

# Canada's Tax Bill Reduced Twenty-Seven Millions

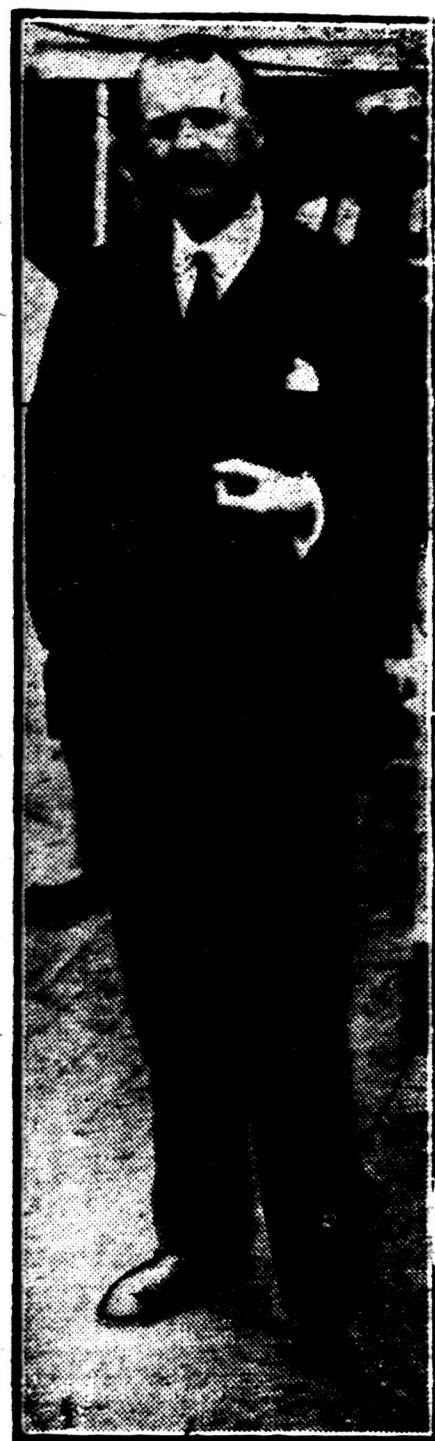
CHEQUES UP TO \$10  
EXEMPT FROM IMPOST.

Ten Per Cent. Income Easement and Sales Tax Reduction Are Effective Without Delay but Other Revisions Date Forward to July 1.

Ottawa.—Tax reductions calculated to effect a saving of \$27,000,000 to Canadian taxpayers were proposed in the House of Commons by Hon. James A. Robb, Finance Minister, in his fourth Budget presentation.

Four distinct cuts in existing levies are involved, as follows: Reduction of 10 per cent. in all rates of the income tax; general cut of 20 per cent. in the sales tax; reduction of 25 per cent. in the excise tax on matches; and the institution of a flat rate of two cents, irrespective of values involved, for all cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and similar documents exceeding ten dollars in value.

The stamp tax on overdrafts and advances will be abolished, and the exemption from stamp tax on cheques, bills, etc., is to be increased from five to ten dollars. Mr. Robb said the reductions amount to practically 70 per cent. of the stamp tax, and practically



Sir Miles W. Lampson  
British minister to China, who, it is said, has notified the Peikin government of Britain's readiness to adopt a new policy favorable to Chinese.

## Premiers and Naval Defence.

Ottawa Droit (Ind. Lib.): One feature in the naval defence question cannot help but strike one. Mackenzie King, Stanley Bruce, Gordon Coates, all three Prime Ministers of three Dominions of the Empire, took part in London in the same deliberations and adopted the same resolutions in the same circumstances. Now the last two, when they visited this country, conducted themselves quite openly as missionaries of national defence. Either they spoke paying due consideration to the conclusions reached at London, and in that case Mr. King ought to speak in the same vein, or they have misrepresented those conclusions, in which case their conduct would be inexplicable.

abolish what have been known as "nuisance taxes."

