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

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A Disappointing Budget

Liberal promises to the contrary notwithstanding, taxation will continue to be the highest imposed by any Canadian Government, according to the budget statement submitted to Parliament yesterday by our senior Queens County representative, Finance Minister Dunning.

Perhaps we should be thankful for small mercies, and note that at least some measure of relief is afforded by the sales tax exemptions on building materials, on materials used in equipment or repair or fishermen's boats, and on feeds for fur-bearing animals. These do not affect fox feeds, which are already exempted, nor the general Sales Tax level, which like other tax and tariff rates remains unchanged, at the exorbitant 8 per cent established in the first year of the present Liberal regime.

Premier Campbell and his colleagues in the local Legislature used frequently to express their "amazement" at the high taxes imposed by the Bennett administration. The tax revenue collected by the King Government last year was greater by something like a hundred million dollars than the collection for any Conservative year. It was 65 per cent greater than the revenue for the year 1932-33, when the world depression was at its peak and the Bennett Government had to find ways and means of financing the country, in face of the most bitter Liberal criticism and opposition to every remedial measure, including even the Empire trade pacts.

What a sorry showing the King Government would make today, despite hugely increased tax collections, if it were not for the sheet-anchor of Empire trade!

Soaking The Taxpayers

The most significant feature of the year's financing at Ottawa, according to Finance Minister Dunning's statement, was the enormous increase in tax collections, bringing federal revenues up to an all-time high record of \$516,629,000, an increase of \$62,538,000 over the preceding year, and \$55,835,000 higher than 1928-29, the previous record year for Dominion revenue.

In the fiscal year 1935-36 Income Tax collections were \$82,710,000; last year they amounted to \$120,366,000. But a still greater disproportion is shown in Sales Tax collections. The King Government boosted this tax from 6 to 8 per cent and the result last year was a collection of \$138,051,000, as against \$77,552,000 in 1935-36—an increase of about ninety per cent in a tax which in 1935 was denounced by every Liberal candidate as "exorbitant".

While a substantial surplus is shown on current account, Mr. Dunning is at pains to point out that this is of no real consequence. Certainly it is no indication of governmental economy, for we find an increase of three-quarters of a million dollars in ordinary expenditures last year over the preceding year.

It is significant that this increase points chiefly to growing bureaucracy at Ottawa, while basic industries are being handicapped by reduced expenditures. For example, ordinary expenditures for Agriculture, which totalled \$9,399,000 in 1935, were reduced last year to \$9,017,000; Technical Education expenditures were cut from \$99,000 in 1935 to \$49,000 in 1937; Public Works from \$12,945,000 to \$12,385,000.

On the other hand, for the same periods Civil Service Commission expenditures increased from \$250,000 to \$350,000; House of Commons from \$1,486,000 to \$1,516,000; Post Office from \$31,438,000 to \$33,762,000; and Prime Minister's office from \$1,200,000 to \$1,450,000.

In addition to increased tax collections, the Government made a saving of \$1,700,000 by refunding and reinvesting the last of Canada's war-time tax-free bonds. Another saving of \$6,342,000 was effected by other refunding operations. Notwithstanding these windfalls, the Government came out with an over-all deficit of \$13,775,000. It is budgeting this year for a deficit of \$23,000,000.

Mr. Dunning stresses increased trade figures, but it is significant that while our export trade increased \$27,000,000 over the previous year, the increase for the same period in import trade—in the value of the commodities bought from other countries—was \$127,000,000. This is equivalent to a falling off of \$100,000,000 in our favorable trade balance and cannot, by any argument, be construed as representing an encouraging trend.

Mr. Dunning indicated clearly that he was opposed to monetary reform in the shape of inflationary proposals, a stand which he has consistently adopted and which also applies to the sound money policy of his predecessors in office. All will hope that he is correct in assuming that there are favorable indications, at home and abroad, which will enable the Government to make a better showing next year and give relief to our overburdened taxpayers, who will find little to rejoice at in the speech he made yesterday.

