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Deduction At Source

Those who were surprised at the complete failure of Mr. George Drew's promise of tax reduction to influence election results have overlooked a revolutionary change in the tax structure of this country. It has always been a maxim a direct tax is an unpopular tax and governments for long preferred to collect revenue from excise and customs levies rather than in the form of income tax or land tax.

Learned treatises have been written on what levels of taxation could be imposed without bringing about revolution. Those limits have long been exceeded without even making the government of the day unpopular. The explanation of this seeming miracle is a simple change in the then Income War Tax Act which received Royal Assent on August 1, 1942. The amendment required employers to deduct their employees' Income Tax before paying them their wages.

At one stroke income tax was almost abolished so far as the great mass of the population was concerned. True, they did not always receive as much money as they would have liked, but that was something to be held against the employer rather than the Government. The latest tax deduction tables call for 100% deduction, so that almost every taxpayer is entitled to a refund at the end of the tax year. It is scarcely surprising that Mr. Drew's appeal fell on deaf ears.

Industrializing Pakistan

Pakistan on August 14th celebrates the sixth anniversary of her independent existence. Once practically regarded as frontier provinces of India, the country was almost wholly agricultural. It lacked, and lacks, coal and oil, but an energetic programme of harnessing hydro power is well under way. Every encouragement is given to cottage industry as a step on the way towards full scale industrialization.

Canada has played a part in the modernization of the country by contributing to the aerial mapping of important resources. The state Industrial Development Corporation has taken in hand the development of jute mills, paper mills, a strawboard mill, a caustic soda-chlorine plant, a fertilizer plant, woolen mills and a D.D.T. plant. Schemes are under way for a shipyard in Karachi, an electrode factory and phosphate factory at Lyallpur and a woolen mill in the Thal area.

Pakistan is one of the few countries in the Sterling area which did not find it necessary to devalue its currency when sterling was devalued in 1949. There have been successive budget surpluses, although the budget for the year 1953-54 estimates a steep decline in revenue because of the decline in world prices for jute and cotton.

Taxation is being reduced, however, rather than increased in the expectation that industry will be thereby encouraged. The Pakistan government and people are making strenuous efforts to make a success of their youthful nation and Canada wishes them well.

Trend in Cooled Autos

The day may be fast approaching, says the Wall Street Journal, when the average American will climb into his auto, flick a switch and get refrigerated, cooling comfort in a matter of minutes. Already a familiar sight on Southern highways are autos speeding along with the windows closed tight and the passengers comfortable in the same kind of cool air-conditioning they have in their homes and offices. The auto unit works just like a refrigerator or room air cooler.

This year the giants of the auto business started for the first time offering factory-installed air-conditioning on their medium and higher-priced cars. Today, eight of 18 U. S. makes of cars can be bought with factory-installed units. Three more auto makers plan to make air-conditioning available on their cars next year.

The business got an unsteady start in 1949 when two small firms went into volume production of car conditioners. These two sell their output to auto dealers who in turn sell and install them on customers' cars. Though it costs from \$435 to nearly \$700 to equip a car with air-conditioning, cooling is not confined to the luxurious

limousines of the wealthy.

Individual auto makers are tight-lipped about the number of air-conditioning units they have installed this year, but it's estimated between 30,000 and 35,000 cars will be so equipped. That's a piddling total compared with total auto output. But it's the attractive potential that appears to be beckoning more manufacturers into the auto air-conditioning field.

"From all quarters of the industry," says Ward's Automotive Reports, unofficial statistics-gatherer of the industry, "demand for passenger-car air-conditioning is enthusiastically reported as strong, and above immediate supply. However, customer orders in the aggregate are believed to be insufficient to effectively test the sales potential. When and if the market does open up, however, it is expected to do so with a bang."

