

Business Profits Tax Frightens Away Foreign Capital, Curtails Expansion, Declares C. R. Hunt

Gives His Reasons From Manufacturers' Point of View For
Opposing Renewal of the Impost—Would Abolish
It Immediately.

Charles R. Hunt, president of Hunt Bros. Limited, is strongly opposed to the business profits tax, declaring it unfair and bad business, and in the following letter gives his reasons:

I read with interest your article on federal taxation appearing in your publication under date of January 2, and feel that there is a broad scope for enlargement on this important question.

The daily newspapers of Canada should put clearly before their readers the rulings and effects of the present business profits tax, in effect up to December 31, 1919, and I feel that you would not doubt be willing to at least listen to a review of the matter as it appears to me, and I think I may safely say, to the majority of Canadian manufacturers, both large and small.

To begin with, the business profits tax is unfair, because it discriminates, as you will note by the following examples:

Firstly—It applies only to concerns employing more than a specified capital.

Secondly—It applies only to certain kinds of industrial enterprises, agricultural undertakings being entirely exempt.

Thirdly—If the manufacturer has a bad year he must bear the loss himself. If the following year is a good one, the government takes the excess profit and refuses to allow any portion of it to be applied against the previous year's losses.

Fourthly—Large professional incomes are not affected, except in the way of an income tax, whereas the businessman who takes a risk and succeeds is in reality taxed for his success.

Effect on Capital.
At this time, when Canada should undergo a period of commercial expansion, the business profits tax is about the worst measure that could be in effect, as no foreign capital would

have an incentive to take risks in a new field where a curtailment of profits was insisted on, as there would be no way in which plant extension could be provided for. Not alone will the chances of foreign capital coming here be negligible, but Canadian capital will seek other countries for an investment.

It would appear to me that a renewal of the business profits tax is most inadvisable and detrimental to the national interest, as it simply discourages greater production and penalizes efficiency.

What Has Been Done.
We have only to look at what the business profits tax has done to curtail expansion in some lines of Canadian business. Briefly I give you four cases:

1. A steamship company operating from Canadian ports under Canadian register has already transferred a large percentage of their ships to the register of a country having no excess profits tax.

2. A certain shoe manufacturer who was offered orders in excess of the company's capacity decided early in 1919 for an extension of plant, including the purchase of additional real estate. Immediately upon renewal of the business profits tax all extension plans were dropped.

3. A leather tannery, whose total output was sold and many export orders refused, has decided to expand their plant for greater production purposes, but will not do so unless the business profits tax is dropped.

4. In a certain town in Canada there is a steel plant not quite completed, on which all work has stopped, pending a decision on the part of the Canadian Government in regard to the renewal of the business profits tax.

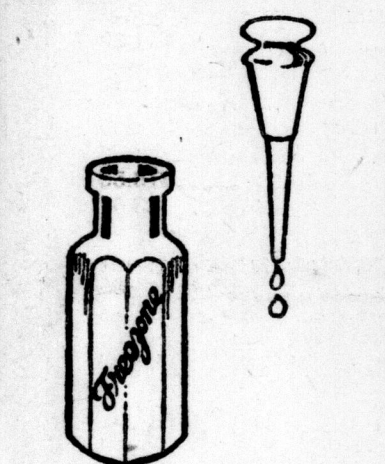
I think it you could embody the above facts in readable form it would show the general public, and in addition convey to our legislators the great necessity of abolishing this tax permanently.

The manufacturers of Canada as a whole, however, will not, I think, have any objection to paying a fair income tax, provided it is indiscriminately administered. Yours very truly,
CHARLES R. HUNT.

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Catarrh Of the Stomach Is Dangerous

"Thousands Have It and Don't Know It," Says Physician. Frequently Mistaken for indigestion—How To Recognize and Treat.

"Thousands of people suffer more or less constantly from turred, coated tongue, bad breath, sour, burning stomach, frequent vomiting, rumbling in stomach, bitter eructations, gas, wind, and stomach acidity and call it indigestion when in reality their trouble is due to gastric catarrh of the stomach," writes a New York physician.

Catarrh of the stomach is dangerous because the mucous membrane lining of the stomach is thickened and a coating of phlegm covers the surface so that the digestive fluids cannot mix with the foods and digest them. This condition soon breeds deadly disease in the fermenting, unassimilated food. The blood is polluted and carries the infection throughout the body. Gastric ulcers are apt to form and frequently an ulcer is the first sign of a deadly cancer.

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STRIKE AT BOSTON TO AFFECT LONDON SHIPPERS, IS FEARED

Railway Officials See Trouble
For Exporters.

London shippers will be affected by the strike of the longshoremen at Boston, officials of the Grand Trunk stated today. Owing to the difficulty encountered in securing ships, owing to the shortage of shipping between America and Europe, the Boston harbor has been used extensively by shippers in this district. It was stated, during the strike of the longshoremen at New York, local shippers suffered, it is claimed, and conditions have never returned to normal since that time-up, which occurred several months ago.

According to one freight official, a shipper never knows now just by what port his cargo will be shipped. It has been more difficult to ship via New York since the strike in that city, and for this reason much freight from this district has been going by way of Boston.

The average citizen cannot realize how seriously a strike such as the one at Boston affects this country, officials claim. During the last strike such large ships as the Mauretania, were forced to carry the same cargoes between Liverpool and New York a number of times, as there was no other hands to unload on this side of the Atlantic. With shipping so scarce at the present time, this brings about a serious condition.

MAGISTRATE GIVES DRUNK HIS CHANCE

Does Not Impose Even Customary \$10 Fine.

An unfortunate individual who had embraced King Alcohol to the fullest extent was picked up at Dundas and Colborne streets on Thursday evening by the police in a paralyzed condition, and according to the police was numb for a large portion of the night.

