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CIVIC TAX COLLECTIONS

Most cities have been having difficulty with their tax collections during the past few years, a fact which is evidenced in a report recently issued by the Canadian Tax Conference of the Citizens' Research Institute. This report shows that the percentage of total current municipal tax levies remaining uncollected at the end of their respective fiscal years in seventy-three Canadian urban municipalities of more than 10,000 population rose from 21.6 in 1931 to 26.7 in 1932. Only four municipalities of those under review actually collected a larger percentage of their 1932 taxes than in 1931, namely, Halifax, N.S., Westmount, Levis and Joliette, Quebec. The decline in collections in some cities was as much as 19.9 percent of the total levy below the 1931 figures. For Charlottetown in the same period the current uncollected levy rose from 16.1 to 26.9, an increase of 10.8 per cent.

Various expedients have been adopted to meet this problem of diminishing tax collections. Some cities, like Charlottetown and Vancouver, give a discount for prompt payment. Others impose a penalty for delinquency. Some will accept payment in such installments as the ratepayer wishes to pay, and some pay interest on sums deposited before the taxes are due. The city of Edmonton is reported to be considering a plan to collect taxes in monthly installments instead of in lump sums, and the Winnipeg Free Press expresses the opinion that Winnipeg might well look into the scheme.

Discussing the latter plan, the Vancouver Province says the objection to monthly tax collections, is that it involves more accounting. But it points out that the Dominion and some Provincial Governments have found that collections in small amounts bring the taxes in better and bear less heavily on the individual. Moreover, the public service corporations, which have relations with the public very similar to those municipal treasuries have, collect the money due them for electricity or gas or telephone service month by month and do not shrink from the extra accounting involved. The public service corporations have had long and wide experience in making collections and the municipalities might study their methods with benefit. Of course, the companies have the whip hand in being able to turn off the gas or power or cut the phone wires on comparatively short notice.

There may be other objections to the monthly payment plan, but at least it is deserving of consideration by our own civic authorities in view of the difficulty which Charlottetown, in common with other municipalities, is experiencing in the matter of tax collections.

ADJOURNMENT

Appropos of the World Economic Conference, now adjourned indefinitely, the Financial Post says: "More plain speaking was done by Litvinoff, of Russia, and Bennett, of Canada, than by the other 900 delegates put together. Mr. Bennett will not forgive us for bracketing him with the foreign ministers of the communistic state but when Litvinoff said that the world's troubles were due to capitalism and when Mr. Bennett drily forecast that countries would continue to use tariffs for national purposes each was indulging in realistic plain speaking of his own views. There was not enough of that at the conference."

The editor of the Financial Post, who covered the conference person-

Notes By The Way

Mussolini's ten years of accomplishments have been nothing short of amazing. He has made of Italy one of the first nations of Europe. The spirit of Mussolini himself is today the spirit of the whole country. The successful and spectacular flight of Gen. Balbo from Italy to Chicago is the climax of modern Italy's determination to increase its prestige and stature in the eyes of the world.

It is, of course, unfair to judge modern statesmen by the old standards. Statecraft today has not only to handle complexities that were un- dreamt of fifty or a hundred years ago, but it has to reckon with a democracy so keenly alive to its own importance that in all the chancelleries of the world it has become the terror that walketh by night and the pestilence that watcheth in the noonday.

Twenty-four truckloads of ticker tape and torn paper were removed from New York streets following General Balbo's welcome. Whether the Italian visitor understood it or not, it would not be a New York greeting without some sort of lavish indifference to cost.

Let there be no misunderstanding. Thrift and economy and frugality are virtuous terms and may not by any means spell stinginess, miserliness, miserliness or avarice, or any of those despicable attributes which have their origin in the realms of darkness. Conserving is not merely doing without; saving is not hoarding. These base things do not corrupt American life. True economy is not withholding spending; it is spending wisely. A frugal man is by no means a tightwad.

TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York recently landed in England, and his first act on English soil was to pay a tribute of gratitude for "the understanding and sympathetic British utterances" on the German-Jewish problem which have rung around the world in the last few weeks. After speaking with special appreciation of the speeches made by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir John Simon and Mr. Lloyd George, this American Jew declared:

"The attitude of English statesmen, English churchmen and leaders of English life, irrespective of party and church, has been exactly what one might have expected in consonance with the traditions of the English people. These traditions include fair play, abhorrence of racial prejudice and religious intolerance, and, above all, the will, in conformity with the law, to deal with every individual as an individual and with undeviating justice."

