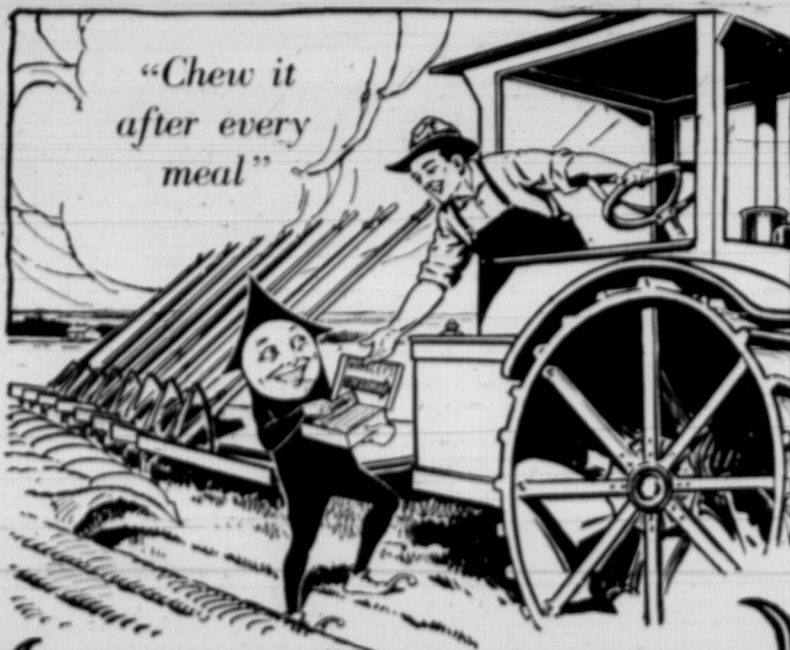




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The Mail Bag

LOOKING AHEAD

The above words compose the heading of a clipping from the Toronto News, which reads as follows:

"Sir Thomas White's conservative estimate is that fully \$100,000,000 more than 7 per cent. on capital is earned by banks, railways and manufacturing establishments in Canada every year. There is a possible field here for profit-sharing experiments after the war is well over. Clearly labor gets less than its share."

Surely here is some food for thought. There is no doubt in my mind as to the minister's statement, being correct, and I do not think the statement represents the full amount by very long odds, but as it is hard to get at the correct amount let it go at that. Now it surely must be plain that the producer of wealth, that is, the tiller of the soil and the wage earner, each and every year does and must give up \$100,000,000 or more to the corporations. Labor produces all this wealth, and yet labor when employed the full year does not get the necessities of life in the majority of cases. Mother and children starve not so much for bread as for education and for nice clothes to enable them to go to church with, for remember it is not nice to go to church nowadays with cheap, shabby clothes when the congregation is richly garbed, and they are so ready to take notice of the poorly garbed. And the tiller of the soil, who in many cases gets in twelve to fifteen months labor in a year, has to be satisfied with a living for his labor and gets no seven per cent. on his investment, yet if he stopped producing there would be no \$100,000,000 surplus after paying seven per cent. on invested capital, and in many cases if the water was squeezed out it would be fourteen per cent.

If this was all the tiller of the soil and the wage earner was robbed of it would not be so bad, but when you stop to realize the facts of the real situation you will find this, and the statement cannot be questioned: Not taking into account the hundred million dollars referred to, but also for every million dollars we put into the public treasury by the present taxing system, we put two million dollars or more into the pockets of protected interests. The above fact has been admitted for years past by the ablest statesmen of both political parties. It all comes about by an insane taxing system. Give us a commonsense taxing system and stop the protective taxing system, or what some desire to call it, "a tariff for revenue alone," which means protection when properly analyzed. But the words "tariff for revenue only" gets the people under the belt—and the very same people that it robs. But, thank fortune, many of the plain people are getting on to the deception, and as soon as the majority catch on they will change from an insane taxing system for raising revenue and adopt a sane taxing system for raising revenue.

What is necessary first is to have absolute Free Trade and then we must of necessity find some means of raising the revenue that is simple and easy to collect, and which would all go into the public treasury. We have all the machinery to put it into effect without any cost, and thus increase the taxes on all our farm lands, as well as city and town lots, the values to be ascertained by experts. The net result will be our visible taxes will be increased and the invisible taxes abolished. We all know the amount of the visible taxes but we do not and never did know the amount of the invisible tax. Now the visible tax may be about \$150 on the section, and the invisible tax on that same section may be \$300. For this reason a farmer working a section of land in a successful manner and raising a family in all probability will purchase during the year \$1,000 worth of goods for the working of the land, clothes to go to church in and clothes to go to the field in. Do not forget that when you buy a suit of clothes to go to church in—let it be a lady or gentleman—costing \$30, you surely do pay in the invisible tax not less than \$10, and you get \$20 worth of goods. This applies to the wage earner as well as to the farmer, and then

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