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DRAYTON ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT CHANGES IN LUXURY TAX

League of Nations Plank Proves Snag at Republican Convention

TIMBER FARMING
REVEALED TO JUDGES
AT PT. ARTHUR PROBE

Russell Co. Bought Merchant-
able Pulpwood From Home-
stead Clearings.

POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE

Port Arthur, Ont., June 9.—After
having heard on Monday and Tuesday
about the timber miners and the tim-
ber fishermen, the Latchford-Riddell
commission Wednesday afternoon
learned the details of timber farming.
James Taylor was the witness from
whom most of this evidence was
drawn by Crown Prosecutor R. T.
Harding. Taylor had been a sub-con-
tractor taking out wood for the Rus-
sell Company, and he told how he and
others located homesteads and in
clearing them for agricultural pur-
poses found it necessary to cut a large
amount of merchantable pulpwood, for
which they found a ready buyer in
the Russell Company, which, in turn,
found it convenient and profitable to
buy, because they were permitted to
clear wood taken from homesteads
for shipment to the United States.

It appeared to be the practice of
many of these homesteaders (who
were very closely associated with the
Russell Company) to go on the land
and cut the timber and sell it, and
as Mr. Taylor said, in answer to one
question, the amount of timber when
taking up a homestead was a great
consideration, and it appeared from a
letter from the department, signed by
Mr. Grigg, that an inspector had re-
ported that buildings erected on the
Taylor farm property were much more
like lumber camps than like the ordi-
nary farm houses.

Careless of Boundary Lines.
Among other things, Taylor also
swore to making subdivisions without
paying much attention to what was
in them, and to cutting timber with-
out paying attention to boundary
lines.

A political atmosphere developed
during the afternoon while evidence
continued on Page 2, Col. 4.

TO MAKE CHANGES
IN POSTAL CHARGES

Registration Fee on Letters
Raised From Five to
Ten Cents.

AFFECTS NEWSPAPERS

Rate of Postage to Go Up
From One to Two Cents
Per Pound.

Ottawa, June 9.—(By Canadian
Press).—A few minutes before twelve
o'clock the house of commons went
into committee on a resolution which
provides for several amendments to
the postoffice act. It provides for an
increase in the registration fee on
letters and other matter passing thru
the mails, from five to ten cents. The
rate of postage on newspapers and
periodicals printed and published in
Canada and issued at intervals of less
than one month is increased from one
to two cents per pound, or fraction
thereof.

Newspapers and periodicals which are
sent by mail at a distance of more
than forty miles, or the publication of
which is of greater frequency than once
a week, shall be subject to a rate of
one cent per pound, or fraction
thereof, for the year beginning January,
1921, and one-half a cent per pound,
or fraction thereof, for the following
years. This postage is to be affixed by
stamp, or as the postmaster-general
may direct.

Hon. Martin Burrell, explaining the
resolution, said there had been a loss of
a quarter of a million on postal mat-
ters in the past year. The ten-cent
rate was the same as that of the United
States, and practically the same as that
in England.

Mr. Burrell said that, while the post-
office was carrying 54 per cent. of the
total mail matter in newspapers, the
revenue from these was only one per
cent. Taking \$7,000,000 pounds of new-
papers, at one-quarter of a cent per
hundred, the present rate brought in
\$20,000 per year. The department was
losing \$5,000,000 a year by the present
rate.

Lemieux's Complaint.
Hon. Mr. Lemieux charged that the
government, by this resolution, was pro-
moting sectionalism, dividing the
avenues between east and west and hin-
dering the free exchange of thought. If
the government wished to increase revenue,
it should close off the heads of the top-
heavy postoffice.

Mr. Lemieux thought that the increase
would tend to reduce the circulation of
Canadian publications and let in a flood
of yellow literature from the United
States.

W. A. Buchanan, of Lethbridge, pointed
out that the publishers of daily new-
papers were agreeable to an increase in
postal rates.

Hon. Martin Burrell pointed out that
there would still be a large deficit of the
mailing of newspapers, even when the
increases went thru.

The clauses in the resolution were
aimed to remove abuses, Mr. Burrell ex-
plained.
The resolution was adopted and the
bill based on it given first reading.

