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Sales Tax up to Six per cent. in Budget

Impost on Cheques Also Boosted. Income Tax Exemptions Reduced to \$1200.00 for Single Men and \$2400.00 for Married.

At Ottawa last week, to balance the budget by increasing the revenue \$55,000,000, E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance, announced the following tax changes:

Sales tax increased from 4 per cent. to 6 per cent. A limited number of articles, not primary products, now exempt, are made subject to the sales tax.

Excise tax on all goods imported into Canada increased by 2 per cent; new rate 3 per cent.

Income taxes: The personal exemption in income taxes is reduced, for those with dependents, from \$3,000 to \$2,400, and those without dependents, from \$1,500 to \$1,200.

The 20 per cent. reduction now allowed from tax payable under established schedule of rate is discontinued.

In addition, 5 per cent. surcharge on the amount of tax payable, is to be imposed on all taxpayers, personal and corporate, with net incomes in excess of \$5,000. The corporation rate is increased to 11 per cent. Provisions relating to family corporations, will be repealed.

Income tax changes will apply to taxes on the 1931 income.

Cheque taxes:— On cheques, money orders over \$5 and on promissory notes, bills of exchange, etc., the rate is increased from two cents to three cents on amounts up to \$100, and six cents over \$100.00.

A five cent tax is placed on telegrams, cables and radio messages, and long distance telephone calls.

These special taxes on cheques sleeping car tickets and messages will become effective May 2.

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THINKS IT UNCHRISTIAN TO PUBLISH CHARITY LIST

Commenting on an editorial note in The Advance where objection was taken to the proposed publication in the press of the list of all receiving direct charity from the town, The New Liskeard Speaker last week said:—"It is very much to be hoped that the members of Timmins Council will reconsider the resolution referred to. There are people who would starve rather than have the fact published that they were objects of charity. The words found in St. Matthew's Gospel, 'But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right doeth,' are just as applicable to the people of to-day as when they were uttered by the Saviour 1900 years ago."

KAPUSKASING FARMER IS AWARDED \$750.00 DAMAGES

At the Cochrane assizes last week Adelard La Chance, a farmer of the Kapuskasing district, was awarded \$1500.00 damages in his action against Rene La Flamme arising from an automobile accident. Mr. Justice Logie, however, immediately after ruling that plaintiff was liable for contributory negligence and cut the award in half. This meant in effect that La Chance only was given damages of \$750.00. La Chance had sued for \$3,000.00. He claimed that he had been unable to work since October 31st, 1931, when he was struck by an automobile driven by La Flamme. La Chance has sustained a broken leg and other injuries. It developed at the trial that La Chance had stepped into the path of the auto and Mr. Justice Logie found there was evidence of negligence in this and the damages were accordingly reduced.

Barrie Examiner:—Police in the town of Amherstburg are making an intensive drive on pedlars who are going from house to house vending their wares. The chief of police has issued through the local press a request to housewives and others to phone him or the magistrate at once when they are bothered by one of these pedlars.

About the Ontario Curling Situation

A. E. Stephenson, of New Liskeard, Places the Position Clearly as Viewed from Northern Viewpoint and in the General Interest.

A. E. Stephenson, the noted skip from New Liskeard, has recently written The Toronto Telegram in regard to the Macdonald Brier Curling Competition and as the article in The Telegram giving his letter explains itself, it is given herewith in full, no comment being necessary:—

Drawing to the Tee
(By Scottie)

A most interesting letter has been received from A. E. Stephenson, publisher of the New Liskeard Speaker, with reference to remarks made in this column on Dominion Brier Curling, etc. Mr. Stephenson was the skip of the Northern Ontario rink, which took part in the Macdonald Brier competition this year.

The New Liskeard skip felt very keenly regarding suggestions about Northern Ontario and the letter which he sent, is of such interest to all curlers in the province that it is well worth repeating. In part, here it is.

"Have just read your reference to the Dominion Brier Curling controversy and the probability that Northern Ontario might be eliminated or ordered to play-off with other Ontario group as you also had with reference to the Ontario Association not stepping into Macdonald Brier arrangements.

