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NEW ORLEANS, June 17.—A wedding ceremony in St. Louis Cathedral was postponed several hours yesterday because the officiating priest, Father Antoine, of the Order of Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate, declared the bride immodestly attired and violated a recent order of Archbishop Shaw of the diocese of New Orleans relative to wearing apparel.

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"Many times my pupils have come to me with some of their fingers so loaded down with rings that good playing was impossible" said a piano teacher recently. "No one can play really well with fingers weighted and encumbered with jingling tinklers. I have heard one teacher who formed such a prejudice against rings that he always insists upon their being removed before playing. Better leave the rings at home when you go for your lesson.

"Your trouble with breaking strings probably comes from one or two causes" said a violin teacher the other day. "Either your strings are of poor quality or else the trouble comes from perspiration. A string which is being continually soaked with perspiration will naturally be short-lived. You might try rubbing the string with oil of sweet almonds just before you practice. Apply the oil about half or two-thirds of the string, commencing at the nut."

Mendelssohn was a human sort of man, a charming personality. At eighteen he had the grace, the courtesy and brilliancy of a cultivated man of the world. He loved outdoor life, rode horseback, was fond of swimming and indeed had a special passion for water as shown in three of his concert overtures; *Fingal's Cave*, *Meerestille* and *Die Schone Melusine*. Mendelssohn declared once: "I think I love the sea better than the sky." He was also a skilful billiard player, danced exquisitely and everywhere he was admired and imitated.

"One day over in France when my regiment had been on the hike for several hours something happened, something very simple in itself yet very electric in its effect on the marching men" relates a returned Canadian soldier. "The leading unit in the column broke into song. Its air was immediately picked up by the succeeding units in the column. Some of the men sang the words; others hummed the air; still others whistled the rousing tune. The effect of that song was like that of recharging a worn out battery. Heads were thrown up and chests thrown forward. Snap and pep replaced a listless and disinterested swinging of arms and legs, and the latter synchronized perfectly with the tempo of the song.

Unquestionably, the most direct means of appeal to the pupil's attention is through pleasing music. Dry pedagogical music implies in every case forced attention, if any; bright attractive music secures immediate and vital attention. Hence music should be selected, not merely for its intrinsic value (which, of course should always be considered), but also for its power of appeal to the pupil's taste. In general, that taste demands primarily modern, up to date music rather than the classics, just as a young person prefers to read for his amusement a modern novel rather than Shakespeare or Milton. Let the classics be introduced judiciously, therefore, in small doses, and as the pupil is prepared to appreciate them.

The first cigarette shop in England was opened in London some sixty years ago by a former officer of the Greek army.

Under the British law, if a window has received light from a construction for twenty years, it becomes an "ancient light" and no building may be erected which may obscure it.

Changes In The Budget

(Toronto Globe)
Popular indignation against unjust measures is not always so quickly effective as in the case of the so-called luxury taxes. Having yielded to the all Canada chorus of protest, the modifications in the taxes announced by Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, should be adopted by parliament with the least possible delay. Every day lost will add to the confusion resultant upon a change from the schedules that became effective May 19. The hope of refunding the difference in the taxes collected under the May budget and what was practically a new one is held out by the Minister of Finance, who, however, says that his new proposals are not retroactive. He has set for thousands of people a problem whose solution is almost hopeless. It looks as if a lot of buyers would have to seek redress from merchants or philosophically reconcile themselves to the loss of the amounts paid under the misnomer of "luxury taxes." That would appear to be inevitable where receipts have been thrown away or lost.

Nevertheless many of the prospective changes are welcome to the people. Here is an illustration of the relief provided. Under the original budget a tax of ten per cent. of the full retail price paid is collected on boots, shoes and all ordinary clothing costing more than certain specified amounts. It is now proposed to substitute a fifteen per cent. levy on the excess cost above the limiting prices. Thus, a pair of boots costing \$12 would be taxed fifteen per cent. on the three dollars' excess above the nine set out in the present schedule, the tax amounting to 45 cents, against \$1.20 collectable under the May budget. On a \$20 pair the present "luxury tax" would be \$2. As soon as the new schedule is adopted it will be \$1.65.

The difference here works very much in favor of those who cannot afford high-priced boots and shoes made to follow frequently changing modes and fashions. These purchasers of what one might call standard shoes feel with increasing severity the tax on every dollar spent above the free limit of nine. The same principle applies to clothing, and there is also some relief in regard to cheap ribbons, velvets and velveteens. So far as wearing apparel is concerned, the modified schedules may be more truthfully designated luxury taxes than those now in force. It is the system adopted in the United States that is now brought forward in Canada. Since it is imperative that money must be raised if the Dominion is to meet expenses and pay its war costs, taxation efforts to that end should certainly begin at the point where luxurious tastes are gratified through the ability to pay high prices.

Costly furniture and china will help to make up the revenue lost by the taxation changes. A levy of fifteen per cent. is proposed on these. There are a considerable number of changes in other directions. Those interested in the youth of Canada will be glad to note that the tax of ten per cent. on sporting goods costing above fifty cents on sporting goods reaching the retailer or who go. Instead limiting prices are set under which no tax is imposed. The playing fields of the country are full of lively illustrations of what taxes on lacrosse, baseball, football, and other outfits mean to the citizens of tomorrow and their family financiers of today.

Having gone so far, the Finance Minister and his colleagues would do well to harken to the protests against the workout of the sales tax. The Globe has given some striking examples of how that tax grows until it becomes three, four and even six per cent. instead of the one that it appeared to be on the surface when first introduced. Manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers are beginning to have practical knowledge of the pyramiding process of this tax. A definite one per cent. sales tax on goods reaching the retailer or who ever else disposes of them direct to the consumer ought to suffice. The consumer pays the tax eventually, anyway. He should not have to pay it from one to six times over. There is need of change here, and it ought to be made with those in the luxury tax schedules and not at a later period, thus adding to the worries of manufacture, jobber, wholesaler, and retailer. A plan such as that suggested would do away also with the necessity for a great deal of machinery and many new officials that would be required if the present scheme is adhered to. Two budgets in less than a month is a stiff dose for any country. The Government should not lose an opportunity to make a third one within another month or so unnecessary.

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