REPUBLICAN PARTY
IS FACING A SPLIT
OVER LEAGUE PLANK

Irreconcilables Threaten Break
Unless It Declares Against
Covenant—Small, Commit-
tee Attempts to Find Com-
promise, But Antis Are
Resolute—Atmosphere of
Sullen Defiance.

Chicago, June 9.—After a long discus-
sion of the league of nations issue
which it was said failed to bring the
opposing sides appreciably closer to-
gether, the resolutions sub-committee de-
cided shortly before midnight to abandon
efforts at an agreement tonight.

Chicago, June 9.—It looked tonight
as if the League of Nations were
likely to prove the monkey-wrench in
the machinery of the Republican na-
tional convention. For the present,
possible candidates are forgotten, the
fight has switched to the League of
Nations plank in the Republican plat-
form, and tonight there was an open
threat of a break in the party over
this issue. Senators who are classed
as irreconcilables to the league
threatened to leave the party unless
it declared flatly against the league.
The ultimatum was delivered in
dramatic fashion at a conference of
leaders. It put the league issue sud-
denly to the fore of all other ques-
tions before the national convention,
not excepting even the nomination of
a presidential candidate.

Today the delegates assembled in
the Coliseum and all they had to do
was to listen to a few speeches. The
convention's work was held back
while in a quiet room down town a
dozen men representing the treaty re-
servationists and the treaty irrecon-
cilables, gathered about a table and
tried to decide what policy the party
should pursue with regard to the
league covenant.

At the conference of leaders where
the threat to split the party developed,
Senator Borah, of Idaho, Brandegee,
of Connecticut, and McCormick, of Il-
linois, represented the irreconcilables,
and former Senator W. Murray Crane,
of Massachusetts, in past conventions
a national leader, spoke for the group
demanding a plank for the league,
with reservations. Senator Watson, of
Indiana, chairman of the resolutions
committee, undertook the role of
peacemaker.

Seeking Middle Course.
To night the leaders were only half
heartedly attempting to conceal their
apprehension over the situation. Most
of them grimly predicted an agree-
ment, but none appeared to be sure
of his ground. The resolution was
passed last night, a resolution
sub-committee, headed by Senator
Watson, sought to find a middle
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SAYS INDIAN FORCE
JOINED THE REBELS

Latest Bolshevik Yarn Claims
British Are Retreating
Towards Bagdad.

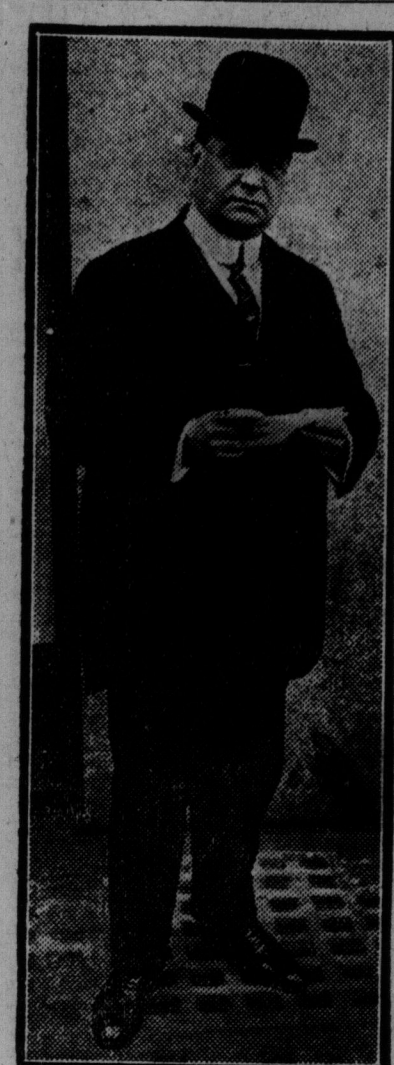
London, June 9.—During the night
of June 9, a provisional government
was formed in Resht, Persia, sixteen
miles southeast of Enzeli, headed by
the revolutionary leader, Mirza Ku-
chuk, according to a wireless message
sent out by the Russian soviet gov-
ernment Tuesday. The revolution was
warmly greeted by the local popula-
tion, the message says.
The British are hurriedly retreat-
ing toward Bagdad. They abandoned
Resht without fighting as the Indian
troops were opposed to fighting
against the revolutionaries. A consid-
erable part of the Indian forces are
alleged to have gone over to Mirza
Kutchuk.

