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INCREASE IN TAXATION

In another part of The Albertan a report of the official statement of the imports and exports shows an enormous increase in the taxation of Canadian people.

In customs taxation alone there has been an abnormal increase. The population has been increased at the rate of about 3-1-2 per cent. a year. Here then is the average customs taxation per head for the last few years.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Population, Customs Taxation, Average Taxation. Rows for 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913.

What shows how greatly our taxation is increasing, and the need for a radical change in our tariff.

DECEIVING THE WEST

The second clause, and to the West, one of the most important in the list of promises made by Premier Borden when in opposition, provided for the handing over to the Western Canadian provinces full control of the natural resources.

Upon this point, Mr. Borden was very definite. He criticized the Laurier administration for not including the full control of the resources in the granting of autonomy. He told us that the government had indicated that we were inferior to the residents of other provinces. He declared in this city that twenty-four hours would not pass after he secured office before he would start action to give us our natural resources.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had come to the conclusion that the time had arrived when the western provinces should have full control of their resources and had made arrangements for the transfer.

But Mr. Borden has been in office for more than eighteen months and has done nothing to fulfill that promise. In fact, he has deprived the province of Manitoba of control of certain lands which that province previously held. He has made no move, taken no action, done absolutely nothing towards carrying into effect that sacred promise.

And what is worse, some supporters in Alberta insist that he should not carry out this promise while we continue to elect Liberals to office in these provinces, that the control of the lands should be held up as a sort of bribe for Saskatchewan and Alberta, with the promise that control will be given when we vote right. To the credit of the people of these two provinces they have resisted the bait. They will do without the control of the resources, however fruitful they may be, rather than give up their self-respect and their right to elect whomsoever they please in provincial politics.

And Mr. Borden has listened to the small politicians and has, withheld the resources and has violated the promise he made. In this he has shown that he is no big statesman with a statesman's regard for his word, but the petty politician whose interest is not the people but the party.

HOW SINGLE TAX WOULD HELP

Mr. Owens, a large holder of unimproved real estate, in a letter to The Albertan yesterday, repeated the usual argument against the single tax

upon land, in a letter dealing with the present city tax rate. He divided his letter into two parts, one dealing with the present condition of the city and the other referring to the condition of the different towns throughout the province. We would advise Mr. Owens to deal with one thing at a time. The single tax has worked well throughout the province, though maybe two or three municipalities, because of unusual circumstances, are suffering somewhat for the time being. That is no argument against the single tax system.

But let us consider the one concrete, nearly example which Mr. Owens offers. A friend of his, name not given, has been farming for the last 15 years, but now finds that he is inside of the city limits with an assessment on his 50 acre farm of \$3,500 an acre. He declares that the land is not worth more than \$2,500 an acre. He has tried to sell it for that price and has not been able to do so. The fact that the property is over-assessed, as Mr. Owens and his friend insist, is not the fault of any particular system of taxation. This man had his chance to appeal against the assessment, and evidently did not do so. The valuation would be the same with or without the single tax, with full valuation on buildings, or partial valuation on buildings, or total exemption from taxation upon buildings.

This is a very good example of the honesty and fairness of the single tax. Mr. Owens' friend doubtless paid not more than \$500 for his entire fifty acre farm, fifteen years ago. As a farm it is little, if at all, more valuable than it was when he bought it. He has done but little, if anything, to make it at all more valuable. But that farm, according to the owner, is worth \$125,000, and the city assessor says it is worth \$175,000. The owner has got at least \$124,000 which he did not earn in any sense of the word. That increased value has come because the people of Calgary have been spending money in building up a great and modern city. Single taxers declare that that man should pay some part of that unearned increment to maintain the city which made him wealthy. According to Mr. Owens, if his theory is reduced to its logical conclusion, this gentleman should pay taxes upon farm lands worth about \$1,000 in all.

Let us see how it works out. If we had full valuation upon buildings and personally and land, with the licenses complete, we would have a rate of 16.1 mills. The difference in the taxation upon Mr. Owens' friend would be about \$900, which is not so very much for a man who has made about \$175,000 through the enterprise of Calgary people and through no effort on his part. He certainly has no cause to grumble, and Mr. Owens has no excuse to grumble for him. The difference in the taxation which this gentleman will have to pay now and under full single tax is about \$400.

