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Municipal Tax Collections

A summary of data compiled by the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada shows that there has been a continued upward trend in tax collections by municipalities in Canada from 1934 following three years of continuous decreases.

Among 75 municipalities with a population of 10,000 or over, as listed by the institute those in the western group, Ontario and Quebec all had better tax collection records in 1936 than in 1935.

Table with columns: Municipality, Current Levy, Per Capita Levy, Total Tax Collected, Arrears. Rows include Moncton, Saint John, Glace Bay, Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown.

Prairie Situation Critical

Scanty rainfall and excessively hot weather has brought about declines in crop prospects as the drought damaged area of the Prairie Provinces has been steadily extended, says a crop report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Behind The Soviet Veil

No one can fail to note the change which has come over Russia in the last three years, says the London Times. The same prodigious efforts are being made to fulfil the same aspiring programmes.

With Stalin's placards have appeared from nowhere on the walls. Stalin's star seems to be setting blood red, and the two rising comets are Voroshiloff, the popular Army chief, and a dark horse called Yeshoff, who now holds supreme control of the O.G.P.U.

Personal Gain Not Everything

Of prime importance in the Hornby Plan is the emphasis it places on farming as a life work, not merely a means of making a livelihood. In this connection General Hornby has said: "Of the lessons which I learned from the experience of my father and his family, the one which has made the deepest impression on my mind is not that the value to Canada of an immigrant success or failure, not so much by what he gets out of Canada as by what he puts into Canada."

The first object of any settlement plan, Major Hornby emphasizes, should be to give the immigrant the experience his own father lacked, before land, livestock and equipment are acquired.

Editorial Notes

"The Glorious Twelfth." The Kilties have returned with enhanced reputation. Work everywhere necessary to be done, but a supine Government sits back and does nothing.

According to a correspondent, President Roosevelt has no power to reduce the price of gold, notwithstanding announcements that he was considering doing so. According to the 1834 amendment to the original Act, the President could not retain more than 60 per cent of the old gold content in the dollar.

If Sir Thomas Inskip, British Minister for Defence Co-ordination, had his way prospective cabinet ministers would be forced to undergo examination before taking their portfolios. Here are examples of questions he would have the candidates asked, he said.

The dignified House of Lords chucked over a definition of a financier during debate before the Exchange Equalization Bill received approval. Lord Strabolgi, a Labor peer, said a great financier gave him this definition: "The difference between a financier and a burglar is a burglar does not wear a top hat."

Writing to the Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Virginia, President Roosevelt makes no pretense of minimizing the serious consequences to the United States of war in Europe. "A continuation of the existing uncertainties in the international sphere is highly prejudicial to the well-being of the United States," he said.

High prices for agricultural products put an extra \$4,249,743 in British Columbia farmers' pockets last year, compared with the previous 12 months, the provincial department of agricultural reports. Gross production value during 1936 was \$46,669,735 or 10.02 per cent more than in 1935 and \$12,295,809 or 35.77 per cent over the depression low in 1932.

Notes By The Way

The experience of Germany and Italy indicates that artificial stimulation of the marriage rate is not sufficient to sustain any increase. Statistics on marriage rates abroad gathered by a well known life insurance company show that both these countries had a sharp drop in weddings in 1935. The year Germany had a decline of 12.6 per cent from the previous year, while in 1934 it had a gain of 15.5 per cent as a result of certain artificial forces, such as "marriage aid loans."

A motion passed unexpectedly at the recent conference of the Empire Press Union in London may well prove of considerable importance. Mr. J. A. Spender, well known in Britain as a writer, had uttered a warning to the conference of the possibility of official censorship in the press and had urged the newspaper press to discipline itself rather than be disciplined by the government.

The Kremlin tries to keep calm, but there is no doubt in the minds of foreigners that Stalin is facing a crisis. The ferocity of the attacks on those singled out as "enemies of the State" has demonstrated how desperate are the leaders in the Kremlin. They are not taking any chances of anyone getting too strong—Windsor Star.

It has become almost an adage that dumb people are the happiest; using dumb in its looser sense of meaning slightly lacking in cerebral responses. But it is rather disconcerting to find eminent nerve specialists advocating a self-induced "dumbness" to spread happiness and cheer in the world. These worthy gentlemen suggest taking out large hunks of the brains of persons who are smart but jittery, and thereby making them as calm and presumably, as happy as a docile cow—half-asleep in a meadow. If some people want to have chunks cut out of their brains and become menial captives, that is their affair. But most persons will be willing to struggle along and take the gall and the wormwood with the milk and honey. Too much ease is worse than no ease at all—Los Angeles Times.

These European dictators who thought they had old British lionhood by bluff and threats of violence will now begin to realize even though we are a land of liberty, we have our own imperial pride, and are zealous for the honour of the British Commonwealth and its continued sway.—Exchange.

