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#### Our Ottawa Letter.

Another week has come and gone and I have no doubt that many of you, those who have not been made too poor to use sugar in your tea and coffee, have, during the week, had a forcible illustration of the increased taxation reckless expenditure of our public moneys has necessitated. The fact is you paid more for your sugar this week than you did last, a fact every housekeeper in Canada must have realized, and there must be a reason for it.

Of course whisky received a little shock, but it can stand it. They say the Minister of Finance does not use whisky (a prohibitionist), so he, of course, will be indifferent as to how much duty is imposed on that much used and much abused commodity.

Anyway, after all Minister Foster told you last session of his intended economy and retrenchment, his expenditure got ahead of him; hence the burden of taxation is increased to pay for his extravagance, and the interest we owe in England on the money we borrowed to pay for what is now called "Foster's Bridge in York."

Do you know that some of Foster's colleagues in the Cabinet really enjoy seeing him "getting it in the neck," as the saying goes. He has always posed as such a saintly sort of cuss, a man who would roll up his silver coin in tissue paper, rather than carry it loosely in his pocket, lest by wearing away of the precious metal the government might lose something by its depreciation, so honest was he.

Well we now find this immaculate one caught in a job that reflects anything than credit upon those responsible for it, the Fredericton bridge deal, and the expose is nuts for the political giants in the Cabinet whom Foster has so often reproved for their boodling propensities when contrasting his clean record with their dirty state.

In connection with Foster I must not forget to tell you that to the amusement of some of his heartless and unsympathetic colleagues who in the past he has accused of looking too closely after their relatives, he has been caught working the same racket and not in homeopathic doses either.

Of this you will hear more directly.

Another case of a government official holding government moneys for years to the knowledge of the Minister of the department has come to light and is to be investigated. In this case it is F. Hamel, assistant chief engineer of the Public Works department. Minister Oumet, when asked about it before the public accounts committee, said it was only a trivial offence, at which statement even John Haggart laughed outright.

There is no love lost between Haggart and Oumet. The latter remembers the way Haggart followed up his (Oumet's) cousin, St. Louis, of Curran bridge scandal, until political pressure called a truce.

Returning to the House we find that the work of the past week reflects but little credit upon the government. They are making a desperate effort to win a lost race; to regain lost ground and to come in ahead on the home stretch. But they don't own the winning horse this time and they cannot jockey the other fellows.

Sir Richard Cartwright's criticism of Foster's budget speech was one of the most complete and effectual arrangements of the government's policy that has ever been listened to in the House of Commons.

"The primary question to ask yourself," Sir Richard says, is "how does my present financial position and how do my present surroundings and my future prospects, compare with my position and surroundings of ten years ago? Am I going ahead, or am I drifting behind? Could I realize as much to day for my farm as I could eight or ten years ago?"

This, Sir Richard says, is the starting point; satisfy yourself on these points one way or another, and then proceed to look for the reason to which may be attributed your present position, whether it has improved or whether it has been retrograde.

Sir Richard used the government's own figures to prove that under the present high customs tariff you are taxed \$60,000,000 a year, which includes the amount you annually pay into the treasury in customs duties and the tribute you pay into the pockets of the manufacturer where you are forced to purchase goods of domestic manufacture, protected by a duty ranging from 30 to 70 per cent. and upwards.

You do not appear to realize these facts nor the extent to which you are being robbed under our iniquitous tariff until the facts are plainly laid before you in black and white by those who are working at Ottawa to expose the injustices of which you are the willing and easy victims. The customs house officer does not enlighten you, nor does the vendor of the domestic goods you buy remind you of the big slice he is taking

out of you. You pay your money, but you never question how much a high protective tariff has added to the cost of the articles you purchase, whether at home or abroad.

But what is this statement we read in the government press of the tip that the sugar refiners received that the duty was to be increased. Then again we read of certain wholesale grocers having received a kind hint of what was coming. The Citizen, the government organ, on the 6th inst., in referring to the wholesale grocers of Hamilton, says: "Nearly all the wholesale grocers had received a hint that the duty on sugar would be raised, and all had a large stock on hand."

