Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, Feb. 11, 1918.

The Profits Tax.

We have not heard as much about this old friend lately as his present importance would have led us to expect. Perhaps the neglect is not so surprising: though for different reasons, we can believe that the subject is not over-popular with either the public or those responsible for its existence. But it will not continue long. Those who have been fortunate enough to be tax-payers are busy at present filling in the forms: when they are called upon to pay the tax we shall look for a little conversation. It will bring up again, of course, the points so much and hotly debated last summer, so that we shall not refer to any of them here now, but briefly deal with one, so far unnoticed as far as we are aware, which shows how fruitless any such discussion would be in any case. We allude to the matter dealt with in section 7 of the Act, which prescribes the procedure to be followed in the (not unlikely) event of a protest from the taxpayer against the amount at which his tax is assessed. The Minister (or, we presume, his deputy) appoints one arbitrator, the taxpayer another and these two a third, with power to the Court to make any of the appointments where the parties fail to do so. The three arbitrators constitute a Board, which will consider the objections raised and decide upon them: its decision, or, where they fail to agree, the decision of any two of them, is **absolutely final and binding.** We can anticipate a little entertainment next month. In each such case, the Minister, we can imagine, will appoint an arbitrator who will do his best to enrich the Treasury to the utmost the case will allow. The taxpayer will most certainly appoint one who will use all his arguments to defeat that patriotic object, probably a sympathetic brother taxpayer, since there is nothing to prevent it. The odds being thus "even," everything will depend upon their choice (or the Court's). We do not envy the "Board" its task, but great as its claim is upon our sympathy, it is nothing compared with that which the unfortunate taxpayer makes. It is possible that this final tribunal may in some cases consist of three bricklayers, and though bricklaying is an honourable profession it probably does not qualify its members to pronounce upon such a question as, say, what are profits. But even that is not the most important point, which in our opinion is the fact that the Boards may **possibly be as** many as the cases they have to consider. We may then, and probably will, have the delightful spectacle of A paying a tax upon "profits" of a nature which B has been able to persuade his Board does not fall within the meaning of the term! In other words, as the majority of those assessed are likely to object, unless the Minister neglects his duty entirely, there is more than a possibility that no two similar cases will be treated in the same way. If that is so, one taxpayer or the other will, of course, be suffering an injustice from which he will have no appeal whatever. The only hope for him seems to us to lie in the very number of the defects of the Act, which are so many and so fundamental that the arbitrators themselves are likely enough to state a number of test cases for the decision of the Court, a thing which, since the Act says nothing about it, we presume they will have power to do.

Our Turn Coming.

