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INCOME TAXES CUT.

Every Kingstonian who has an income under \$3,000 if married and \$1,500 if unmarried, has to thank the late Liberal Government for the additional money he has for family or personal needs. Last session Hon. Mr. Robb increased the taxable exemptions from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for married men, with \$500 for each child under 16, and from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for unmarried persons. This was a great boon to thousands of mechanics, salaried men and widows and spinsters living on incomes and who needed every cent possible for their own care. In Kingston—we think we are well within the mark—the income tax office lost more than one-third of the persons it carried on its books as assessable under the previous law.

Every person released from taxation on this score is certainly grateful to the operations of the Robb budget which so relieved them of taxation. In return it would be only fair to recognize the Liberal Government at the polls, on Sept. 14th, by voting for its return to power so that it can further reduce taxation—as Hon. Mr. Robb has promised to do—for the benefit of the individual and the prosperity of the country.

MEIGHEN'S TWO POLICIES.

Mr. Meighen has enunciated two war policies: "Ready, eye, ready" in Toronto and "Never again" in Hamilton and Bagot. Mr. Meighen himself would doubtless object to having his later policy thus described, but the description is justified. For he said quite definitely at Bagot that the policy of 1914—the policy of participating in a war without first appealing to the people—must never be followed in future—never again. The following is an extract from his Bagot speech as reported last December by the Montreal Star (Conservative). Mr. Meighen said:

"If a crisis should arise in this country in which our liberty might be menaced, I declare that so long as I shall be in power in this country no troops..."

"Mr. Meighen halted for a moment to recall the French phrase. Then he went on: "...no troops will be sent out of the country without the people being consulted."

"There was an outburst of applause at the words. Then Mr. Meighen went on that at the outbreak of the last war no party had been unanimous in parliament that aid should be given without delay. But it was the opinion of the Conservative party that, in the future, the people should be consulted as well as parliament."

So there it is, says the mystified Toronto Star. In 1914 "both parties were unanimous in parliament that aid should be given without delay." But—if Mr. Meighen has his way—never again. Instead, the turmoil, discussion and bitterness of a khaki election.

CAN SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE.

Mr. James Malcolm, the Liberal candidate in North Bruce and a big manufacturer, is willing to compete with world manufacturers for the Canadian trade. As to brushes and hosiery manufactured in North Bruce Mr. Malcolm quotes figures to

show there has been no deluge of these goods from other countries to compete with their own factory products. Mr. Malcolm said: "Does anyone think that, as an industrialist who believes that the success of business is based on the success of his customers, that I could stand on this platform to-night and justify my position if the figures were not in my favor? There is not one iota of truth in any assertion that has been made in the form of prophecy five years ago, that industry was injured in any way."

In 1921 there was imported into Canada \$1,077,000 worth of brushes of all kinds; in 1926 (year ending March 31st), the importation of all styles of brushes had gone down to \$594,000. To be more specific and come to toilet brushes, which are one of the principal products of North Bruce, the total importation in 1921 of this particular style of brush, was \$691,548 and in 1926 \$324,202. In other words the value of the brushes brought in from outside Canada was just about half as much in 1926 as in 1921.

In the hosiery business the importation of hosiery has not materially changed since 1921. In that year the importation amounted to \$4,333,044; in 1926 it was \$4,223,402, so that while the decrease in importation has only been slightly in excess of \$100,000 the changes in the British preference have not brought the flood of imports which was feared would ruin the Kingcardine industry.

Mr. Malcolm added that the figures quoted were a tribute to the enterprise and ability of the manufacturers of Canada to successfully compete with other world manufacturers.

WHY BACHELORS DIE OFF?

The death rate of single men over thirty years is more than double that of married men of the same age. Another medical authority finds that the death rate of married men between thirty and thirty-nine is 5.9, while that for bachelors is 12.9. Bachelors from forty to forty-nine die off at the rate of 19.5, while the married men's figure is only 9.5. The married man, according to the same findings, even at the ripe age of from seventy to seventy-nine still has a notable advantage in the vital statistics.

