

SINGLE TAX RESULTS IN MANY CHANGES

System Has Taken Great Hold in Province of Alberta With Desired Effect

ONLY ONE IN CANADA

Mr. John Perrie, Deputy Minister, Issues Statement Regarding Success of Scheme Which Has Made Such Rapid Progress in Western Province.

(Special Correspondence.)

Edmonton, Alta., July 28.—"Self-government for rural municipalities and single tax, now in force practically throughout our province, have brought about highly desirable changes," said John Perrie, deputy minister, at the Parliament buildings in Edmonton this morning, in discussing some phases of the annual report of the department of municipalities for Alberta, just issued for general circulation.

"Under the rural municipalities act, passed by the legislative assembly at its first session in 1912," Mr. Perrie added, "numerous improvement districts are being organized as rural municipalities, and at present the number of the latter is about the same as the local improvement districts. We have now 63 rural municipalities. Fears expressed in some quarters, that organization on the new basis would result in increased taxes, have proved groundless."

Regarding the single tax, Mr. Perrie said that Alberta can now claim the distinction of being the only province in the Dominion of Canada employing this plan. "With one or two exceptions," he added, "all taxes but those on land have been abolished, and there is little or no desire to revert to the old system of taxing improvement."

Quoting from his annual report in respect to the changes effected, Mr. Perrie says: "Our first work, following the adoption of the rural municipalities act was that of readjustment along the lines of the new organizations and the new boundaries. Rural municipal organization was, of course, carried on throughout 1913 wherever requests were sent to the department for such organization."

"The number of rural municipalities organized in the year 1913 was not as large as the number organized in the previous year. This is largely accounted for by the fact that many of the local improvement districts wished to see how municipal organization worked out before asking for such organization. A great deal of interest in rural municipal organization was shown and we sent out many copies of the act and of pamphlets dealing with the principal provisions of the act. In addition, we wrote many letters and held a number of meetings, giving information on municipal questions. It was noticed that many of the electors in speaking of municipal organization referred to the fact that they had been opposed to such organization but on learning more fully what it meant, they were very much in favor of municipal organization."

Rests With Taxpayers.

"The main objection to rural municipal organization is still the fear that such organization will mean increased taxation. As has, however, been frequently explained, the rate of taxation to be levied in a rural municipality is one which rests entirely in the hands of the ratepayers of the municipality through their councillors. While the rate of taxation in rural municipalities is on a valuation basis, and that of local improvement districts on an acreage basis, our returns show that the rate of taxation in some local improvement districts is higher than in some rural municipalities, so that rural municipal organization does not mean increased taxes, although a higher rate of taxation might in many cases be a good investment as all taxes are spent in the municipality and if properly spent each ratepayer will profit thereby."

Extent of System.

In another part of his report, Mr. Perrie makes the following statements in respect to single tax: "The fact that the Province of Alberta has gone so far in the elimination of taxation on personal property and improvements is causing a widespread interest. I have received inquiries in regard to our system of taxation from practically all parts of the world."

"Under the provision of our rural municipality act village act and town act, all taxes are required to be levied on land values only, and in assessing the land it is required that the value placed on the land for assessment purposes shall be the cash value of the land without regard to any improvements placed upon it by the expenditure of capital or labor. All our rural municipalities carry out their assessment and taxation of this basis. All our villages except one levy taxes in the same way, the one exception being the village of Loughheed, where, on account of a good deal of the land being exempt from taxation special privileges were given by special legislation."

"All our towns follow the provisions of our town act except two, the exception being the town of Stettler, which, on account of unusual conditions, was given special privileges, and the town of Cardston which is still carrying on business under a charter granted by the government of the North West Territories. A few of our towns obtained the privilege of levying a business tax for the period of three years. This will expire in 1915."

"Each of our cities carries on business under its own special charter, but it is worthy of note that in the cities, as well as in other municipal organizations most of the taxes are raised from taxation of land values only. In two of our six cities, namely Edmonton and Medicine Hat, taxation is limited to land values only. The city of Red Deer collects most of its taxes from assessment on land values. The only additional tax is a business tax."

"The city of Calgary, in addition to levying a tax on land values, collects some taxes on buildings and personal property. Wetaskiwin and Lethbridge levy taxes on lands, personal property and improvements."

The Privy Council yesterday dismissed the appeal in Fraser versus Dumont, concerning logging operations on River Dumont. The appeal in St. Aubin versus Binet, a Quebec action to set aside a deed or pledge, was also dismissed.

On December 31, 1913 there were 25,343 miles of trunk lines in France, and 6,614 miles of subsidiary lines. The gross receipts for 1913 of the French railways were \$387,877,000.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Ford Motor Co. plant at Detroit will be closed until Aug. 3 for purpose of taking inventory.

The divorce prevention bureau of the Chicago Municipal Court was opened.

Archibald Blue, head of the Census and Statistics branch, is dead at Ottawa.