If girls' schools would add to the courses in physiology, psychology and biology, courses in roentology, sociology, psychology and general domesticology, the divorce courts would probably be emptied in no time.—Windsor Star.

There seems no reason why the invention of Sponnerisms should ever come to an end. Dr. Spooner himself died as long ago as August, 1930, but new examples of his verbal eccentricity are constantly being "discovered." The latest number of the "Periodical" publishes a fresh batch—labelled however, as "unauthenticated." First-class honors should be awarded to the request for a bath of milk and a glass bun. Here we have the substitution of one word for another in such a way as to result in an intelligible meaning. In the second class one might place instances where the initial letters of two words are transposed with a similar effect. Thus we have a description of Cambridge, after a visit in the winter, as a bloody, meek place, and the remark to a pupil that several proviers have been detected in his nose. "Shut him off with a killings" and "cattle-ships and bruisers" are further examples. When one of the resultant words is not a real word, more than a third class seems to be deserved; for example, "And the wigtire frittered away"—Manchester Guardian.

No part of a dictatorship seems more non-sensical, to inhabitants of a democracy, than does its censorship of the newspapers. And one of the most laughable developments of all comes from Berlin, where a law journal suggests that under Nazi law it may be a misdemeanor to fail to read the daily papers. Such a rule is logical enough, certainly. What inducement is there to read the newspapers, in a land where every journal is under the thumb of a Government Minister of Propaganda, where all the news is colored and no writer dares dissent to the dictator? If you are going to have that kind of newspaper, you might as well have a law forcing people to read it; for otherwise a constantly increasing part of the populace is apt to leave it entirely alone.—Quebec Chronicle Telegraph.

TRANSVAAL LOSING GAME. PIETERSBURG, South Africa. (C.P.)—Shooting of game in Northern Transvaal should be prohibited for five years, according to hunters who state drought and hunting has made big inroads on wild life there.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

HAY FEVER SEASON NEAR AT HAND

The season for the majority of hay fever sufferers is nearly at hand and patients and physicians are naturally preparing for it. As you know, the special or specific treatment of trying to immunize (keep free of symptoms) a patient is to inject into the body a small amount of the extract of the pollen suspected of causing hay fever. Each time this small amount of pollen is injected the "fighting forces" of the body are aroused to fight off the effects of the pollen. Naturally these forces keep gathering more strength as the pollen injections continue with the result that when the pollen season arrives and the air is carrying large quantities of pollen the body should have enough fighting forces ready that it can prevent any ill effects from the pollen floating in the air.

While the majority of cases of hay fever are due to ragweed, there are other plants and trees whose pollen causes hay fever in certain sensitive individuals. Some of the grasses and trees causing hay fever as mentioned in Owen C. Duham's book "Your Hay Fever" are:— Short ragweed, long ragweed, Southern ragweed, Western ragweed, false ragweed, cocklebur, marsh elder, and burweed marsh elder of which the short ragweed is the most common.

The hay fever trees are:—Alder, ash, birch, poplar, elm, hickory, elm oak, willow and others.

"The testing for these pollens is done by placing the raw pollen or the extracts of them on tiny or superfine scratches in the skin. In a few minutes on the site tested a swelling occurs like a hive-like itching with material to which the patient is sensitive." Test is sometimes made in eye or in nose.

When the pollen is found that causes the big lump or "hive," then this pollen is injected under the first injection of pollen is small in amount, but the dose is gradually increased until the sufferer is apparently protected against the arrival of that particular pollen that is likely to be floating in the air.

These injections are successful in a great many cases in protecting against hay fever and should be started four to six weeks before the hay fever season arrives. A new treatment—labels of pollen extract taken by mouth is now under investigation.

The Poet's Corner

THE BETHERAL

W' stately step an' solemn mien The poppit stairs he mounts, An' roon the kink wi' mony a glower The worshippers he counts. W' carefu' haun' he taks the Bulk An' sets it in its place, Then hirls down the stairs again, A proud ook on h' s face. His aid tail-coat swings east an' west, As his shirt-front north and south, As hen he brings the meenister— A smirk about his mouth. Ay! meenisters may come an' gang, An' though they're men o' grace, It taks an extra-ordin' chiel To fill a betheral's place. —Lavinia Derwent, in Chambers's Journal.

Anti-Christian Cults

(Sydney Post Record) From Berlin and Moscow, centres of Teutonic Fascism and Soviet Communism, come stories of official campaigns against Christianity which would be incredible if their sources were less authentic. Hitler is warring against Protestants and Catholics with ruthless impartiality. His aim is to force the churches into compartments framed by his Government, annexed to the state. If he succeeds, it will be because the soul of religion is dead in the German people. In Russia the Soviet Union has initiated a drive against the Protestant, Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, whose leaders and priests, branded as enemies of Communism, are being arrested for alleged treason, summarily sentenced and imprisoned or deported into exile. Civilization has not witnessed anything comparable to these attempts to discredit and exterminate Christianity since the dawn of modern history.

