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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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We Pay In Taxes

In claiming that "special consideration" has been given to Prince Edward Island in the proffered \$2,000,000 subsidy in lieu of income and corporation taxes, Finance Minister Ilsley is talking at variance with the facts published by his own Government. The Department of National Revenue has just issued a booklet on Taxation Statistics which contains, among other things, a statement of Federal tax collections by Provinces for the fiscal years 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945. From Prince Edward Island these tax collections for 1945 amounted to \$2,970,042 — nearly a million dollars more than the proposed minimum subsidy which Mr. Ilsley claims is 50 per cent greater per capita than the general average subsidy offered. The figure for 1945 collections includes \$1,353,927 individual income tax and \$630,623 corporation tax collections.

Premier Jones was certainly moderate in his demands when he argued that the King Government should raise its offer by at least a million dollars. Even three millions would not be sufficient for our present-day fiscal needs; to be offered two millions and told it is being given by way of "special consideration" is surely adding insult to injury.

It is interesting to note how these Federal tax collections have increased in recent years. In 1942 the amount collected from this Province was \$912,841; in 1943, \$1,723,750; in 1944, \$2,274,882; in 1945, as above noted, it had increased another seven hundred thousand dollars. The difference in these figures is of vital importance in calculating the effect of Federal subsidy proposals. An offer which would seem generous on the basis of the 1942 tax returns, for example, might easily prove ruinous to the Province on the basis of the 1945 collections. This applies, of course, to all the Provinces and helps to explain why they are all so chary in accepting the Federal proposals.

It is worth noting moreover, that the \$2,970,042 from Prince Edward Island in 1945 does not by any means represent our total tax contributions to the Federal treasury. The banks, insurance companies and other big corporations pay their taxes chiefly through their head offices in the Central Provinces, and it is these provinces which are credited with the tax payments. It is safe to say that our contribution through these and other sources would easily amount to another million dollars.

Mr. King's Double Talk

Prime Minister King has promised a reduction in the personal income tax and a scaling down of the corporation tax, if the Provincial Premiers accept the Federal proposals at the Ottawa Conference. This sounds good to the taxpayer. Perhaps Mr. King's object was to manoeuvre the Premiers into the position where he might, if it suits his purpose, accuse them of blocking tax reductions. He told them that the Finance Minister has delayed preparation of his Budget pending the outcome of the Conference. Then came his ultimatum. If no agreement is reached, he said, "the Dominion Government will have to use its constitutional powers to the full extent necessary to meet its heavy national and international obligations and commitments." The implication is plain. If the Provinces don't yield to Federal demands, there will be no tax reductions, possibly increases.

This reminds the Globe and Mail that prior to the last election there was the spectacle of Mr. King undertaking to reduce taxation while at the very same time he and members of his Cabinet were engaged in promoting a social security boom. But these twin promises did not carry with them the same qualification as that of last Monday. In almost the same breath, the Prime Minister announced the Government's intention of applying an entirely new tax, quite apart from the income tax, to help cover the cost of the social security program. The amount of this tax is variously estimated at from 3 to 5 per cent, and will be applied to all incomes, regardless of whether or not a person is liable for income tax.

But this is only half of the new tax proposal. The Provinces, if the Federal Government has its way, will be required to impose a registration fee or tax on everybody over sixteen years of age to meet their share of social security costs. Premier Drew warned against this new tax in the brief he submitted to the January session of the Conference. At this week's session he came back to it, estimating that it would amount to \$10 per person.

It is disquieting that on this occasion, which surely calls for frankness and sincerity of purpose, Mr. King is promising to lower personal income and corporation taxes, while he is actually planning two additional taxes, one to be

levied by the Dominion, the other by the Provinces. Three to 5 per cent on all income, plus a poll tax on everybody over sixteen years of age would require a drastic slashing of other taxes before a net reduction could be achieved. This Mr. King must know perfectly well, but his aim now seems to be to coerce the Provinces into line by misleading assurance of tax reductions.

Our Aviation Leadership

In spite of the fact that in an air sense Canada is at the middle of the world, more is needed for air success than to rest complacently upon her natural advantages, declares the current Monthly Letter of The Royal Bank of Canada. Far apart though such factors may seem, the success of Canada in peacetime aviation depends upon good aircraft, low rates, political and economic stability, a confident trend in business, reasonable taxation rates and enthusiastic attempts by government and people to build up business.

"It would be well," the article continues, "to take nothing for granted. Given geographical position; materials, factories and skilled men and women to build planes; natural resources and manufactured goods with which to trade; and many thousands of young men trained in all aspects of flying; there remain as needs to place and keep Canada in the lead of aviation development, imaginative initiative and sustained effort."

Referring to the May meeting on aviation, the article remarks, "The Dominion's potential position among the world's aviation leaders has been recognized. When the Chicago International Conference on Civil Aviation created the first inclusive international organization to establish air navigation standards and procedures, it selected Canada as the seat of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization. Strong efforts should be made by Dominion, provincial, civic, and other bodies, and by citizens generally, to make Montreal so acceptable to the 500 delegates meeting there this month that they will vote to make this Canadian metropolis the permanent seat of the organization."

"PICAQ has great potentialities, and Canada will wish to have her full share in framing and executing the policies. Already this organization has produced an impressive number of technical standards, authorized regional route conferences, and laid the groundwork for an international code of flying technique which will increase efficiency and reduce hazards. Optimists say to leave things alone, and order will come out of chaos. It is the job of PICAQ to endeavour to introduce the order before chaos has a chance to envelop aviation." In this task, Canada has taken a leading part."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Prices Board employs 83 meat investigators and inspectors. Their salaries, since meat rationing was imposed in 1945, totalled \$103,948 and expenses were \$30,468.