NOT MAKING UP

From none other than Leon Trotsky himself comes the word that there is to be no patching of the quarrel between himself and Joseph Stalin, present Dictator of Soviet Russia. The report had been spread around Europe that the man, who organized the Red Army and was then banished, was to make his peace with the present rulers of Russia and return. At Naples, where he stopped en route to a health resort, Trotsky declared there is no reconciliation in the making.

Trotsky has a weak heart and is ill. But he still has ambitions. He was one of the right-hand men of Lenin in the early days of the Soviet. His organizing ability stood the Bolsheviks in good stead when they were getting a foothold on Russia. His break with Stalin over questions of leadership was a case of two strong men opposing each other on questions of policy.

Although Stalin scored the first victory in the duel with Trotsky, the latter does not think all hope is lost yet. He knows things are in bad shape in Russia. If they keep getting worse, there will be a call for Stalin's scalp. When that hour comes, predicts the Border Cities Star, Trotsky can hope to return from exile, even as he went back from exile when the Czar was overthrown.

EDITORIAL NOTES

To protect human life at level crossings, Germany is installing huge mirrors to show motorists if the tracks are clear. These giant reflectors are so placed that the driver of a motor car can see without difficulty if he may cross the tracks in safety.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

DEAD AND PULPLESS TEETH ALWAYS UNDER SUSPICION

You have a number of teeth from which the pulp (nerve and blood-vessels) has been removed and these are known as dead teeth.

You naturally do not want to lose these teeth or have them extracted because they are your own teeth and nothing your dentist can put in your mouth in their place will feel just as good or do as good work.

However you read that many high authorities in the medical and dental profession believe that as all dead teeth are possible sources of infection and may cause rheumatism, heart, kidney, and blood vessel ailments, they should be removed.

What should you do about it? Your best plan is to have an X-ray of your teeth by your dentist. After he has gone over the films and is able to assure you that there is no area of infection about the root, nor any changes in the jawbone into which the root is inserted, you may feel reasonably sure that these filled or dead teeth are doing very little damage to the system.

However if you are feeling a little lazy, tire easily, always ready for sleep, a little more irritable than you know you should be, you should consult your family doctor and be thoroughly overhauled.

If after going over you thoroughly and finding no organic condition in the body, and noting in your habits of life to account for your symptoms, you would be wise to go back to your dentist, explain to him that in the opinion of your physician as there is nothing else he can find, he suspects the pulpless or dead teeth.

Drs. R. L. Haden, P. S. Rhoads, and G. F. Dick have made cultures of hundreds of dead teeth in which the X-ray films showed no root infection, and yet the harmful organisms were ten times more plentiful than in hundreds of live or vital teeth. In another series of hundreds of teeth in which the X-ray showed infection at the roots the number of harmful organisms was about twelve times as many as in live or vital teeth.

Thus you can see that dead or pulpless teeth with no apparent root infection are almost as harmful to the system as those in which the X-ray shows infection at the root. Removal of these pulpless teeth in which the X-ray showed no infection in the roots resulted in improvement in practically all of their patients.

The advice then is to have your physician and dentist work together and determine what is really best in your particular case.



A SONG FOR BEAUTY

Each breathless moment comes and goes Touched with new loveliness for those Who, eager-eyed and hearts aflame, Make hymns of praise in Beauty's name. So light, so fleet the vision caught, With nameless, tameless rapture fraught, Who but some heaven-sent singer were Its exquisite interpreter? The way a young birch lifts its head, Or lisping infant's prayer is said; The love-notes of a mating bird, Lend music to the perfect word. The furtive feet of furry things, Make melody with flight or wings, On silver lines of summer rain, Angels descend and mount again. A sunbeam glids the dancing mote, And glorifies the beetle's coat; The margin of the pool shall be Stirred by a flower's white witchery. Nothing trivial is, or bad That maketh smallest creatures glad, And the eye that mirrors truth, Revels in immortal youth.

—Lily E. F. Barry.

