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## GASOLINE TAX.

Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Ontario Minister of Highways, has announced that it was the intention to submit legislation to his Provincial Government for the imposition of a gasoline tax of probably two cents per gallon, this to be confined to motorists. The bill will provide for rebates to farmers and to manufacturing concerns using gasoline for other than manufacturing purposes.

The proposal seems a perfectly fair one and opinions have been quite frequently expressed individually and collectively in Nova Scotia for similar enactments to take the place of the present tax on cars which is imposed irrespective of mileage run. The money received in this Province from the motor vehicle tax is devoted to paying interest and sinking fund on loans borrowed for five years programme of work. There is one year more of the programme to go.

The Province of Nova Scotia has spent and is spending very large amounts of money in the construction of highways, and it is money well spent. Any person who contracts the main highways of today with those of years past must concede that the improvement has been great. After construction there is another question only secondary in importance and that is upkeep. It has frequently been said that the automobile has brought instant demands for good roads and that auto owners have been very instrumental in the good road movement. That is all very true and it is also true that nothing tears good roads to pieces faster than auto traffic especially as carried on by reckless speeders whose chief desire appears to be to burn gas and devour space. Nothing is fairer than that the automobile owner should pay a tax. The question is in what form can this be most fairly and equitably paid.

The man who uses the roads most should pay most for their use. If that contention is granted the tax paid by the motorist should be on the basis of gas used. As matters now stand the man who drives ten thousand miles in a season pays no more than the man who drives one thousand provided their cars are of the same model. The man who travels the ten thousand miles does much more damage to our roads than the man who travels one and should pay correspondingly more for the use of the roads. He can pay that only through a tax on gasoline. Eventually we believe that the country will come to accept this view and get rid of the unfair inequalities which prevail in our Province at the present time in connection with the license fee asked from auto owners.

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## TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

The resolutions passed by the Social and Temperance workers assembled here last week call attention to a number of matters of prime importance. The move in the direction of having the Provincial government establish an industrial farm appears all right in most respects. The practice of jailing men and then not putting them to work during the period of their incarceration is all wrong. In many cases prisoners of this class have wives and families who must depend upon the kindness and charity of neighbors or become a public charge. Objections are often offered against imprisonment on these very grounds. It seems only reasonable that prisoners should be so placed as to be made to work and work hard, the product of their labor going toward the upkeep of their dependants. The placing of criminals in jail for a winter with nothing at all to do is certainly not wholly in the interests of either justice or the ratepayers who are honest and law abiding citizens.

The closing of the Liquor Export Houses will meet with the approval of practically all teetotalers and of a good many citizens who are not exactly in that class. The spectacle of huge stocks of liquor stored in a prohibition country to be shipped out in the hands of parties who are endeavoring to break the laws of the United States is not a reassuring situation and it looks now as if the export liquor houses of Nova Scotia will have to go as export liquor houses have gone in other provinces. On the grounds of pure temperance there is no justification whatever for their continued existence in Nova Scotia. The request to provide legislation to keep the sale of liquor confined to medicinal use and other bona fide purposes is a matter of some difficulty and in the ultimate analysis comes to our medical men. Some seldom or never give prescriptions. Others are more generous and may still keep strictly within the law. The question is when is liquor needed medicinally and when is it not? A solution might be found to some extent at least in a change in the number of prescriptions which may be legally issued in

a month. The question before towns of having a legal vendor or not having one is debatable. In the case of business by vendor the town derives a profit which would otherwise go to a private individual. The question arises: Is more liquor sold by having a vendor or by not having one. The vendor can only dispense on written request by a medical doctor. The law in this regard is, we believe, strictly carried out in Bridgetown.

Co-operation to a greater degree is sought from the Dominion government to prevent smuggling and rum-running. The practice of trying to keep down smuggling and rum-running by the use of a few steamers is futile. The United States has fallen back on fast motor boats and Canadian Tenthredinators now incline to that method. Years ago the editor in command in Cape Breton had a universal expression of opinion from them that the fast motor boat to pursue smugglers presented the only solution. Only an occasional cargo is seized among hundreds that are run and distributed without either risk or difficulty.

## PLAY BALL.

London Morning Post: The two English-speaking nations have a good deal in common. They are both loyal to King Shakespeare, for example and they also spend the greater part of their leisure time in doing something somehow to some kind of a ball rather than looking at Shakespearean revivals.

## THROWERS OF STONES.

Detroit News: The beginning of wisdom is a sparing use of general denunciations of large groups of people because of race, religion or geography. The present age is cursed with a spirit of group denunciation. It will be a good time when no man whatever his opinions, will denounce his brothers because they are Protestant or Catholic, or Jewish, or Negro, or foreign, or Southern.

## THE CHINESE PUZZLE.

London Daily Mail: The misfortunes of China began with the fall of the monarchy in 1912 and the introduction of sham democracy at the demand of Chinese "highbrows." No people in the world has suffered more from political catchwords. China remains an awful warning to the West and to people here in a hurry against the risk of trying prematurely to force Western theories upon the Oriental.

## BASEBALL IN ENGLAND.

Providence Journal: One-half of a baseball game is the reliable, noisy, happy, tumultuous fan. The English games (between the touring White Sox and Giants) have been played in a deadly vacuum of silence. In London the sole bit of enthusiasm aroused was the result of a dazzling triple play—that rarest of baseball feats—and it evoked from not more than twenty visitors the unguarded ejaculation, "I say, old fellow, well played!"