Penman's, Ltd. will spend \$50,000 on their dam at St. Hyacinthe, Que., within the next three years.

Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, is recovering satisfactorily from a critical operation.

Chief Chevalier, of the Hull police force, has been summarily dismissed from office for misconduct.

The party of Canadian teachers now touring England visited Aldershot yesterday.

Charles McD. Hay, of Toronto, has been elected honorary president of the International Lawn Bowlers' Association.

Dwight Mills of Chicopee will operate only four days a week during August owing to present business depression.

New steamship combine, Furness-Houlder Argentine Lines, Ltd., has been registered in London; capital, \$5,000,000.

Howard Gould's yacht Niagara, carrying Joseph Leiter and party, arrived at Honolulu on their trip around the world.

Jacob P. Stein, a hotel clerk of Waterbury, Conn., was arrested charged with burning the American Shear & Knife Co. at Woodbury at a loss of \$150,000.

Maxime Dumais, who acted as lieutenant under Louis Riel in the rebellion in 1870, has succumbed to the heat at the age of 78.

The corporation of Magog, Que., has received formal protest from Sherbrooke regarding the discharge of sewage into the Magog River.

Messrs. H. P. Hood and Sons, of Sherbrooke, Que., will build a new creamery on land leased from the Grand Trunk Railway.

Seventeen thousand Fenian Raid Veterans have been paid the bounty of \$100 each, and there are still 8,900 applications under consideration.

The bridge over the Yamaska River at St. Cesaire, Que., a fine concrete structure for the Montreal and Southern Railway, has been completed.

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BUSINESS IN CHILE

A Decrease in First Quarter of Year Amounting to Nearly \$2,000,000 is Noted.

The business conditions in Chile for the first four months show a considerable decrease from the corresponding period of last year. The duties on imports collected for the first four months amounted to \$8,717,178, while the amount collected for the same period last year totalled \$10,483,690, showing a decrease of \$1,766,512.

An American smelting company in British Columbia produced last year 22,000,000 tons of blister copper.

In Mexico 7,500 families own all the land on which live the 15,000,000 people of that country live.

Mrs. Mary E. Kamb, Newburg, N.J., has received a check for \$30,000 in return for a loan of \$10, which she made to a poor boy forty years ago.

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

New Mexican Revolution With Headquarters in Toronto is the Latest War Rumor

BOTH SIDES ACTIVE

Servia and Austria Have Both Made Offensive Moves Before War Had Been Declared — Police Put Down Dublin Trouble.

That a new Mexican revolution will shortly be started, and that Toronto will be the centre of a conspiracy, headed by General Huerta, ex-president of Mexico, and General Felix Diaz, was stated last night by Senator Luis Elguero, ex-member of the Huerta delegation which attended the mediation conference at Niagara Falls, who arrived in Toronto in the afternoon. In an interview Senator Elguero stated that he was here to meet General Diaz, who was already in the city, with a view to making arrangements for the proposed counter-revolution, and that ex-President Huerta was expected with his colleagues in a few days. After spending a brief time in the city, Senator Elguero said that he would proceed to Montreal to meet Huerta. He and others, he said, had suffered heavily by the condition of anarchy prevailing in Mexico, and added: "The fact that we are supporting General Huerta in the revolution now being planned will be a potent factor."

The Bisley ranges were practically deserted yesterday, only a few stragglers who are sweeping up remnants in several unimportant belated events remaining to indicate that last week witnessed the great annual Imperial shooting meet.

The prize lists, which are now complete, show that Canadian winnings were somewhat scanty compared with the large totals amassed in past years, when some members of the team succeeded in capturing high honors in the chief events.

The total winnings of the Canadians are given as \$1,274, \$172.75 of this being individual gains, while the sum of \$1,101.25 is team money. Last year Staff Sergeant Hawkins won almost as much as the entire Canadian aggregation, at the present meet when he carried off first honors in the King's Prize match, netting himself one thousand dollars.

A special despatch from Vienna to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says the Austrian army has invaded Servia, according to the plan of campaign, at Mitrovica, driving the Serbian troops before them. Mitrovica is fifty miles northwest of Belgrade in a direct line.

A Vienna despatch says that very important preparations are on the point of completion, with a view to military action which will be applied against Servia Tuesday.

Rioting was begun in Dublin last night, but the authorities succeeded in suppressing the disorder before it assumed serious proportions, but the city was in a state of intense excitement. The authorities feared at first that it would be necessary to call upon the militia which would have meant much bloodshed, but fortunately this was not necessary.

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QUEBEC MINES YIELD \$2,000,000 INCREASE IN 1913

In Spite of Depression Provincial Department Reports Yield For Year as \$13,119,811, a Marked Increase.

The report for 1913 of the Superintendent of Mines of the Province to the Honorable Honore Mercier, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries, has just been published.

