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Crawling To Cover

When is a Retail Sales Tax not a Sales Tax? This idiotic question, which would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer, is raised in all seriousness by the press apologist of a Prince Edward Island lawyer who happens at the time to be in an exceedingly tight box politically by reason of the disparity between his actions and statements as Premier and the solemn pledges and promises he gave when seeking of office less than one year ago.

"The statement has been made in this column that there was no justification whatever for suggesting that the Campbell government was considering the imposition of a Sales Tax or any other special form of taxation which would build a tariff wall against other Provinces. That statement is correct for the amendment only relates to a Retail Sales Tax and this was clearly stated by Premier Campbell in his address to the Legislature and it was not suggested that such a tax would be imposed here."—Patriot, April 11.

The inference our contemporary wishes to leave is that it was some of the other provincial Premiers who wanted to obtain revenue from Sales Taxes—not Premier CAMPBELL! WHY THEN WAS SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THIS MATTER INCLUDED IN THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE AT THE OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THIS PROVINCE?

The fact—according to statements by Liberal leaders in both houses of Parliament at Ottawa—is that ALL the Provincial Premiers were parties to this proposed tax scheme. They ALL asked for it, and they ALL agreed to the text of the resolution "which was revised and approved IN ITS VERY TERMS BY THE ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF EACH PROVINCE."

This statement by Senator DANDURAND occasioned considerable surprise, and he was asked to repeat it. We quote again from Hansard of the same date:

Hon. Mr. CALDER: "Will the honourable gentleman allow me to interject just one word? This is the first time I have heard it stated that the actual text of the resolution was referred to all the provincial governments and reviewed and approved by their attorneys-general."

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: "That is my information from the Hon. Minister of Justice and the Hon. Minister of Finance."

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STANTON: "Has the honourable gentleman the document?"

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: "There is no document."

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STANTON: "My honourable friend said the document was submitted to the attorneys-general and initialled and returned by them."

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: "It is the text of the Address now before us."

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STANTON: "I mean, was the draft Address initialled by them?"

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: "Yes. It was submitted to the representatives of the provinces while they were here, or later sent to them for approval, and they returned it approved."

Mr. CAMPBELL, first as Attorney General for this Province, and later in the joint capacity of Premier and Attorney General, took an active part in sponsoring this legislation. It is truly contemptible—now that the scheme has failed through the vigilance of the Senate—either for him or his party press to seek to throw the sole onus on the other Liberal Provincial Premiers and Attorneys General. They were all in the same boat, and they have a right to sink or swim together.

Training For Safety

Fatal accidents to children of the streets are a distressing feature of the daily news from many quarters. Yet the City of Kitchener, Ont., with a population of about 35,000, has not had such a fatality in four years, and the toll of accidents has steadily declined. This safety record is the result, not of chance, but of thoughtful and systematic training in every branch of safety education. How it has been accomplished is explained in the Canadian Magazine.

In 1928 Lieut.-Col. H. BALLANTYNE, who was associated with the public schools of Kitchener as director of physical education, became peculiarly interested in training for safety. Tentatively he introduced it into the regular physical education periods. It was just a chance idea. He took his half-tried, half-developed idea to a member of the school board, who backed it. BALLANTYNE got plenty of chance to get his new-born idea actually moving. The department of physical education became the department of physical education and safety; and it has made Kitchener known in educational centres throughout the whole continent. The experiment has become a model of school education in safety, and it has demonstrated itself by saving lives.

In essence the whole matter is comparatively simple; it is to train the child for safety just as you would train it to know its alphabet. This training begins in the primary class, with the instruction kept as close to entertainment as may be. Eye and ear hold the attention, action gives it an individual character. Safety lessons are taught in the class-rooms in the guise of games, and then tried under what in the motor industry would be known as "road conditions." The pupils are taken by the teacher to one of the cross-roads they must pass on the way to school and there the game is played in earnest. Other action games lay emphasis on the idea of "Stop, Look, Listen." Even the policeman is called into play. It is play which disguises a lesson and yet leaves

Caught In The Act

In last Friday's debate on the C.N.R. bill in the House of Commons, Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Railways, charged that Chairman C. P. FULLERTON, of the Board of Trustees, since the election of last October, had spent more time in the offices "of members of the late Government (Conservative ex-ministers) than of members of the present Government (Liberal ministers)." When Hansard appeared in printed form it was discovered that Mr. Howe had altered the phrase "Members of the late Government," which would apply to half a dozen ex-ministers only, to "Followers of the late Government," which would throw the reference wide-open to every member of the Conservative Opposition.

What right, Conservative Leader BENNETT wanted to know, had the Minister of Railways to alter Hansard in such a way as to radically change his meaning? Mr. Howe's reply was the only one he could give under the circumstances. He admitted that he had had no right—then undertook to see that the correct text was restored in revised Hansard.