NO TRUTH IN REPORT.

London, June 9.—Mr. Bonar Law,
in the house today, when asked
if there were any grounds for the Bo-
lshavist boasts of the rout of British
forces at Resht, Persia, said there
was no justification for the reports,
which were probably based on the
fact that the British were some time
ago voluntarily withdrawing from Resht
under the scheme for reducing British
commitments abroad.

SMALL BOY KILLED
BY FALLING BRICK

Three and one-half-year-old John
Harovitch, 46 Cameron street, was so
badly injured at 3:30 yesterday after-
noon, when a brick falling from the
roof of a building struck him on the
head that the child died in the Hos-
pital for Sick Children. It was stated
by the police of Claremont street
division that the little boy was playing
in front of a four-story building in
the course of construction at 192 Spadina
avenue. Baby Harovitch put his head
in the doorway of the building and
was struck by a brick, which had fallen
from the fourth floor. The child's
skull was fractured. An inquest will
be held.



JOHNSON AT CONVENTION.

Johnson, current newspaper reports it is
evident that forces are combining to
defeat Johnson, in which event it is
not unlikely that he will run for
the presidential chair on the inde-
pendent ticket, following the course
of Theodore Roosevelt in 1912. The
photograph shows Hiram Johnson
before his hotel prior to leaving to
deliver his speech in the Auditorium
Theatre, Chicago.

TAX EXEMPTION
FOR ALL VETERANS

For Five-Year Period, Pro-
posed by Hon. Rodolphe
Lemieux.

Ottawa, June 9.—(By Canadian
Press).—A five-year exemption for re-
turned soldiers from taxation under
this year's budget is proposed in a
resolution to be submitted to the com-
mons Friday by Hon. Rodolphe
Lemieux. The resolution in full reads
as follows:

"Whereas the returned soldier and his
dependents have already borne the
burden of their war service and have
contributed invaluable services to the
preservation and prosperity of the
state, and whereas the recent rise in
taxation has set forth in the budget
will increase the difficulty of getting
re-established in a productive capacity
by greatly augmenting the cost of liv-
ing, this house is of opinion that all
returned soldiers who have seen over-
seas service should be exempted from
the new taxation for a period of at
least five years. That a discharge cer-
tificate be considered sufficient evidence of a right to
this exemption. That legislation to
this effect be enacted during the
present session."

The Dominion executive of the
Grand Army United Veterans heartily
endorsed the action of Hon. R. Lem-
ieux in putting this motion before the
house. They went on record as con-
gratulating him on having the cour-
age of his convictions. Fred Marsh,
provincial organizer of the G.A.U.V.,
(Continued on Page 5, Col. 6)

SELF-RATIONING THE ONE CURE!

WHEN and where will the drop in the cost of living begin, so as to put an
end to disputes over wages?
It can't begin in rents: for houses are very scarce everywhere. It can't
begin in bread or meat: for wheat and its grain substitutes promise a reduced
yield, and cattle for food are decreasing in number, and cost more to feed.
Sugar is away. That is another story.
But garden truck for food, clothes, foot wear and the like, metals, many
manufactured goods are coming down in price. And other things not yet
reduced must soon follow.

Professional men are all increasing their charges.
The only hope seems to be in the general public going on strike against
those who are holding them up, no matter who they may be.

If labor can strike for still higher wages, why can't the whole people go
on strike for cheaper food, cheaper goods, cheaper service? Let the great suffer-
ing public out their requirements of all kinds in two! Cut a lot of them out
entirely!
If they don't we'll all have to go on rations. Let each consumer ration
himself!

Self-rationing in all things is the only likely and widespread cure.
You can't cut out the left boot and buy only a right one; nor can you do
without sugar or bread, but you can buy a three dollar pair of boots instead
of a six dollar pair, and you can cut out bread waste, use less meat and
cheaper meat; half of your quota of sugar and tobacco; half your amusements
and candy; half your tripping and holiday ventures.

Cut everything one-half. A world war mad and hysterical will then come
to its senses! We're all crazy about what we want, and crazy to get it. Cut
out half of it all! Go on strike against the hold-up man, whoever he may be!

ULSTER VOLUNTEERS
IN PITCHED BATTLE
WITH SINN FEINERS

Fifty Raiders Were About to
Burn Courthouse When
Surprised.

