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OPPRESSIVE TAX BURDEN

We publish elsewhere in this issue an article by Rt. Hon Arthur Meighen, Conservative Leader, which appeared in the April 18 issue of "Marketing, Canada's Business Magazine," Toronto, Ontario. There is no man in Canada who has made as close a study of taxation and there are few, if any, as capable of setting out the facts as clearly and concisely as former Premier Meighen. We commend to our readers a careful perusal of this article which, like all of Mr Meighen's statements, is simply an appeal to common sense. Cause and effect are inseparable. Excessive taxation strangles business; depressed business leads to discontent, discontent to emigration. These causes are at work in Canada today.

The war naturally left us a heritage of debt. The debt could have been gradually overtaken and was being overtaken until the present government took charge and an era of reckless expenditure began which increased the debt, taxation followed; industry was being slowly strangled; emigration followed; production dwindled, starving our railways and our shipping. The United States with its lower taxation, its increasingly prosperous industry attracted our people and the unfortunate exodus almost depopulated the country. Added to all these was the demoralization of our home markets by tariff tinkering and an unstable fiscal policy which made and is still making our country a dumping ground for the United States.

These causes, more clearly depicted, are either directly or indirectly referred to in the article reproduced. Also the remedy is stated, a reduction in taxation, the building up of our home markets, the protection and revival of industries, home employment, Canada for the Canadians.

We are at present, under the "beneficent rule" of the King government, importing from the United States goods which should and could be manufactured in Canada by Canadian labor. If Canada is to become the great nation its natural resources entitle it to be we must develop our home industries and our home markets. This is common sense and has been the practiced and preached policy of the Conservative party, the practiced though differently preached policy of the Liberal party and, unfortunately, the policy hampered by the present Liberal aggregation for Progressive support. Until this policy is restored in its entirety there is no hope for Canada and the present hope is that the time for restoration is at hand.

"NOTHING IN EXCESS."

"Nothing in excess," was a motto of Socrates, and is as applicable to our day as to the days of the great philosopher, 2,500 years ago. Everything in moderation, nothing in excess, is the warning of common sense, inherent in the human race, inherent also in the lower animal races, for few animals, living in natural conditions and undisturbed by man's interference, carry their natural appetites, their greeds or their propensities to hurtful excess. Man alone of all the animals has learned and even cultivated the folly of excess, and he has done it to his hurt and to that of the race.

Every grace and virtue man possesses, not excepting even the greatest of them all, Love or Charity, is capable of being transformed into a vice by excess. Indeed there is perhaps no vice that had not its origin in a virtue.

The love that would lay down its life for the country, for the com-

friend, may be carried to an excess of indulgence that will make the country, the community, the family, the friend non-supporting and useless. The legitimate and worthy desire to earn a living, to lay by a competence for a rainy day, may become so sharpened by success and developing greed as to exceed the bounds of honesty; may reach the point where the exaction of the odd dollar in excess of legitimate value will not strain the conscience; may continue developing to the vice of studied extortion and dishonesty. The justifiable love of money for the necessities and the comforts it will bring has been known to grow into the soul-devouring greed of the miser who makes money his god, who lives for his gold alone and who dies with nothing to hold to but his worthless gold. Every virtue, every quality of goodness, every legitimate taste which is indulged beyond the bounds of moderation, carries its possessor into the borderland of vice and unless a speedy return is effected, the end is a continuously growing vice.

This is perhaps the most important lesson that can be impressed upon the young. There are so many things to love, so many tastes to be agreeably ministered to, so many pleasures to be enjoyed. Within reasonable moderation, up to the point where they may be voluntarily and easily laid aside, they are not only harmless but necessary to health and happiness; beyond that point they are an incipient evil which may swell into an uncontrollable conflagration, a life destroying, soul-destroying vice.

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LOOKING FORWARD

The early summer birds, the frogs, the herring and, last but not least, the auto parties from our neighboring and more distant sister towns, villages and rural sections, announce the near approach of summer. It is most gratifying to learn from all our visitors that the roads are in excellent condition with but few exceptions. The exceptions, we regret to say, are in the vicinity of Charlottetown. In these sections no work has yet been done on the roads and this is inexcusable. It is true there may be a few spots on which the snow lingered later than in others but speaking generally, all our Island roads are now in first class condition to be put in shape for the summer and this should be done. There has not in many years been such an opportunity to fix up the roads as has been the case this year. They were dried up weeks earlier than usual, weeks before the farmers could get on the land. In the most progressive sections this has been taken advantage of by the overseers and their excellent work is being commended by travellers. In some sections this has not been done and as a consequence, these districts are being regarded as backward, shiftless and thriftless. Neglect of this kind is a misfortune to the district and an injustice to the rest of the province for we are generally judged by our worst. We need a regular community awakening. Where the overseer is too slow or negligent to do his duty in this respect the community should demand

that he either get busy or resign his job and let some one else do it. No self-respecting community today can afford to have its roads neglected. Good roads are the proud boast of the greater part of the province and to fall short of this is to be in the "dug-out" stage. Let every community awake to the need of this evidence of thrift and prosperity. Roads made now will be a summer-long joy to the province and a credit to the community having them and keeping them in good shape throughout the season.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

The roads are getting a good chance.