Another reason why bachelors are such relatively bad risks, continues the medical expert, is that they are without that great conservator of health—a nagging wife. "It is small wonder that bachelors die off twice as rapidly as their more carefully watched and guarded brethren."

Most bachelors, again, live on restaurant or boarding house food, which is not to be compared with the home product. It is not only such material things as untended colds or poor food that send bachelors to early graves. Many of them die of small ailments because they have lost the will to live—because they have no interests vital or vivid enough to keep them bound to the humdrum wheel of daily experience. This really delightful narrator goes on to say that a certain amount of strain and responsibility is necessary for the good health of the mind. Those who do not have it become apathetic and mentally degenerate, sometimes fading away, simply because they have not got enough interest in the world to keep them alive.

The world, however, for years has heaped unnecessary pity on the head of the unmarried woman, when the truth of the matter is that the spinster adapts herself to single life with a readiness that should excite envy from her bachelor brother. The spinster up to the age of forty-five, has a mortality rate lower than that of the married woman; during later life her rate is higher, but even then the difference is slight. Most spinsters have the knack of making snug little homes for themselves, with good cooking in addition.

TEXTILE AGAIN.

We are frequently told that the slight increase in the British preference resulting in a lowering of about two or three per cent. in the duty on textiles had ruined the textile industry.

So far as cottons are concerned the opposite is proved by the heavy import of raw cotton.

Imports for cotton 1922, 95,355,987 pounds. Imports raw cotton 1926, 135,573,203 pounds.

A further proof is the value of the stocks of the textile companies before and after "the disaster."

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, High 1921, High 1925, Low 1925. Includes Penmans, Wabasco Cottons, Dominion Textile (Pref.), Canadian Cottons, Montreal Cottons.

So you see "the ruin" is not so bad as it is painted at election time. To have bought a stock while the country was prosperous at say 1924 and find it worth 185 after 5 years of ruin under the Liberals would be helpful, would it not?

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: When either the singular or plural noun ends in "s," place possessive apostrophe after the "s." "Mr. Jones' home." "Ladies' gowns."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: onyx. Pronounce on-iks, the o as in "on," i as in "it."

OFTEN MISSPELLED: acre, hot er.

SYNONYMS: barbaric, barbarous, savage, uncivilized, brutal, atrocious, inhuman, cruel.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. To-day's word: TRADITIONAL; handed down from generation to generation. "This story is traditional; many do not believe it."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Jim Halliday thinks Kingston is all right. He is in business and he finds trade good and customers numerous.

Mr. Thorsen has been saying that Labor need expect no sympathy from the Conservatives. The Conservatives may need all their sympathy for themselves.

The Financial Post says that as a public speaking team, Robb and Dunning remind one of bread and jam. A real good appetiser, we should say!

Well, anyway, in ten days it will all be over, nonchalantly remarks the Toronto Globe. Well it hasn't contributed much to the excitement of the days.

The voters' lists of North Wellington are ancient. They still carry names of persons who left the country many years ago and others who had not lived in the riding for seven years.

"There is the feeling that the Meighen Government will be returned to power," exclaims a contemporary. A dead hope! They will be returned to the opposition quarters.

Halliday, if chosen for Kingston—and he should be if this city wants to be with the government in power—will be a force in parliament. He has the qualities of good humor and good address to make friends.

Jim Halliday has a fine grasp of conditions in Canada. He talks logically, without abuse or anger. His fellow citizens should be sure to hear him on Tuesday night when the nomination speeches are made in the City Hall.

Detours of fourteen and more miles on one stretch of road seems like rubbing it in. The Highway Department ought to send delegations elsewhere, where roads are built without detours of any sort, half of the roads being open all the time.

