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### HARBOR COMMISSION

A conference took place at the board of trade offices, yesterday afternoon, between the harbor committee of the board and Mr. Wigmore, M. P., on the subject of harbor commission.

Mr. Wigmore stated that he and Mr. Elkin had presented the matter very strongly upon the federal ministers and that the government was disposed to yield to the wishes of the people of St. John in the matter. An early expression of opinion from the people is desired, if the subject is to be dealt with at this session of parliament.

Mr. Wigmore assured the committee that such extraordinary expenditures as the extension of the breakwater and the

construction of an island breakwater would be taken care of by the public works department and would not become a charge upon the traffic of the port.

A further assurance was given that the government would not permit port rates on traffic to be any higher at St. John than at competing ports.

So far as the composition of the commission is concerned, Mr. Wigmore stated that no consideration had yet been given to that phase of the matter, but it was the determination of both the members and the government that none but the best men would be chosen for these highly important offices.

One very important result of harbor commission, Mr. Wigmore stated, would be to relieve the city of about \$2,000,000 of indebtedness, which would mean a decrease of about two-fifths in the present taxes, a most important consideration for the ratepayer.

The first charge against a firm for employing a man who has not registered under the M. S. A. act was brought before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court yesterday afternoon and the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, which was allowed to stand.

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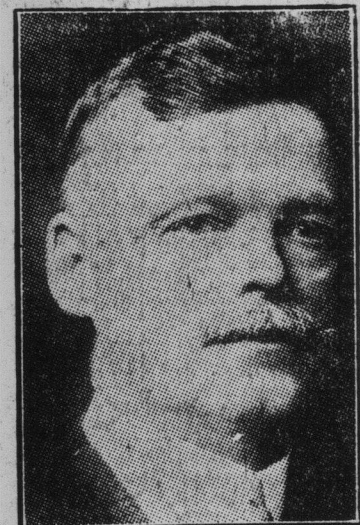
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## MOST STUPENDOUS BUDGET THAT EVER BRITAIN FACED

Bonar Law Deals With Empire Finances

### INCREASES IN TAXES

Liquor, Beer, Tobacco, Matches and Sugar to Pay More; Increase in Demand from Incomes; Nation Backs Chancellor

London, April 22.—The most stupendous budget in British history was received yesterday by the House of Commons and new taxes were greeted there without a murmur. Lobby correspondents say there was something of grandeur in the aspect of the house, reflecting the nation's spirit and strength. This is shown also by the newspapers in their comment.

Chancellor Bonar Law, introducing the budget in the house of commons yesterday, announced that in the last year Great Britain had advanced £505,000,000 to its allies and that the United States had advanced £890,000,000 to the Entente nations.

"It is only necessary for us," he said, "to lean on the United States to the amount the other allies lean on us. In other words we are self-supporting."

The chancellor said that at the end of the present year the national debt would be £7,960,000,000. He did not regard the debt of Russia as a bad one, believing that sooner or later there would be an ordered government of that nation.

The total debt due Great Britain from its allies at the end of the year, he added, would be £1,682,000,000.

The chancellor estimated the expenditures in the coming year at £2,727,197,000. He placed the revenue at £774,260,000, plus £37,800,000 to be gained from new taxation, making the total of £846,060,000. This balance of £2,180,147,000 to be covered by borrowing.

According to an official statement issued by the treasury the tax on earned incomes up to £500 remains as before—two shillings three pence on a pound. Between £500 and £1,000, it has been raised to three shillings. From £1,000 to £2,000 the tax will be five shillings three pence.

With regard to a double income tax within the empire, Chancellor Bonar Law said he proposed to adopt the principle of his predecessor, and the extra shilling would not apply when the double tax was equal to six shillings. Allowances for children would apply to incomes up to £600, instead of £700, as at present.

According to the new taxation, the super tax would be four shillings six pence in the pound instead of three shillings six pence and would begin with incomes amounting to £2,500 instead of £3,000. The chancellor said that farmers would be taxed on the assumption that their profits are twice their rentals. The present law assumes that a farmer's income is exactly equal to his rental.

The spirit duty would be increased from fourteen shillings nine pence a gallon, to thirty shillings, bringing in £5,500,000. The beer duty would be raised from twenty-five to fifty shillings a barrel and would bring in £9,700,000. He had no doubt that at the prices to be fixed by the food controller, the trade could bear the burden and still make a good profit.

The tobacco duty would be raised from six shillings five pence to eight shillings two pence a pound. Tobacco was under the control of the tobacco controller and the result of the increased tax would be that the retail price would be fixed at two pence more an ounce, not all of which, however, would come out of the consumer. Under this new scale the import of 6,000 tons of tobacco would give a revenue of £5,500,000 this year. There would be a small additional duty on matches, bringing in £900,000. The sugar tax would be increased by eleven shillings eight pence a hundred weight, which would bring in this year £12,400,000 and in a full year £18,200,000.

**New Tax on Luxuries.**

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MEN'S CLOTHING DEPT.

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in France and would be two pence in the shilling, to be collected by stamps. The chancellor said that the issue of tax-free four per cent war bonds would cease from today. It was proposed to substitute similar bonds to be issued at 101-1/2 instead of at par, which would give a slightly lower yield on the basis of a six per cent income.

"National accounts must be kept in the same way as business accounts," added the chancellor, "and for the time being we must make allowances, not only for what is happening in Russia, but for the possibility that at the end of the war we might not be able to rely on receiving immediately the interest due by our allies."

He therefore proposed to take off half the debt of the Allies as though it were Great Britain's liability at the end of the year, and also the debts due from the dominions in full and the obligation of India in full, making a total of £1,124,000,000.

**Press Comment.**

The Daily Mail says the budget will be popular but it does not go far enough. The heaviest taxes, it adds, are

placed on a very small class who will not complain, and the newspaper is confident that the mass of wage earners would not resent a graduated tax on weekly wages.

"The practical workmanlike budget seems to justify Bonar Law's optimism concerning our ultimate solvency," says the Daily Chronicle.

The income tax, the Daily News believes, could have been increased more largely, and adds—

"It is a wonderful testimony to the resources of the nation that we are still able to finance ourselves after financing the Allies for three years."

The Times believes that the estimated reserve will prove to be considerably within the mark.

The Daily Graphic says that the prosperity of the country enables it to face the new burdens without grave dislocation of industry.

"It is war taxation with a vengeance," says the Daily Telegraph, "but the nation expected it and, realizing that the budget represents a fresh effort to retain by present sacrifices a financially advantageous position for the future, the country will take up the burden in the

knowledge that British credit is still unshaken."

The new imports, the Morning Post believes, will be borne most cheerfully by the nation so long as it knows its resources are used to the utmost to defeat the enemy.

Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer, applauded Chancellor Bonar Law's really great effort, and, in the course of some mild criticism, urged the United States should take over from Great Britain the burden of financing the Allies, while Great Britain confined its attention to financing itself.

Bonar Law interposed to say that that was the kind of arrangement he proposed to adopt.

The business men's class of the Y. M. C. A. held a last banquet of the season last evening. Dr. Dunlop presented to the ministers' volley ball team, which won the league, an inscribed cup. Rev. Mr. Thompson, who is to leave soon, was given a gilded and lettered volley ball from the members of his class.

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