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Canada's Budget.

The budget speech delivered by Hon. J. A. Robb falls into three sections: (1) the financial standing and progress of the country; (2) the lessening of the sales tax and the decrease in taxation; (3) the reduction in tariff on the machinery of production required for the development of the basic industries of the country, such as farming, fruit growing, poultry, dairying, mining, lumbering, fishing.

The figures show that the public debt has been decreased by \$30,499,000; the meaning of this is all the more apparent when it is considered that for years past it has steadily been increasing. A definite move toward decreasing the public debt is healthy legislation. It follows the path of Britain, and is so sound and so necessary that there can be nothing in the way of criticism. The government is to be commended for every move that seeks to cut down the load that is at the bottom of all our taxation problems. The estimate that there will be a reduction in taxes of \$24,000,000 is part and parcel of the same policy.

The sales tax has been lowered from 6 to 5 per cent, and on many lines further reduced. On foodstuffs, such as cereals, macaroni, sago, rice, meats, the sales tax is removed. It is reduced to 2½ per cent on biscuits, jams, preserved fruits, etc., while a similar reduction is ordered on boots and shoes and rubber footwear. From milk foods the tax is removed.

The intent of this legislation is to give the people cheaper food, boots, shoes, etc. It may take a little time for the effect to become apparent, as many stocks have been purchased on the 6 per cent basis of cost. There should be a willingness on the part of distributors to pass this benefit on to the consumer at the earliest possible opportunity, because they must realize that lower prices are necessary for better trade.

Mr. Robb, in dealing with the tariff on implements used in the development of basic industries, found himself faced with the problem of giving assistance to men engaged in these vocations, while at the same time seeking to work as little hardship as possible on industries engaged in the production of these implements. The tariff on agricultural implements has been reduced. Binders, mowers and reapers from 10 to 6 per cent; cultivators, harrows, manure spreaders, from 12½ to 7½ per cent; plows, threshing machines, from 15 to 10. Other lines have been accorded similar reductions, and the sales tax taken off entirely. In order to make the matter easier for the Canadian manufacturer, the duty has been taken off the materials entering into his product, such as pig iron, bar iron and bar steel when used in making mowers, binders and reapers, cultivators, harrows, horse rakes, seed drills.

The question as to whether free raw material is enough to offset the removal of from 4 to 5 per cent of the protective tariff is a matter that can not be worked out or estimated on short notice. It will have to be carefully watched, and there is no doubt that the government will be prepared to do so.

The whole budget has been framed with the idea of serving as wide an area as possible. It had in mind the consumers of Canada and those engaged in the development of our basic industries. There has been an honest attempt to assist these, and at the same time work as little hardship as possible on the industrial centers that provide the implements of production.

Those Army Uniforms.

The Toronto Star believes that it is possible for the militia department to go too far in the regulation calling for the abandonment of all military clothing except by men on actual duty. If the men with military clothing are abusing the privilege of wearing it, the Toronto paper believes it would be quite right to check them up.

A farmer a short distance from London made inquiry a few days ago about a coat he was using. He claims to have bought it at a sale, paying \$10 for it. He did not want to get into trouble, so found out that his safety first plan was to change the buttons and have the coat dyed another color.

A regulation that would make trouble for a man on a farm wearing an army coat is wide of the mark. He got it in good faith; he is not

hurting the militia department by wearing it.

All over the country men are found with a shirt, an odd pair of pants, and other equipment. In nearly every case the garments have passed the stage of being of any use to the government, but they do make good work clothes, and in the majority of cases the men now wearing them were ready to put them on when there was some fighting to be done. The idea behind the order was all right, to stop unnecessary wearing of uniforms, but in its application care should be taken to steer clear of anything that may look like petty prosecution.

Hugo Stinnes Is Dead.

Hugo Stinnes, the richest man in Germany, is dead.

He became powerful because he saw an opportunity to capitalize on the post-war anguish of his own country.

He exploited labor at a price that kept body and soul together and nothing more.

He made no contribution to the problem of putting his country on the road to success.

