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The Taxation Bogey

One hears so little now from our Liberal politicians about the taxation bogey that a visitor to the Province, unacquainted with the situation, might well imagine we had ceased paying taxes altogether with the advent of the Mackenzie King Government to power.

What this means will be better understood by reference to the Patriot newspaper of April 10, 1935, the last year of Conservative regime in this Province and at Ottawa. On that date our contemporaries published a report of an address delivered in the Legislature by our present Premier, Hon. THOMAS A. CAMPBELL, then a member of the Opposition.

"If we take the single instance of income tax levied in this Province," said Mr. Campbell, "it seems hard to believe; I was amazed when I heard the figures. But in 1934-35, for eleven months of this year, the total income tax collected from Prince Edward Island by the Dominion Government was \$313,000. For the year ending March 1934, \$120,000. An increase, Mr. Speaker, of more than 100 per cent, an increase over the previous year of \$193,000. So that during the past year the Dominion Government in income taxes alone has taken from this Province an increased assessment of more than the amount which they now propose to return as an annual subsidy." (Applause.)

"But if we consider the income tax which we used to pay in 1930 the situation is even more alarming. Would you believe it, Mr. Speaker, that in 1930 the total income tax paid by this Province was only \$12,649.42 whereas for eleven months of the past year the total income tax had increased from that \$12,600 to \$313,057.33."

And now, with a 100 per cent increase over the 1935 taxation figures, what has PREMIER CAMPBELL to say?

"Other gentlemen who were very much concerned about taxation in last year's election campaign were Messrs. A. E. McLEAN, DR. GRANT, J. J. LARABEE and PETER SINCLAIR. The six per cent sales tax was their pet aversion. According to Mr. LARABEE, the average Prince Edward Island family consumed over \$700 worth of goods per year. On this basis "we would be paying into the Dominion Government a sales tax of three million five hundred thousand dollars for five years." That, he pointed out, "is a tax which is levied on the clothes we wear, on our hats, on our boots, everything that families consume in this country, on all the necessities of life, sugar, everything."

Taking Mr. LARABEE'S estimate of 20,000 families paying sales tax on \$700 of goods per family per year, the annual increase in sales tax alone under the present Liberal government, would be \$280,000.

Mr. PETER SINCLAIR, M. P., used to put it another way. "You farmers," he used to say, "go to town with a dollar bill. That is you think you have a dollar bill; but you only have 94 cents. Bennett takes the other six cents of every dollar from you in Sales Tax." Now Mr. SINCLAIR, if he were not tongue-tied, could say: "Instead of the 94 cents you had when Mr. BENNETT was in power, you now have only 92 cents; Mr. DUNNING takes the difference, and that difference amounts to an additional tax on the people of this Province of \$280,000 every year, on this one item of sales tax alone."

Of course Mr. SINCLAIR wouldn't dream of saying that today. PREMIER CAMPBELL wouldn't dream of saying it. No Liberal politician would entertain the idea of saying it for a moment. But what a glorious time they would have discussing it if only the Bennett Government were still in power! How the rafters at last night's Liberal meeting would have rung if the taxation bogey—swollen now to such gargantuan proportions, could have been trotted out as a Tory and not a Liberal ploy.

Why Mr. Dunning Smiles

With October wheat selling in Winnipeg at \$1.10 there is good reason for the optimism expressed by our genial Finance Minister with regard to Canada's upward climb out of the depression. This year's Western grain crop will be worth nearly \$300,000,000 of money—a fact which any Finance Minister would find exceedingly gratifying. As the Mail and Empire points out, the preference on farm products obtained under the Empire trade pacts in 1932 is partly responsible for the present bull market, but in the main the rise has been caused by a shortage of crops in other countries and by the gradual decrease in the world's available surplus in Canada and elsewhere. The present market rise, moreover, amply vindicated the BENNETT-McFARLAND policy which upheld the Canadian market during the depression years in expectation of the world shortage which has now occurred. That policy netted the Western grain growers upwards of \$150,000,000 during the depression years, and made possible the profits which are now being realized. These profits would have still been greater had not the present administration been precipitate in dumping too much of Canada's carry-over on the world's

markets at unnecessarily low prices—and that on the very eve of the present bull market, which had all along been consistently predicted by Mr. McFARLAND, Mr. BRUCE McBEAN and other high authorities in the trade.