Editorial Notes

The end of a political racket is signaled by the resignation of Premier TASCHEREAU.

Sparks fly when two Irishmen like CARAN and McGEER cross political swords.

During the last fiscal year there were only 2,159 licensed radios in the Province.

Canada is now a septuagenarian having celebrated the seventieth anniversary of its first meeting of Parliament this week.

It is all over with the B. N. A. amendments, for which the KING Government devoutly thanks goodness.

The Liberal organ is busy explaining away what it did not mean over the B. N. A. Tax plan, and the administration of justice in the province.

We had early spring in March followed by a return of wintry weather in April. Let us hope the delightful weather now being experienced will not have similar after effects.

To avoid auto accidents it should be made compulsory for owners of old model cars to visit the R. C. M. P. at stated periods for brake testing and to exhibit on their windshield a certificate to this effect.

A well known and worthy farmer who travels considerably suggests that farmers would do well to brighten up their buildings by paint or white wash. Lime wash he says is both sanitary and attractive, improving buildings 100 per cent.

It is very necessary that car owners travelling after dark should dim their lights when approaching another car. It is embarrassing and even dangerous for a driver to be met by one or more cars blinding him with lights at full glare. A word to the wise should be enough.

Imports of fresh fruits in April were of the value of \$1,025,516 compared with \$823,543 a year ago. The amount from the United States was \$898,213, which in itself was greater than the total import last year. Exports of Canadian fresh fruits amounted to \$35,458 as against \$82,767 last year. The entire supply was fresh apples, which with a few small exceptions, went to the United Kingdom.

The CAMPBELL Government and its mouth-piece need not labour so heavily in explaining their action or inaction with regard to the B.N.A. Act Amendment. All the people of the Province want is an answer yes or no to the question, "Do you approve of the B. N. A. Act Amendment as originally submitted to the Senate by the Government and voted down or disregarded by three Island Senators?"

Chile doesn't want an American League and has written to the Executive of the forthcoming Inter-American Peace Conference accordingly. Her veto rules out consideration of the question. This view was expressed by informed sources, which explained that under customary procedure in pan-American parleys the unanimous consent of participating nations was necessary before a suggested subject could be placed on the programme.

A milling crowd estimated at 10,000 surged into and about Soudard School, Montreal Saturday night, flourished many a banner and placard denouncing the TASCHEREAU Government at Quebec, and angrily roared in unison "Out with the tyrants and traitors!" when Opposition M.L.A.'s charged that the Liberal regime was surreptitiously clinging to power. This undoubtedly hastened Mr. TASCHEREAU's resignation. By June 30 the TASCHEREAU Government will have fallen, triumphantly predicted Mr. WILLIAM TREMBLAY, M. L. A., for Maison-Neuve. He declared it "sunk into the oblivion of political shame and humiliation by its toleration for years of systematic abuse of its powers and waste of public monies" J. G. BELANGER, M.L.A., for Dorion, warned that "the situation in Quebec today is most serious because 'we do not know what will happen at Quebec if there is another manifestation before the Parliament Buildings,'" while CANDIDE ROCHEFORT, M.L.A., for St. Mary, charged that the Government was "criminally clinging to power." Mood of the crowd was obviously bitter, surly; it jeered repeatedly at each mention of the name "Taschereau," boomed vociferously when M.L.A.'s dwelt on revelations made before the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature Assembly, and sent up thunderous cheers when speakers called upon the Government to resign and to institute new provincial

Notes by the Way

London, Ont., is trying out classes for "the forgotten youth"—the one who will not be able to attend university, but who needs equipment for the battle of life. The chief trouble with the present educational system is that it is designed to send youth on to universities, but leaves those who do not continue their education without adequate preparation for the work of life.—Brantford Expositor.

Fortunately for the scholars, who love disputed points, unfortunately for exact knowledge, the records in the old sagas, which are reasonably descriptive, do not make it possible to determine the exact location of Vinland, the mention of grapes establishing a northern limit, but one altogether too wide for exact determination. So the Nova Scotians and the Rhode Islanders need not feel compelled to give up their theories, while, on the other hand, Colonel Bovey is by no means stopped from promoting his theory of a landfall on the shores of the St. Lawrence, possibly as far up as Montreal.—Providence Journal.

Flag wavers in the United States are somewhat upset because the United States legislation had to scamper to cover in the British Legation at Addis Ababa. It is just a bit humiliating for them to realize that their citizens had to accept the good offices of another country and look to the bearded Sikhs for protection. Voicing this feeling in the Congress, Congressman E. N. Rogers, of Massachusetts, remarked: "We at least, Mr. Speaker, could have done as the British did, had trained men there to help them defend our people. I think my colleagues in Congress would have spent the money it is very humiliating that we had to appeal to the British government for protection instead of having our own men there to protect our rights."—Windsor Star.