We are being constantly reminded by experts abroad that the food situation requires to be more drastically dealt with, and each succeeding day's message points the necessity for conservation. In the Allied countries steps are being taken, not only to safeguard the available supplies, but to place a limit on consumption and make it an offense to be extravagant or wasteful. The United States (our last and greatest ally) notwithstanding its vast resources and unlimited possibilities for the production of food stuffs, realises the gravity of this question, and to "Hooverise," i.e., to save, is becoming the national watchword. Nay, more, it is being insisted upon, and to their everlasting credit the people of the great Republic are strengthening the hands of their Government in this respect. A supply of wheat sufficient for the needs of the Entente Powers, and most of all for the men in the field and other war workers must be constantly ready for shipment, and as there cannot be other than a continuous flow of grains from farm to shipping point to meet this demand it follows that the civilian population have to lessen their daily needs in order that the fighters, both on land and sea, may have ample supplies. In the United Kingdom regulations governing the use of all food supplies are rigidly enforced. In Saturday's despatches we were told that the Food Controller had cut the weekly ration of meat to approximately sixteen ounces, and earlier cables showed that even the rations of the Home Defence Forces had been reduced. Failure to obey these regulations means a heavy fine. Canada, which supplies this Dominion with large quantities of flour, has fallen in line with other [illegible] points to a restriction in our food purchases from that country during 1918, if not longer. It is argued in some quarters that there is no diminution of products and that there is plenty of everything. Then why the necessity for conservation and national restriction? Numerous causes contribute to make for this, the prime ones being the additional demand on all products for the maintenance of the fighting men; the sinkings of food ships by enemy submarines; the diversion of shipping for transport and war work thus making freighting tonnage scarce. Therefore the first duty is to conserve supplies and have them always ready at ocean terminals to load whenever a ship offers. Newfoundland is now under notice from the United States and Canada that after May 1st full exports of the supplies hitherto received from them will not be permitted. This creates a situation which we cannot afford to minimise. What then? We will be forced, willy nilly, to take up an extra hole in our belts. Why not begin now? St. John's has oportunities of hearing from pulpit, press and platform the urgency of the coming shortage, and is, we believe, accepting the cautions and warnings. But what of the outports? So far Newfoundland, happily, has not felt the stress of war in so far as plentiful supplies of food have gone. Nothing in that line has been denied her, and if the prices of the "necessaries" of life" have advanced there has been compensation by an almost corresponding increase in the market value of all her products. Now comes our test under the relentless rules of supply and demand. In less than three months, only a bare proportion of the foodstuffs which we have been receiving will be allowed us. Think it over friends in the outports. Conserve your food. Other countries are having, and cheerfully acquiescing to wheatless, meatless, sugarless days. Our turn is coming. Will we fail where others have succeeded? Not at all. Newfoundlanders can stick it out. Eat less bread and help win the war. Potatoes will have to take the place of flour to a greater extent than heretofore. Cultivate whatever bit of ground you have. **Plant potatoes.** The soil of this land of ours can produce. Make it do so. Last year we did not need to send to Prince Edward's Island for our produce. It was raised at home. Double the output this year: quadruple it if possible so that when the food restrictions become a part of our daily programme we will be able to as cheerfully accept the "cutting out" process as our kinsmen elsewhere have done, and no matter what inconveniences we suffer they will all be forgotten in the triumph of knowing that by "doing without" we helped win the war.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

John Bull is cutting out his roast beef and Uncle Same urges the eating of more potatoes. This helps to win the war.

Somebody is predicting that when our boys return from France they will bring the French custom of men kissing each other. Should this happen we would suggest that it would be wise to cultivate a heavy growth of whisker.

Jellicoe says that after August the politicians may talk as much as they wish. Pity they were not muzzled when the war started. It would have been fought and won long ere this.

Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner,
And asked for some more mince pie.
But papa said no,
For foodstuffs are so
Beastly abominably high.

A stout heart and a determination for personal sacrifice are two necessities of 1918.—Bishop of Birmingham.

Lenten Regulations for Archdiocese.

FASTS.

(1) Every day in Lent, except Sunday, is a fast day, on which one meal only and a collation are allowed. A slight refection, however, over and above is allowed by immemorial custom in the Diocese.

(2) By an Indult from the Holy See, renewed April, 1914, ad decennum, permission is given to use in cooking, the lard or fat of animals on all fast days throughout the year.

(3) By the same Indult, the use of flesh meat is allowed on all Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and Saturdays of Lent, except Saturday in Ember week, Feb. 23rd.

(4) It is permitted to use fish and flesh meat at the same meal on all days on which the use of meat is allowed.

(5) Milk, butter, cheese and eggs are allowed even at the collation every day during Lent.

NOTE—The attention of the faithful is directed to this regulation, according to which by virtue of the recent legislation of the Holy See, milk, butter, cheese and eggs are allowed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

(6) The faithful are exhorted to make some compensation for these Apostolic Indulgences by hearing Daily Mass, attending Evening Devotions, making the Way of the Cross, and giving Alms.

(7) All persons under 21 years and over 60 are exempt from the Fast; also all engaged in hard labor or who have to earn their living by daily work of a difficult kind and all who are in a delicate state of health.

(8) All dances, parties, and balls are strictly forbidden during Lent.

(9) The obligation of the Lenten Fast and Abstinence terminates at noon on Holy Saturday.

