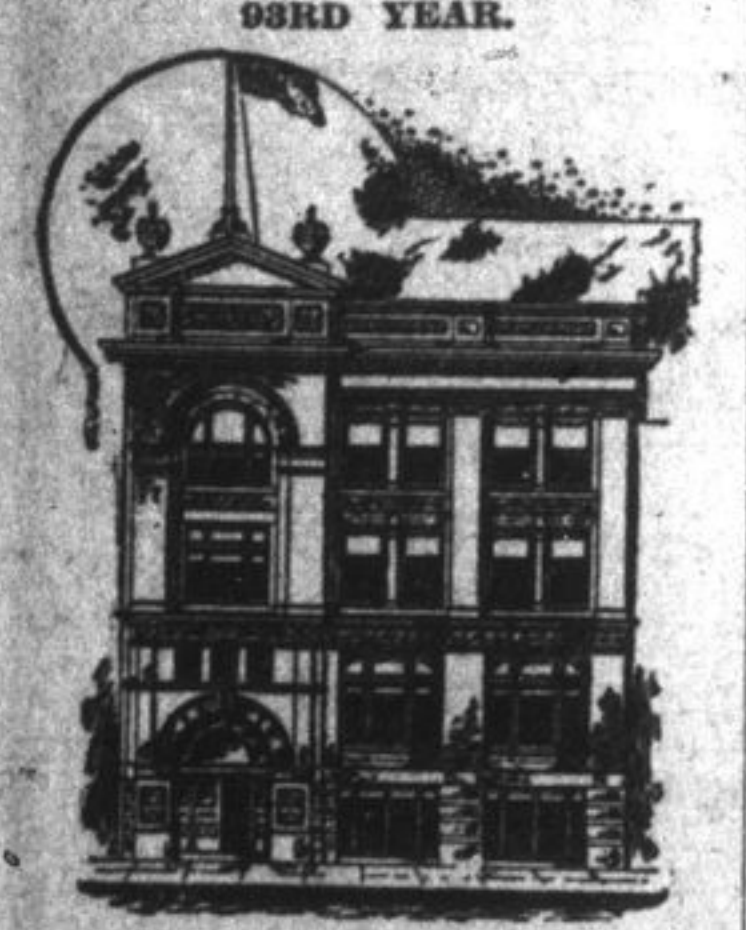


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WHY INTERFERE WITH BUSINESS ON EASTER MONDAY?

Why does the government continue to close its buildings on Easter Monday? Why, too, do banks persist in closing their doors on this day to the inconvenience of the business interests of the country? Easter Monday is not observed as a holiday by the business men of Canada, nor by anyone except the banks and government buildings.

DOERS AND UNDOERS.

In this old world we are all doers or undoers—all operators or opposers, writes a thoughtful philosopher. We are all performers, workers, stagers—all makers, architects, artists, or forgers.

THE KIND OF IMMIGRANT.

In school a child is not passed from a grade until upon examination it is found fitted for a higher grade. Canada is a high-grade country. Intended immigrants from countries where the standard of living, health and intelligence are lower than in Canada, must be subject to examination by some sort of authority as to whether or no they have the wherewithal, the physique and the capacity to begin life all over again as citizens of this nation.

THE CALL FOR HELP.

Ontario needs the money. And so deputations to the legislature, asking it to cut off taxes on various things, will not be much help. True they are sympathetically heard, but if taxes are cut off from one set of things, the government must impose them on other things or bounce up those already existent.

BIBLE THOUGHT

AS FOR MAN, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.—Psalms 102:16.

AFTER EASTER.

I crave your pardon, that I did not know— But for you told me so, Being a stranger here— This festival you celebrate each year I took to be a sort of dress parade. And fashion promenade— The matter of a hat, and gloves, and gown; But for your telling me, I had not known It had to do with linen grave-clothes laid From the awakened Dead; And with a napkin, folded by itself. From the aroused Head.—Gertrude MacGregor Moffat, in "A Book of Verses."

TO TRY TONIC BEER.

The United States is to try out a tonic beer, 3.75% alcoholic content by volume, and its tonic quality is to be unusually great because of an unusually large proportion of solid malt contents. Two large brewing firms have received permits to supply druggists with this beverage in limited quantities, and those who want it will be privileged to buy it without any doctor's certificate. All they have to do is to declare that they need it for medicinal purposes—as a tonic.

BACK IN 1800.

Most of us think we're very modern and enviable nowadays, compared with former generations. Stuart Chase, an American economist, questions whether we're really better off than our forefathers a century and a quarter ago. Our children are better taught, he admits. Our women's fashions are probably better. We have more "conveniences." On the other hand, he says: "I don't know that my housing conditions in a modern apartment are any better than my great-grandfather's were in his spacious farmhouse."

GETTING HIS BUMPS.