On the other hand, take the laboring man who is building up the city and making valuable the property of the friend of Mr. Owens. He has a lot valued at \$500 and a house valued at \$2,000. Under the full valuation he would pay \$40.25. Under the present method he pays \$14. Under full single tax he would pay \$10.75.

We believe in reducing the taxes on a thousand of the latter, and taxing the friend of Mr. Owens upon the value which he did nothing to create.

Mr. Owens and his friend seem to have an idea that they can beat out the city by allowing the tax-gatherer to seize the property. If the property is worth even \$2,000 an acre, it will, probably bring \$60 an acre for the taxation charges.

Mr. Owens' friend knows what to do. He is going to sell his property. If we had had single tax years ago he, and landlords in a similar position would have disposed of their holdings long before this time, and we would not have had a city which stretches out for miles and miles, and mostly composed of vacant lots. We would have had a compact city and the cost of administration would have been half as much as it is now, and the tax rate would have been less than 16-1-2 mills, which would be the full tax rate under full valuation at the present time.

The tax rate is high now, not because we are approaching the single tax, but because we have not had single tax all along.

Years of Suffering

A Desperate Case of Catarrh in the Head.
My father had catarrh in the head for a long time. It was such a desperate case that he didn't know what to do, but one of his friends recommended Hood's Sarsaparilla. He got a bottle immediately, and as soon as he commenced taking it he felt relief and after the use of two other bottles he was completely cured. He was so well pleased he has ever since recommended Hood's Sarsaparilla.
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The assessment upon personality is always very much of a farce. According to the commissioners the assessment upon stock, machinery and such like is not more than five millions. The full value would be something like ten times that amount. For all that the tax yields it would be something like ten times that give no temptation to any merchant to undervalue the value of his own goods.

The single taxers did not advance any in Calgary this year, but despite bitter opposition from the absentee land owners, they held their own, and best of all they got the people talking about and thinking about single tax. That was a victory.

Every person to the very way of thinking, but we would feel much more secure with an army of self-reliant, resourceful, able-bodied men like those who are in camp now defending us, than under the protection of a continental army of trained soldiers ten times as large.

And beginning tomorrow the C.P.R. will go right into the main part of Edmonton which is very fine. The traveler who once upon a time travelled over the hills to Edmonton in the inside of a rattle-trap bus will rejoice that that sort of thing is merely a memory now. Of course the street car journey has been some improvement.

Let us sincerely hope that Enslano will be able to keep going during the summer even if the ardent old fire-eater Col. Denison, of Toronto, feels that he cannot go across and bolster up the nation during holidays. Col. Denison is humiliated because the senate insisted that the people should vote first before handing over \$35,000,000 to the dealers in armaments.

The Calgary health department is one which has been doing an enormous amount of very valuable work without saying very much about it. The department is a live one and is getting results.

There are throbbers by the score who seem to have no other visible means of support and spend most of the time in your office giving opinions as blue as the preparations for Monday morning's wash. The proper way to handle those persons is to call in the assistance of the "what the city" boy, and instruct him to deal with them accordingly. With furious weather like this and a crop that promises to beat all existing records, the man who talks bludily should be chased out of the community.

The Edmonton Journal in speaking of the suggested assistance to Calgary University for a grant for a school of department of technology and sectional jealousy and that sort of thing says:

"There is not now and never was any good reason for these sectional difficulties. A little bit deeper spirit on each side would have avoided them. Certainly with the great future that is now ahead of the province, there is no excuse for further complications from this cause."

JUNE 18 IN HISTORY

- 1812—Battle of Waterloo.
1862—City of Sonora, Calif., nearly destroyed by fire.
1867—Italy declares war against Austria.
1867—City of Mexico surrenders to the United States, after three months' siege.
1890—Turks massacre Armenian Christians near Erzerum.
1898—United States troops ships reach Santiago de Cuba.
1911—Detective Burns, with assistant, indicted in Los Angeles, for kidnaping James J. McNamee, labor leader, accused of dynamiting.
1912—National Republican convention met at Chicago.

