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A Few Points on the Profit Tax.

WILL DISORGANIZE OUTPORT TRADE.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Last evening the curtain rang down upon one of the most dramatic scenes ever witnessed in the Halls of our local Legislature. To the man who has a spark of patriotism in his make up and has followed the careers of our public men for the past generation, it would have appeared better had the Upper House been legislated out of existence altogether. It has certainly now become the "dumping Chamber." One felt like wondering what were the feelings of the four new Councillors who had just taken the oath of office. The Business Profits Tax Bill has now become the law of the land. Whatever extra Revenue will be raised by this method will be paid, while the war lasts, by the merchants. The rich man who is not a merchant escapes scot free. The motor car of the wealthy joy riding lawyer or politician may continue to splash the poor pedestrian citizen with mud, the merchant will have to pay the taxes.

"Every person liable to taxation under this Act shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, without any notice or demand, deliver in duplicate to the Minister (of Finance and Customs) a return in form B of the Schedule to this Act or in such other form as the Minister may prescribe covering each accounting period for which he is liable to taxation," etc., etc.

Outport business men who have hitherto thought that they were free and independent, and conducting their business according to their own methods, will now realize that they can no longer do so. Those who have hitherto not been able, through circumstances over which they have no control, to settle up their previous year's business before April will now have to do so in February. For instance an outport business man usually has to visit St. John's in January to make arrangements for salt and supplies the coming season. This trip generally takes from one to three weeks. Then he returns home and takes stock. After stock taking is over he gets his traps, etc., mended for the next summer. Not until this is done does he make up his balance sheet and open his books for the current year. Now all this has got to be altered. The outport merchant will have to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The city merchant who buys in anywhere from one hundred and fifty to two hundred thousand qtls. of fish in November and December and does not get it all out of the stores until the following June and July will also have to finalize his balance sheet in February.

In reference to the tax, may I ask if the Minister of Finance and Customs will be satisfied with the mere statement which each merchant furnishes, or will he have to send his firm's books to the nearest Custom House for inspection? I ask this for information's sake.

From the remarks made by some of our very wise legislators one would think that the only men doing business in the country are on Water St. and that Water Street alone will have to pay this extra taxation.

To the man on the street the action of the Government in trying to arouse the fishermen of the country against the merchant is laughable. If it were midwinter when the fishermen had plenty of spare time on their hands it might prove different. It is quite evident that Sir Edward Morris has no intention of appealing again to the electorate of St. John's West but will accept an appointment as Commissioner of Newfoundland in London or South Africa somewhere and Hon. Dr. Lloyd will succeed him as leader of the Government party.

The agitation was got up with the hope that the merchants would oppose the bill and thus give the Coalition Government an opportunity to appeal to the country with the Profits Tax Bill as the issue. The action of the merchants last evening must have been a great disappointment to them. Their action was dignified and gentlemanly and what the country expected of them. Time alone will tell whether they have done the right thing.

In reply to Sir Edward Morris's denial of the statement appearing in my letter of Saturday I can only say that it was taken from the official report of the House of Commons of Canada as published in the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal.

Thanking you in anticipation, Mr. Editor, for publication.

Yours truly,
PATRIOT.
August 21st, 1917.

HOLDING ENQUIRY.—An enquiry in connection with the fire that destroyed the summer residence of Mr. W. A. O'D. Kelly, on Kanmount Road, a few weeks ago is now being held at the Magistrate's Court.

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ANNUAL FLOWER SERVICE.—On Sunday afternoon next the annual Flower Service will be held at the C. of E. Cemetery. The C. L. B. Band are now preparing a special program of sacred music for the occasion. A collection will be taken up in aid of the Cemetery Fund.

A Garden Party will be held at Flatrock, St. John's East, on Wednesday, the 29th August. aug21.11

ST. THOMAS'S PICNIC.—Yesterday the postponed annual picnic of the St. Thomas's Sunday School was held at the beautiful farm of Mr. Woodley, Quidi Vidi Lake, and was largely attended. Ringo racing and other games were indulged in by the little ones and not a few of the grown-ups, and on the whole the day was voted a great success.

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Reaching the trenches beyond the main British positions the enemy was caught by the British guns. In search of cover, he dropped into the advanced position that had been held by the Newfoundlanders. Without waiting for supports, the troops from the great island in the Atlantic surged forward again like men lashed to madness. For thirty minutes there raged, in and around their lost position, such a hand-to-hand fight as had rarely been seen in the whole course of the war. Good judges doubt whether such a fury of slaughter oc-

curred more than once before along the British front. It was believed that not a single German got back to his own lines. In the trenches in which the Newfoundlanders again settled, and over the ground which they had counter-attacked, there were fifteen hundred German corpses, and many others wounded."

GRAND CLASH OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

"Then, amid and around the dreadful shell curtains, maintained by the artillery on either side the Scottish, English, Welsh, and Nfld. troops closed upon Ludendorff's main armies. Gavrelle was recovered by bitter fighting by Sir Henry Horne's corps, and then held against incessant assaults by enemy storming troops. Again and again the Germans gathered, in a wood by the Douai Road, only to be more than decimated by the British barrage, and finally dispersed by the machine-guns of the British garrison in Gavrelle. The struggle went on for thirty-six hours. The survivors of each broken German force were sorted out, reduced from battalions to companies, and held in reserve for another attack."

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS.—No further cases of infantile paralysis have been reported from Whitbourne and it is hoped that the case which was discovered there a few days ago is the only one. Everything possible to prevent the disease from spreading is being done by the medical authorities.

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