Editorial Notes

Now that they are all gone we'll have time to think of the harvest.

The Liberal meeting last evening was an open meeting, hence a howling success.

It is changed days when a minority can form a government and carry on without coalition—as in Manitoba.

We know more about the junior member for Queens than ever we did before. But that's not saying much, is it now?

A noted speaker was concluding his speech in proposing the toast "The Gas and Electric Company." "Gentlemen, I will now ask you to rise, and in words of the immortal poet, Honour the Light Brigade!" Voice from end of the table: "Oh, what a charge they made."

Beware of the Greeks bringing gifts. The surprising spectacle of the head of the League of Militant Godless advocating bestowal of suffrage on priests is provided in a statement by Emilian Taroslavsky defending that provision in the new Soviet Constitution which will be adopted this winter.

Hebron, where a British lieutenant was wounded in a skirmish with the Arabs of the Holy Land, has an enclosure over a rock cave which is traditionally the tomb of Abraham and other patriarchs. But the modern city is called by the Arabs Khalil er-Pahnan and manufactures glass and leather waterskins. It has a population of 22,000 almost twice the size of Charlottetown.

Not only was the 15,000 ton motor liner Pilsudski the first Polish passenger vessel to go up the St. Lawrence, she is the largest motor ship ever berthed in the harbor of Montreal. She is, moreover, a new vessel—launched last year from an Italian shipyard—and belongs to Poland's own port Gdynia on the Baltic Sea. Her principal interest so far as passengers was concerned were contingents of Polish Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, who were royally entertained by the City Council and other citizens.

Some pessimists declare Spain can never live in peace and harmony after the bloody civil war now in progress. But there is the case of the country to the South of us to confute this. At present 900 of the aged survivors of the Armies of the Union of seventy-one years ago are convening at Washington, and in an address to them Bishop Freeman said: "The tragic era that followed a strife in which you played a heroic part, brought bitterness and sorrow to our entire people. Happily for us we have lived into a day when the men in blue and the men in grey have found a common interest and have vied with one another in making the nation of their love and devotion one of unbroken unity and widespread peace."

In the calendar year 1935 Canada imported 3,447,638 tons of anthracite coal, of which 1,704,091 tons came from the United States and 1,458,832 tons came from the United Kingdom, the balance coming from other countries, mainly Germany, which sent roughly 185,000 tons; Belgium, which shipped 65,000 tons, and French Indo-China, which supplied 55,000 tons. Latest figures from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics are for the seven months ending with July 1936, and show that imports of anthracite coal this year are less from the United States and more from the United Kingdom and from other Continental countries. But with the King Government's pro Russian policy, the British imports are now likely to be severely slashed.

In Boston they are evidently more strict in regard to Sabbath legislation than we are here. In an informal opinion delivered in Suffolk Superior Court Judge George F. James ventured that automobile hiring on Sunday is against the law and liable to prosecution. His opinion was rendered in the course of discussion of the practice of bicycle-letting which is forbidden by the Sunday Blue laws under which Frank Reilly and Charles Yimont, of Boston, and Harold Frankel, of Arlington, are appealing \$100.00 fines. Their lawyer, Mr. Leon B. Newman, told the court in jury waived session that they were being prosecuted under laws passed in 1902 and amended in 1887 to permit letting of "carriages, boats and horses on Sunday." Since the bicycle made its entry in 1890, the law does not cover bicycles but would if bicycles had existed prior to 1890. "If you can't let bicycles, you can't let automobiles," said Mr. Newman. "I don't think you can," returned Judge James.