In praising the role of the press in world affairs, Prime Minister Attlee stated, "the freedom of the press is a definite aid to the U. N. O." The Conference at Ottawa should bear this in mind.

Senator Robinson has joined Senator Sinclair in opposition to the Margarine Bill—a measure calculated to lower the public taste for nutriment and the farmers' prospects for profit.

William Hickling Prescott, American historian, born this date 1796; specialized in the field of Spanish history; his Ferdinand and Isabella, had immense success, and was followed by Conquest of Mexico, and Conquest of Peru; he also published Charles V After His Abdication, and was engaged on a History of Philip II at the time of his death.

In boasting of having been returned to power without a lawyer in his following, Premier Jones neglected to tell the Ottawa Conference that had it not been for the Opposition lawyers in the Legislature, his legislation would have been more or less a fiasco.

In demanding secret sittings of the Ottawa Conference, Premier Jones is living up to his reputation here of transacting government business by himself and his Finance Minister, without taking his other colleagues into consideration. That is the way of the dictator though the Premier does not seem to realize it.

Musical culture will suffer a distinct loss by the departure of Mr. Walter McNutt for Winnipeg. Not since the late Professor Watkins have we had such an all round musician in our midst as we have had in Mr. McNutt, interested in, and participating in, all sorts of movements for our musical betterment.

It's an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the present is no exception to the rule, for we now have reasonable prospects of the farm lands and roads being sufficiently dried by the rains for the Spring work to begin in earnest. A late Spring not unusually results in an abundant harvest.

As returned veterans are never tired telling us, we have not the faintest conception of what the people in the old land have gone through, and endured cheerfully, in the way of deprivation of comforts and necessities of existence; and now again, reduction in the size of the British loaf of bread from two pounds to 1 3/4 pounds and in the brewing of beer to 90 per cent of the pre-war level are the first steps announced by the government to cut down grain consumption throughout the United Kingdom. Other economy measures, expected to include a cut in flour supplies to bakers for making cakes and pastries, will follow shortly. And we grouse because our sugar and butter rations are curtailed.

Notes By The Way

Three thousand acres are being added to the King's estates at Brudenell, Ontario. Negotiations have been completed for the purchase from the Marquis of Chalmers of land adjoining the Royal estates including three large farms, a number of small holdings, and part of the villages of Great Bircham and Bircham Tots. The King intends everything possible to be done to preserve the rural amenities of the area and has agreed to provide a playground and sports pavilion for Bircham Parish Council.—London Times.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cunningham, hero of the Battle of Malaya, weather-beaten, grey-haired, bearded, sat in a gallery with head bowed in modesty as Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, said: "I do not hesitate to describe Lord Cunningham as the greatest sea captain since Nelson. He is endowed with that touch of magic which has ever enabled our country to get a grip on the whole of the forces under their command with something of their own. He is a man of the highest caliber, men alike follow unquestioningly and with complete confidence, how- ever the nature of the undertaking may seem.—London Daily Mail.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

IN DEFENCE OF P. W. G.

Sir,—In regard to recent discussions over Prince of Wales College, I think one could safely say that those who are condemning the institution, are those who have not attended it, or those who did not succeed in meeting the requirements at the end of the term. Anyone who has attended Prince of Wales College with the intention of successfully completing his course, will in all probabilities succeed in completing his course, that is he prepares his homework regularly and pays attention in class, during the whole of his term. Not just before exams. However, one who goes to Prince of Wales College just for want of somewhere to go, and who has studied for a diploma for having a good time and talking to his neighbors during class, nothing in this world is gained without some effort. When a student graduates from Prince of Wales College he has a certificate which has stood the test and it will place him in a worthwhile position.

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Old Charlottetown

(P. E. I. Magazine, 1941)

The late W. R. Wilson, Esq., chemist and druggist, used to say that when he came to Charlottetown in 1843, Queen Street was overgrown with grass, and had only a few tracks through the centre of it. That probably was the case, but as I remember it a year or two later, it was not quite so bad. The streets leading in from St. Peter's and Malpeque roads to the market, and the lower part of Queen Street to the wharves, being travelled on, were more like thoroughfares; all the others looked like country lanes and made good pasturage for the pigs and cows that were allowed to roam about at their own sweet will.

Progress was often appointed from among the young gentlemen, and their duties were to have the pigs and cows taken to the pound on the outskirts of the town. One of the old citizens on the west side of the old Charlottetown, who was afterwards a prominent lawyer in Charlottetown, and who was appointed a Justice of the Peace, was afterwards a prominent lawyer in Charlottetown, and who was appointed a Justice of the Peace, was afterwards a prominent lawyer in Charlottetown, and who was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

As there were no City Fathers at that time the improvement of the streets was left very much to nature—the sides of the street and squares were not levelled for many years. The old Charlottetown, who was afterwards a prominent lawyer in Charlottetown, and who was appointed a Justice of the Peace, was afterwards a prominent lawyer in Charlottetown, and who was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

The condition of the streets in 1844 recalls to mind the improving work done in Charlottetown in 1844. All along the east side of Great George Street, where Queen Street crosses it, the ground rose abruptly, extending through the greater part of the street. The old Charlottetown, who was afterwards a prominent lawyer in Charlottetown, and who was appointed a Justice of the Peace, was afterwards a prominent lawyer in Charlottetown, and who was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

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