Frank R. Kent of the Baltimore Sun is not an admirer of Andrew Mellon of the United States treasury. He calls the statement ridiculous—and often asserted—that Mr. Mellon is "the greatest secretary of the treasury since Alexander Hamilton." He, too, is not a financial genius. Mr. Kent says that to reduce taxes when expenditure is in excess of revenue would demand genius, but to reduce them when revenue was greatly in excess of expenditure does not require ability of any rare order. The great prosperity of the United States, added to the change of a war to a peace basis in the Government, accounts for the swelling revenue and the decrease in expenditure. Unlike any other belligerent, the United States emerged from the war richer than ever, and it was Mr. Mellon's good fortune to be Secretary of the Treasury when it was not only feasible but also easy to reduce taxes. He initiated no new policy.

His work in making European debt settlements were only commonplace. It happened that countries on the Continent of Europe, owing the United States more than they can ever pay, found it necessary to borrow more money in New York to keep their heads above water. Before they could borrow they had to make a paper settlement with the United States. So they signed on the dotted line, and once more the welkin rang with acclaim for Mr. Mellon. It was really not the Secretary of the Treasury but the necessities of the debtor nations that brought about the funding of the European debts. Mr. Mellon, the writer avers, had a "good press" behind him. They never criticized, for there was hardly an important paper that cared to imperil its own savings through tax reductions by criticism, and so he got away with his vaunted benevolence. And lastly, and the unkindest slant of all, Mr. Kent insists that in power of mind, breadth of experience and depth of knowledge, Mr. Mellon must yield to Mr. Hoover.

but in all three he greatly surpasses Mr. Coolidge.

Now what do you know about that!

A TAX ON BETTING.

To the average Canadian, it will doubtless appear peculiar that the British Chancellor hesitates about imposing a tax upon betting in his forthcoming budget. The idea is not new, of course. It has been mooted again and again, and matters have gone so far as the appointment of a Royal Commission, which considered the problem and reported in favor of such an impost. But hitherto the sporting public has been let off.

The real reason is to be found, says the Montreal Star, probably, not so much in reluctance to touch "tainted money," although that is a very powerful factor with the great English Nonconformist body, as in a clear realization on the part of statesmen of the very great difficulties involved and, a doubt in their minds whether the game would be worth the candle. To tax betting in Britain would not be the comparatively simple thing it is here. What book-making exists in Canada is illegal, and is carried on subrosa. Betting on the parimutuels is as easily taxed as is the private citizen for income—perhaps a good deal more easily and accurately.

In Great Britain, however, it is a very different matter. There book-making within limits is legal. More over, horseracing is the sport of the entire nation. It is born in the British blood. The masses turn to the race track as people here turn to hockey in the winter-time. And the great majority of the public, from the highest to the most humble, back their fancy. Evil in its effects as it undoubtedly is, yet it is part and parcel of the life of the people, and no statesman can afford to disregard that fact when considering the question of taxing betting.

But there ought to be some way out of the difficulty of providing adequate machinery. The revenue derivable would be of the utmost use to the nation today. An extra ten million pounds a year would serve to relieve taxation where it is pinching most acutely those least able to bear the burden. It would not be surprising if, despite all opposition, a way were found whereby a tax could be imposed—and collected—that would provide the government with a very substantial and invaluable addition to the public revenue. The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill is not the man to be checked by difficulties, no matter of what type.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now for April showers. France is having a currency crisis. Many of us are also short of cash.

Can we count on April showers to bring forth May flowers? After recent experience surely we are entitled to some genuine spring weather.

The Brandon Sun is convinced that the automobile may be putting some railways out of business but not at the grade crossings.

Weather forecasts are to be studied at a site in southwest Africa. All aboard for some warmth, exclaims the Brantford Expositor.

The Manitoba Liberals and Progressives are to have a conference to discuss terms of an alliance both for provincial and federal purposes.

We have been striving boldly to resist the temptation but after the past few days we simply cannot resist remarking that winter seems to be lingering in the lap of spring.

The Watertown, N.Y., Times is not pleased with the baiting carried on in Congress as to Britain. It says Great Britain has never repudiated a debt and does not intend to. That is the reason why her credit is good throughout the world.

The New York Herald Tribune says: It was estimated that the supply of anthracite would last only 1,000 years. But owing to the dispute of last winter it will now last 1,001 years.

Hon. W. E. Clubb, Minister of Public Works, stated that it cost less in Manitoba to maintain Government House than it did in other provinces. In Ontario, he said, it cost \$47,000; in British Columbia, \$35,595; in Alberta, \$19,000, and in Saskatchewan, \$31,000.

There is no place where justice is more swift and sure than in Ontario. Crime is detected, and criminals are brought to justice with reasonable speed and certainty, and, for the most part, given adequate punishment, but there is no attempt to make punishment vindictive.

A New York writer has the conception that the growth of crime in the United States is "because our administration of criminal law is

criminally foolish. We do not try the criminal; we put the law on trial. The crime itself has a small part in the case!" Truth in the statement.

More than \$1,000,000,000 will be spent in the United States for roads in 1926. This includes \$118,000,000 of federal funds available for state aid, about \$600,000,000 to be spent by state highways departments and \$430,000,000 estimated expenditure by counties and municipalities.

Watertown will be one of the half dozen cities in New York state that will not observe daylight saving this summer. The ruralists are opposed. Certain industries may alter their working hours to give more time for recreation at the end of the day, but there will be no wholesale turning forward of clocks.