The Honorable the Minister of Finance in offering his apology for tolerating, if not encouraging, the use by "the common herd" of his nickname "Charlie" seemingly doth protest too much. It appears to be mere affectation to pretend to appreciate intimacy where nothing but acquaintanceship, if even that, exists. In his inner circle, including his wife and brother, Sir John Gladstone, the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone was known as "Will E." (contracted to "Willie"), but it would have been gross presumption bordering on impertinence for ordinary members of Parliament, far less constituents, to so designate and address him in his presence. Similarly, King Edward is known to his brothers and sister as "Dave" and to his nephews, and nieces as "Uncle David". Would it be tolerable, or in the interests of "peace and good government," for his ordinary subjects to so address him? The dignity that surrounds public place and honor demands a certain measure of respect, and not that familiarity, which where personal love and esteem are not conjoined, is apt to breed contempt.

Notes by the Way

An old institution, yet one which brings ever new pleasure and satisfaction, is the annual fall fair; and in country districts more so than in metropolitan centres do these annual shows become a part of the people and reflect their lives—their work and their hobbies. The place occupied by the fall fair in every community should therefore be accepted by everyone in the spirit which brought these shows into being. It should be a pleasure to assist in making them successful, each in his or her own way, and particularly by entering into the friendly competition upon which they are based and by attending them. Fall fairs are synonymous with harvest time, the period of the year in which our new achievements can be counted and some of them exhibited with pride and compared for the benefit of ourselves and others. It should be a time of optimism and thankfulness in which antagonism has no place.—Milverton Sun.

Ideas are the covered wagons that will lead you to the discovery of many a frontier yet undreamed of by many. Allow no one to tell you that the last frontier is gone! There will always be frontiers to pioneer and develop.—Ex.

The circumstance that oxen played a vital part in the development of Canada, is recalled by a report from Regina that the government of Saskatchewan has placed an order for 16 oxen with a concern at Peterboro', Ont. The animals are to be used by farmers in the northern part of the province where swamp fever, coarse marsh grass and various pests present difficulties that horses endure badly.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Market gardeners and florists will no doubt be interested in the successful experiment described by Dr. George I. Christie, president of the Ontario Agricultural college. It has to do with growing vegetables and flowers in a cloth enclosure. "Where asters were from eight to 12 inches high, with a blasted bloom and attacked by the aster beetle, inside the cloth enclosure we were able to grow them by the thousand with the most perfect stems 24 to 30 inches high, and in a mass of solid bloom. The cauliflower plants show almost as marked a difference. We feel we have conclusively proved the value of a cloth enclosure," said Dr. Christie.—Kitchener Record.

One small but influential group attaches very little importance to food for people. It consists of the dictators who have in charge so large a part of the people of Europe. Whenever one of these super-men takes control of a country, he loses no time in cutting down rations. If he is a Red dictator he will ask 180,000,000 souls to draw their belts tight while he builds for them the perfect state; it is only a matter of going hungry fifty or a hundred years. If he is a brown dictator he calls upon 70,000,000 people for heroic sacrifices in the way of white bread and butter and meat, so that the country may become self-sufficient and imports are restricted to raw materials for munitions. If he is a Black dictator he summons 40,000,000 people to eat less bread while he leads them to glory in Ethiopia. Dictators are always busy on dazzling futures for their subjects, and they always begin by cutting down on meals.—New York Times.

In broad and general terms, men's concerns may be taken to be things—property, money, the development of trade and the exploitation of the resources of science and Nature; and the women's concerns people—and the human personal adjustments which condition family and social life; and the needs of the young, the old, the sick and the sorry. The generalization which divides men's and women's special concerns in this way is a very rough one, but it is pretty generally accepted as being psychologically true, and—quite clearly—the course of the history of mankind during the centuries when women had no authentic responsibility for the policy of the State bears it out.—The Fortnightly (London)

Once Germany was mistress of Central and Eastern Europe, and controlled the cornlands of Ukraine and Rumania, and the oilfields of this latter country, and commanded military resources three times greater than those she possesses now, would she not then be in a position to turn her attention to us—to England as well as to France—and, this time, not only to leave us in secure enjoyment of peace, but to dictate to us a peace upon terms which she herself should

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

SHOULD YOUR BODY BE MADE TO WORK

Some years ago an elderly physician stopped before a building that was being erected and on learning that it was a gymnasium where people would go to take exercise, muttered: "Why don't they see some wood? Do them more good."