NINE CASUALTIES

Belfast, June 9.—A pitched battle,
resulting in several casualties, was
fought last night in the village of
Lisnakeilly near Enniskillen. A
patrol of Ulster volunteers surprised
50 raiders, who evidently were about
to burn the courthouse.

Two of the Ulster men were wound-
ed, one of them being shot thru the
lung. The raiders' casualties are es-
timated at seven. These men were car-
ried off by their comrades.
A flammable material was found
near the courthouse by a military
detachment, which arrived after the
flight of the raiders.

BURGLARS MAKE
BIG JEWELRY HAUL

Entered Rotenberg Home on
Spadina Road—\$5000
Loss Reported.

Burglars made a haul of \$6,000
worth of diamonds and jewelry last
night when they broke into the home
of Harry Rotenberg, 77 Spadina road.
The burglary was committed while
members of the household were out,
and the thieves searched the upstairs
section of the house, from the attic
down. They were evidently undistur-
bed in their work, and after gather-
ing up their loot walked out the back
door.

When Mr. Rotenberg returned to his
home shortly before midnight the theft
was discovered and the police in-
formed. The diamonds stolen consisted
of rings and necklaces set with di-
amonds. The jewelry and personal ef-
fects stolen were valued at \$5,000,
according to Mr. Rotenberg when spoken
to by The World.

It is the belief of Mr. Rotenberg that
the premises were entered by means of
climbing thru an unlocked window of
the pantry. A list of the stolen articles
was furnished to the police so that they
could keep a close lookout on the pawnshops
in the event of an attempt being made to
dispose of the jewelry.

BRIBERY ATTEMPTED
IN ONTARIO HOUSE

U.F.O. Whip Says Appalling
Sums Unmercifully Offered
Last Session.

London, Ont., June 9.—"The sums of
money offered to representatives of
the people to pass certain pieces of
legislation during the last session of
the legislature was appalling," was
the startling statement made by Andrew
Pickles, U.F.O. whip, in an address to
the East Middlesex U.F.O. picnic here
this afternoon. "But, thank God," he
added, "not one of our U.F.O. mem-
bers succumbed to the effort at bribery."
Mr. Pickles, who with Hon. Peter
Smith and Mayor Little addressed the
gathering predicted a farmers' gov-
ernment at Ottawa after the next
election.

Government Deportation
Billed Killed in Senate

Ottawa, June 9.—(By Canadian
Press).—The government's bill re-
pealing the clauses in the Immigra-
tion Act giving the minister of immi-
gration power to summarily deport
British-born residents of Canada
found guilty of sedition or conspiracy
against established authority—such
legislation was passed last year at
the time of the Winnipeg strike—was
rejected in the senate today by a non-
party vote of 30 to 17. This means
that the law will stand as passed last
year and that no changes can be made
during the present session.

A. J. SMALL CIRCULARS
SENT OUT BY POLICE

The last of the Ambrose Small cir-
culars being distributed all over the
world were sent out from the detec-
tive office last night. Letters from
persons who think they have informa-
tion of a useful nature in the mystery
case are arriving at headquarters
daily. A number of letters were re-
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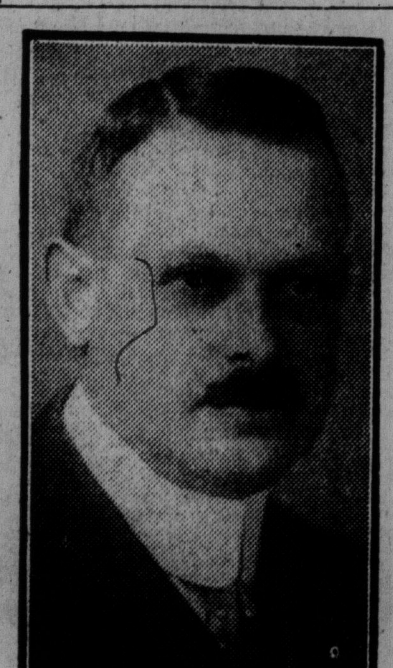
It was from a colored man in Phila-
delphia, who, according to his printed
letter, is known across the border
as "Professor" Williams. Williams
asks that he be furnished with some
of Small's pictures and effects that he
may disclose to the police the fate
of the missing millionaire. The let-
ter is regarded with others as being
useless.