(10) The time for the Easter Duty begins on the Fourth Sunday of Lent and ends on Trinity Sunday.

DEVOTIONS.

During Lent there will be Devotions every week evening, except Saturdays, at half-past seven o'clock, as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday, Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Wednesdays: Rosary, Sermon and Benediction. Fridays: Stations of the Cross. Saturday evenings will be given up entirely to confessions. Confessions will also be heard after Devotions on other evenings of the week, in the mornings during Mass, or at any other time by appointment with any of the priests.

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Thoughts Upon the Times.

(By PATRIOT).

The meagre news that is allowed to filter through from Russia, pictures that unfortunate country as being in the depths of despair. Anarchy, the pet offspring of ignorance, seems to be rampant, and murder, pillage and vice of all kinds are stalking through the country hand in hand. Law courts have been abolished, and in place of the judical system the Red Guards have set up revolutionary tribunals presided over by soldiers and workmen.

In an interview with a newspaper correspondent at Nottingham, England, a little while ago, Arthur Henderson, Leader of the Labor Party, said "political democracy will have no patience with any party or leader that seeks to serve the interests or preserve the privileges of a class against the common interests of all." It would be well if some of our local political leaders made a mental note of this. What this country wants at the present time, and will have as soon as it is given an opportunity to make the selection, is a National Party with a leader who will exert a national influence toward, first, bringing about a union of all classes and conditions in the country, and then exerting its influence to combat and overcome the enormous difficulties which it will have to face, difficulties which have been brought about, in a large measure, by the maladministration and selfishness of those who have taken upon themselves the duties of Government.

The man who would take advantage of the war and his country's welfare to enable him to sow broadcast the seeds of discord is a political vampire, and has no spark of patriotism in his make up. Will democracy trust such a man with its future destinies? It will not. The following quotation taken from the Evening Advocate of last Thursday's issue is a sample of what has been served up to the fishermen the past nine years, and there are signs that they are getting tired of it: **"They are 'gilt' hypocrites and ensnaring deceivers bigger than any this or any country has ever produced. They are deceivers and hypocrites, to play the game for those kinds who made the lives of olden fishermen the lives of 'dogs,' who treated them as the dust and dirt to be walked on, which existed, despised, robbed, half-clothed and starved 'ebings,' while gold-caned, stall-fed autocrats strutted proud, extravagant and devilishly shameless, afforded them smiles, and looked down from their pedestals of ease and luxury, with contempt on those who fed them."**

This is not the kind of language that decent respectable fishermen of this country want. As a rule they are not themselves given to abusive language in their dealings with one another. The Fishermen's Advocate is owned and controlled by the fishermen of this country. It's motto is "To every man his own," and they do not desire that its columns be used to disseminate hatred and strife among people. They desire that their decrees and demands be based upon reason and moderation and not upon hatred and anarchy. They realize, faintly perhaps and imperfectly, the marvelous significance of the parable of the good Samaritan. They are learning who are their neighbours, and are realizing that an injury to "one of the least of these" is an injury to society as a whole.

It would appear from recent political events in England that Premier Lloyd George's popularity is on the wane and it is within the bounds of possibility that ex-Premier Asquith will come back to power again.

The only serious problem confronting us since the war began is Our Regiment and how it is to be maintained. The Government finds it convenient to ignore such a disagreeable question. They appear more interested in acquiring wealth and luxury. In other words they prefer to reap the results which the Regiment has won for the country, without any sacrifice or self-denial on their part. Yet the time has certainly come when the question must be considered and the wonder is that any responsible minister of the Government could think of ignoring the question. The time will come when they will curse themselves for trifling with this, the only absorbing question confronting the Dominion at the present time. Fellow-countrymen! who have offered your sons upon the altar of Patriotism that Right and Truth may prevail, are you going to be satisfied to see your country abandon your boys at the front and follow the example of Russian renegades and anarchists? It is impossible for us to go back. We must go on or go under if we would take our proper place among the Dominions of the Empire.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Feb. 11th, 1918.