The Senate is "carrying the war into Africa" by petitioning Imperial Parliament for the reduction of the House of Commons by about ten per cent. A twenty-five per cent reduction would make a nice workable Parliament.

In connection with the dispute about the attendance at the Orchestral Society's concert the Guardian made telephone communications with different authorities with the following experience:

THE GUARDIAN—Is that Prince of Wales College?

FEMALE VOICE—Yes.

THE GUARDIAN—This is the Guardian. Can you tell us the seating capacity of the P. W. C. Hall?

FEMALE VOICE—Wait a minute. (After interval). The seating capacity would depend upon the number of chairs in the hall.

THE GUARDIAN—What is the usual number of chairs in the hall?

FEMALE VOICE—Wait a minute. (After interval). We don't know.

THE GUARDIAN—You have no idea how many your hall holds or how many chairs you have at your disposal?

FEMALE VOICE—No.

THE GUARDIAN—Thank you. That is the scholastic idea of practical knowledge.

The Guardian next rang up Mr. James Paton who has had considerable to do with entertainments of one kind or another in the Prince of Wales College.

THE GUARDIAN—Is that Mr. Paton?

MR. PATON—Yes.

THE GUARDIAN—Can you tell us the seating capacity of Prince of Wales College?

MR. PATON—I am not sure about the seating capacity but I know there are supposed to be about six hundred chairs go with the hall. Any additional must be supplied by the party renting the hall. We have put in as many as two or three hundred additional.

THE GUARDIAN—Thank you. That is what we wanted to know.

That is the practical business man who converts theories into practice.

THE GUARDIAN—Is that the Public Works Department?

FEMALE VOICE—Yes.

THE GUARDIAN—This is the Guardian—can you tell us the seating capacity of the Prince of Wales College Hall?

FEMALE VOICE—Wait and I'll get Mr. McMillan.

MR. McMILLAN—Yes, what did you want?

THE GUARDIAN—Can you tell us the seating capacity of Prince of Wales College Hall?

MR. McMILLAN—It is supposed to accommodate a thousand—you know it is a large hall—but only 600 chairs go with it.

THE GUARDIAN—Are there six hundred chairs in the hall?

MR. McMILLAN—There are supposed to be, but I do not know if the full complement be there at present. There may be some broken though this has not been reported.

THE GUARDIAN—But the seating capacity is about 1,000, and the actual number of chairs provided is about 600?

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Notes By the Way

In the spring time, our farming population, of which we have more to the square mile than any other province in Canada, are much interested in the increase of their live stock, of which they also have more in number to the square mile than any other province. This is no small distinction. Actually we have four times as many cattle, four times as many sheep, six times as many hogs and almost eight times as many head of poultry as any other province of the Dominion.

Some objector may say that our square miles are few. That is quite true and our farms are also somewhat smaller than in certain other provinces. That argues nothing against the point we wish to make. If a square mile on this island has more people and more live stock than the average square mile within any other provincial area it obviously has the soil and the climatic conditions adapted to grow and maintain them. What is more important is that the people of Prince Edward Island as a body collectively, may justly claim to be the equals of the best, with some points of superiority.

Wherever Island people have gone, and they have gone to the ends of the earth almost, they have achieved a high average of success. Some have become State Governors, one has held a Cabinet position at Washington, another is now United States Ambassador to Germany and so on. In fact so many were successful 'Islanders abroad' as noted in our local press that the newspapers have been loudly blamed for recording their exploits and successes and so placing before others yet at home the temptation to become exodians.

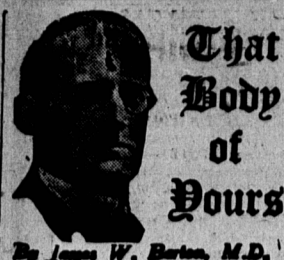
The island has given many of her sons and daughters to adorn high positions in every walk of life to the Central and Western Provinces of Canada. The gain was to those provinces and for it they have made no return in kind. Where is the man who has come to Prince Edward Island from any one of the six Provinces west of the Maritimes and greatly distinguished himself in this Province? Such cases are few indeed. The Island has done very much to enrich the larger Provinces both in brains and brawn. Is not that fact in itself a distinction? Before they went westward to lands that were yet mainly a wilderness these Islanders had turned nearly all the forest of their homeland into a fruitful field, deemed to the sickle and the plow.

We said before that our island people were the equals of any and had some points of superiority. One of these points is the people here are beyond comparison native born Canadians. No other province has a population so largely composed of home born men, women and children. That helps us to understand why the different creeds and race stocks live so harmoniously together and why the proportion of vice and crime to population is and has been for more than half a century past lower than in any other part of Canada or of North America.