That Body of Ours

C. C. F. "Brain Trust"

(Winnipeg Free Press) Who drew up the new Co-operative Commonwealth Federation manifesto? The answer is: the National Council of the organization, which received and called in some outside help. This help constitutes the body of men now half-humorously known as the "C.C.F. Brain Trust."

The story behind the formation of the Brain Trust is the story of the more or less formal consolidation of Canadian academic socialist thought. Henceforward Canadians who are striving in their own way towards the planned and socialized economy will have behind them trained thinkers who have a power to express coherent, logical views well based on prolonged study of socialist philosophy and practice.

At the head of this group stands Mr. Frank H. Underhill, Professor of Political Science in Toronto, formerly of Saskatoon. His column in the Canadian Forum, under the title "O Canada," is among the best, as it is the most virulent of modern political writing in Canada. Father of the League for Social Reconstruction, he has become a rallying-point for a group of young professors and others whose bond is an ardent faith in the scientific socialism of the present day. All told, this group numbers between thirty and forty, of varying intensity of faith and ability. But among the more able and most active are six Rhodes scholars. Mr. Underhill is also an Oxford man, and that university can therefore claim its own peculiar influence upon Canadian socialism.

One of its own number, whose interest in comic statistics is not his sole passion, has remarked that the average age of the Brain Trust is 31.75 years. As this average includes Mr. Underhill, whose salad days he well behind him, his exclusion would bring the average almost below 30. This group has been working on the joint production of a book which will outline the case for the socialized state in detail, and will probably become the C.C.F. handbook. It will be a co-operative work, but its chief editors are Mr. Underhill himself, Mr. H. F. Cassidy, of the Department of Social Science of Toronto, and Mr. Graham Spry, a Manitoba graduate and Rhodes scholar, once editor of the Weekly Sun in Ontario.

Three days before the opening of the Regina convention, three other members of the Brain Trust blew in from the East. These were Messrs. J. F. Parkinson, J. King Gordon and Eugene Forsey, called in by the C.C.F. national council to assist in drafting the Manifesto. There also arrived Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P. and Captain Eddier Philpott, a 37-year-old badly crippled war veteran, who walks with the aid of two canes, and is rapidly winning a place as a C.C.F. leader in Ontario. Mr. Parkinson is one of Prof. Underhill's colleagues, a young Scot hailing from the London School of Economics, and in the Old Country a member of the Labor party. Mr. Forsey is an Ottawa, a graduate of McGill, and a Rhodes scholar, who is now a member of the Department of Political Economy at McGill, where he provides a somewhat startling contrast with his chief, that embattled Tory economist and humorist, Stephen Leacock. Mr. Gordon is another Manitoba graduate and Rhodes scholar, a son of "Ralph Connor," whose way of life has led him through Oxford economics into United Church pastoral work, thence to New York for further study, and most recently into the chair of Christian Ethics in the United College, Montreal, where his interpretation of the philosophy of Christ's teaching has caused some of the wealthy members of the United Church sleepless nights and angry days.

Mr. Woodsworth, himself a man of academic frame of mind, must have welcomed the young professors who brought with them some at least of the fruits of their colleagues' work in the east. Nor was the welcome from Mr. Woodsworth alone, for many and glowing were the eulogies presented to them from all quarters of the convention. A fourth member of the Brain Trust also appeared on the Regina scene in the person of Mr. Frank R. Scott, a professor of law at McGill, another post-war Rhodes scholar, and a son of Archdeacon Scott of Quebec, the famous chaplain of the First Division overseas. He was, with the exception of ex-Judge Stubbs, the only lawyer at the Regina convention.

Both Sides Are Right

(Glasgow Herald) In the controversy over stabilization of the exchange values of currencies the fact has to be faced that both sides are right. Exchange fluctuations handicap the revival of confidence and international trade, which again condition a healthy rise in prices throughout the world. And for the French Government to go

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Dangers Of The Highway

(Toronto Saturday Night)

The dangers of the highway are due in the main to the conduct of individuals who have never learned to submit to the restraints which are necessary in the common interest. It is not that they want to kill anybody, but they want to enjoy themselves, and have never been taught that civilized human beings do not purchase their own enjoyment at the risk of serious harm to somebody else.

