER SUBMITS TAX FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND OFFERS SOME SOUND SUGGESTIONS; WOULD INVEST SINKING FUND IN TAX CERTIFICATES

At the meeting of the city's committee on financial survey last night, Mr. Mercer presented figures showing the financial standing of the city, and made a number of recommendations. The figures submitted were as follows:

|                                                                           |              |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Collected on 1915 taxes and previous arrears                              | September 30 | \$328,200.14   |
| Collected on 1915 arrears to September 30                                 |              | 149,712.54     |
| Collected on 1917 taxes, including business tax                           |              | \$651,999.34   |
| Discount allowed to September 30                                          |              | 53,779.57      |
|                                                                           |              | 716,778.91     |
| Total taxes paid to September 30                                          |              | \$1,193,691.59 |
| Total cash from October 1 to October 30, inclusive of arrears and current |              | 655,719.22     |
|                                                                           |              | \$1,849,410.81 |

1915 and previous arrears as at December 31, 1916 \$2,190,800.08  
Collected to September 30 \$28,200.14

Balance \$1,862,599.94  
1916 arrears as at December 31, 1916 \$1,110,533.10  
Collected during 1917 149,712.54

Leaving a balance of \$960,820.56

Total arrears outstanding \$2,823,420.56  
The above figures are exclusive of penalty arrears for October not yet figured out.

**WOULD BUY TAX CERTIFICATES**  
In regard to the outlying lands, Mr. Mercer made the following suggestion: "While a considerable portion of the outlying subdivisions would doubtless have to be taken over by the city for taxes, I do not consider this should deter us from holding a tax sale or cause undue alarm. This property should be bonded, thus enabling the city to reimburse itself for the unpaid taxes on same, and constitute in itself sufficient sinking fund." Mr. Mercer's idea is to purchase these lands at the tax sale with the sinking funds. When the sinking fund is needed bonds might be sold against the city.

Mr. Mercer favored securing powers from the legislature to enable the city to issue new bonds as the present ones mature and are paid off.

**WOULD INCREASE RATES**  
While not favoring the increasing of rates on the utilities under prosperous conditions, Mr. Mercer favored under the present conditions raising \$150,000 in this way, this money not to be used to decrease taxes, but to meet current expenses and to be regarded as a loan, which should afterwards be repaid to the city. He also urged the city to increase the rates on the first installment of taxes paid by June 30. He would allow 10 per cent discount on all taxes paid up to that time. The second installment would be due October 10, and a 10 per cent discount would be allowed on this payment, provided all the first installment had been paid; or if there were arrears, provided all were paid up in bulk the 10 per cent would be allowed on the second installment only.

## CANADIAN SOLDIERS' PENSIONS INCREASED 25 TO 40 PER CENT

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between 60 and 75 per cent. He will now receive \$450 per annum, that is to say, a class 4 pension, which class includes all those disabled between 75 and 79 per cent. He is thus entitled to a much larger increase than the flat increase of 25 per cent. Only in a few cases will soldiers and sailors be entitled to an additional increase beyond the flat increase of 25 per cent.

**More for the Helpless**  
The allowance for helplessness which is granted to those totally disabled who are, in addition, helpless insofar as attendance to their physical wants are concerned, has also been increased. It future this allowance will be \$300 instead of \$250.

With regard to the children of a disabled pensioner, a definite change has been adopted. Under the pension regulations as approved last year, only those receiving a pension for a disability of 60 per cent or more were entitled to allowances on account of their children. Again, no distinction was drawn as between the pensioner and the children of those 60 per cent disabled and those totally disabled. For instance, a man 65 per cent disabled with four children received \$18 per month pension for himself, but nothing for his children; the man 60 per cent disabled with four children received \$40 per month for himself and \$24 per month for his children; and the man totally disabled with four children received \$40 per month for himself and \$24 per month for his children. The allowances for the children of disabled men have, therefore, been greatly increased in accordance with the disability.

**The Totally Disabled**  
The totally disabled man will be entitled to \$3 per month for each of his children; the man disabled 80 per cent will be entitled to \$7; the man disabled 65 per cent will be entitled to \$4; and so on in descending amounts, so that the man disabled five per cent will be entitled to 40 cents per month for each of his children. The totally disabled private will thus receive an additional increase of 25 to 40 per cent in the allowance payable for his children. The percentages of increase on account of the children will be less as the disability decreases to 60 per cent. Below 60 per cent the disabled man will now be entitled to allowance for children, although under the previous regulations he was not entitled to any such allowance.