It is likely that this physician had been brought up in a home where "work" was to be done and sawing wood was part of that work. Now is work or exercise really necessary? The first thing that strikes a medical student is the tremendous amount of muscle that covers the body from head to foot. While these muscles are meant to move the bones, the muscles are so powerful that they could move the weight of bones if they were one hundred times as heavy.

Why then are these muscles so powerful? The muscles are numerous and powerful because they were meant to move the bones when the bones were holding or moving weight of any amount.

It is moving these bones when they are holding or moving weight that we call work or exercise. You can thus see that the body was meant to work or exercise and because Nature expected it to work or exercise, a strong heart, and deep lungs were provided to keep all these muscles supplied with enough blood and enough pure blood to enable the muscles to work.

Naturally as the blood must be supplied with nourishment to carry further nourishment to all parts of the body including this large mass of muscle, Nature also provided a large stomach, an absorbing intestinal surface 20 feet long from which the blood could gather nourishment from the digested food, and a reservoir (large intestine) six feet long to collect the wastes from the food.

However with escalators, elevators, motor cars, machines that do the work in factories, steam shovels, and other labour saving devices, these large muscles are not called into use as in early days. If then you are covered with muscles, and likely eat as much food as if you were working these muscles, although you do no real work, you can easily understand why exercise (work) would not only develop muscle but strengthen heart, lungs, bloodvessels and every part of the body.

And the nice part about it is that you can choose the work or exercise you like—golf, tennis, swimming, baseball, and other reasonable games or go regularly three times a week to a gymnasium where weather doesn't enter into the matter.

The Poet's Corner

DEER AMONG COWS
What slim and tawny stranger comes to browse
At evening now among the stolid cows!

Bright as the movement of a soaring bird
A lovely head is flung above the herd.

Wide eyes are lighted with a flame of fear
At every leaf the wind brings drifting near.

A breath of danger blows, and like a breeze
The deer is gone. A single heifer sees

The feather flight and lifts her head to pause
And ponder on the sight with dripping jaws.

—Gerald Raftery in the New York Sun.

News & Views
As Seen From Ottawa
(By Our Own Correspondent)

Ottawa Islanders in review.—Mr. Justice Hyndman buying a paper at the Chateau. J. Wilfred Godfrey, native Islander on the Radio Commission board, in town to attend the first meeting of the new board, and attending the Canadian Club luncheon. Maitland Owen, who is working as a chemist with the E. B. Eddy Company. Earl Young taking vicious swipes at a golf ball. L. D. Warren, Colin Calbeck, Francis McLean, H. A. McCallum, Everett Morgan, Miss Minna Riley, Billy Stewart and R. R. Fitzgerald noticed in various parts of Center Town. Tom Hubbard boarding a street car. J. A. Rodd returning from a fisheries convention in New York.

The principal danger of the Spanish civil war to European peace has received little attention. A prominent politician of France privately pointed it out to us and several persons who have been in Europe recently confirmed it. If the Spanish rebels are successful, they will inspire an uprising of Fascists in France. With France torn by civil strife, there would be provided excuses for war and a weakened condition to intrigue Germany to attack. Being a movie star is not entirely a bed of roses. Rosina Lawrence writes us from Hollywood that while she was making General Spanky (a civil war tale) she had great difficulty with hoop skirts. One day she fell down stairs on the set and five weeks later still had a lump on her shin larger than a duck egg. Germany had been making remarkable progress in synthetically creating necessary materials for which she has not the natural resources. At the rate she is going, at no distant future she might be completely independent if imports were shut off during war. She can now create oil from the Rhur Valley coal. The latest synthetic product is carnofil, which is the term for raw meat turned into a substitute for costly woolsins and other fabric materials. Bob Inch, national secretary of the League of Nations brings in details of plans for a national peace action week and comments what worries him most these days is what is going to happen to him in the next world war. Dr. C. M. Mateschoss, Germany's most distinguished engineer, confirms what we said about Danzig. It is the real danger-point of Europe, he says. "As you say in this country, the worst is yet to come as far as Danzig is concerned," he observed. "As you know, however, we have a peace pact with Poland for ten years."