Orchard White has again come on the scene, and we are ready to fill all orders that come to us from either town or outport for this remarkable emollient lotion. All who have used Orchard White speak well of it and say they have obtained great benefit from its use in the cold weather we are now having. Price 60c. a bottle.

Have you a corn that persists in troubling you in spite of all ordinary remedies. If so, try Acme Corn Silk on it. You will find it work well every time, and take the corn right out. Price 10c.

"Rolling Stones."

The W. S. Harkins Players will present the melo-dramatic comedy: "Rolling Stones" at the Casino Theatre to-night and to-morrow night. At the Matinee Wednesday afternoon "Rich Man-Poor Man," with Miss Dorothy Chesmond in the two new dances. Wednesday and Thursday nights "Nearly Married," with Miss Lillian Worth in some of the latest popular songs. For the good-bye nights, Friday and Saturday, the Management have a great surprise in store for the patrons of the Casino. The play will be announced on Wednesday.

When you want Sausages, why—get ELLIS'; they're the best.

THIRD WEEK

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GREAT ANNUAL CASH SALE!

SPOT CASH, NO GOODS CHARGED OR SENT ON APPROVAL.

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The goods offered cannot be replaced for anything near the prices asked, quantities of some are limited, therefore suggest early inspection.

ART COVERING, SATEEN FINISH, Dainty Patterns, make strong.

White Table Damask Bargain
A good, sound, lustrous finish Damask.
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Child's Cot Blanket Bargain.
Dainty warm fancy Cot Blankets in Blue and Pink grounds.
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Size 30 inches by 40 inches. Worth to-day $1.50.

2 Yards wide FLOOR COVERING, slight imperfections, **85c.** yard.

Tapestry Table Cover Bargain.
A wonderful bargain in Fancy Table Covers, assorted colorings and designs.
75c., 90c., $1.50
Size 48 inches by 65 inches. Worth to-day $1.25 to $2.50.

Marcella Crib Quilt Bargain.
A wonderfully fine Satin finish White Marcella Quilt.
$1.10, 1.25, 1.50
Worth from $1.50 to $3.00.

Crochet Bed Cover Bargain.
Marvellous values in White Honeycomb or Crochet Quilts.
$2.25, 2.50 up to **$2.95**
Full size. Worth to-day from $3.20 to $4.50.

Circular Pillow Cotton Bargain.
This is a fine strong fabric and hard to procure. We offer this at
40c. per yard.
46 inches wide. Worth today 65c.

CURTAIN SCRIM BARGAIN, in plain, white and cream, 30 to 36 inches wide, **10c.** yard.

Spot Cash. No Approbation **G. Knowling, Ltd.** Spot Cash. No Approbation

Death of Mr. Keating.

James W. Keating, merchant, died at his home in Channel on Wednesday, Jan. 30th, at the age of 63 years after an illness of one month's duration. Fortified by the last rites of the Holy Catholic Church, and surrounded by his wife, mother, two sons, two daughters, one daughter-law and two grand-children, he passed peacefully and resignedly into the hands of his Creator. He was buried in the family lot at Channel on Sunday, 3rd inst., and there was a large attendance at the funeral, including a great number of other denomination who did their utmost in every way possible in giving assistance. Rt. Rev. A. Sears, V.G., Parish Priest of Searston, cousin of Mr. Keating's beloved wife, officiated at the requiem mass, preached the sermon and sang the funeral service. There were also present from Searston parish the President and Secretary and several other members of the Holy Name Society, who looked up to the deceased as one of their best members in giving respect and homage to the Holy Name since the society was formed at Searston, about five years ago. Deceased was also a third or fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, having joined that society at Sydney some years ago. Mr. Keating started a general mercantile business at Channel when a young man and carried it on successfully up to the time of his death. He was easily one of the keenest and brightest business men of the West Coast and we believe it is no exaggeration to say that there were very few men in the country, if any, who could have kept the business flourishing under similar conditions and difficulties. He also represented St. George's district for a time in the House of Assembly under the late Sir William Whiteway. His splendid fight to victory against tremendous influences will be remembered by the people of St. George's for a long time. Had he lived a little longer, higher honors would have been bestowed upon him as a result of his never-to-be-forgotten political victory. Mr. Keating was also American Consul at Channel for a number of years, and nothing was too much for him to do to help along all Americans in need of his assistance in this capacity. Mr. and Mrs. Keating were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom survive him and are worthy children of worthy parents. Nothing was spared by Mr. Keating to educate the family and to bring them up as good citizens and practical catholics. The deceased gentleman's friends who are legion, extend their sincerest sympathy to the family in their bereavement ,especially to his good wife and mother: the latter known far and near as "good jolly old Gran." All also hope to see his valiant sons keep the old flag of J. W. Keating flying over a prosperous business at Channel for many years to come. May his soul rest in peace.—Com.