Now will any farmer or consumer of sugar say this is a fair deal. The duty was raised, as Minister Foster says, to raise more revenue. The favored wholesale men are warned to put in a large stock before the duties go into effect. The result is that while on his large stock he has no increased duty to pay, he charges his farmer and other consuming customers the amount of the increased duty. The government gets no more revenue, although the consumer has to pay the increased rate to which the wholesale man has advanced the price of the goods. The case is a clear one. No one but the government could give the hint to the wholesale men. The Citizen puts it modestly when it says "nearly all" the wholesale men were given the tip. It would really be interesting to know where the distinction was drawn when the government gave this valuable tip. It is hardly to be supposed that they would give a tip to their political enemies.

Anyway it is for you to say whether or not the government, according to the statement of their own organ, has dealt squarely with the farmer and other consumers whose vote they are now bidding for.

#### Maple

Mrs. Elizabeth Line, one of our oldest residents, died at the residence of Mr. R. Watson, Fisherville, on Wednesday of last week, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The funeral took place from her late residence in Maple to Sherwood burying ground on Friday.

Some of those who have subscribed to the Mechanics' Institute are wondering why it is not making more progress. Some of the books are already purchased, and it is hoped that the necessary number of subscribers will soon be obtained so that everything will shortly be in running order.

The two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadwen died on Tuesday morning. The parents have the sympathy of this community in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith were visiting friends in Pickering on Sunday.

Mr. M. Letsche, of the Deer Park Recorder, was in town on Tuesday, calling on some of his friends.

#### Sherwood

Some people think that the correspondent is "done up" this time. Not a bit of it; he is always on hand with the latest news.

The cold wave which passed over this village, bringing Jack Frost with it, was very busy on Sunday evening last. The pease and barley and early garden stuff suffered considerably from his hands.

Mr. M. Watson intends to erect a large barn on the 5th, near Lillie Avenue, S. Walker, of Teston, has the mason work, and is busily at work.

Our local horsemen are seen speeding on the roads—Sam. Clock with his favorite Flossie T., N. Spiker and his Marion K., T. Jones and his Lady Bell. Their enthusiasm was considerably dampened by the appearance of Mr. Leek, of Markham, with his Little Minnie Knight.

Some time ago the correspondent to The Leader asked where Sebastopol was. Last seen Sunday night swinging on a garden gate.

We noticed in the correspondence to The Leader that Teston is building a new side walk. Authorities say it is for the express accommodation of Mr. Cranefect as he goes to band practice.

The proprietor of the boarding house is busily engaged painting the parsonage with white-wash.

Butter Miik George, from Creamery Town, paid a call in our hamlet.

Messrs. Bush and McCormack, of Maple, paid a visit to our town on Sunday evening last.

Mr. Jacob Riddell was busy planting shingle nails last week on Mr. Stong's barn, near Edgely.

We regret that the correspondent to The Leader is so high in the world that he can't notice the difference between a roller and a bicycle.

Trouble in St. John's Ward over the pinnacle. Police ought to investigate. Sebastopol thinks a stone one is needed.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

### MUNICIPALITY OF VAUGHAN

THE COURT OF REVISION for revising the Assessment Rolls of the Township of Vaughan for the year 1895, will be held at the Town Hall on

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| Oats, per bush              | 0 40    | 0 41    |
| Peas, per bush              | 0 00    | 0 65    |
| Barley, per bush            | 0 48    | 0 48    |
| Turkeys, per lb             | 0 9     | 0 10    |
| Dressed Hogs, per cwt.      | 6 00    | 6 25    |
| Geese, per lb               | 0 07    | 0 09    |
| Chickens, per pair          | 0 50    | 0 60    |
| Ducks, per pair             | 0 60    | 1 00    |
| Butter, in pound rolls      | 0 15    | 0 16    |
| Eggs, fresh                 | 0 10    | 0 11    |
| Potatoes, per bag           | 0 50    | 0 55    |
| Apples, per bbl             | 1 75    | 3 00    |
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