The Ontario Department of Highways has set itself to combat the this type of ignorance by an energetic publicity campaign. It may be argued that those who have not learned from their parents, their teachers or their religious leaders that they should avoid anti-social conduct are not likely to learn it from an advertisement. But the matter is not so simple. The prevalence of this particular type of anti-social conduct is largely due to the general atmosphere of tolerance about it in the community at large, among people who in other respects are quite highly civilized. This atmosphere of tolerance was a great deal worse a few years ago than it is today, and the improvement is largely due to systematic campaigns of education among motorists and the general public. When the public as a whole earnestly believes that bad and reckless driving is an evil whether it kills anybody or not, there will be very little bad driving.

What the world needs today is a greater capacity for real moral indignation, and Mr. Macaulay's campaign is well designed to help in developing it.

The Prince As Film Star

(Ottawa Citizen)

The premiere of a full length film recording incidents in the life of the Prince of Wales, on the eve of his royal highness' birthday last month, is an event of distinct interest to Canadians. The record covers the first occasion of the filming of the prince, during the investiture at Caernarvon in 1911, and it is brought almost up to date. The prince is shown as soldier, sailor, sportsman and ambassador, and the film also constitutes a record of activities in the British Empire. He is shown "steepchasing, elephant hunting, receiving golfing instruction from Archie Compston, and making a speech in Spanish, at Buenos Aires.

Besides playing the leading part in the film, his royal highness has taken a hand in that most delicate and exacting part in the making of off or be forced off gold would probably be suicidal. On the other hand, exchange instability is a symptom, not a cause, of the depression, and reflects the effects of the fall in prices on creditor-debtor relationships, both intra and international. Until costs and prices have been brought into equilibrium within countries and international trade has been revived and liberalized so that debtor States are able to meet their obligations in goods and services it would be useless, even dangerous, to attempt setting up a new exchange stability.

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a well-finished product, the cutting. The film also is notable for the inclusion of many sequences from the prince's own personal collection, taken either by himself or his friends.

The occasion chosen for the appearance of the prince was a gala performance in aid of the charities of the League of Mercy. His royal highness speaks an epilogue to the film in which he states that all profits from the picture will go to the unemployed, and he also makes another appeal for personal service in the same cause.

W. Rabbit Esq.

(Exchange)

When Alice drank of the little bottle marked "Drink Me" that stood near the looking glass in the house of the white rabbit, she went on growing and growing and very soon had to kneel down on the floor; in another minute there was not even room for this and she was forced to lie down with one arm out of the window and one foot up the chimney.

Now it is this white rabbit that led Alice into Wonderland which has become gigantic—six feet high and no less, and weighing about three tons. The children of Llandudno in Wales, by contributing their pennies, have brought about this transformation, and Mr. F. W. Forrester has carved him out of the finest white Garrara marble and thus he will be seen on the grass-covered sandhills opposite Gogarth Abbey. He will be emerging from a hole and looking at his watch as if exclaiming: "Oh My ears and whiskers, how late it's getting," which was the very thing that first attracted Alice's attention as she drowsed on these same grassy slopes seventy years ago. Alice, you will remember,

was sleepy with the sun, yet he flashed across her mind that she had never seen a rabbit with a watch or even a waistcoat pocket to keep one in. She ran across the field just in time to see him pop down a rabbit hole under the hedge. Down went Alice also and so began her fascinating adventures in Wonderland. It is safe to predict that the original Alice, now Mrs. Alice Hargreaves, will visit the spot once more.

Mr. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who told the tale, will not come for Mr. Dodgson died thirty-five years ago in Surrey. This monument to the whimsical story which he wrote for the amusement of a little girl is erected on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. Dodgson was a clergyman, a mathematician and lecturer at Christ Church College and he wrote various mathematical books of considerable repute. To his learned associates, it would have appeared as fantastic an idea that he should go down through the ages as the author of stories so remarkably alien to his studies as that the fame of the modern mathematician Einstein should rest in future generations on his ability to play the fiddle. Yet those delightful books, which he published under the assumed name of Lewis Carroll, with their amusing illustrations by Sir John Tenniel, are likely, as they deserve, to be undying memory to little folks.

JAPANNED FURNITURE

Water can be used for cleaning japanned furniture provided it is only warm and not hot, also use pure white soap. Wipe quite dry with a soft cloth and then polish with another soft cloth dipped in warmed flour. Dusting regularly with a piece of soft silk will keep the articles in good condition for a long time after this treatment.

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