The reduction in income tax levies is a straight 10 per cent. cut on the amount payable under existing schedules; the sales tax cut is from 5 to 4 per cent; the match tax cut is general on existing schedules, based on the number of matches to a particular container, and the flat two-cent impost on cheques wipes out the old graduated charge of, roughly, two cents per fifty dollars of value.

The reduction in the sales tax became effective Feb. 18. The proposed reductions in the tax on matches and in the stamp taxes will become effective on the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, July 1. And the income tax cut becomes effective on this year's income.

This year's Budget is remarkable in that it proposes not a single tariff change. It is the first time within the memory of old Parliamentarians that a Budget has left existing tariff arrangements absolutely untouched.

Mr. Robb explained the situation by stating that certain of the applications considered by the Advisory Board on Tariff and Taxation were interlocking, and inquiries respecting them were not as yet completed.

Following are the proposed tax revisions announced in the Budget speech:

A reduction of 10 per cent. is made on all income tax rates.

A reduction of 20 per cent. is made on all sales tax rates.

A reduction of 25 per cent. is made on match tax.

Exemption from stamp tax on cheques, notes, etc., increased from \$5 to \$10.

Stamp tax on cheques, bills, notes, etc., of a value over \$10 is now 2 cents. The graduated scale is abolished.

Stamp tax on overdrafts and advances abolished.

Income tax change comes into effect for this spring's payments.

Sales tax reduction comes into effect on Feb. 18.

Stamp tax changes and match tax change come into effect on July 1.

Special War Revenue Act amended to make it clear that printers are liable to sales tax.

Tariff changes, none.

## Synopsis of Proceedings of Provincial Legislature

### PROGRESS DAY BY DAY

The object of this "Diary of the Legislature" is to supply our readers with a concise, non-political, running statement of the procedure in our local legislature. Only of speeches and measures of particular importance will synopses be given.

#### FEBRUARY 14TH—

House in Committee. Hon. W. E. Raney introduced a bill "To prevent brewers, distillers, standard hotel-keepers, public contractors, Crown contractors, and certain contractors from contributing to political campaign funds. Routine business carried several of the bills already referred to through further readings. Hon. J. E. Thompson introduced a private bill to cover new financing arrangements for the Church of England. Six bills of this nature were dealt with.

#### FEBRUARY 15TH—

Sessions of the House were held both in the afternoon and evening. An even dozen members continued the debate on the Speech from the Throne. The usual Opposition criticism and Government rebuttal took place, but no outstanding features marked the long day's oratory. The following expressed themselves: K. Homouth (Ind. Lab., Waterloo South), Dr. G. A. Gidley (Lib., N.E. Wellington), Russell Nesbitt (Con., Toronto), C. G. Fletcher (Lib., South Essex), R. H. Kemp (Prog., Lincoln), J. A. Thompson

(Con., North Lanark). In the evening session F. G. Oliver (U.F.Q., South Grey), the youngest member of the House, who acquitted himself well; C. A. Robertson (Lib., North Huron), A. L. Shaver (Con., N. Wentworth), E. B. Miller (Lib., East Elgin), and J. H. Mitchell (Lib., S.W. Simcoe).

#### FEBRUARY 16TH—

House in committee. Bills under consideration were the amendment to the Marriage Act to permit British clergymen to legally perform the marriage ceremony in Ontario; Noxious Weed Act, which calls for owners or occupants to cut down and destroy noxious weeds to prevent seed dissemination. Several private bills were advanced in readings. The following information was given in answer to questions:

The new East Block will cost \$2,486,989 when completed. Fire insurance premiums paid by province amounted to \$49,818.

\$228,029 was paid the Government in taxes on native wines. Hon. W. E. Raney gave notice of a motion to find out whether the jurisdiction over the manufacture of liquor rests with the Provinces or with the Federal Parliament. Court procedure was asked. Liberal members wanted to know amounts collected under luxury tax and gasoline tax.