British Columbia is due to go to polls (we hear) next summer. The CCF is the most confident party in the field. Leaders point out that in the federal election the CCF has the largest vote of any single party. No more election predicting for us! By the way, the CCF is hoping to profit by any missteps in Alberta by Aberhart. They say the real power behind the scenes in Alberta is the 26-year-old Manning. The tall, angular Sir Neville Wilkinson tells us that he will not be bringing to Canada that miniature masterpiece, Titania's Palace, for another year. All that Baron Thankerton, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, would tell us concerning Canada's desire to have changes in the B. N. A. Act was that as far as he knew there were

no legal difficulties. "It is a matter between two sovereign states." The subject of this week's portrait is Mr. Earl Young, who has been recommended as editor in chief of Hansard. He has been associate editor of debates since 1926. Was born in Charlottetown, the son of John W. Young, now of Ottawa, and the late Mrs. Young. Attended West Kent school and Queen's University. Prior to coming to Ottawa in 1912 was official reporter for the Supreme Court of P. E. I. Is a graduate of The Charlottetown Business College and taught there for a while. Became a member of the Hansard staff by competitive examination, the first year such examination was established. In Ottawa is a member of the Cyro Club, Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club, Professional Institute of the Civil Service and Rideau Badminton Club. Is a former chairman of the editors' group of the Professional Institute. Married and has three children.

The Art Of Living

(London Free Press) The secret of a long life has been sought for centuries by people of all races. Wise and learned men, resorted to such science as was at their disposal, seeking the hidden recipe for longevity. Yet despite occasional suggestions made by Ancients at the instance of reporters and interviewers, the secret remains still with the centenarians. There are old, old men who "chewed" baccy all their lives, and there are other old worthies, just as hoary, who never drew a breath that wasn't as sweet as Granny's smile. There are venerable ones who, all their lives, adhered to a policy of strict abstinence from strong and heady liquors, and others who grew to be every bit as venerable who are ardent worshippers at the altar of John Barleycorn. Sometimes, reading these sober, authoritative statements, made on

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the occasion of birthdays and other anniversaries, one wonders whether the bearded relic of another time has not so far fallen from grace as to spoof the representative of a later generation. "Never sleep more than six hours, my boy," remarks the honored guest on his 106th birthday, the boy being a well-worn journalist of 50 summers. "Work hard and rise with the sun," says another. "Never worry," adds a third. Another object of veneration declares: "Take life easy. That's the secret. Man wasn't meant to work hard. Relax. That's the thing."

And so it goes. Some do and some don't. But all live on past the Biblical three-score years and 10, and then adding the fuel of pride of accomplishment to their already strong constitutions, prepare to write another 30 years to their book of life. No. These little bits of advice, these hints and pearls of wisdom are not the secret of long life. The truth of the matter is that some people came into this world endowed with more sand in Life's hourglass than the rest of us, and they remained in the world of living souls whether they actually lived up to the Sunday school mottoes on their walls, or whether they were the black sheep of their families. The secret of long life is to pick your ancestors with discretion. Hereditary tendencies are the main pillars in the temple of longevity. Pick your father and mother, your grandfather and your grandmother, possibly all four grandparents, from long-lived, healthy, durable stock and the chances are greatly in your favor, should you have ambitions to hand out gems of wisdom on the art of living to be 100, when some youngster of 60 comes to interview you.

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