His great contribution was to Hugo Stinnes.

He had a great opportunity, but Hugo Stinnes was the only man he could see on the national horizon.

Peter Smith's Chance.

Hon. Peter Smith should leave no doubt in the public mind about the course he intends to pursue.

The people of his constituency in Perth placed their confidence in him when he was elected to the legislature.

He has an opportunity now to show that he appreciates the trust.

He should put an end to all talk of a subpoena for his appearance by going at once and placing himself at the disposal of the committee.

If he has nothing to cover up he should be quick to establish his innocence.

If he is involved, let him come clean on the whole thing.

No matter what happens, he has an opportunity right now to play a big part well.

Claiming the Credit.

Ontario Legislature spent some hours arguing whether it was the Progressives or Conservatives that instituted the move to make it possible for hydro lines to be run out to the country with the government paying 50 per cent of the cost.

All that may have been very interesting, but equally far from the real point.

The real issue is that the proposition is now there, and it requires not argument, but co-operation and action.

When rural Ontario sees its wheels turning in the barn, and the lights around the premises, it will be ready to share and distribute the credit to all who helped in any way.

The movement under way now is such a good one that political discussion should not be given a chance to spoil it.

London's Mystery.

London's mystery of the cement mixer may yet be cleared up. With Toronto investigators and Home Bank officials speaking of mysterious passages and personages there, it is well that this matter should come up in London at this time.

It would never do for Toronto to have all the mysteries to itself.

So our old civic cement mixer, missing since 1921, comes to the surface just at the right time.

It will be a big day in London when the little iron man comes rumbling home.

And if it's true that our mixer has really been located and identified, there will be the added glory of London having solved its mystery first.

We are living in glorious days.

Note and Comment.

Money talks, but some of the men who were getting it at Toronto refuse to.

Some day a system of auditing will be devised that will be there waiting for the crook when he comes.

A prober is not a politician. In United States probers ask who provided the 1920 campaign funds. The politician wants to know who's going to put them up in 1924.

Is Ambrose Small dead? is the question asked by the court once more. Without going into details, a reasonable view would be to suppose that he is dead. There is not one bit of evidence to support the idea that he is alive.

Two men escaped from the Sault Ste. Marie jail, but at the same time there was fresh snow on the ground. They were tracked and brought back. The next time you're in jail, remember that and do your escaping before he snow flies.

Bellows For Lungs

Have you ever felt a deep surge of sympathy for the unfortunate man who blows the bass horn through a long musical program? Have you often wondered how the other men who man the brasses can stand the strain of pumping away through the interminable hours of a concert? If so, you will find that, from now on, your sympathy is misplaced. Science has come to the rescue of this oppressed and neglected fraternity of horn-blowers.

Enter the "serphor," a brand new invention which will liberate red-faced and perspiring instrumentalists from the bondage of the long spells of "windblowing." Best of all, from the musician's viewpoint, it does not eliminate the musician—unlike the electric piano or phonograph. He is on the job at the mouthpiece of the horn with the old virtuosity, but the wind-power is not his. Here's how it works:

Under the musician's chair is a concealed foot-bellows with a tread extending in front within reach of his heel. Attached to the bellows is a water chamber and electric bulb. Moist air, warmed to the temperature of the human breath, rises into the air chamber, whence it is propelled by the bellows into the musician's mouth through a small rubber tube. Breathing through his nostrils, the musician uses the old dependable technique in transforming artificial air pressure into the required musical cadence. Just a little extra heel pressure yields the making of a Wagnerian dissonance or a crashing finale, and the air current may be shaded to the softest murmurings.

But the bass horn blower of the village band—usually fat and perspiring—still sees no hope ahead when he both carries and blows his huge horn in the Fourth of July parade. For, obviously, he cannot add a bellows and electric light plant to his travelling equipment.

House Cleanin'

SAY, are you gettin' meals these days made up of sandwiches and tea, and is the carpet from the floor strung up upon the apple tree? For 'long about this time of year a feelin' comes with awful pace, the women get the notion then they'll have to start and clean the place. It ain't no use to dodge the thing, or try to get some travelin' plan, you got to do your duty, sir, and face the issue like a man.