PREDICT \$20 COAL.

Brantford, Ont., June 9.—(Special).
The Standard Coal Company made
the prediction this morning that coal
would be \$20 per ton before the win-
ter was over.

TWELVE KILLED IN RIOTS.

Gratz, June 9.—Twelve persons were
killed by bullets in Monday's riots.
The newspapers declare the distur-
bances were due to anti-Semitic and
monarchic agencies.



HARRY REBURN

Whom the board of control recom-
mended for appointment as finance
commissioner, at a salary of \$8,000
a year. Mr. Reburn has been 30
years in the civil treasury depart-
ment, and is at present head of the
accounting branch.

JUDGE MACLENNAN
WASTES NO TIME
ON MERE FRILLS

Cancellation Board Likely to
Deal Swiftly With Toronto
Street Railway Issue.

WANTS HARD FACTS

There can be no doubt whatsoever
that Justice MacLennan of Montreal
is one of the strongest personalities
who have ever sat in Toronto as chair-
man of any board of conciliation. He
does not spend time or bother over
trivial triflings, but goes direct to his
point and soon cleans up the argu-
mentative sides of each question. At
last night's sitting of the cancellation
board to deal with the differences be-
tween the Toronto Street Railway
Company and their employees as to
wages, hours of work, closed shop,
and some minor matters, the judge
did not let either side get out of hand.
When any speaker began to wander
from the subject under discussion the
judge quickly pulled him up and
brought him back on the main road.
The judge's concluding remark on the
commission rising last night "I expect
all evidence to be in by one o'clock on
Thursday," was a gentle intimation
that he did not intend to unnecessarily
prolong the board's sittings, and meant
to finish the whole business in almost
record time.

Associated with the judge on the
board are W. H. Moore, representing
the T.R.C., and J. T. Vick for the em-
ployees. Controller Gibbons and ex-
Controller Robbins are presenting the
men's case, whilst R. J. Fleming and
Fred Hubbard are defending the in-
terests of the company. A general
talkie-talkie over the proposed new
agreement presented by the employees
was the chief business of the day. The
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DRAYTON ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT CHANGES IN LUXURY TAX

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LIGHTEN BURDEN OF TAXES
UPON BOOTS AND CLOTHING;
LEVY ON COSTLY FURNITURE

Sir Henry Drayton Announces, in House, Important
Changes in Luxury Taxation — Boots and Essential
Clothing to Be Taxed Fifteen Per Cent. on Excess,
Instead of Ten Per Cent. on Total Selling Price—Ex-
pensive China, Like Furniture, to Be Subject to Impos-

CHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE RETROACTIVE;
FINANCE MINISTER'S REPLY TO CRITICISM

Ottawa, June 9.—Important changes in the luxury taxes are impending.
In the house tonight Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, indicated some
changes he intends to propose. In brief, they are:

(a) Boots and essential articles of clothing to be taxed 15 per cent. on the
excess, instead of 10 per cent. on the total selling price.
(b) Expensive furniture, walking sticks and expensive china to be subject
to luxury tax. They were not previously included.
(c) Exemption limit increased on furs, coats, caps, muffs, neckpieces, robes
and rugs.

(d) Modifications in the tax on sporting goods, velvets, velveteens, lace
and braid, ribbons and carpets.
Sir Henry did not give formal notice of his proposed amendments. This
will be given later. He also made it clear to the house that the taxes as laid
down in the budget speech would be still in force for the present.
"Nothing said tonight," he declared, "will alter the present law until the
resolutions have passed the house."

Criticism is Roused.

Consideration of the proposed changes was deferred until Thursday, but
the procedure aroused some criticism. Dr. Clark of Red Deer queried the
minister of finance if the budget proposals were to be taken as serious pro-
posals, now the minister was giving a whole list of alterations in detail.
To this, Sir Henry replied that no changes in principle were proposed.
Certain luxuries were to be included which were omitted in the original
resolution. Certain modifications were proposed in deference to suggestions
received.

A modification was proposed, Sir Henry added, in regard to sports and
games. Articles required for the popular games would be exempted from tax
up to a certain amount, as for instance: baseballs and bats exempt up to \$1.25;
mitts and gloves, exempt to \$1.50; skates, exempt to \$2; footballs, exempt to
\$3; lacrosse sticks, to \$1.50; hockey sticks, to 75 cents.