Particular honors in various places have just been paid to the memory of Fanny T. Crosby, who was born on March 24th. She was a famous hymn writer, and most of her compositions were of an evangelistic strain, and many are very familiar—"Blessed Assurance," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," "Saviour More Than Life to Me" and others. To Fannie Crosby the world owes double inspiration, drawn from her hymns and from her example in the face of adversity.

Why is it that sheep growing rises and falls so much in Ontario over a period of years? The Hon. John S. Martin says there were 2,000,000 sheep in the province in 1900, in 1910 the number had fallen to 1,000,000, and last year was down to 865,000. Dogs cause heavy loss to sheep owners, and amended legislation proposes that sheep owners shall be compensated by municipalities for losses of this sort whether the dogs that did the damage can be identified or not.

News and Views.

A Man's Next Care. Border Cities Star: It'll soon be time to teach your wife how to run the lawn mower.

Certainly He Rides Hobby. Ottawa Citizen: If Col. J. A. Currie could be persuaded to work as earnestly for other causes as he does for a wet Ontario, he would be a public benefactor of no mean order. The colonel certainly rides his hobby.

Land In Canada. Letbridge Herald: More United States farmers are turning their eyes to Canada than at any time since the war broke out. Hundreds of renters are going to cross the boundary to a place where they can buy land for their own, something they cannot do in the areas of high priced land throughout the agricultural sections of the United States.

Well Clothed. St. John Telegraph-Journal: A Dover, England, woman found to be wearing nine suits of silk underwear at present holds the record for daring in attempting to evade the Customs regulations. Since the new rulings went into effect the authorities have coined a new phrase: "The six-stocking look." Women put on that many pairs, say officials, but usually their faces betray them.

Empire First. London Evening Standard: The true interest of this country does not lie in any attempt to be the balancing force and honest broker on the Continent. The further we go in that direction the greater the strain we place on inter-imperial relations, since it is a road which the Dominions have no notion of pursuing. Our proper business is to collect our debts, to get our finances in good shape, to devote our energies to imperial consolidation and development, and to limit our interference in Continental affairs to the mere protection of obvious British interests. We gain nothing by the role of international busy-body.

About Taxes

(Grimsby Independent) It is almost unbelievable how difficult it is for men and women whose names never appear on a tax return, to realize that they pay a large proportion of the taxes indirectly. Men and women even in comparative poverty, cannot avoid taxes. These enter into everything they buy, food, clothing, groceries, rent, medicine, and all the other daily necessities they cannot avoid. Landlords, manufacturers, storekeepers, farmers, etc., all pay taxes, and through the cost of living everybody helps to pay the taxes of everybody else.

It is a curious phase of human nature that a direct tax is resented by everybody, more or less, but the same person rarely ever thinks about the indirect tax he pays. Consequently those who pay little or no direct taxes frequently advocate or vote for large public expenditures, unconscious apparently that inevitably they will have to shoulder a share of the burden.

The fact is that all direct taxes—the tobacco tax for instance—are passed on, but in most cases the ultimate payer is not aware that he is the victim. When, if ever, the voters of this country wake up to the fact that every public extravagance

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Benito Should Seek the Advice of Experience

is certain to come out of their own pocket, our spendthrift politicians will become a lot scarper than they are now.

We Can Feed Them

(Sarnia Canadian Observer) It is said that population in the United States is increasing at the rate of a million a year and that the current census shows a population of almost one hundred and twenty millions. It is not to be wondered at that Washington should desire to exclude all those not entitled to enter the country. It is difficult to say just when the United States will stop entry of all aliens. The day for that does not seem to be far distant, however. Most of the productive areas of the United States are already taken up. It is becoming a question of being able to provide food for the population. That circumstance should not cause downheartedness in Canada. After the United States, this country is the next best bet on this side of the Atlantic for the settler, who wants to establish a home and is not afraid to work for it. Supplying food products for the people of Uncle Sam's domain will become a grand industry in Canada at a not far distant date.

Worth More.

"Why do you ask more for sawing off a limb than you did last year?" "I am now a tree surgeon."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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A Fish Story

A lively young fisher, named Fischer, Fished for fish from the edge of a fissure; A fish with a grin Pulled the fisherman in, Now they're fishing the fissure for Fischer.

No Hope!

THE SHALLOW-PATE: "Pipe the low cut gown Miss Broadview is wearing. Isn't that a beauty?" THE OSTEOPATHIC STUDENT: "Yes, but I notice a slight displacement of the eighth dorsal vertebrae."

Income is the magician that makes a few graceful gestures and converts a luxury into a necessity.

A Digest of the BEST in WIT

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Ask Dad, He Knows

"Mama, you never saw me before I was born, did you?" "No, dearest." "Then how did you know it was me?"

Needed It Then.

Coalman: When I got around with that load of coal for Mr. Jones, his house was on fire. Coal Merchant: That's unfortunate. I suppose he told you to bring it back? Coalman: No, he said, if it was anything like the last load I'd better chuck it on.—Bradford Pioneer.

Pleased.

"Taxi, sir?" "No; but thanks for the compliment."—Boston Transcript.

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