It is gratifying to note that despite the general financial depression which prevails throughout the world, the mineral production of the Province of Quebec for 1913, which amounted to \$13,119,811, exceeds the previous year's by nearly two million dollars.

As in the past, the production of asbestos heads the list; the shipments having reached a value of \$3,820,504. The Province of Quebec supplies 80 per cent. of the world's production of asbestos.

The chapter on accidents in mines mentions that 8,611 persons are employed in the mines, quarries and concentrating mills of the province. In 1913 sixteen fatal accidents occurred, giving a rate of 1.86 deaths per 1,000 men employed. This is a very creditable showing, considering that in Ontario it reached a proportion of 4 per thousand during the same period.

The report, which comprises 170 pages, also gives detailed information on the various mineral industries of the province; a list of the important mineral producers, a chapter on the geology of Quebec and vicinity, and a very useful annotated list of the publications of the Quebec Mines Branch since its inauguration.

Patrik Ryan, of the New York Irish-American Athletic Club, broke the world's record in throwing the 56-pound weight at the Irish-American Athletic Club games at Federal League Park, Chicago, yesterday. He made a distance of 42 feet, 10 1/2 inches, standing in a seven-foot circle, and using both hands. The former record of 40 feet 6 1/2 inches, was made by M. J. McGrath, on the M. A. A. grounds in 1911.

The English city of Sheffield has 400 concerns engaged in the manufacture of steel.

Hamburg will soon have a 40-foot channel to the sea, 50 miles away.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Royals Took First of Series from Weakened Orioles in M.A.A. Grounds Yesterday

MCGRAYON IN GAME AGAIN

Giants Were Beaten, But Standing Unaltered, as Cubs and St. Louis Also Got Theirs—Ottawa Crews For Henley.

A remnant of the team that started out to burn up the International, and hit such a pace that they are still at the top of the heap by reason of the momentum they established, were beaten by the Royals yesterday, 4 to 3. The game was long drawn out, and with the exception of one or two smart plays, was featureless. Joe Yeager was on second, and in addition top laying his position with all the old ginger that has made him the most popular player who ever wore Royal uniform, made two extra base hits in three times up.

McGrayson was on the mound for the heels after a long rest. He was wild, but decidedly effective in the pinches.

Last week Rube Marquardt beat the Pirates in a 21-inning game. Yesterday the Pirates hammered him for 10 hits, and beat the Giants 3 to 1, breaking a long winning streak.

St. Louis, third in the great National League race, also fell by the wayside. Mayer, of Philadelphia, shut them out with one hit. Only one St. Louis batsman got as far as second.

Fortunately for the Giants, the Cubs fell down yesterday, too. Boston beat them 5 to 3, making it 10 wins out of 14 games played against the Chicago club.

The largest contingent that has ever gone from Ottawa for the Royal Canadian Henley regatta at St. Catharines will leave to-night. The Ottawa and Britannia crews broke training last evening for the first time in several months, and will not get back into their shells until they reach St. Catharines.



WILL LOAN \$34,000,000 TO MOVE CROPS THIS FALL

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoe Undeterred By Lack of Enthusiasm for Scheme on Part of Banks.

The New York Sun's Washington correspondent writes that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoe is going to repeat his crop loan "stunt" of last year. He has announced that he had decided to offer the national banks of the country, for use in the crop movement and other legitimate business, \$34,000,000 from the general fund of the Treasury. The loans are to be available immediately. Interest at the rate of 2 per cent. a year will be charged for them. The offered amount will be increased if necessary.

The crop loans this year are to be conditioned even more generously than last year. Government, State, municipal and railroad bonds acceptable to the Secretary and approved commercial paper will be accepted as security at 75 per cent. of their face value and no requirement will be made, as was done last year, that 10 per cent. of the deposits be secured by Government bonds.

Mr. McAdoe announced at the end of the last crop moving period that an immense benefit had been conferred upon the country by the Government's loans. It was evident that he was very much pleased with the outcome, despite the fact that many persons alleged that the loan had been unnecessary, and this year indications have been numerous that he desired to repeat the operation. In statements issued from the Treasury Department from time to time in the last six months assurances have been given of the Secretary's willingness to repeat the crop loans. About a month ago a circular was sent to 5,000 national banks asking them if they did not think they needed Government loans this year.

According to the Secretary's statement to-night his replies indicate that funds will not be needed in New England and the Eastern States and in certain States in the West and Northwest. In such important crop movement centres as Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Portland, Ore., San Francisco and Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Tampa and Mobile bankers declared that no Government deposits were needed. Undeterred by this lack of enthusiasm the Secretary nevertheless decided to place \$34,000,000 at the disposal of the banks of the country. This sum is less than half of that which he volunteered to lend banks last year.

The aluminum industry of England promises to become important.

There are about 200,000,000 board feet of merchantable lumber standing on the 60,000 square miles of Philippine public forests.

New York Journal of Commerce estimates August interest and dividend payments at \$115,542,692, compared with \$117,161,465 a year ago.



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