Election And Party

If an election does come in the near future, or whenever it comes, a union of all non-Social Credit parties in the West ought to be effected as the surest means of overthrowing the Albert Government, says the Montreal Gazette. The Conservative party in Alberta has offered its co-operation, The Winnipeg Free Press notes that "in many cases, the Government candidates (in Saskatchewan) have been returned by a minority of the votes cast." The Calgary Her-

ald says that "the size of the Liberal Government's majority indicates that thousands of Conservatives and C.C.F. supporters deserted their party allegiance on this occasion to ensure the complete rout of the invaders from Alberta." The Moose Jaw Times-Herald devotes a special article to "The Conservatives of Saskatchewan" and says that thousands of staunch Conservatives throughout the province openly joined the Liberals in putting out the Aberhart prairie fire, which, as the voting results have shown, might have done very serious damage in Saskatchewan. The Liberal party, according to the Times-Herald, owes a debt to the Conservatives of the province who placed the interests of the province before those of their party. It is equally true to say that Saskatchewan Conservatives were fighting a national battle, which the successful Liberals were not, and if they have sacrificed 100 per cent of the representation which would otherwise have been theirs in the new Legislature, they have won in return the gratitude and respect of all their fellow-citizens. If the Times-Herald is right, these provincial Conservatives, under a total eclipse, have more reason to be proud of their service than has the successful Patterson Government or its political father confessor, the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa.

Editorial Notes

Battle of Bunker's Hill this date, 1775.

Fortunately, most people are fair. We like to think that they tell the truth when they try to collect accident insurance, trade in their old car, buy a piece of equipment on a trade-in basis, or take part in any other business transaction.

Two scientific sleeping sickness experts crashed to death the other day in an airplane in which they were touring the wilds of Tanganyika. The saddest part of the tragedy is that much of the data on the tsetse fly problem which they had gathered over a period of fifteen years arduous tropical existence died with them.

Creamery butter production in May increased approximately 18 per cent from the May 1937 make and 77 per cent from the previous month. The May production increased in all provinces, the total being 20,095,028 pounds compared with 24,756,556 in May last year and 16,307,918 in the previous month. May production of cheese declined slightly from last year's output, but increased markedly over the previous month. The total in the latest month was 11,471,559 pounds compared with 11,509,686 last year and 1,721,077 a year ago.

A suggestion for raising money for churches is contained in this report from Melbourne, Australia. A prize for "the dog with a face most resembling that of the warden" was the feature of a university dog show just held to raise funds for the union. Dr. Bryden, the warden, was as interested as the students in the contest. He said he was anxious to see what sort of a dog was doomed to bear a face like his. Other prizes offered were for: dog with the most sentimental eyes; dog with the longest chassis; dog with the most negligible tail.

Lord Stamp, better known as Sir Josiah Stamp, economist and president of the Associated British and Irish Railway announces that his organization will bring the famous stream-lined train the "Coronation Scot", to the U.S.A. next spring to participate in the World's Fair. The record-breaking train will tour 3,121 miles over eight American systems, visiting thirty-eight cities, before the fair opens, he states. He does not say so, but perhaps his Lordship might find time to permit a few stay-at-home Canadians an opportunity to admire the famous streamliner.

Squads of New York and Montreal detectives will be brought to Quebec to aid the local bodies in protecting the thousands of visitors expected there during the week of the National Eucharistic Congress, June 22-26. Major H. R. Gagnon, R.C.M.P. announces. The Mountie officer, who has been engaged in reorganizing the city police force during the past several months, states he had secured the services of detectives from New York and Montreal and they will arrive in Quebec several days prior to the opening of the Congress. The out-of-town officers will be given the task of keeping surveillance over train and boat arrivals in an effort to spot any undesirable attempting to enter the city.

According to Mr. Amery, M.P., in a speech in the British House of Commons the outlook for prosperity in England and Wales is hardly reassuring. "By 1975 there will be 10,600,000 fewer taxpayers in England and Wales alone than there are today," he said. "A reduction of 25 per cent in the number of taxpayers means an increase of 33 per cent in the burdens, which they will have to bear, if our Budgets then are only on the same level as the Budget of today. All these things cost money and effort, and only wise expenditure and a bold policy can meet the situation with which we are confronted. I venture to say that the economic danger is just as grave as the military danger and that we need a policy of economic rearmament just as effective and far-reaching as that which we are carrying through on the defensive side."

