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GOLD TAX MODIFIED

Word this week from Ottawa is to the effect that the proposed tax of ten per cent. on the gross production of gold in Canada is not to be enforced in the murderous manner suggested by its first announcement.

Perhaps there is something to be thankful for in the fact that the Dominion Government has not completely sacrificed the gold mining industry for the sake of pretending that no mistake was made in the form of taxation imposed.

It is something to know that the Dominion Government has paid some attention to the protests from all quarters against the unfair, inequitable, discriminatory and injurious form in which the gold tax was first proposed.

The protest against the gold tax came from all quarters and all sorts of people. As The Advance pointed out last week the protests did not come exclusively or primarily from the mining industry or allied interests.

There are a number of points that should be kept in mind constantly in regard to this tax on the gross production of gold. First, it seemed founded on an impractical basis.

If the basis of the tax might well be considered as improper, the imposition of any additional tax could be termed a breach of faith. Only a few weeks ago public and official announcement was made to the effect that the mines would not be singled out for any additional taxation.

It is unfortunate that the Dominion Government should make as serious a mistake as that involved in this ten per cent. tax. The mistake might easily have been avoided had the Government consulted its own Minister of Mines, any of the provincial mines departments, or anyone else aware of the facts and circumstances of the case.

In this province, in this town, there may be a few who take the attitude that the mines are making big money and so may be expected to contribute largely to taxation.

Most people are aware of the fact that the Dominion Minister of Mines, Hon. W. A. Gordon, and the Ontario Minister of Mines, Hon. Chas. McCrea, have been giving their best efforts to secure a fair deal for the mines and the people.

Incidentally, it may be noted that the tax on gold production promises to be the most unpopular act of the Bennett administration. There is a report to the effect that this gold tax matter may eventually result in the withdrawal

of Hon. W. A. Gordon from the Government ranks. Hon. Mr. Gordon is recognized as one of the most capable and most admired members of the Dominion Cabinet.

OH, DRY THOSE TEARS

A local newspaper in the North Land, with a recurring fever for the C.C.F., last week had bitter tears to shed because some other newspapers did not show the tolerance, the courtesy, the consideration that advocates of the C.C.F. would like to see exhibited when any of the Woodsworth or C.C.F. family are mentioned.

It would be amusing were it not disgusting to hear C.C.F. advocates pleading for fairness and kindness. The chief stock in trade of C.C.F. orators and newspapers is the peddling of broad charges and blunt accusations against the leaders of the old line parties.

Apparently, the C.C.F. has no real platform except a few catch-cries to fool the public. The trouble at present from the standpoint of the C.C.F. is not that the public and the press misunderstand its motives and its desires but that these things are comprehended too well.

ENDING ONE MAN RULE

As noted in The Advance at the time of the election, the majority of the 1934 town council were elected without having any specific public promises or policy to which they were committed, further than the implied agreement that they would do their best to conduct the affairs of the town in the general interests and with as great a measure of economy as might be practical.

There was one odd councillor, however, who fought the whole election on promises. He had a policy for everything and a cure for all ills, especially imaginary ones. He sympathized with the ratepayers in their troubles, and where they did not appear to have enough troubles, he hunted some up for them.

The chief plank in the platform of the one councillor was that anything and everything done by previous councils must necessarily be wrong. Accordingly, the new snow-plough secured by the 1933 council under the tentative agreement had to be bitterly opposed.

The council on Thursday evening was specially successful in disproving the notion of one-man domination when the unnecessary expense of a town solicitor was dispensed with, the old re-hashed alleged scandal of town employees improperly purchasing lots at tax sales was exploded, the attempted interference with the volunteer fire brigade was sidetracked, and it was made plain that the council does not intend to be unduly swayed by campaign committees under any name.

It will be noted that whenever the council has followed the lead of the one man who is forever attempting to stir up something with an eye to big headlines, both the council and the town have been the worse for it.



HAVE'N'T you noticed that your happiest hours occur on days when you feel your best?

Have more of these happy days. You and all your family. Guard health while you have it. Keep on the sunny side of life.

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SAYS THAT ETERNAL TRIANGLE CAUSE OF THIS ASSAULT CASE

Charge of assault with intent to wound, preferred against Alphonse Duguay by Adrien Loranger, of Earlon, was reduced to one of common assault when Duguay appeared in police court at New Liskeard on Friday last.

Foreman Could Lick Any Man in His Gang! and How!

Writing of the days of C.P.R. construction W. J. Gorman in his column, "Grab Samples", has the following last week:

"At one of the MrMartin ramps there was a foreman named Joe MacDonald, a huge, rough-and-tough Blue Nose, of the cut of those days when men were giants. It was his custom, just by way of early establishing his authority, to 'stump out' all and sundry new arrivals. One day about a thousand men of all nationalities reported for work and Joe put on his act. He could lick, he said, any blankety blank one of the lot of them with one hand tied behind his back and he would take them on individually until the whole lot were used up.

Stinging Comment on the Proposed Gold Tax Impost

There have been some strong comments on the proposed 10 per cent. tax on all the gold produced in Canada. For instance, A. G. Slight, K.C., referred to it as "fool" legislation. Premier Taschereau, of Quebec, said it was absolutely unconstitutional and an invasion of provincial rights.

The London Free Press says that what the Bennett Government really needs is a good press agent. It would be interesting to note how a good press agent would handle the matter of the serious mistake made by the Government in the matter of the surprise tax of ten per cent. on the gross production of gold.

The Toronto Star and The Ottawa Journal have differed seriously on the matter of golf, and the editor of The Star has challenged the editor of The Journal to a game of golf to prove which of them knows the least about

millions," continued the mining magnate. "What burns me up is that the whole future of the north country is being set back Toronto was nothing more than an overgrown village till the mines made it, and now comes this stupidity. The little mines will all be murdered."

"The big producers can pay the tax, but will they? No, they will not. They will just thumb their noses at the government and store up their gold until they have kicked the government out. But in the meantime, the little mines will be gone."

"It seems to me we cannot depend on the cabinet. They gave us their word and now they want to break it. I see that Trotzky is getting moved out of France. They had better bring him over here to run the government for us."

"In the course of all my life, I have never experienced so outrageous an action."

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Sudbury Star.—Benito Mussolini is planning to tax bachelors half their incomes for the privilege of remaining

DOMINION STORES advertisement featuring Richmello coffee, Domino coffee, and various biscuits. Includes images of coffee tins and product photos.

THE JOURNAL SCORNS THE CHALLENGE, ADVISING THE STAR TO first play some ordinary golfing editor and get some reputation. Other editors are busy seeking to bluff, bully or shame the two editors into a golf tournament.

GRVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER Dr. Pratt, of Smith's Falls, has been sentenced to ten years at Portsmouth penitentiary, Kingston, after pleading guilty to ten charges of illegal operations.

RICKETS A DISEASE NOT DIFFICULT TO ERADICATE In the current issue of "Health," the magazine issued by the Canadian Social Hygiene Council, there is an article on the "Prevention of Rickets."