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Where Canada Stands.

In view of all the talk of taxation it is well at times to look around and see where we stand when compared to others.

In 1914 the per capita taxation in Canada was \$21.21; in 1922 it had increased to \$42.63, in even figures just 100 per cent. The national debt per head was \$43.67 in 1914 and in 1922 it was \$270.12, increased 516 per cent.

In 1914 Australia had a per capita expenditure of \$27.39; in 1922 it reached \$57.32, an increase of 169 per cent against our 100 per cent. The per capita debt of Australia in 1914 was \$18.96; in 1922 it was \$359, an increase of 1,801 per cent against our increase of 516 per cent.

New Zealand spent, per capita, \$55.32 in 1914; in 1922 it was \$111.06, an increase of 100 per cent.

In South Africa the white population had a per capita tax of \$53 in 1916, and in 1922 it was \$96.03.

The per capita tax, then, worked on the basis of 1922, shows:

Canada	\$42.63
Australia	57.32
New Zealand	111.06
South Africa	96.03

Coupled with that showing is the fact that Canada is making a sincere effort to come out with a balanced budget this year, and as well to curtail expense in every possible direction.

This country is in a favorable position; its future is not mortgaged beyond the point of redemption. The call today is for a vision and the determination to muster all the hard work necessary to make that vision come true.

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