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TAX REFORMS DELAYED

A friend of the Whig, who has a love for study, and includes municipal reforms in the range of his enquiries, sends a summary of the taxation in New South Wales. The report covers Sydney and suburbs, the county municipalities, and the shires. The territory covered is nearly 180,ception of ess than one per cent. of proceedings. the total, still levied on improvements in some localities, the whole secretary. He was the power behind of the taxes are derived from land the throne in Sir James Whitney's values and cover all local services, ex- day. He seemed to be the legiticept in Sydney and Newcastle, where mate successor of Sir James in the the water and sewage taxes are still premiership, but he made one slip. raised by a general property tax. He accepted of an election gift of This item amounts to \$3,409,000. \$500 from a certain government con-Even if it were all charged upon land tractor, and, despite his protesta values of Sydney this would only tions of innocence, seemed to fall mean an additional rate of 11.8 mills, from grace. His popularity suffered. land values alone, leaving building time ago he disappeared from the improvements, business and incomes, provincial political arena. free from all local taxation. A bill

tages, of course, or New South Wales new activities. would not approve, impose, and en- The pity or the scandal of it is force the single tax. What are these that a deaf ear has been turned to advantages? "A simplified administhe demands of the liberals, who. tration," says one authority; "the re- acting on information they had relief to business and industry; the im- ceived, pressed the government to petus to a better use of lots and go at this food control with the much appreciated in Ontario as in may be honestly intended, but those Austrlia." Then why is so little suc- who say that it has the appearance cess registered in the advocacy of of an anti-election dodge will have the single tax? The education, the some ground for their suspicions. Whig is informed, in Canada, runs in the wrong direction-from the masses to the legislators. Elsewhere it to men whose duty it is to advise ring the government on all matters of social and municipal reform. The leaders of the government being convin-

The record in Ontario is, however, most discouraging. Ottawa had a member some years ago, a supporter of the local, government, who was willing to cross it in order to defend his theories of taxation. But he gave getting the best of it. up the fight. Toronto took it up and The government disapproved of any the products of the garden. experimental legislation until after the war. Britain began this war with a slogan "Business' as Usual," what he deserves for his miserable Canada took up the motto, but drop- truckling to the Nationalists. He ped it. In Toronto, as well as in Ot- sowed to the winds in 1911. He tawa, in certain circles, the disposi- is having his harvest now. tion it to let every thing drift until peace has been proclaimed. Then some other reason will be assigned though public opinion has repudifor failing to deal with the question ated him and all his works. Conof taxation.

A QUESTION OF VERACITY. Sir Sam Hughes interrupted Sir ment,

Wilfrid Laurier in his address on the conscription bill on Monday, to challenge his references to recruiting in Quebec. Sir Sam said that Capt. Papineau had been hissed or hooted off the platform in Montreal, and this has been disputed. He said that Maor-General Lessard had declined to engage in recruiting in Quebec.

Sir Sam's interruption did not minimize the declarations of Col. Blondin, the postmaster-general, who held that had recruiting in Quebec been conducted as it should have been early in the war and under one like Gen. Lessard, "the province would have responded en masse.' Sir Sam persisted that Lessard had declined to serve, and said he had been advised not to send the majorgeneral to Quebec as he had no influence there. Though Sir Sam had no use for the major-general, it for the premier himself.

In the House on Tuesday after noon the ex-minister of militia hel the floor and repeated the statement recruiting efforts. In Lindsay, when he was nominated for representayear, if paid in advance\$6.00 tion of Victoria in the Commons, he year, by mail to rural offices \$2.50 intimated that if he had not raised year, to United States\$2.50 intimated that if he had not raised year, to United States\$1.50
Bix and three months pro rata.

and sent overseas as many men as the war called for, the fault did not belong to him. Other members of the government had practically for bidden it, and he had not hesitated to say at other times who were these

One of these was the premier, and Sir Robert, not so long ago, in the Commons, declared that there was no truth in the declaration. Here i a question of veracity which can be very well left to the Sir Knights to be settled at their convenience.

An authority a while ago said that potatoes could not be raised the first year off sodded land. friend of the Whig says: "I know better. I have as fine a potato patch as there is in the city, and the soil has been turned up for the first time in many years."

MR. HANNA'S NEW JOB,

The presence in Ottawa recently of 000 square miles; the population is Hon. W. J. Hanna is not explained. 1,845,400; the land values are as- It was inferred that he had been sessed at \$903,674,000; and the local summoned to add his persuasions to taxes amount to \$10,279,000. The those of Sir Robert Borden upon tax rate, or its equivalent, for Syd- Mr. Pardee in order to induce him ney and suburbs is 17.5 mills on the to enter a coalition government dollar; the rate for the shires is 6 They had been seen together. Coalimunicipalities is 19.7 mills on the tion was in the air. The quid dollar; the rate on the shires is 6 nuncs were very busy and very wise. mills on the dollar. With the ex- Mr. Pardee lent mystery to the be stacked up against his notes. daily use if the wealth of this country

Mr. Hanna made a good provincial making a total of 29.3 mills upon His influence faded away. Some

Now he is the new controller of to transfer the water and sewage food. The office calls for rare ortaxes to the general tax on land va- ganizing ability. The occupant of lue is, according to the latest advices, it must be familiar with the questions before the legislature of New South of production, of transportation, of Wales. It has already been passed supply and demand. There must be by the lower house, and, although about the business an immensity of meeting with some opposition in the detail, and it is for Mr. Hanna, a upper house, is expected to become lawyer, and with a mind for enquiries of an entirely different character, There are compensating advanto show his adaptation for these

and all these should be as greatest vigor. The appointment now

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bishop Farthing, of Montreal -in South America, if not in New wants a curfew bell. He can have South Wales—the leaders of the gov- ours. There is not a budge from ernment study the question or remit any youngster when he hears it

The child of a soldier, in action over in France, dying of starvation ced it is not difficult to convince the in Toronto! What a disgrace to the government of Canada and the city of Toronto.