## THE WEARY TITAN.

Los Angeles Times: India, with her perpetually contending factions never would have held it together but for British control. Should the British retire a series of civil wars would devastate the country. From this distance it seems unlikely that the proposed Moslem Congress at Gatro will accomplish anything by way of a successful coalition against British rule, but the Nationalist movement is one that will be watched with apprehension by the friends of Great Britain. Our own experience in the Philippines has taught us something about the "white man's burden" that Great Britain assumed in India.

## THE FRENCH DEBT.

Boston Globe: M. Herriot's immediate task is to find a consolidation loan with which to convert the short-term obligations of the French floating debt into long-term securities. If he could collect war loans owing France he might retrieve 15,000,000,000 gold francs. But there is small prospect of that. On the other hand, that would amount to but 40 per cent. of what France owes England and America. With such collection almost hopeless, and with a deficit as sizable as he now finds his country faced by, it is no wonder French financial authorities declare that the French debt to America will never be paid.

## NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS.

Yorkshire Post: It is an essential part of the Socialist scheme that whilst all profits of management shall be pooled for the benefit of the workers, all losses shall be recouped from taxation. Not only do all such schemes crumble at the first touch of practical business criticism, but they will not stand the test of experience. Nationalization of railways has been given a long trial in more than one highly developed country, and nowhere has it been a national success. In France and Switzerland it has become an almost intolerable burden on the taxpayer. In Prussia it has been

abandoned. In Italy it has been a costly failure. In Russia it is a nightmare. In England it would be a national disaster.

## PREPAREDNESS.

Sydney (N. S. W. Bulletin): Belgium was not prepared for war, and although it was an entirely innocent party it suffered the horrors of invasion for four years and four months. Switzerland was prepared, in the sense that Australia should always be prepared (i.e., organized for a war of defence), and although the Swiss had always to reckon with the possibility that the Germans would violate their neutrality in order to turn the Franco-British right and therefore got Foch to plan a defensive campaign, their little Republic escaped. Britain was prepared for a naval war, very fortunately for the Allies and for us all; but had she carried the policy of preparedness to the extent of organizing a national army, as urged by Lord Roberts, Germany, as many Englishmen and still more Frenchmen believe, would never have attacked. Even so, the British Empire paid dearly in blood and treasure for having to fight a splendidly-equipped enemy with improvised armies.

## FAITH IN BRITAIN.

Adelaide (Australia) Chronicle: It is needless to explain that it is trust, not in Germany, but in Great Britain, that has prompted France to relax her hold on the one territorial security she possessed against a further default by her debtor, and against, still worse, another betrayal like that of which she was the victim in 1914. For though Belgium is more often spoken of as the sufferer by the invasion of that year, the infraction of the Belgium treaty inflicted a greater wrong still on France, who, acting on the assumption that her own loyalty to that treaty would equally be displayed by Germany, left her northeastern frontier unprotected against as dastardly a blow as was ever struck in the annals of warfare. Who with the memory of that cowardly and brutal coup in mind can wonder at the reluctance of France to relax her hold on the one tangible security against a renewed attack left to her, after the refusal of the Anglo-Saxon Powers to honor the guarantee for her frontier which had been made in their name by their leading spokesmen?

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## TENDERS

FOR COLLECTION OF COUNTY RATES.

TENDERS will be received till Dec. 31st for the collection of the Municipal tax and Dog tax, in the various Wards of the County for the ensuing year. (1) All Tenders must be sealed, marked "Tenders for Rates" and addressed to one of the undersigned. (2) All Tenders must furnish the names of two responsible Bondsmen to be approved by the Committee. (3) The full amount of the Rate Roll must be guaranteed in each case subject only to such reduction for illegal taxes as may be allowed by the Municipal Council.

F. W. BISHOP, C. L. PIGGOTT, LESLIE ARMSTRONG, Committee on Tenders and Public Property.

Bridgetown, Dec. 1st, 1924.

## BEAR RIVER.

Bear River.—Miss Gladys Colum, operator at the Telegraph office, who has been relieving Miss Masters, the past three months, left Monday for Berwick. She was the guest of honor at a surprise party at the home of Mrs. A. Marshall Thursday evening, when twenty-five young friends met and presented her with a club bag.

The first of a series of lectures that is being put on by the Women's Institute, was given Friday evening in Oakdale Hall, Dr. J. H. MacDonald, of Acadia University, Wolfville, was the speaker, taking for his subject "Scotland loved at home revered abroad." The evening was strictly Scotch, the songs consisting of old Scottish songs.

George Freeman, of Landsdowne, has moved to Bear River for the winter and taken the tenement owned by A. B. Marshall.

Dr. J. H. MacDonald was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cunningham, Friday, returning to Wolfville Saturday.

Miss Neva Masters, who has been assisting Miss Winchester at the Digby Telegraph office, has returned.

LIQUOR REVENUE ALMOST MILLION A MONTH IN B. C. Victoria, B. C.—Revenue totalling \$6,673,156.53 has been received by the government liquor stores in British Columbia between April 1st and this year, to October 1st, according to an answer tabled in the legislature by Attorney General Manson, to a question asked by J. W. Jones, Conservative, South Okanagan.

The revenue of the Victoria stores during the eight months' period was \$599,543; Vancouver about \$2,275,000.

## RECORD NUMBER COWS FOR MARITIME TEST.

Amherst.—Forty-four dairy cows have been entered in the three-day milking test held in connection with the Maritime Winter Fair opened here on Monday. The cows represent the dairy selection of the Maritime Provinces and the number in the competition constitutes a record. Nine milkings will be held, covering a period of three days.

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