We have evidently a very compact, orderly, harmonious, God-fearing and thrifty community, whose average of all the higher mental and moral qualities is high. If these things are so, and who will venture to deny the fact? Then they are worthy of occasional mention in any journal of the home and the fireside. We can't measure honesty, morality, hospitality, good will and friendship by the yard or the square mile, or weight them on a Fairbanks scale, but it is evident that a square mile of good soil, densely filled with people endowed with a high average of these qualities has a high value indeed.

Times have not been very good in the world generally for some years past. But they have been better in the new world than in the old and we hope may steadily improve hereafter. And in what part of Canada have the times been better than in Prince Edward Island? Since we got the Car Ferry and other betterments therewith there has been much less discontent and complaint than there had prevailed here before.

"That which we have we prize not to the worth," is an admonitory line which is worth thinking over. That which we have, not merely in climate and soil, in flocks and herds, but in the quality of our home-born people in their virtues, their habits of industry and thrift, has made our Island Province richer than we knew. We have much to be thankful for and some things to be proud of not the least of which is that the average square mile in Prince Edward Island out-



Dr. James W. Barton, M.D.

AIR—HOT OR COLD

An interesting experiment was conducted by the Health Department, upon the school children of New York City. It was an endeavor to discover the effect of the air in the school rooms, in relation to the cause of colds among the school children. One group had ordinary window ventilation and a temperature of about 68, the second group had fan ventilation with temperature about the same, while the third group had window ventilation, but the temperature was kept at 69, or about ten degrees lower than other groups. No extra clothing was provided for this third group. The children exposed to the cooler air had fewer attacks of "colds," than the children in the warmer rooms. The children in the fan ventilated rooms had more colds, than the children in the window ventilated rooms. Further, although moisture in the air is wise if the temperature is not too high, it was found that excessive moisture with high temperature (75 or over) lessened the loss of body heat by the skin. It was found that air that was not too warm and moist, permitted the youngsters to be fairly comfortable although the window of the fan ventilation were shut off for a time. The same air heated and moistened, made the children so uncomfortable that ventilation was at once demanded. In other words if your skin can get a reasonable chance to get rid of the heat of your body, you can be fairly comfortable, even if you are not getting any large amount of fresh air. Does this mean that our fresh air friends are making a mistake by demanding fan ventilation, open windows and so forth? Not by any means, because it was found that the youngsters could not do as efficient work in the "stale" cool air, even if they were comfortable. And further the lack of the fresh air interfered with the natural appetite for food, and these youngsters would have soon declined in health had the experiment been permitted to go any further. We still need the fresh air then, but the air in the rooms should not be over 68 F.

The spacious rooms of Bishop's Lodge, Charlottetown, were filled to overflowing Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being the annual "At Home," given by His Grace Archbishop and Mrs. Worrell, to the members of the Synod (clerical and lay) with their hosts and hostesses. Mrs. Worrell, attired in a very becoming gown of black velvet with jet and mauve trimmings, assisted His Grace in her usual charming manner in receiving the guests, the Co-adjutor Bishop Right Rev. John MacKenzie also receiving with His Grace. It was, indeed, a great occasion, when the priests and laymen from all parts of the Diocese including several from this city, Judge Warburton, Mr. W. L. Cotton, Mr. James E. Harris and others, met to show their loyalty to their greatly beloved Archbishop and to renew friendship of former years—to many this being the only occasion when this is possible. The wives of the clergy assisted Mrs. Worrell in pouring, assisted by a bevy of charming young ladies in serving the delectable refreshments. So enjoyable was the "At Home" that all were loath to say good-bye. Among the guests was Principal MacKinnon, of Pine Hill College. Many took this occasion to bid God-speed to Rev. W. A. Geddes, who leaves shortly on his return to his work in the North, where he will be followed by the best wishes of all who know of the wonderful work that is being performed there.

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Happenings of the Week

When your mind is all at ease, Get a spade! Dig your garden in the breeze, Without aid; When existence is a bore, And you wish that it were o'er, Cheerfulness you will restore With a spade.

Why take powders, draughts, and pills, When a spade Cures all troubles and all ills That invade Us poor humans, rich and poor? Why should we such things endure, When we have a certain cure In a spade?

Victim of the wages axe, Get a spade! Sufferer from Income-tax, Be not stayed! Do not fret and fume and boll; Be a simple son of toil, Or (the same thing) ton of soil, With a spade.

Prince George and Mr. Earl Spicer sailed last Saturday by the S. S. Montrose for England.

Rev. James T. Ibbott of Halifax, has been in the city for the past few weeks taking the services in St. Paul's Church most acceptably for Rev. Mr. Raymond who has been in Ontario on business in connection with the Bible Society. Mr. Raymond is expected home to night.

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