The only difference between Fascism and the Slavic brand of Communism is the respective attitudes toward religion. The difference in methods of oppression. But Fascism is the more dangerous cult because it is the more powerful—Germany being the most formidable military power on the Continent of Europe. The Mussolini brand is however, quite as great a menace in its way, because although a much smaller force, it has needed voluntarily under the domination of Germany to escape ineluctable isolation. Whether the Christian democracies will or not, they shall have to oppose force to force, if these destructive cults are to be kept in check and the best features of civilization preserved.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

THE MARKET FOR STRAWBERRIES IN GREAT BRITAIN

Sir,—I have just received the following report from the Canadian Fruit Commissioner in London: "There has been a progressive falling off in the volume of supplies reaching the Dutch auction markets. Contrary to expectations, prices are firm with quotations of £21.15.0 to £23.0.0 per long ton f.o.b. Rotterdam. Germany is reported to be showing an interest in the Dutch auctions. This may tend to further increase prices. Prices in England are rising, best jam berries now selling up to £35.10.0 at the farm."

From this it would appear that the market for strawberries in Great Britain is likely to increase in volume in future years. I may say that £22 per long ton in Rotterdam works out at a cost of 8½¢ per pound in London, England, after paying duty, and that the net price to Canadian shippers would be about 6½¢. The port is for English berries which are limited in volume, and in the past have been sold for table stock. If not too late, it would seem to be well for strawberry growers on this island to plant out as many new strangers as possible this year. I am, Sir, etc., H. K. S. HEMMING.

"Learning From A Neighbor"

(New York Times)

Friendly borderers in spite of the proverb, Canada and the United States have long had what Chief Justice Hughes has called "the habit of peace." They also have the habit of democracy, as Lord Tweedsmuir has just said, "they are engaged in the same has all the heat and fury and hater and election-bugging of ours. After temper which marks or used to mark the end of American battles on the stump. Both nations are federations, if Professor Turner was right in his theory of the federation of geographical sections, the Prairie Provinces might be compared profitably with the Middle West. The attacks on the bankers in Montreal and Toronto, recall the hymn of hate which our politicians have chanted so long against Wall Street.

Canadian problems as they are ours; and the organization of labor is bothering Canadian statesmen. Both nations have to deal in their democratic ways, essentially the same for all their differences, with the same matters of national moment. The Canadian method is always worth watching when he predicted that in time that is, "learn" a good deal from Canada. He taught us much about prohibition. One sorely needed lesson she is giving us every day seems little taking us heart. In that country of immature range the criminal law, whether in cities or isolated communities, is executed speedily and effectively. Trials are short. The courts are not theatres of cheap emotionalism, windy oratory, pettifogging tactics to delay or defeat justice.

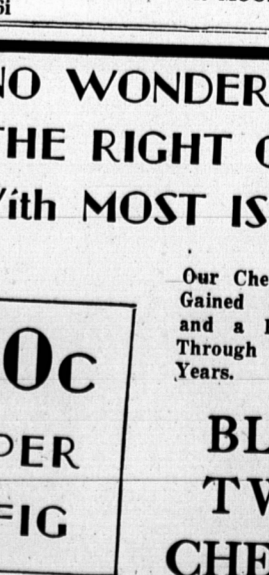
Lord Tweedsmuir spoke of "the frontier" of Canada. The frontier of the United States disappeared more than forty years ago. According to Roscoe Pound, our scandalous criminal trials are inheritances of the frontier. In Canada judges are appointed for life and are not susceptible to political influence. There is no haggling for weeks in an effort to select a jury. There is no string of appeals to save a criminal's neck.

First Queen's Liberal Association

The annual meeting of the First Queen's Liberal Association will be held in Breadalbane Hall on Thursday, July 15th, at 8 p.m. Each poll is requested to send five delegates. FRED MACDONALD, President, J. VERNER MOORE, Secretary. L-191-7-9-6i

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Here too often he wins and the public loses. We ought to learn from the Canadians how to administer criminal justice, but are we likely to? There are pessimists who hold that the great sprawling, easy-going, sensation-loving American public looks on a criminal trial as a show spectacle, melodrama, pulp story, and bothers itself mightily little about justice so long as it has plenty of excitement.

practice of having poems read by their authors is in nine cases out of ten a fatal mistake. PLAN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. HULL, England—(C.P.)—British key industries will be brought under public ownership if Labor gets a majority in Commons, according to Arthur Greenwood, deputy leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party.

NEW SEAT-LIFEBELT. LONDON (C.P.)—A new rubber safety-seat for air passengers that can be converted into a lifebelt in less than 10 seconds, is being brought into use on all Imperial Airways' Empire flying boats.

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