This is an old and honorable game, the pitching of horseshoes, even perhaps deriving from the discus-throwing of the ancient Greeks, but known through the centuries in the English-speaking world as quoits. The game had the distinction of being prohibited by Edward III and Richard II in favor of archery. However, it must have been too well-liked by the common people, who early discovered the substitution of horseshoes for the regular iron ring, for the game was superseded altogether by the bow and arrow.—Note: A thin light quill with a keen cutting edge was long used in India as a missile and is still carried by some Sikhs about the head.—Ottawa Citizen.

The attack of gout that has afflicted Harold S. Galt, of London, England, one of the adjudicators at the Regina Music Festival, brings a touch of old world culture to the western plains. For this reason alone Regina folk should be glad to have Mr. Samuel among them. We have made some inquiries and have discovered that gout is an uncommon disease in Canada although many of us have had an occasional patient. It is an affliction of the foot, and from what we have learned from a doctor in Regina, it is a cross between rheumatism, arthritis, "Cockey horse," long distance lumbago, and a pain in the big toe. One of the best cures is exercise, but when you have gout it is impossible to take the exercise. One remedy of bringing about a cure. By reason of the painfulness of the ailment we will all be feeling sorry for Mr. Samuel, but at the same time the thought will linger that having a first-class case of gout right here in the middle of the prairies has rather put Regina on the map.—Regina Leader Post.

It can be safely said that Great Britain never absconded a country for the mere purposes of exploitation. The people have always been studied, their welfare regarded as the basic structure on which to establish a new economic fabric, while at the same time permitting the natives to preserve their habits of life and the stability of the disturbance.—St. Thomas Times Journal.

There have been a number of surprising bits of news in the last few months from Russia, significant of great change in the mental attitude both of the Soviet rulers and the people whose natural instincts have been so long repressed by the rigid restrictions of the Bolshevik regime. Particularly illuminating were the news accounts of the resurgence of the spirit of religious devotion as manifested through the crowding of churches which the Soviet authorities allowed to be open on Easter Sunday. For seventeen years every governmental policy in Russia has been designed to obliterate the spirit of religion from the hearts of the Russian people. Throughout that time there have been many of the older generation who clung to their old-time religious beliefs and faith but the younger generation and many of older years were supposed to have turned completely to atheism. Judged by the news of Easter services and attendance that trend has not been so definite and thorough as supposed. The religious impulse is far from dead and only requires freedom to manifest itself again.—Kingston Whig Standard.

The main thoroughfare of a new suburb of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, has been named Halle Selassie Street, and the name placed conspicuously on two enamel plaques. The reason for the new name was thus explained by the owner of the house: "We have asked for light, water, roads and drainage, but got none of them. No one cares what happens to us. No one is interested in us. We are in the same position as Halle Selassie."—The name of the street is Selassie.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton M.D.

PLENTY OF BILE FLOWING IN TO INTESTINE IS WORH MUCH TO HEALTH AND SPIRITS

When you see the anxious depressed faces on many people you may feel reasonably sure that their liver is not pouring enough bile into the small intestine to handle their food properly. It is unfortunate that they do not know that a little squeezing of the liver by exercise or, if unable to exercise, the use of some bile salts or tiny doses of Epsom salts for a few days would be of help in preventing the liver being so sluggish.

Now it may be their very worries or troubles that are interfering with the proper flow of bile, as in the depressing emotion can interfere with every part of the digestive system. Thus the emotions can interfere with bile manufacture or bile flow can so interfere with the emotions that they can make a coward out of a hero.

As food from the work of the bile is in killing off harmful organisms and acting as a natural purgative in pushing wastes down the intestine and out of the body, the bile breaks up fat foods so that they can be absorbed into the blood. In fact recent investigations seem to show that if there is not enough bile flowing into the intestine, part of any fat foods eaten may not be broken up enough to be absorbed into the blood and so pass downward and out of the body as waste. This is serious, not only by the loss of this good energy food, but foods that are insoluble in water need the fat substances to carry them into the blood.

Some weeks ago an editorial in the Journal of the American Medical Association stated that the lack of bile lessened the ability of the blood to absorb vitamin A. As vitamin A is essential to the general health of the body, various symptoms of what is called a deficiency disease may occur if insufficient bile is not present in the small intestine to help transport or carry vitamin A of the food into the blood.

"It has been shown that in the absence of bile from the intestine there is also apparent difficulty in the absorption of vitamin D into the blood." The thought then is that anything that will stimulate circulation of blood in the liver such as morning exercises will help the flow of bile from the liver. One gall bladder into the small intestine. With plenty of bile present certain food substances can be absorbed into the blood which otherwise would simply go down the intestine and out of the body as waste.