DREW, AVIATOR, WAS IN FILM OF MANY FATALITIES

St. Louis Aviator, the Tenth of Those in One Picture Film To Meet Violent Death

St. Louis, June 17.—Andrew Drew, St. Louis aviator killed at Lima, O., was the tenth person whose picture appeared in the famous "Ten Fatalities" picture film to die. The motion picture film is the property of Albert Bond Lambert and was taken at Kinloch Field, St. Louis county, in October, 1910, on the occasion of ex-President Roosevelt's visit shortly after his return from Africa. The men photographed and the subsequent fate of most of them were as follows: Theodore Roosevelt, shot by a crank in Milwaukee in 1912 campaign; recovered. Arch Hoxsey, dare devil aviator, who acted as Roosevelt's pilot, killed in California in 1911. Ralph Johnston, aviator, killed in Denver.

P. O. Parmelee, aviator killed in North Yakima, Wash.

A. C. Welch, aviator, killed at College Park, Md.
Howard Gill, aviator, killed in Chicago.

Lieut. Hans Gericke, balloonist, killed in Germany.
Jacques Faure, balloonist, killed in Toronto from exposure in an air voyage.

Theodore Schreck, balloonist, killed in Switzerland.
"Tony" Von Phul, balloonist, shot and killed in Denver.
Andrew Drew, aviator, killed in Lima, O.

Alfred Lobianc, aviator, disabled for life by fall in New York.
Walter De Mumm, millionaire, shot by woman in Paris; recovered.
Walter Brookings, aviator, has quit flying.

J. C. Turpin, aviator, has quit flying.
Albert Bond Lambert, millionaire St. Louis aviator still flies occasionally; has never been in serious accident.

Lambert was appalled when informed of Drew's death.
"it shows," he said, "that it is not always the novice who goes to his death in aviation. Drew was one of the most experienced of our St. Louis fliers and a careful man."

"I have begun to look on that 'death reef' with horror, though I prize it highly and will keep it in my possession. Only a few days ago I had it out and was looking over it and counting the faces of the men whose lives had paid forfeit to the science of aviation."
Albert Von Hoffmann said the death of Drew was a loss to aviation in St. Louis, as Drew had done a great deal toward making aviation popular as a sport.

Got Real Estate Commission

A decision of interest was given in the district court yesterday afternoon by Judge Winters when A. G. Bennett as plaintiff, got the sum of \$67 with costs from Robertson Davidson Limited, as commission for the sale of certain properties in Edmonton. Duncan Stuart appeared for the plaintiff.

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Editorial Notes

The increase in trade in the annual report just published shows remarkable progress in Canada. The most unfortunate part of it all is that instead of our taxation being lowered it is steadily and rapidly being increased. Now is the time to start in reducing the duties.

The provincial legislature will be stronger by the presence of Hon. A. G. Mackay. He is one of the ablest men in Canada and should not be long on the outside of the Alberta cabinet.

The Calgary school board has more to show for its expenditures during the last few years than any other city or organization. It has spent much money, but built all the enormous schools, has expended wonderfully, and yet the percentage of the city expenditure has actually decreased. That is something of a record.

R. W. Thomson writing in The Boston Transcript says the Canadians are beginning to feel more friendly towards their American neighbors, and cites the case of The Ottawa Citizen which resents the palpable attempt of an old country publication to prejudice Canada and Britain against the United States and for Japan. Canadians have been very friendly with the United States, even though some professional politicians attempted to make capital by arousing bitterness a couple of years ago. Canada sympathizes with the United States in its oriental problem as it has something very much of the same thing on its hands.

And the tax rate of 18.7 is not a large one at all, at all. In 1908 our tax rate was 22 mills and in 1909 it was 21.5 mills and in 1907 and 1908 it was 18 mills. And during these years we paid full value on land and full value on buildings, machinery and stock.

The commissioner or the alderman who solves the market problem and lets a garden truck concern going into this city will be the big man in the city council. There is nothing quite so important before the representatives of the city. Industrial Canada, an organ of the manufacturers insists that the department of labor should give more attention to the manufacturers' end of the affair than to the employees, because the employing pay \$41.18, and the total annual wages are \$197,228,701. As that is an average of \$418.83 per employee, per year, which is below a living wage, it would be better, we believe, for the labor department to keep on with the employees and make it a little stronger.

Talk about your Ban Johnsons and other czars in baseball! Frank Gray has them all beaten. When William Hartley did not give the rides, Mr. Gray firmly whipped off his head and threw it into the ballgame, which seems like a paying affair for the league. They do such strange things in baseball.