A tax of 15 per cent. was also proposed on all extravagant furniture of
walnut, mahogany, rosewood, etc. A tax also would be placed on expensive
china and crockery.

Sir Henry also announced that he proposed to put a tax of 10 per cent. on
all candy and substitutes for candy, except chewing gum, or labeled pieces
marked 10 cents or less, and with some other special exceptions. On chewing
gum and substitutes the tax is to be reduced from ten to three per cent.
He proposed to increase the tax on motor cars retailing at \$5,000 or more
each from 15 to 20 per cent.

The originally proposed cumulative tax of 44 on lime juices, medicines
and perfumes is to be made non-cumulative and reduced to 32.
It is proposed to abandon the present stamp taxes on patent and proprie-
tary medicines and perfumery.

Furs will be taxed 10 per cent., instead of 20 per cent., as originally pro-
vided.
Clocks and watches in excess of \$10 each will be taxed.
The tax upon playing cards is to be reduced considerably.

Not Retroactive.

Mr. Rinfret (St. James, Montreal): "May I ask the minister whether this
new budget, if it may call it so, is to take effect immediately, or only when a
bill is introduced and passed; and will the new taxes be retroactive?"
"I don't think we can make the matter retroactive," Sir Henry replied.
"So far as anything new is concerned, it will become effective on a measure
thereof being introduced in the house."

"Tomorrow these changes now proposed will be in effect thruout the coun-
try?" Dr. Beland pursued.

"By what are the retail merchants thruout the country to be guided to-
morrow?" Dr. Beland continued.

By the resolutions already tabled," was Sir Henry's reply.
Sir Henry also announced that instead of velvet and velveteens being
taxed on the whole piece, they would be taxed when selling in excess of \$2 a
yard; instead of all lace and braid being taxable, the same thing would pro-
vide for a tax on lace and braid when sold in excess of 25 cents a yard, and
provisions when in excess of 50 cents a yard. On carpets, the exemption would
be \$6, instead of \$3.

Consider Income Tax Act.
When the house went into commit-
tee for further consideration of the
income war tax act, J. A. Archambault
(Chamby-Verchères) proposed
that the exemption allowance out of
taxable income be made \$600 for each
child, instead of \$200, now provided.
He estimated that the minimum

figure for the upkeep of a child was
now \$563 per year. Sir Henry Dray-
ton said the objection to the increased
allowance was that it would upset the
balance of taxable income.
H. S. Lavigneur (Quebec county)
said that he had had twenty-three
children and supported the amend-
ment.
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SUGGESTED CHANGES
IN THE LUXURY TAXES

Putting Tax on Excess, Not Total Cost—Articles Affected
Include Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Overcoats, Trousers,
Dresses, Skirts—To Tax Walking Sticks.

Ottawa, June 9.—Sir Henry Dray-
ton's amendments to the luxury tax,
suggested in the commons tonight, in-
cluded proposals that the tax on boots,
shoes, pumps and slippers might be
raised from ten to fifteen per cent. on
all of these cost over \$5, the tax to
be figured on the excess over \$5 in-
stead of the total cost of the article.

Sir Henry submitted further amend-
ments in regard to essential articles
of clothing. Instead of ten per cent.
on the full cost, the tax on the follow-
ing articles, if present suggestions are
adopted, will now be fifteen per cent.
on the excess:

New Tax on Clothing.
Trousers, sold separately from suits,
in excess of \$12 per pair; coats, men's
and boys', sold separately from suits,
(not including leather coats lined with
sheepskin) in excess of \$25 each;
clothes overcoats, men's and boys', wo-
men's and misses', in excess of \$50
each; waistcoats, men's, sold separately
from suits, in excess of \$5 each;
dresses, women's and misses', (except
except silk), in excess of \$45 each; skirts,
sold separately from suits, in ex-
cess of \$60 each; coats, women's and
misses', sold separately from suits,
(except silk), in excess of \$30 each.

The further stipulation is made that
on articles of clothing, the selling
price of material and the cost of
manufacture, when sold separately,
are to be combined for determining
the selling price.

No change, Sir Henry added, was
proposed on the tax on articles which
might be regarded as an extravagance
reduced from ten to three per cent.

Further suggestions will be made
(Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

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