He stood up in police court this morning with a half-shamed and foolish grin on his face, and answered all the questions put to him with his eyes turned away from the court.

"What put you in that condition?" queried Deputy Magistrate F. H. Bartlett, who occupied the bench in the absence of Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon, who is in Toronto on business.

The prisoner asked at the floor and slowly shook his head. "I don't know," he confessed.

"I don't think that whiskey would have made a man as ill as you were last night," observed Chief of Police W. T. Williams.

Mr. Bartlett's heart was touched at the condition of the man, and, contrary to the custom that has been in vogue for some time of fining every drunk offender to go, he allowed the prisoner to go.

Another Chance.
"I'm going to give you another chance under the circumstances and will not fine you. I will not say, though, that a constant touch of the arm and pointing to the doorway that led to freedom that he realized the law had no further claim on him.

MACHINE GUNNERS HELD A VERY ENJOYABLE SMOKER

Col. Coles Pleased With Organization Progress.

Members of the 2nd Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, which had its headquarters in this city, staged a smoker at the premises of the Blurred Magnesia Co. on Wednesday evening.

The meeting was a most successful one, and the officers had been secured, including Capt. O'Connell, of Ottawa, who had been working hard organizing the brigade. He is organizing companies in Chatham, Windsor, Sarnia, and Guelph as well as here.

Next week no meeting will be held, but during the week following an announcement of one will appear in the papers.

At present the majority of the personnel of the unit is composed of men who were machine gunners with overseas battalions.



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SONS OF ENGLAND GIVE HEARTIEST WELCOME TO SOLDIER-MEMBERS HOME

Lodges Unite in Banquet Tendered To
Veterans of War.

A banquet was tendered by the city branch of the Sons of England to their returned soldier members last night at the Foresters' Hall. It was one of the most successful events on the records of the society. About 100 were present, of whom were the honored guests.

The supreme secretary, David J. Proctor, of Toronto, and the supreme vice-president, T. J. Roussell, also of Toronto, were visitors for the occasion. It had been decided previously that the lodges would wait until all members returned before sponsoring a banquet or giving a public welcome.

The following toast list was proposed and responded to, District Deputy Bro. Frank Newton presiding: Silent toast "To Our Departed Brethren," "The King," "The Army and Navy," responded to by Ser. T. Holmes of the Royal Marines; "Our Returned Brethren," by Bro. Ed Smith; "Our Order," by the supreme secretary, David J. Proctor.

Solos were sung by Bro. A. Bowyer, and a quartet. Bros. A. Bowyer, C. Burnett, L. McNeil, and J. Stafford. The meeting broke up just after midnight. The refreshments were preceded by card-playing.

A letter from Past District Deputy Bartlett was read explaining his inability to attend on account of sickness. A past district deputy's jewel was to have been presented to him.

SAYS ACCUSED HAS SPENT \$250 IN LIQUOR RECENTLY

Chief Knows Man's Record—Pays Tribute To Another "Customer."

There is one returned soldier who is wasting his money on the Demon Rum. He is making weekly visits to the police court charged with being drunk, and today was the day for another visit.

I am told that he has spent \$250 in the last two months on liquor," said

THISTLES LOSE FAST GAME TO SHAMROCKS

The Shamrocks defeated the Thistles last night by the score of 14 to 13. This was one of the fastest games that has been seen in the Girls' Basketball League this year. The Thistles were playing a good game, and at half-time were leading in the scoring, but after a hard fight they were downed by one point.

Helen Woolley and Hazel Fritz starred for the Shamrocks. Hazel, Hazel Fritz put up an exceptionally good game, and is responsible for the good showing of her team.

The line-up: Thistles. H. Woolley...forward... R. Curnoe...L. McVoy...forward... L. Milne...F. Blackwell...centre... A. Hazegrove...E. Holland...guard... M. M. M. Hazel Fritz...guard... G. Murray...C. Blackwell...sub... O. Thomas...sub... F. Wilcox...sub... Jack Lightfoot refereed a very satisfactory game.

DELIGHTFUL OPERETTA AT CRONYN MEMORIAL

"The Japanese Girl" Presented in An Exceptionally Clever Manner.

"The Japanese Girl," an operetta, combines bright and tuneful choruses, interesting solo work, gay costumes, and an attractive garden scene, was presented at Cronyn Memorial Church last evening, under the direction of Miss Dorinda Abbott and under the auspices of the Men's Club of the church.

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Down-hearted at first, she appeals to the bird, which by its bright and joyful song seems an omen for good. While festivities are continued, two curious Canadian girls with their governess enter the Japanese garden, which act is very much resented by the Japanese girls. Hans San enters and invites them to remain as her guests and the fun and frolic continue.

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Miss Elsie McDermid, as O Hanu San had the leading role. Her voice, which is clear, flexible and musical, was heard in several solos as well as in a trio with Elita San and Kayo San, her cousins. These parts were well taken by Misses Alicia Element and Nettie Jones, their voices blending together particularly well. Miss Edna Guy as Miss Knowall, the governess, was excellent. The humorous parts were taken by Misses Jane Metcalf, Irene Burns and Alice Carley, all of whom were some clever acting. The chorus work was a special feature of the performance. The ensemble was excellent, enunciation and tone exceptional, and parts well balanced. To Miss Abbott falls much of the credit for such a delightful, well-trained and artistic production. The London Conservatory String Ensemble, under the directing of F. L. Willoughby, with Miss Verna Dobbyn at the piano, accompanied the singers. A reading by Miss Jane C. B. Metcalf was much appreciated, as was also a solo by Miss Alice Carley, who has a voice of fine quality and range.