The broom stick has its innings now, it makes the dust get out and hop, and every microbe in the hut must flee before the swishin' mop. And every true son of heaven, a-wishin' that the thing was through, there's 27 different jobs a-waitin' there for you to do.

You get bologna for your tea, some crackers and a piece of cheese, you're shinin' up the old front stairs and sproutin' blisters on your knees.

You shove the old pianer out and do the work of three big men; you scratch around where it has set, then shove the thing back in again.

There ain't no fun around the hut with this performance soin' full blast, the thing that comes upon your brain is just how long the thing will last. So, greetin' to you, brother man, if this spring cleanin's hit your place, there's only one thing for to do, and that's to quicken up the pace, for when it's done we'll tune our lute and blow a bar of melody, unto the time when once again our family lives in harmony.—ARK.

WAS DISCIPLINE BETTER QUARTER CENTURY AGO?

Lively Debate Features Last Night's Meeting of Aberdeen Mothers' Club.

That the children of twenty-five years ago were better disciplined than the children of today was the decision arrived at during the course of a debate held at the Aberdeen Mothers' Club meeting last night. Mrs. H. Winnett led the affirmative, while Mrs. Albert Rumble upheld the arguments of the negative side of the debate. Mrs. W. A. Tanner, Principal McWilliams and the Rev. John Richardson acted as judges.

Mrs. Winnett in her arguments stressed the fact that the children of a quarter of a century ago were better disciplined from the religious and moral standpoint. You had merely to go into the churches of today to find out. She claimed that the child of twenty-five years ago did not argue with his parents as do the children of today. They were taught to obey without question.

Mrs. Rumble thought that the children of today were better educated than the children of a generation ago and therefore better disciplined. She pointed out that father, mother and children were closer companions today than were the parents and children of twenty-five years ago.

Although the decision of the debate was given to the affirmative, it was evident that the club members, mostly young mothers, were in sympathy with the negative side of the argument.

An egg shower for the Children's Shelter featured the meeting, the result being nearly thirty dozen eggs collected. Mrs. Thomas Dickson was appointed to take the place of Mrs. William Bartlett, the president, as the club delegate to the educational conference in Toronto during Easter week.

A very fine program included a quartet by Mrs. William Bartlett, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. William Powell and Mrs. Phillips; with Mrs. Leslie Joliffe accompanying; violin duet by the Misses Thelma and Velma Desjardins; a reading by Miss Mary Less; and a piano number by Miss T. Plifton.

TOPOCOAT POPULAR. New York, April 11.—Despite the uniform-like vogue for tailored suits, the well-dressed New York woman today clings to the straight line topcoat, usually of black, trimmed in light fur.

CUT-OUT SANDALS. New York, April 11.—There is no such thing as a plain shoe in New York at present. Madame and maid alike wear dainty fragile cut-out sandals.

Dr. Frank Crane Lubricants

THE lubricant is absolutely necessary in machinery. It is no less so among human beings. Your automobile could not go a block, or would not go at all, if it had no oil in the differential box. The railway locomotive could not pull its train, the elevator in your office building would not budge, your typewriter wouldn't work and your wife's sewing machine would not stitch were it not for lubricating oil.

And a good deal of the creaking, friction, wear and tear, dead-locks and hot boxes in the affairs of men are traceable to deficient lubrication.

What do we mean—lubrication? Here are some lubricants. How is your supply?

No. 1. Class A, first and maxima cum laude, is Politeness. Just plain, ordinary everyday taking off your hat and getting off your chair when a lady comes in, and smiling your best company smile even when your stomach aches, and saying I thank you, and if you please, and Sir, and pardon me, and after you, my dear Alphonse, and don't mention it, the pleasure is mine, and so on.

THOUGHTFULNESS is a good lubricant. Doing things for folks before they ask it.

You can be thoughtful even to the stenographer, you know. One thing done for me without my having to ask it is worth seven things I have to sit up and beg for.

