

U. S. MOTION PICTURE TAX WILL BE A BLOW

At Industry in Canada—Production Costs Lower Here

(Ottawa Citizen)
The United States proposes placing a 30 per cent. ad valorem duty on all Canadian and other foreign-made motion pictures. This proposal is arousing the keenest controversy, as it means a blow to the Canadian picture industry. The 30 per cent. ad valorem duty is to be based on the value of a picture according to the appraisal of officials of the United States Government.

Such legislation will work a hardship on the industry in this country, because in many instances pictures can be made more economically in Canada than in the United States, especially when the co-operative institutions in Canada assist in the reduction of picture cost. For example, Ralph Connors' story, "The Man From Glengarry," will be made this winter and spring in the logging camps of the Ottawa Valley, and the Canadian Lumbermen's Association has volunteered every assistance in order to produce the most telling effect. Thus the picture when completed, will probably cost less than \$80,000 to produce, whereas in the United States, with every expense to pay, it would exceed \$100,000.

The American government will not accept authentic costs of other countries, but will charge a duty based on what it would cost were the production made in the United States. Thus "The Man From Glengarry" when completed will, in all probability, be taxed between \$30,000 and \$45,000 for the privilege of exhibition in the States. Within the last two years there have been a number of successful Canadian pictures, notably, "Back To God's Country," "The Sky Pilot," "The Foreigner" (to be released under the title "God's Crucible"), "Corporal Cameron" (to be released under the title "Cameron of the Mounted").

To combat this move on the part of the American government, proposals are already being made. There is no reason why Canada cannot occupy a position second to the United States only in the production of pictures. There is greater variety of scenery than can be found in any country. It has long been the aim of certain Canadian business men to establish the industry in Canada. Attempts have been made, but it was not until Ernest Shipman made "Back To God's Country" that success was attained in a Canadian-made production.

If the proposed tariff bill is passed, other countries will probably reply in the same terms and impose taxes on United States products. At the same time, a free trade arrangement with all other countries except the United States would establish a wide-open door to foreign markets, and thus other countries would be only too glad to deal with Canada. A number of exhibitors have expressed themselves favorable to this plan, and to establish among the producing units one or more to be known as Exhibitors' Producing Company. Canadian authors would have an opportunity to develop their abilities, too. Along the lines of this development it is also suggested that a college of instruction be established in Canada, where all branches of the motion picture business could be taught. Mr. Shipman is behind this movement wholeheartedly.

D. A. R. Timetable

The Train Service as it Affects Wolfville

No. 96 From Kentville arrives 8.16 a.m.
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THEY SAY

That the great Caruso's master told him at his first singing lesson that his voice sounded "like the wind whistling through the windows."

That rouge and lipsticks, sleeves above the elbow and transparent stockings are now forbidden in the Chicago High School for Girls. Also that 23 other high school principals have drafted rules for the behaviour of their scholars, chewing gum in public, singing ragtime and talking in movies being no longer allowed, neither must they "toddle, rouge or wiggle."

That whatever you do cultivate a spirit of manly independence in doing it. Let your work express yourself. Do your own thinking as far as possible, even when working for another.

That the Japanese dislike being referred to as "Japs." They contend that the British are not referred to as "Brits", nor the Germans as "Germ."

That the real work of any kind includes drudgery in so large a proportion that considerable moral courage is required to carry it to a successful issue.

ROD AND GUN IN CANADA, the popular Canadian sportsman's monthly magazine appears in a new and improved size with its September issue. The many improvements include a larger size of page together with a coated paper that adds considerably to the appearance of the stories and illustrations. This number is rich with stories, articles and anecdotes dealing with wild life in the various parts of the Dominion. The Great Mackenzie Basin is the title of the leading article, which is written by F. H. Kitchin and tells of his 12,000 mile trip from Edmonton north along the Mackenzie through to the Pacific coast and then east to Edmonton. In addition to this article, this number includes thirteen stories and articles together with the usual departments makes an interesting issue of Canada's outdoor monthly. ROD AND GUN IN CANADA is published monthly by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Publishers, Woodstock, Ontario.

DECREASE OF CANADIAN CATCH

Fish Taken on the Atlantic Coast in July 1921 Much Less Than in Same Month in 1920.—Ten Fishermen Drowned.

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—A large decrease in the total catch of sea fish on both coasts during the month of July, as compared with the catch in July, 1920, is reported by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The figures are 654,448 cwts. compared with 904,461 hundredweights with a value of \$2,282,078 as compared with \$4,374,659.

The aggregate catch in cod, haddock, hake and pollock on the Atlantic coast during July was 85,758 cwts. less than for the same month in 1920. Herring also shows a large drop.

In the case of mackerel the catch for July was 5,111 cwts. better than for July of 1920.

The lobster catch since the season opened on November 15, last was 304,149 cwts. while the catch for the similar period last year was 345,454 cwts.

Ten fishermen were drowned while engaged in their work during July, eight on the Atlantic and two on the Pacific.

SELL MILK IN CUBES.

In Holland milk is now put up and sold in solid form, being made into little cubes which are readily dissolved in tea, coffee or other fluids, says the Columbus Dispatch.

The milk after removal of the cream, is reduced by heat to dryness, then powdered and mixed with the cream, the materials being pressed into blocks. These milk cubes have the advantage of preserving their freshness for a long time.

They are recommended for use in regions where milk is not easily to be had, and travellers may find it convenient to carry a supply of them.

Once in a while we find intelligent people who think that an editor puts the things he knows into the paper. His main business often is to keep the things he knows out of the paper.

A LEADER OF BOYS

(From the Youth's Companion.)
To be a successful leader of boys a man must live the life that he wants them to live. A boy is critical, suspicious creature, with high ideals and a sense of loyalty; but he has a perception of hypocrisy and insincerity that is uncanny. Most boys have a sense of humor; they like play-acting and jokes, and have a wonderful capacity for getting into scrapes; yet their sense of justice is accurate, and they really like discipline, for it relieves them of responsibility. But it is useless to preach to a boy unless you are ready to back up your courage by your example.

IN THE LAND OF THRIFT

(From the Ottawa Citizen.)
An Ottawa journalistic friend of ours, now visiting his native land, sends us the following from Shieldhill, Strone, Argyleshire:

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The Pastor: "So God has sent you two little brothers, Dolly." Dolly (brightly): "Yes, and he's the only one who knows where the moneys coming from. I heard daddy say so."

WOMEN AND THE BALLOT

It is Estimated That More Than 1,250,000 Will Be Entitled to Vote At Next Election.

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—Women of Canada will be out in full voting strength on Dominion election day, when according to an unofficial estimate, more than 1,250,000 will be entitled to cast their ballots.

The same estimate gives the total voting strength of both sexes at approximately 3,000,000. At the last Dominion election approximately two million votes were cast, and of these some 232,000 were soldier votes.

The deficiency between the voting strengths of 1917 and 1921, is accounted for by the fact that in 1917 some thirty constituencies were carried by acclamation and also by the fact that more women will be voting this year.

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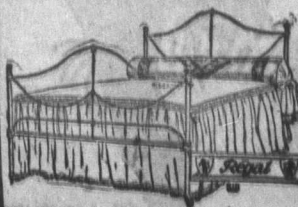
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