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HOW HE GOT ON

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their guns back into the Italian lines. This is a true story. It shows, perhaps, that our Canadians will do well to regard more highly than ever the boys of the beautiful land of Italy.

INTERESTING INFORMATION BOYS WILL LIKE
Curious Taxes

CANADIAN boys have heard a great deal about taxes, and as rate-payers, in a few years will be brought into even closer relationship to them. Taxes are inevitable, and every boy as he grows into manhood should recognize his responsibility as a Canadian citizen and cheerfully undertake his share. Taxes are not a new institution. They have existed in some form or other almost from the beginning of humanity. A perusal of the taxes during the time of Queen Elizabeth and her father, Henry VIII, and even during later times, will convince you how much sner are our taxes than were theirs.

When Henry VIII taxed beards and graduated the taxes according to the amount and style, many people of the time thought that this was almost outrageous. We are told by the records of Canterbury that the sheriff was forced to pay the sum of three shillings and four pence because his beard was both extra long and extra handsome. A little later this was modified and a man was allowed to go unshaven for two weeks.

Queen Elizabeth decided that it would be a good scheme to tax every child that was born according to the social status of the father; so we find that a duke who was a proud father had to pay thirty pounds for that privilege, while a commoner was taxed only two shillings.

It would not do any good to refuse to get married, because bachelors and widowers were compelled to pay quite a sum for the privilege of single blessedness. Queen Elizabeth also decided that the country's turn of mind was not religious enough, and so she imposed a tax on all people who stayed away from church on Sunday.

One of the most peculiar taxes, as well as one of the oldest ones, was the window tax, which was commenced in the reign of William III. and not discontinued until 1851. By this every house that had more than six windows was heavily taxed. Houses with fancy windows were, of course, taxed at a higher rate. It is very amusing to read the curious ways that people used to escape the window tax, such as extending one window across two houses, with a wide division between the two panes of glass. Another way was to put a partition between two rooms at the middle of a window, thus making one window light two rooms at once.

Other curious taxes of old English times were those on hats, gloves, perfumes, and all sorts of toilet articles, stone bottles, and bricks, clocks, and watches, and it was only because of a serious protest that this tax was reduced



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