A Glowing Picture

So rapidly has this country's economy been marching ahead, says the Winnipeg Free Press, that even a colossal program such as the three-year five billion dollar defence effort has not been beyond our capacity to carry. If any slack does develop because of reduced demands for defence, there are plenty of unexploited or partly exploited fields of peacetime activity in which industry can make profitable use of the released manpower and materials, profitable for all Canada. Some of these opportunities are reviewed in the monthly review of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Looking at the long-term possibilities of this country, it finds a strong basic trend, which opens up a prospect of growth for Canada more favorable than has been envisaged for many years. The old estimate that Canada's population would level off at about 17 millions, long before the end of this century, is now shown to be unrealistic. Carrying forward the current rate of population and per capita real output, the Bank of Nova Scotia sees a population of 25 million by 1980, and a national production of around \$65 billions. The capital plant needed in this country, in homes, schools, food production, manufactures, utilities and the like will create effective demand for all able-bodied Canadians, for all the brawn, brain, skills and talents we can muster.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The fifth reunion in thirty-four years of the old 2nd Siege Battery this evening is a noteworthy occasion. May the "Old Sweats" enjoy many another such get-together.

A Los Angeles couple have made the news by a "novel" method of reducing. Instead of using weird and wonderful equipment and freak diets they went walking. Some people will do anything to be different.

The superiority of Island Yorkshire hogs is being recognized more and more widely. If the quality is maintained, and there is no reason why it should not, this Province may well be providing breeding stock for a whole continent.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture may not see much prospect of marketing meat in Britain with the present price differential. It would be a serious mistake, however, not to send representatives as invited by the National Farmers' Union of England to a conference on the marketing of meat. The English market should be kept familiar with Canadian products so that we can take advantage of any change in the price structure which would permit Canadian meats to be priced competitively.

William Randolph Hurst, one of the greatest newspaper owners in the world, died this date 1951. His father made a fortune in silver. W. R. H. went to Harvard but was far more interested in journalism than in academic studies. He went to work in the "San Francisco Examiner", owned by his father and soon took over the sole management. He soon built up a vast chain of newspapers and magazines. He did much to bring about the Spanish-American War but tried to keep America out of the First World War and the League of Nations.

Those Canadians who sometimes feel that our schools do not come up to the standard of English education can take comfort from the results of a recent history test at Leeds (Yorkshire) University Institute of Education. Of 1,000 students, only 75 per cent knew that Neville Chamberlain was Prime Minister of Great Britain at the time of Munich. More than 200 named Winston Churchill; Ramsay MacDonald, and David Lloyd George. Many of the pupils, aged 15 to 20, did not know that Good Friday is the anniversary of Christ's death or that Christmas is the birthday of Christ.

SKETCHPAD REPORT



The Poet's Corner

A BALLAD OF TREES AND THE MASTER Into the woods my Master went, Clean forest, forest. Into the woods my Master came, Forest with love and shame. But the olives they were not blind to him. The little gray leaves were kind to him. The thorn-tree had a mind to him. When into the woods he came. Out of the woods my Master went, And he was well content. Out of the woods my Master came Content with death and shame. When Death and Shame would woo him last. From under the trees they drew him last. 'Twas on a tree they slew him last. When out of the woods he came. —Sidney Lanier.

The Age Old Story

Come now, and let us reason together, with the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

50 Years Of Aviation

It was only half a century ago that modern aviation was born. The advance in flying and the improvement in the types and speed of aircraft in the past half century is one of the marvels of civilization. Aviation is such a new science that all these 55 years or more of age will recall the first flight made by man in a heavier than air craft.

The late Wilbur Wright and his brother Orville whose achievement is being commemorated this year were the pioneers of this brand new science just at the turn of the century. A relentless program of trial and error research by the two brothers who operated a bicycle sales and repair shop actually got underway in 1900, but it was on December 17, 1903, that they built and actually flew the first powered aircraft at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina—an event which had such profound influence on the course of history.

The two brother scientists designed and built not only the aircraft itself but the propeller and engine that propelled it. Their first flight on that epochal morning of December 17 was 120 feet in 12 seconds and later their fourth attempt was 852 feet and lasted for 59 seconds. Not a long flight, but the names of Wilbur and Orville Wright were secure in the annals of history as the fathers of human flight.