In his recently published biography Lord Snell, Labour peer, raised to the House of Lords by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald writes: "Christian morality, it is usually forgotten, is the supreme racial economy of effort. The scientist begins where his predecessor left off; all previous knowledge is at his disposal; he stands on the shoulders of the past. But a man who rejects the traditional Christian ethics may lay waste half a lifetime painfully rediscovering what every previous generation in turn has had to discover for itself, that the world, the flesh and the devil are a tedious distraction from the real business of life. The right to experiment in morals is as if every new scientific researcher had to remake the discoveries of Newton afresh, for himself. The fixed point of Christian morality is the home, the one among the many. And perhaps, when all is said, it is to that fixed point that all orthodoxies return."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Sir Thomas Cook (Con., Norfolk N.), who runs a fire brigade of his own, said that, at a village fire on the night before Easter, two old men answered the call and it was found that the other twelve on the brigade roll had been dead for over a year.—London News Chronicle.

It must have come as a surprise to newspaper readers this week to learn that with a new strawberry crop coming on the market a quarter of last year's crop on the mainland, as well as on this island remains unsold, carried in cold storage, where, charges are eating up the growers' possible profits.—Victoria Times.

Now, please don't complain about having too much moisture. Alberta will need all the moisture we have as we are going to get a blast of "hot air" over these prairies blowing from the East when our premier and his band of "promising" crusaders get going in full speed telling Saskatchewan voters all about blood stream, basic dividends, hot money, free land, lower taxes, lower taxes, to live and all the other fanciful theories that go to make up that Alberta bubble known as "social credit."—Trochu Tribune.

That's an ugly phrase that was used by Miss Dorothy Height, negro representative of the Y. W. C. A. in Harlem, in her remarks before the youth welfare committee of the city council. But "slave market" is essentially correct. Miss Height referred to those sites on the curbs on the Grand Concourse at Highbridge road, the Bronx, and on Prospect Park Avenue, where girls wait and bargain for work with housewives who drive there in automobiles. They are desperate and will work for pitifully low wages.—New York Herald Tribune.

Maternal instinct, and the love of a mother for her child, is not restricted to the human species. In the Star recently there was a picture of a big Percheron mare, standing by the grave of her foal which died at birth. She remained there in silent sorrow for the most of two days, resisting the efforts of the men to lead her away. Nor is this protective urge limited to the animal mothers. We know of one gelding, quite unrelated to a colt, who spent the Summer in the pasture seeing that other horses did not disturb the little fellow. It was really none of his business, but the only one he would allow to approach the colt was its own mother. Other equines in the field had to keep a close watch for his heels, if they went to the young one.—Windsor Star.

Swimming, of course, is among the most healthful and enjoyable, as well as the most enjoyable. Nature has provided New Brunswick with many facilities where this most enjoyable of beginnings and experts alike can share in these pleasures—provided reasonable care is exercised. The experience of the past shows that no one should be such a warning note must be sounded. Bathing and swimming tragedies each year mar what start out to be pleasant recreation or enjoyable outings. Swimming and diving in waters of unknown depth or unknown currents, too soon after meals, when over-ventilated, or venturing far from shore when alone, all these are dangers which should be recognized and avoided. The exercise of swimming is a pleasure rather than detract from them.—Campbellton Tribune.

An oak sapling from Windsor Park, a gift of the King, will be planted in the ancient and Common, in Massachusetts. It is being carried to the United States by representatives of all ranks of the Massachusetts company, and a party who will take part in the three-hundredth anniversary celebration in Boston of their regiment, the 22nd Massachusetts, which was founded in 1638 by a London member of the Massachusetts company, and who sailed for New England with the Pilgrim Fathers. Last Summer a delegation from the American regiment came to London to honor the four-hundredth birthday of the King. The King is a member of both regiments. Captain General of the H.A.C. and honorary member of the Massachusetts company, and his gift of an oak sapling will be accompanied by a bronze tablet bearing the Royal Arms and a suitable inscription.—Manchester Guardian.

The third instalment of the story of Brigton's persistent rooster was told at the local police court, which was attended the hearing, Mr. Arthur Chick, its owner, a tramcar conductor, of Bear road pleaded guilty to a summons which accused him of "unlawfully keeping in a building at Bear road an animal, to wit, a rooster, which caused a serious nuisance to residents in the neighborhood." While he pleaded his case the rooster gave him moral support, but was restrained from taking local part in the proceedings by a large knitting needle thrust through the top of its temporary cell—a rush basket—which prevented it from stretching its neck. Mr. E. G. Oldham, who appeared for Mr. Chick, said that Mr. Chick was prepared to give an undertaking to keep the rooster in a covered box at night, which would prevent it from stretching its neck and crowing, and would not let it out before seven o'clock.