Unless the Conservatives can break the almost solid phalanx of the Liberals in Quebec, little short of a landslide in the rest of the country will carry them into power with a working majority over the combined Liberal and Progressive forces, is a wise statement in the Hamilton Herald.

Mr. Halliday has no complaint to make of Conservatives, beyond that he thinks they are mistaken in their views as to how to make Canada prosper. He finds them honest, reputable men. He is sorry for Gen. Ross who has described his Liberal neighbors as bootleggers, secessionists, communists, etc.

Hon. R. B. Bennett is reported as saying that "I believe that the duty on automobiles was too high." So did a great many other Conservative M.P.'s, but they did not do anything to reduce it, comments the Toronto Star. For that action and the resultant drop in prices the people have to thank the Liberals.

SUNDAY THOUGHT. Just To-day. If I can cheer a lonely heart. If I can lighten sorrow. And help some weary soul to-day. Why care I for the morrow? To-day is here; I live to-day; I may not see to-morrow.

News and Views

On Whole Record. Ottawa Citizen: The independent voter who looks at the whole record of the King Government may fairly give it his approval and vote for its restoration to power.

They All Opposed. Goderich Signal: Every Conservative member in the House voted against the Robb budget with its reductions in the duties on motor cars, reductions in the income tax and other reductions of taxation. Will the people support the authors of the Robb budget or those who did all they could to destroy it?

Not Likely to Go Back. Montreal Herald: As Senator Dandurand said at Lachine, the blue-ruin talk of Patenaude and Meighen has been given its coup de grace since the last election, and the people who have been witnessing a return to prosperity under Liberal rule are not likely to take a backward step by trying the experiment of a Meighen-Patenaude administration.

Peace-Time Operations of U.S. Navy. New York Post: Secretary Wilbur has approved a recommendation of the Bureau of Aeronautics, concurred in by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, also concurred in by the Bureau of Navigation and the Office of Naval Operations, to lift the ban on chewing gum for sailors.

Mail-Order Pistols. Boston Transcript: More Chicago mail-order houses have decided to discontinue the sale of pistols. As far as they are concerned the mail-order "gun" will disappear from the mails. But as long as the Post Office Department can be used as distributing and collecting agency the pistols will travel in the mails, and in certain publications will appear advertisements such as that which pointed out that the weapon offered was so small that it could be easily concealed in a man's pocket. Congress should, without further delay, put an end to that sort of thing. In view of the number of crimes of violence in which mail-order pistols have played their part, the subject becomes of sufficient importance to warrant the inclusion in a presidential message of demand for remedial action.

Quebec Viewpoint

L'Action Catholique cannot see that the Maritime Provinces would have anything to gain by secession. "One cannot believe that Canada would be in a better position to cope with improved conditions to an independent Nova Scotia than to a Nova Scotia living within the limits of its own territory. A Nova Scotia which is independent would not pre-

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

The Wolverine Nears Extinction BY ARTHUR K. PACK, President American Nature Assn.

There is a large, muscular furred animal, once abundant in our northern wildernesses, whom, strange to relate, few but naturalists can correctly name on sight. This is the wolverine, which Dr. Hornaday classifies high in his "one hundred per cent table" of intelligent animals. For all his stungish movement and ungainly appearance, there is no animal which can outwit a human more readily than the wolverine. Observation of the wolverine by scientists tends to support the theory that there was a time, ages past, when it could run and leap with the agility of its brothers of the martens family. But time has evolved in this creature a strong distaste for hurry, and the desire to obtain by cunning and brute strength what formerly required skill and speed.

Like the bear, the wolverine's food consists of animals and insects, and as great is his appetite, and so sharp is he in stalking his prey, that he has rightly earned the name of "glutton."

To the Electors of Kingston and Portsmouth. If elected as your representative on September 14th, my first and foremost aim will be to secure a declaration from the Government that they will make Kingston the terminal of the Great Lakes, when the new Welland Canal is completed. Your obedient servant, James Halliday

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