About five years later the first powered flight in the British Empire was made at Baddeck, Cape Breton, when E. W. "Casey" Baldwin went aloft in his Silver Dart. But so rapid had become the rate of progress by that time that a few months later the first public air show on the North American continent was held in Toronto—a performance staged by Charles F. Willard at Scarborough Beach. Some idea of the rapid advances in aviation may be gleaned by the fact that by 1909 Louis Bleriot had made a successful flight across the English Channel. And then came talk about flying across the Atlantic. World War I interfered with such plans but in 1919 Alcock and Brown flew from Newfoundland to Ireland, 1,890 miles in 16 hours and 12 minutes. In 1924 a U. S. Army air squadron flew around the world. While long distance flights were being attempted—not all were crowned with success—airmen were also developing speed. By 1933—just 30 years after the first flight by the Wright brothers at Kitty

Too Much Speed

The geniuses who have already built previous electronic "brains" have now produced "Orbit". Oak Ridge automatic computer, logical engine—the fastest calculator on earth. It can multiply 12-digit numbers 2,039 times a second. It can solve in 20 minutes a problem which two mathematicians using desk-type electric calculators could only do in six years.

Fascinating you say. Most of our new post-war gadgets are fascinating. They are also threatening to this civilization of ours. The more instant devices we possess the more we need the intelligence to use them. It is wonderful to have the fastest of anything, but unless we can guide it we merely launch ourselves that much faster into the whirlpool of confusion. We must become as mature as our machines.

Parbat's Conquest

The crest of Nanga Parbat, the seventh highest mountain on earth, is just as high today as it was at the beginning of July. Likewise the loftier crest of Everest still looms. But now Nanga Parbat, like Everest, has felt the foot of man at its highest point and one may say what mountaineers have long known to be true; that there are only two heights for mountains—the height that has been climbed and the height that has not been climbed. So, in a sense, Nanga Parbat, like Everest, has lost its aloofness and its loneliness. This happened on July 4, at 10 in the morning, when, according to dispatches from New Delhi, Hermann Buhl, a member of a German-Austrian mountaineering team, came to the spot above which there was no more mountain, no more Nanga Parbat.

How to measure the relative merits of the climb up Everest, the climb up Nanga Parbat or the French expedition's recent ascent of Annapurna is a problem no one really need attempt. In each case the qualities necessary were present. In each case the risk of death by various misadventures was great. Nanga Parbat has been called "the most murderous mountain in the Himalayas"—this because 29 lives have been lost in attempts to climb it. Sixteen persons belonging to a German expedition died in a single avalanche on the mountain in 1937. They had taken risks, probably greater risks than any mountaineering warranted. The Alps were largely conquered more than a century ago. Now we are witnessing one by one the conquest of the Himalayan giants. Today's climbers attempt feats from which those of a hundred years ago would have turned away. They have some advantages in equipment, in oxygen devices and in prepared foods that the other tribe of climbers never had. But these new advantages are not enough to account for the new achievements. What those achievements say is that, in spite of modern inventions and modern luxuries, the courage and endurance of the race of man, at the Hawk, an Italian, Angelo, flew at the jet of 423 miles an hour. Today jet-propelled machines fly faster than the speed of sound, and the search for more speed is not yet over—far from it. All this accomplishment has come in a short life-time. Amazing!

Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. L.)

QUEEN'S COUNTY EXHIBITION "A meeting of the Board of Commissioners appointed by the local Government to manage the Exhibition of Agriculture and local industry for Queen's County was held in the Law Courts building yesterday. Judge Hensley presiding. After appointing A. McNeill secretary to the Board, it was agreed to hold the Exhibition at or near this city on Oct. 7-8 next. The following were appointed a committee to prepare a prize list: Senator Haythorne, Hon. Mr. Baiderson, H. Longworth, Wm. Haslam, R. Bagnall, S. Hyde and George Tweedy. Esqs. H. Longworth, W. R. Watson and L. B. Disney, Esqs. were appointed a committee to select suitable grounds for holding the cattle show.