Maybe if you could fill the greasecoups of your family with the oil of thoughtfulness your home, sweet home, would not sound so much like a boiler factory.

Nine-tenths of the so-called overwork is nothing but too little lubrication.

Ditto nervous prostration. Most quarrels arise, and all quarrels continue and increase, because where there is no oil the iron heats.

Heavens to Betsy, how the old world creaks. Boss and workmen sound like a rusty hinge, clubs wrangle, churches quarrel, neighbors rasp, lovers sulk, spouses nag, schoolrooms jangle, and the whole machinery of humanity stops right in the road and won't crank up, and we are all swearing at one another, and all because we forget to oil up.

To the Editor

The Creation of Man.

Believes Book of Genesis Gives the Only Explanation That Will Stand the Test.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—Dr. Frank Crane says: "Nature has been a good many million years developing the human brain and human reason." But the Bible says: "So God created man in his image. In the image of God created he him, male and female created he them" (Genesis, I, 27), and at the end of the chapter it says: "And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." Second chapter and seventh verse: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul."

To me that is greater and more certain than all the theories of evolution that could possibly be devised. AN OLD READER.

Wallacetown, April 8.

DR. MADGE MACKLIN IS HEARD AT RYERSON

Mothers' Club Names Nominations Committee at Meeting Last Night.

Dr. Madge Macklin was the speaker at last night's meeting of the Ryerson Mothers' Club, giving a very instructive talk on "Sex Education," which was followed by an interesting discussion on the subject. Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, the president, was in the chair. The report was made of the purchase of silver cups to be presented by the club for oratory at the big contest which is being held in the school on Wednesday night. About twenty dozen suits have been forwarded by the club to the Children's Shelter, collected in a recent shower.

As the next meeting of the club will be the election meeting, a nomination committee was appointed, which includes Mrs. R. W. Smith, convener, Mrs. W. P. Marshall and Mrs. George Peters. Mrs. A. R. Kennedy and Mrs. Williams were named a committee to see about the purchase of curtains for the office and library of the school. A very fine vocal number was given by Mrs. McKay.

FUNERAL OF ORRIN DOUGLAS HELD AT PETROLIA TUESDAY

Special to The Advertiser. Petrolia, April 10.—The funeral of Orrin Douglass, who met his death on Saturday when he came in contact with a live hydro wire, was held from the home of his parents Tuesday. A large crowd paid their last tribute to the youth.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Douglass, and two brothers, Walter and Russell, and a sister. He was buried at Hillsdale Cemetery.

You Can Eat Anything You Like And Not Have HEARTBURN

In all cases of heartburn there is a gnawing and burning pain in the stomach attended by a disturbed appetite, as when too much food is taken into the stomach it is liable to ferment and become extremely sour, vomiting occurs, and what is thrown up is generally sour and offensive. When you are in this condition you will find that Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills will give you relief right away.

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ST. JOSEPH'S UNIT PLANS EASTER FAIR

Mrs. E. A. Pocock Is Appointed General Convener of Easter Fair.

Dr. F. W. uney and Dr. S. N. Best gave instructive addresses on vaccination at the regular meeting of St. Joseph's Mothers' Unit held last evening in the school. The origin of vaccination was explained and the doctors urged everyone to be vaccinated as a means of protecting themselves from smallpox.

Plans were made for the Easter Fair, which is being held the after-

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noon and evening of Wednesday, April 23. Mrs. E. A. Pocock, president of the unit, is acting as general convener, and the other conveners appointed are as follows: ready-to-wear fancy work, Mrs. W. Wilson; country store, Mrs. Leathorn; home-cooking, Mrs. J. Ward; fish pond, Mrs. Joseph Dwyer; and tea room, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Grubber.

SACRED HEART UNIT. Arrangements for a bridge euchre to be held in St. Peter's Hall, Friday, May 2, were made at meeting of the executive of Sacred Heart Mothers' Unit. The last evening at the home of Mrs. C. A. Wilson. Following cards, dancing to Chrissie's Orchestra, will take place.

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