"Canadians" And The Census

(J. B. M. in Winnipeg Free Press)

Every time a census is taken in Canada there is a merry argument about whether Canadians really exist or—like unicorns, sharks and sea serpents—are mythical creatures. In ordinary times there is a pretty widespread impression that Canadians exist. One reads about them getting killed in motor accidents, running for parliament and so on. But once in ten years—once in five in the West—the census board at Ottawa announces in its best statistical manner that these people are not Canadians. They may be Dutchmen, Czechs, Scotchmen, Red Indians or Zulus but not Canadians. At least that has been the board's attitude in the past.

A census is now being taken in the prairie provinces and the argument is resumed. The enumerators are once again exasperating our best families. Citizens with Loyalist grandfathers and other impressive Canadian pedigrees are complaining as they complained before, that to call them English or Swedish or something else European is neither common sense nor good biology.

They are perfectly right but it has to be noted that in this year's census form, as in that used five years ago, there is one place where fact must be put down as a Canadian. This is under the heading "Nationality; country to which this person owes allegiance." "Canada" is a proper and acceptable answer here. Three classes of people are every genuine Canadian can be, in entitled to give this answer:

(a) Natives of the Dominion who have not become aliens (a woman who marries an alien becomes an alien).

(b) Foreign-born residents who are naturalized.

(c) British-born residents who have acquired Canadian domicile by living here five years.

A member of any of these classes is a Canadian national and must be so described on the census form. Some enumerators in Winnipeg (we are told by reliable persons) have refused to accept the answer "Canada" to the question "What nationality do you have?" and a campaign is expected to get re- sponse.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of the questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

A SLAM AT RURAL IMPROVEMENT

Sir—A short time ago word was received that the Government was about to collect a tax on concerts in rural communities; in fact it was collected in some places. Now a word about the form of amusements in the country may be said. They are simply concerts, and plays, (not royalty) arranged to make funds for organizations of all religious denominations, schools, community halls, and a donation occasionally to Red Cross, orphanages or hospitals. It is a more sociable way than putting a hand into a pocket and giving a subscription. The benefit is the training and education our young people get. They cannot all go to college, some have to stay home. This work has proved a great help. It trains girls and boys in memory work, speaking before an audience, confidence in their ability to take part in the public life of the country, teaches them to think and other benefits too numerous to mention. Now, this tax will not swell the treasury to any great extent. It will just put a damper on young people's work, and will in the end put a stop to what parents consider a real good line of improvement for their boys and girls, and rural life needs something like this, especially in winter.

Is this tax to go to help pay for a national playground for strangers? The park would be a fine thing if Canada and the provinces were out of debt.

I AM, Sir, etc., A RURAL VOICE.

on nationally though the individuals questioned were native born. These enumerators were either stupid or sleepy. The census rules are clear on this point. Every Canadian national should be included to the point of calling a cop, on being so denominated in the bond. Canadian nationality is a political fact and the census board, which cannot do otherwise, admits it.

It is the question about "racial origin" that causes the disturbance. This is separate from the question about acceptable as a Canadian is not acceptable as an answer here. The purview of the census allow a Canadian to be Canadian in citizenship but not racially. Asked about his race every inhabitant—except Indians and Eskimos—must trace his ancestry through his father till the line lands somewhere outside America. Even if the process takes him back to the year 1700, his "racial origin" is the overseas country the line travels to. He may be a Scotchman though he cannot tell a bagpipe from a haggis. He may be, as noted before, Finnish, Swedish, Turkish or Malaysian but he cannot be, racially, Canadian.

The usual argument again this classification is that Canadians are now a "race" as distinct as Indians, Russians or Irishmen. And on this ground the census board has been asked to add "Canadian" to the official list of races, calling anyone Canadian whose grandfather was born in this country. We will not support that argument in its present form. Instead, we offer the suggestion that the question about racial origin is perfectly silly to begin with, that the statistics it yields are screwy and that to add "Canadian" to the roster of races would make the question sillier and the statistics more absurd. In short, we suggest that the question be not amended but thrown out on its ear.

Trouble In Israel

(Vancouver Province)

There is a verse in one of King David's psalms which runs: "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." It was so in David's time. It has been so through the thirty centuries since and it is pretty much so today, as Great Britain, the holder of the Palestine mandate, is learning. Palestine is a land of turmoil.

The Great War had still a year to run when Lord Balfour, speaking for the British Government, made his famous declaration to the effect that His Majesty's Government viewed with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jews, it being clearly understood that it was in no way to prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities.

The peace treaty placed Britain in control of Palestine as a mandatory of the League and the Zionist movement and the anti-Semitic prejudice in Europe sent a flood of immigrants to the Holy Land. The flood has been increasing in volume in recent years. There were over 30,000 Jewish immigrants in 1931; there were over 42,000 in 1934. In 1931, the census showed 175,000 Jews. In 1935, there were 375,000. The Arab population is about 825,000 and there are about 100,000 Christians.

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