"In the first place Northern Ontario curlers really represent a separate province, so far as area, population, business transacted, number of curling clubs, bonspiel attendance, etc., are to be considered. Our curlers would never entertain a proposition which would compel them to go down to Toronto for the purpose of playing-off in a group such as was necessary for old Ontario clubs last year.

"It would be far better for the Northern Ontario boys to take in the annual Toronto bonspiel, where they are assured of the better part of a week's curling. Such action on the part of those controlling the championship matches would be the quickest way of eliminating Northern Ontario.

"During the past season, which is admittedly a bad one financially, our association, all of which is adjacent to the T. & N. O. Railway, had a membership of 835 curlers, with a rink representation at our annual bonspiel of 38, the distance travelled being from North Bay to Kapuskasing, to the scene of the bonspiel at Timmins.

"The curling association along the C.P.R. from North Bay to points east of Lake Superior, which is the parent association to which we are affiliated, should have a membership in excess of this number. As you doubtless know, the winners of the two groups play-off for the privilege of going to Toronto.

"Does it not appear absurd that the Macdonald Tobacco Company would be expected to turn down this vast area for the privilege of allowing the entry of British Columbia, where curling is certainly much in its infancy, when other arrangements could be made?

"We are of the opinion that the Macdonald Tobacco Company is too much interested in Northern Ontario to allow any set of committee men to rule Northern Ontario out of the game, and until the company allow such a move we in the north will not lose any sleep over it."

Mr. Stephenson has presented the case for New Ontario in a way which is not only convincing, but at the same time shows the justice of their attitude in protesting against this part of Ontario being singled out for extinction in the big Bonspiel.

Those very close to this situation are of the opinion that something different from the suggestions that have been made will have to be done, and the whole question of the Macdonald Brier Tankard and its system of elimination has been the subject of much discussion within the last two weeks, and it is even hinted that a radical departure may be made from the present system.

Mr. Stephenson can rest assured that from what has been suggested that New Ontario will not be eliminated from this competition, despite the strong representations made to have British Columbia take their place, and as he says, and says rightly; they need not lose any sleep over the matter.

HOWEY MINES PRODUCED \$279,000 IN THREE MONTHS

For the first three months of this year Howey Gold Mines produced bullion to the value of \$279,000, exclusive of premium, according to an estimate issued by company officials. To this is added an estimated premium of \$37,000, making total income from production for the period of \$316,000, a high record for Howey. It also is pointed out that the record was made despite a five-day shut-down early in March. Total costs for the quarter, including interest, amounted to \$189,000, leaving net operating revenue of \$127,000, before depreciation and pre-production write-offs. Approximately 68,000 tons of ore were treated during the quarter, with average recovery of \$4.11 and costs per ton sorted and milled of \$2.50. At the first of this month a winze was started from the 1,000-foot level and will be carried down as rapidly as possible to an objective of 1,750 feet, where a service level will be established. The next main haulage way will be located at 1,350 feet. The present deep development programme will be carried over a period of two years.

PUBLIC SHOULD ASSIST THE WORK OF THE POLICE FORCE

(Hamilton Spectator)

Addressing a service club luncheon meeting at St. Thomas, Ont., Gen. D. C. Draper, Chief Constable of Toronto, made an impressive plea for public co-operation with the police. Declaring that no citizen had the right to delegate to someone else the duty he owed to his community or to his country, General Draper implanted the verity that maintenance of law and order was the responsibility of the people, and that the police were but the public's representatives. "However upright, loyal and efficient your police may be, if they do not have the co-operation of the people it is impossible for them to give the most efficient service," he said. It was a timely talk. Canadians are proud of the records of their Federal, Provincial and Municipal police. Comparatively few have been unfaithful to the trust reposed in them. There has been no occasion to fear that conditions such as have been revealed in the neighbouring Republic will develop on this side of the international boundary line. It should be a matter of pride that our police have neither temporized nor compromised with vice, nor resorted to bargaining with the lawless, and the most practical expression of appreciation is co-operation.

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