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LUCANIA A TOTAL WRECK. — Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of Customs, received a message from the sub-collector at Ferryland stating that the auxiliary schr. Lucania, owned by Job Bros. & Co., had gone ashore at Freshwater, near Ferryland, and had become a total wreck. The crew, eight all told, had been safely landed. The Lucania, Capt. Ambrose Norris, of Three Arms, N.D.B., left here early Saturday morning fish laden for Brazil. All the crew hail from points in Green Bay.

Grand Musicale, under the auspices of the Holy Name Society, will be held on Tuesday next, 12th inst., at 8 p.m. sharp, in the Aula Maxima, St. Bonaventure's College.—feb8,4i

Here and There.

When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS'.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. G. Stone, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, left by yesterday's express for Catalina.

SMALLPOX. — Another case of smallpox was reported on Saturday from a residence at the North Battery.

T. A. MEETING.—At the regular monthly meeting of the T. A. and B. Society held yesterday afternoon, several candidates were admitted to membership.

When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS'.

MEIGLE'S PASSENGERS. — The following first class passengers left by the Meigle on Saturday:—F. Fearn, E. F. Peters, Lieut. Wooley, A. T. Preely, P. Bell, C. Bell, Louis Williams.

LEAGUE HOCKEY. — Terra Novas vs. Feildians, Prince of Wales' Rink, 7.30 this evening, sharp.—feb11,1i

CHILDREN'S TEA AND CONCERT. —The ladies of St. Joseph's Parish are holding a tea for the children tomorrow afternoon to be followed at night by a concert in aid of the Church Building Fund.

Members of the Cathedral Girls' Club are reminded of the Entertainment which takes place in the Parish Room on Monday, Feb. 11th, at 8 p.m. All friends will be welcome. Admission 10c.—feb11,1i

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Here and There.

"ELIZABETH FEARN" IN PORT. — The schooner "Elizabeth Fearn" was constructed at Placentia last for G. C. Fearn, reached port yesterday. She will haul in at Bishop Sons, Ltd., to-day and load fish abroad.

WELL SUPPLIED.—Owing to danger of trains being caught in snow drift across country which might result in the regular supply of fuel being burnt up before being leased, an additional supply has been placed on board the baggage mail cars for heating purposes.

BACK FROM TRINITY.—The Ingraham, which took Ryan's motor Carriad to Trinity, returned to port Saturday morning. The Carriad which was salt laden from Alicante entered this port last week after trying voyage.

TRAIN RETURNS TO CITY.—The local train which left here on Wednesday for Port aux Basques had to be cancelled at Bishop's Falls, returned to the city at noon yesterday. We learn from passengers who came by this train, that the recent heavy storm has blocked the railway for miles west of that point.

DIED.

On the 10th inst., Johanna, beloved wife of Sylvester Maher, leaving 4 sons and one daughter (one son being in France) and four sisters (one residing in Boston); funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 10 Codner's Lane; friends please attend without further notice. R. I. P.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Elizabeth Mahoney, leaving to mourn her husband, brother, one son and three daughters; funeral to-morrow, Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., from her son's residence, 326 Water Street West.

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Fawn.
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