**Married Disabled Soldiers**  
Up to the present time no additional

## Sale of Tax Certificates

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Treasurer of the City of Calgary, on and after the 21st day of November, 1917, will sell to the first applicant Certificates of Delinquency for unpaid taxes levied or assessed prior to the first day of January, 1916, on the land included in the list—printed copies of which may be had on personal or written application to the Treasurer or City Clerk, City Hall, Calgary—if such taxes with interest and costs are not sooner paid.

## Why Tax Certificates Are an Attractive Investment

They take priority as security on real estate over mortgages and other encumbrances.

They may bear interest at 10 per cent per annum, preference being given to the tender offering to purchase a certificate at the lowest rate of interest.

They cannot be redeemed within one year unless the holder is paid the total amount thereof, plus one-tenth of such amount.

If unredeemed within three years, the holder by simple procedure can sell the property to recoup himself the amount thereof, with interest borne by the certificate, plus subsequent taxes paid by the purchaser or holder, with interest thereon at 10 per cent per annum, plus all costs, and if no sale, title to the property may be obtained.

For fuller particulars, including the method of tendering, prospective purchasers are invited to obtain and read the introduction contained in the printed list.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta, the 23rd day of October, 1917. C227-223

## MEMBERS OPEN CAMPAIGN: GOOD RECEIPT

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The Hon. T. A. Crerar.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, who remarked that this was the first occasion he

had addressed a political meeting, said the honor was done him of asking him

to become a member of the union government to represent particularly the

grain growing interests of western Canada and the farmers' organizations

which had grown up in these prairie cities during the last 10 years. The

grain growers of western Canada had always believed in union government.

He thought Canada would have been better off if it had had a union government two years ago.

"My entry into a union government does not mean for a moment that I

agree with everything the previous government has done, nor does it mean

that I abandon any of the principles that I have believed in the past," said

Mr. Crerar, amid loud applause. The minister of agriculture alluded to a

conversation with a farmer in Toronto the other day, who asked him, "What

concessions did you get on the tariff?" "I required no concession," declared

Mr. Crerar. "The tariff is not the issue at present. I feel just as strongly on

the question of the tariff as any man. I have not sacrificed these views in

entering a union government. The tariff has not been the subject of a

great outstanding issue in the winning of this war."

**Patronage Evils**

Mr. Crerar, in referring to the promise held out in the government's manifesto for a cure for the patronage evil,

gave out the striking example of a

man who had been up against already. A gentleman of Ontario, whom he did

not know, had written to him on the day of his appointment, soliciting his

aid in the matter of his appointment, and a senatorship. The patronage evil must

be eliminated if the new government is to devote its best efforts to the

supreme task of winning the war.

(Applause.)

Touching on agriculture, which he

said, was a specialized industry today, Mr. Crerar stated that he would, as

far as possible, work in consultation with the leaders of the farmers' or

organizations. Alluding to the prices of foodstuffs and high cost of living,

Mr. Crerar evoked loud applause when he declared: "I want to assure you that

between the price of foodstuffs and the price paid for live hogs. That is under

consideration at the present time."

**Allies Need Supplies**

In urging the need for greater food

production, Mr. Crerar read a cable from Lord Rothermere, who has been

from America next year 10 million tons of foodstuffs, representing an

expenditure on wheat, flour, bacon and other products.

Mr. Crerar said that the United States must do her share in conserving her food supplies and increasing her

production. "That was the great task of the Canadian government."

Mr. Meighen, who was loudly applauded, said in part:

"The government, on whose behalf this meeting is being held, is the element of the speakers represent, is the

outcome of a great popular movement. That movement took its birth in the

service first became manifest in Canada. It called for the submerging of

the party spirit against a common foe, and from the very beginning of that

movement to its consummation, it has been the duty of the government to

hold the first union meeting? Our duty is to present to the people a

show forth the spirit that has brought us together and to sound the

appeal of the new government in this province."

"What we ought to do is to create in this hall something of the atmosphere

of the great hall of the future, and to stand on the platform of the future."

"We are in the midst of a world war, fighting, writing, suffering, struggling, and we are in the midst of a

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full. Under Sir Robert Borden the home land will not desert its defenders. Their duty from the agonies of the battlefield will be heard in sympathy and answered in honor.

**A Strange Gathering**

Hon. James A. Calder referred to the "strange gathering," saying "You have on this platform the Hon. Arthur Meighen, who, I suppose, you would call the quintessence of Toryism, myself who represents the quintessence of Gritism and my friend Mr. Crerar, who represents the great body of independent thought in this country. You at once ask who has brought this about. The answer is very simple. We are living in strange times. A great thing has happened in the world, the greatest war the world has ever seen in on, and we are in it and it is because of that war and all that it means that we three men happen to stand just where we are today." (Applause.)