"We learn that Mr. Haslam is constructing a splendid race course on his property, about half a mile from Kensington. It is said that the stallion and other races will take place on that track this fall." —The Examiner, July 19, 1979.

highest points of achievement, have not diminished.

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Notes By The Way

A woman's handbag is said to reveal her true personality. That is, when she can find it. — Hamilton Spectator.

French doctors warn of an increase in alcoholism in France. However, seeing two premiers at once is not necessarily a symptom. —Edmonton Journal.

A kind and loving person is not always doing things for others. He is a person who is interested in helping others do things for themselves. —Montreal Star.

A Toledo, O., woman has asked police to locate her husband who has been missing for two years. The impatience of some people is terrible. —Summerside Journal-Pioneer.

People puzzle over why the northern lemmings insist on plunging into the Arctic ocean. If it could talk, the lemming might give the same answer as the men who climb Everest: "Because it's there." —Edmonton Journal.

It is estimated that between thirty and forty million Americans are trying to rid themselves of excess weight. The figure for Canada is about one-tenth of that, three to four million. These estimates are believable enough. Suggested diets appear in newspapers and magazines all the time and books on the subject have a wide sale. More and more foods are being offered with low calorie counts. Taken in total, the spectacle is rather awesome. Forty million people, all over this continent, are believed to be overweight some sixteen pounds each—an Alp, an Everest of quivering avoirdupois—weighing 640 million pounds. It's very discouraging to think about. What difference, after all, will one more chocolate sundae make to a whole mountain range of overweight like that? (Montreal Gazette).

Mountain-climbing is not a sport to be taken lightly. In the Swiss Alps there were 22 fatal accidents to climbers in the second half of July alone! —(Ottawa Journal).

In Britain bacon has been taken off the ration list. So now the British housewife can serve bacon and eggs for breakfast if she has eggs. —(Ottawa Journal).

The name "Ogopogo", meaning the alleged monster resident in Okanagan Lake in British Columbia and seen by the tourist season, has been copyrighted by the town of Vernon, and the neighbor town of Kelowna, which invented the brute (or at least claims to have discovered it) is mightily indignant. Kelowna had better discover Ogopogo's grandsire, twice as big and four times as ugly. —(Ottawa Journal).

Last week, Dr. Brock Chisholm stepped down as director-general of the World Health Organization, at the expiration of his five-year term in that office. Just as Rachmaninoff is best remembered by many people as the man who wrote the prelude in C sharp minor, so thirty and forty million Americans are trying to rid themselves of excess weight. Known to many Canadians as the man who said there isn't any Santa Claus, Rachmaninoff never lived down the prelude and often said he rued the day he wrote it. So far, Dr. Chisholm, apparently, has had no regrets about what is said to shatter the beliefs of the Virginians of this age. But just as Rachmaninoff's real claim to fame lies in a much wider field than one piece of music, so Dr. Chisholm's rightly honored place in the world today lies in more than his speeches when he was deputy minister of health for Canada. Dr. Chisholm rose from a small-town doctor to become head of the world's greatest and most widespread medical organization with such make to a person's illness as much from his emotions as from the workings of his body. —(Regina Leader-Post).

TO SELL STAMP COLLECTION LONDON. (Reuters) — Ex-King Farouk's \$8,500,000 stamp collection will be auctioned in Cairo next Saturday by a London firm of stamp auctioneers, H. R. Harmer Limited. The collection consists mostly of Egyptian stamps and some rarities from other countries.

DANGEROUS DEER OLIVER, B. C. (CP)—Deer are proving a menace to fruit trees and ornamental shrubbery in the south Okanagan district. Residents report they have chewed bark off more than 50 trees, and are bold enough to invade lawns and eat plants. Samuel Colt, inventor of the famous revolver, obtained his first patent for a six-barrelled revolver in 1835.

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