The motor has rendered fishing places all too accessible to fishermen. Only in spots miles beyond the coast do the anglers catch the prime joy of fly-fishing for trout now be experienced. There, not in overweening pride—for who is to say that the trout hunter is not a roach in the Thames—is not the better man?—but in thankfulness that fortune has given him an abiding pleasure, the trout-fisher exerts his skill, great or little, to the top of his bent. It is a game only for the patient, the inactive and elderly? Nonsense. When the "fly" rises, the monster trout, what need of patience is there? Each moment is an adventure. When the angler has walked five miles over heather and broken ground to his water, and has five miles to cover before

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE PRESENT DAY SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT OF THE PATIENT BEFORE AND AFTER OPERATION

Perhaps you or a loved one underwent a surgical operation some years ago and you clearly remember how your food intake was cut down, a purgative was given and sometimes an enema. By the hour of the operation you may have been "clean" inside and outside but you were very weak. It is therefore very interesting to see the before and after treatment of an operation today.

Dr. M. A. Bridges, New York, in the New York State Journal of Medicine, outlines a five point program consisting of five procedures to be followed and five to be avoided.

- 1. Commencing five days before operation a diet low in fat and rich in starch should be started, avoiding the use of indigestible starches and rough foods. This is done by using potatoes and adding sugar to foods whenever possible. The patient is asked to eat a half pound of hard candy or soft gum drops on each of the five days before operation.
2. Fluids should be definitely increased.
3. Table salt—a little over two level teaspoonfuls a day for five days should be taken, and it is not unusual to observe a gain in body weight of from two to four pounds at the end of the five days.
4. Any drastic clearing of the intestine should be done at least forty-eight hours before the operation.
5. A mild "quieting" medicine is given to quiet the mind and to prevent any stomach or intestinal upsetment.

- The five procedures to be avoided are:
1. Opium in any form, particularly morphine, should not be regularly given.
2. It should not be necessary to administer fluids in any form for from eighteen to twenty-four hours after operation, provided the patient was given plenty of fluids during the five days before operation.
3. While the diet should be adjusted to the needs present, a fluid diet is more easily digested than one that is pasty. Only a very small amount of fat is given for the first five days after operation.
4. The alkaline ash diet—fruit, vegetables—has not proved to be any special benefit before or after operation.
5. The injudicious admittance of visitors is to be avoided.

As we think of former days—the staved, weak, patient undergoing the shock of an anaesthetic and operation—and then think of the method of to-day, with plenty of fluids, sugar, and salt to give strength, maintain the circulation, and keep fluids in the body, we can understand why patients and physicians do not fear operation as they did in former days.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

WINTER CRESS

Sir,—Regarding our previous correspondence in relation to the weed commonly known as Winter Cress (Barbarea vulgaris) further information indicates control measure by pulling, or cutting the roots and leaves with a hoe during the first year of growth. Where the plant proves to be a perennial, thorough cultivation of the ground in grass and clover fields will help keep it in check. Apparently, the seeds are common in alkali and in grass and clover seeds, and the weed is abundant in some sections of the adjacent Rivignes.

There does not seem to be very much information of a definite character regarding the period of viability in the soil, but, as already suggested, if the seed in the soil is like that of the other mustard, its life in the soil may cover a fairly long period. As this weed is comparatively new to this province, it is very urgent that the plants be pulled or destroyed before they go to seed. Some farmers, apparently, are not giving the attention to this matter that its importance merits. Areas in which the plant is allowed to shell its seed will not only create a loss and be a source of irritation to the owner in very few years, but will also be a menace to the land throughout the whole community. The suggestion is advanced that a co-operative movement in our school districts in the form of weed control days might be worthy of consideration.

It is to the interests of all farmers to see that weeds, particularly those which are of a noxious nature and hard to control, should be completely eradicated. Responsibility in this matter reaches farther than the limits of the line fence. Consideration of weed control on the part of our rural citizens is a matter of very wide concern and farmers are asked in this particular connection to make a special effort to eradicate this new visitor in our farm lands. I am, Sir, etc.

W. E. SHAW, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

supper, need he admit to middle-aged inactivity? And the oldest hand at trout-fishing is still a learner. Whether his preference be river or loch, the study of the "fly" of trout, the "fly" rods of the hours of the "rise", the types of natural fly on the water that the angler must seek to imitate, is never-ending. John Gilmurray in Truth London.

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