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THE BUDGET PROTEST.

The panic which swept over certain sections of the population of Great Britain when the terms of the annual budget were announced a few weeks ago has found expression in the activities of the Budget Protest League. The cause of the excitement is found chiefly in the certain taxation proposals which will be heavily on the landlord and capitalist class while allowing the working man to escape with only a slight increase in the cost of his spirits and his tobacco. The annual expenditure of the British Government is steadily increasing and as the source from which revenue is desired is not producing a proportionately larger income it has been found necessary to seek new forms of taxation. The British workman is already taxed to the limit of his ability to pay and when the government found this class could pay no more they turned in desperation to the class which did seem to have money to spare. This policy does not meet the approval of the wealthy taxpayers, however, and they seem to have become quite peevish about it. The idea of placing a heavier tax rate on the rich than on the poor evidently gives them actual pain. The budget has been condemned as Socialistic and this term is expected to scare the self-respecting Britisher into opposition to it. Unfortunately the present form of government has left a large section of the English voters with so little to lose that they cannot be frightened by any picture, however, well painted, of the horrors that must follow a departure from the British tradition of consideration of the upper classes. There are enough of the others, however, to raise a large amount of excitement when their financial cars are trodden upon and the Budget Protest League was organized with the object of giving them an organized outlet for their hopes of disapproval.

Within a very short time after the budget was announced the league was started and under extremely able and energetic management has done an immense amount of work in pressing their side of the case to the public. Public meetings are the chief method of attack used and about three hundred gatherings are being held every week in various parts of the country under the direction of the league. Those interested in the movement now claim that as a result of their work so many converts have been secured that if the league is given an opportunity to vote on the Budget it would be rejected. Whether or not this is correct will probably soon be shown by the effect of the measure on the next elections.

Quite apart from the merits of their case, or its lack of merit, the league is entitled to considerable praise for the able manner in which the campaign has been carried on. It is also a tribute to the intelligence of the British voter that such methods of propaganda are not unusual. The present government system of government more successfully operated than in Great Britain but the voters are credited with enough common sense to vote for a party on its merits rather than because it happened to be the party they voted for in the last election. Political parties are regarded as the servants of the voters, whose excuse for existence is their ability to represent and put into effect the public opinion of the country. The voters are not to be deceived and cannot be depended upon to follow either one great party or the other and the government of the day can retain its hold only as long as it is really satisfies the ideas of the majority of the voters. The present government has won immense popular support on some questions, but if the country at large decides that it does not want the new budget provisions it will go down in defeat, and this is what the Budget Protest League hopes to accomplish.

INDOOR RANGES.

While other countries have been clamoring for Dreadnoughts, submarines, coast fortifications, airships and other modern means of offence and defence, Canada has been putting her chief dependence for self protection on the development of a nation of citizen soldiers who are acquainted with the rudiments of drill and know how to handle the rifle. The latter requirement is coming to be regarded as the essential one, and all summer the rifle ranges have been thronged with young men, and some not so young, who are either learning the fascinating sport of rifle shooting or adding to the skill already gained by years of study and practice. That even more do not take advantage of the opportunities to use the rifle is partly accounted for by the fact that during the summer so many spend their spare time in the country out of reach of the ranges and that there are so many other forms of sport which can successfully compete with the rifle ranges. As the ranges close about the same time that the other attractions begin to lose their

GREAT NATURAL GAS WELL STRUCK IN ALBERT; WILL LIGHT MONTION

The greatest strike of natural gas ever made in Eastern Canada was made on the property of the New Brunswick Petroleum Company in Albert County last week. From one well alone a volume of gas more than sufficient to light and heat the city of Moncton, is being prepared. The discovery of such a quantity of gas, important in itself, has even greater importance as a sure indication of large oil deposits in the vicinity. Arrangements for reaching these are going rapidly forward.

A few months ago a working option on the property of the New Brunswick Petroleum Company was purchased by an English syndicate, incorporated here as the Maritime Oil Fields, Ltd. Under expert direction this company has been quietly but vigorously engaged in boring wells in various parts of Albert and Westmorland counties.

popularity, very many of the best kind of material for making marksmen never find an opportunity of visiting the ranges. A method of overcoming this condition of affairs is found in the sub-target machine by the use of which the use of the regulation rifle may be learned while under cover and with use of very little space. If such indoor ranges were established by the militia department for public use under competent supervision during the winter months it would be easy to raise the marksmanship of the men of the country to an extent that should be eminently satisfactory to those who look on the rifle as the best weapon for the defence of a nation.

"Tell me," said the lovely youth, "the best way to find out what a woman thinks of you is to ask her."

"Marry her!" replied Peckham promptly.

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A BRITISH BUDGET FIGHTER

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Exhausting and Costly Preparation Necessary and Remuneration Steadily Decreasing.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—A pessimistic view of the medical career except for those with money is taken by the British Medical Journal, which points out that the work of medical students is becoming more and more difficult and that the work is too laborious and takes too long to complete. Moreover, it takes on the average, six to seven years to obtain the legal qualification, and the cost of obtaining it may be put at not less than £1,000. Nevertheless, the proportion of medical men to the population is increasing, while the amount of remuneration is diminishing.

ALL CRIPPLED UP FROM KIDNEY TROUBLE
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Mrs. John Pettigrew of Central Economy, N.B., was practically helpless from kidney trouble. She had been in bed for weeks and her limbs ached so that it was torture for her to be up and around the house. She was so weak that she could not even get up to the bathroom. She was so weak that she could not even get up to the bathroom. She was so weak that she could not even get up to the bathroom.

KENTUCKY'S BIGGEST CORN-FIELD.
(From the Louisville Courier-Journal.)
The biggest cornfield in the State of Kentucky is now being laid by. It is the field outlined by its gigantic horse-shoe sweep of the Ohio River from Henderson south past Evansville to Green River. It is the biggest because it is corn continuously for 6,000 or 7,000 acres, unbroken by fences, unharmed by any other crop, and has no tobacco, oats or wheat—just corn, corn, and then more corn.

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