> The Woman's League Gardeners of Rochester are engaged in a great battle with the weeds, and, praise the saints, they appear to be

its council had a referendum touch- There are not so many idle men ing the exemption of improvements in the evenings. So many are hoefrom taxation, and it was endorsed ing and watering and weeding. And by a large majority of the people, they will live high by and by on

Sir Robert Borden is getting

Hon. Mr. Sevigny 'holds office scription will not be a cure for all

The Federal Trade Commission of the United States is fixing the The Fathers of Confederation prices at which coal is being sup-were farseeing, but none of them plied to the navy. Why not fix expected such a celebration of the the prices at which fuel may be sold to the people?

suggests that the Compulsory Service Bill be amended and made complete now. Of course. If all resources of Canada have to conscripted, why not at once?

Tie Experimental Farm in Ottawa has issued a pamphlet which tells gardeners how to destroy the large numbers of soldiers in France. other pests. Write to the Agricultural Department and get sup- cst scale.

A Sound Decision. (Windsor Record)

The quicker we exert our maximum strength and finish the war the quicker the day of peace with vic-

For Civilization. (Washington Post) us for lining up with England, the Britain. Canada and the States

the sins of the Borden Govern-, outside of central Europe is lined up for civilization.

> Today's Surprise. (Toronto Star)

> > A Hard Question

at Ottawa today.

fiftieth anniversary as is witnessed

(London Advertiser) Some conscription of wealth is rinted at as likely next year by Finance Minister White. What possible reason is there for delaying seizure money and hurrying seizure of

Conquests in the Air.

(New York Times) It will be a year before we have bugs, snails, slugs, cut-worms, and In much less time we can render invaluable service in the air. Let us prepare for war aviation on the larg-

Price Boosting Rampant.

(Montreal Herald) High-sounding legal phrases in the solemn form of a Government Orderin-Council, and no attempt to make the high-sounding phrases effective. Meanwhile the cost of living mounts ip and up, and organized priceboosting is rampant.

Where Schemes Are Hatched. (Hamilton Times)

It has been stated that ninety per cent. of the saloons in the United States are either owned by German; or pro-Germans. It has also been stated that most of the plots against

Reels

get devised, and on that account is carry along an extra pair of dancing get rid of their surplus.

cravenette. The limousine can be The limousine is a plain auto- driven right up to the back door and mobile with parlor car service. It is entered in with white satin slippers the most costly form of automobile and a tulle veil without having to sold in large quantities to people who pumps, wrapped up in the evening lie awake at nights figuring how to paper. It is also heated very comfortably by the engine so that few of The modern limousine is patterned our society people find it necessary somewhat after the old-fashioned to wear earlaps and wool wristlets. stage coach, but has better spring Most limousines are so arranged

construction and does not turn 'up- that in case of accident they will side down with as much ease. There provide everything but an upper are few limousines seen outside of berth and a square meal. A woman the large cities, for the reason that can enter one of these cars and have people in the smaller towns are so her hair done up on the way to the hemmed in by the curb and gutter theatre with as much accuracy and tax, the new schoolhouse levy and expense as if she had gone to a hair the cement sidewalk assessment that dresser, while a man will find that it they are not able to buy anything but affords all of the toilet necessities exthe the tight-waisted touring car cept the quill toothpick. Limousines with 14-inch leg room. Once in a are not subject to the same diseases while some plutocrat citizen of a ru- as those that infest the touring car ral centre will sell off three or four with the grabbing clutch, because farms and buy a limousine, an act of they are seldom driven off a walk and rash daring which is immediately re- are not allowed to gather mud, sand sented by his bank to the extent of blisters and the detonating blow out demanding that some real collateral There would be more limousines in The limousine is intended for the were located where the common peouse of customers who do not like to ple could get to it with their bare

Rippling Rhymes

BLOOD AND MONEY



Some men for carnage loudly holler, but when they're taxed an extra dollar, to see the nation through, they straightway hold an angry session, and talk of tyrant and oppression, until the air is blue. The government they were berating because it stuck to watchful waiting, when they were hot for war. "Why doesn't Wilson go a-gunning," they asked, and set the kaiser running? What is he waiting for? For battle we are simply spoiling, the blood in our blue veins is boiling, we blush with deepest shame, because our country fiddle-faddles, and hesitates and stalls and straddles, while others play the game." Now we've set out to get the Kaiser, that noxious little early riser, and getting him takes mon; if we would put the Germans under the country needs all kinds of plunder, to buy a club and gun. Our coin we should be gladly digging, to buy the necessary rigging, and most of us are glad; but some who used to whoop and holler, when called upon to cough a dollar, look mighty glum and sad. Oh, when

the days of strife are over, and once again we are in clover, we won't forget these gents, who wished in crimson blood to wallow, but looked disgusted, wan and hollow, when asked for fifty cents. -WALT MASON.

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