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Speaking on the Draft Address yesterday afternoon, Hon. Mr. McIntyre, Minister of Public Works, said he always read The Guardian with interest but could not always agree with it.

"Taxation by Order-in-Council" How often have we heard denunciations of this dictatorial procedure from Liberals when in Opposition.

Mr. McIntyre's objection was that he "did not think" the Government was committed to any pledge in 1935 not to increase taxation.

"The revenue last year on ordinary account amounted to \$1,385,777.31 and for this year and subsequent years we will have an additional payment from Ottawa of \$150,000, so that without counting Federal contributions under the Relief Act or for other services, there will be available over one and a half millions of dollars for all purposes.

Already since the election, as Mr. McIntyre knows, services in his own department have been seriously curtailed; salaries (except those of the Government members and legislative supporters) have been cut right and left; additional taxes have been imposed, both by legislation and by Order-in-Council; and the Budget has not yet been balanced!

Perhaps it will be argued that what might have been binding on the Government "under the careful and wise guidance of Hon. W. M. LeA. it can be accomplished WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TAXES, WITHOUT A CUTTING OF SALARIES, WITHOUT EVEN A SERIOUS CURTAILMENT OF ANY NECESSARY SERVICE."

When it comes to effective anti-Communist measures, the farmer can put it all over his city brother. A Michigan farmer faced by a sitting farm hand who demanded \$8 back pay, the farmer pondered, argued, then released a bull. The sinner stood! The strike ended.

Hon. John Buchan, second son of the Governor-General, who has been visiting his parents, has returned to London to enter the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. After two years experience at headquarters in London he will return to Canada for further training here.

They are arguing down in the States that if, in the opinion of the President, the Supreme Court's decisions on constitutionality are not to be relied upon, why should strikers be bound by Court decisions when they rule against "sit-down" strikes? One inescapable consequence of political interference with the administration of justice.

It is not so long since the Labour and Liberal parties in England made vehement efforts to deprive the universities of their representation in Parliament on the allegation that it was invariably Conservative. Now, about the only independent members who can get elected are those for these intellectual constituencies.

In the days of constitutional government here, the caucus of the respective parties was held in a private room in the Provincial building. Now the Legislative Chamber is used, and the public are more or less politely told "to get out".

"These Be Your Kings", a handsomely published booklet containing an abridged record of the lives of English Kings from 1066 to the present time, has been issued as a Coronation souvenir by the Northern Electric Company Limited. As an abridgment this little work fills a long-felt want, and it is no less worthy of commendation as a fine specimen of the publisher's art.

It long has been maintained the factory whistle is the most effective "cease fire" alarm ever invented, and now the latest word from London proves it. North London re-echoed with strange wails, shrieks and bangs as the Home Office air raids precautions department conducted tests of bomb warnings. Eleven types of sirens and three kinds of explosives were tested at short intervals. Stationed at sectors in concentric circles about the testing ground were sixty-four policemen, the nearest half a mile away, and the farthest four miles away. They all had watches synchronized with a master clock. As each siren or explosion sounded, the constables were supposed to listen intently to record the time and the intensity. Officials said they would be quite pleased to find any type of warning which would carry two miles in the city. A sound which would carry ten miles at sea, they said, can scarcely be heard at two miles in a congested area, where buildings and trees act as mufflers. Among all the tricks and special devices, it was found by a preliminary check-up the old-fashioned factory whistle did about as well as any.

Looking back on the history of Protection for the British iron and steel industry, who would have prophesied that within a few years the Government would be driven to put pig iron on the free list and to bring down the duty on iron and steel products to 10 per cent? The Government, or, rather, the Export Duties Advisory Committee, to which it has let out its thinking, is not, however, actuated by mere tenderness towards consumers. It is feeling the pinch itself. A dangerous shortage of raw materials has been created not merely because of the Government's monetary restriction of imports in the interests of British makers but because the whole world has developed a voracious and ever-increasing appetite for iron and steel for the armaments race.—Manchester Guardian.

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In the year 1770 James Watt needed a measure by which to state the rate at which his steam engine did its work. He hitched a strong horse to a pulley rope, at the end of which, down a mine shaft, he fastened a 150-pound weight. The horse drew it up 220 feet in five minutes. So Watt multiplied 220 (feet) by 150 (pounds) and got 33,000 (foot-pounds). Thus one horse power is the power required to lift 33,000 pounds one foot in one minute.

Hiller's circus clown, Goebbels, has given the world another laugh. He says that failure to have children is a crime against the State. That confirms the widely held opinion that Hitler, childless bachelor, is Nazi Criminal No. 1.—Manchester Sunday Chronicle.

The situation is a little easier than it was; but no permanent improvement can be expected until French capital plucks up courage to return to France from abroad, and to venture out of its hiding places at home. Mr. Blum's real problem is not in Parliament, where, even if the Front Populaire were not so solid as it is, there could be little disposition to displace him in favour of his critics. He is on strong grounds when he maintains that at any rate he has done better than they did when they were in office. There are unmistakable signs of economic recovery which, however, can only be made permanent if, without forfeiting the confidence of the working-class voters who placed him in power, and whose continued support is necessary for orderly recovery, he is able to dispel the fears which are still causing capital to hold back.—London Times.

At the cosmopolitan hotel a young lady of very nice looks and with a dandy demeanour and cultivated speech was walking among the dining room guests and to a companion at the table I remarked on the girl's attraction and particularly on her clean English and soft, well modulated voice. "You will be surprised," said he in reply, "to learn that that young woman's parents came to Montreal from Romania not very many years ago and that neither one of them could speak a word of English and have a hard job speaking any of it yet."—Calgary Albertan.

Developments of the highest importance in Central Europe are foreshadowed by the account of the purpose underlying the German Foreign Minister's recent visit to Vienna. There are very substantial reasons to believe that the Anschluss, or virtual amalgamation of Germany and Austria, will soon be proclaimed as an accomplished fact.—The union of these two kindred and neighbouring peoples was a German aim long before Herr Hitler came to power. He, being of Austrian birth, is resolved to realize it.—London Daily Mail.

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