#### FEBRUARY 17TH—

Heated retorts from the member



Lord Hewart

Lord Chief Justice of England, who may visit Toronto in August. He has been invited to be the chief speaker at the annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association, which takes place on August 24 to 26.

from West Kent and the Leader of the Liberals enlivened the day. The reply to the Speech from the Throne with the Nesbitt amendment to Raney's amendment was carried without a "nay" being registered. The Nesbitt amendment to the amendment was as follows:

"That all the words after the word 'that' in the second line of the amendment be omitted and the following be substituted therefor: 'This House assures your Honor that the proposed measure for improvement in the method of control and administration of the sale of liquor will receive its most earnest and thorough consideration, in order that it may advance the interests of true temperance and afford additional safeguards to all classes of the community against the evils of intemperance.'"

With the expression of the views of Rev. A. C. Calder (Con., West Kent), Wm. Newman (Lib., North Victoria), and W. A. Baird (Con., Toronto), the debate was brought to a close.

Many private bills were introduced and given their first reading and many amended bills passed.

#### What the Minister Said.

Sonny had just returned from his first attendance at Sunday school. He beamed proudly as he announced that the minister had spoken to him.

"Well," said his father, "what did he say to you?"

"He told me to keep quiet," replied Sonny.

## SCARLET-COATED MOUNTIE AT ENTRANCE MARKS LEGATION AS CANADIAN

Washington, D.C.—American visitors to the Canadian legation, Canadians from the dominion visiting the offices of business, will have no doubt at all that 1757 N. street is Canada's house. Corporal Lamont of the R.C.M.P. will see to that.

The new minister will have on duty at the legation a real Mountie, scarlet coat and everything. Not a movie Mountie, not a doorman, dressed up in a red coat, but a service man with three medals across his left breast and a record of service that marks him anything but a carpet soldier. This little touch of Canada is distinctively national. To the American mind the men of the R.C.M.P. are singularly Canadian, definitely typical. Corporal Lamont has arrived at the legation. The curious point arose as to his appearing in Washington in uniform, but it is understood that the scarlet coat will only be worn on duty, and within the precincts of the legation. Inside the legation is Canadian soil and a military uniform is quite all right, but Washington flappers will not be able to stand and gaze admiringly as the stalwart Canadian goes down the street. Outdoors Corporal Lamont will be in mufti. Strictly speaking, the R.C.M.P. is not a military force, it is a police force, but its uniform is held in high regard. When Corporal Lamont goes on duty, Washington will at last be able to see what a real "Mountie" looks like, and the Canadian legation will have a sign manual at its front door, a sign that is known the world over as Canadian.

## USE AEROPLANES IN SPEEDING HUDSON RY

Air Survey Planned With Use of Captive Balloon to Report Ice Conditions.

Ottawa.—The end of Hudson Bay Railway steel and Port Nelson and Fort Churchill will be linked up this summer by air. To speed up survey and investigation work the Dept. of Railways and Canals has signed a contract with the Western Canada Airways Co. to fly freight and passengers from Kettle Rapids, where the rails now end, to the Bay.

It is understood that some four tons of surveying and other equipment will be needed as soon as the weather opens up, in order that Frederick Palmer, the British engineer selected by the Government, can commence his investigations as early as possible.

The air line will be only one phase of new activities this summer relative to the Hudson Bay Railway. An interdepartmental committee of the Government is now working on a scheme for an air survey of navigation conditions in Hudson Straits. Representatives of the Departments of Railways, Marine and Fisheries, and National Defence are working on the program. One proposal is for an ice-breaking tug, with a captive balloon, which might patrol the Straits, keeping records and notifying vessels of ice conditions; while another scheme is for a seaplane base from which air patrols would make constant observations.

## Thin Red Line Saved Shanghai

London.—L. C. M. Amery, Secretary for the Colonies, speaking at Hackney, declared that only the foresight of the British Government in sending troops to Shanghai had saved the city from looting. The southern army, with the benefit of Russian instructors, he said, had inflicted a heavy defeat on the army protecting Shanghai, and doubtless within a few days the rabble of the defeated army would be pouring into Shanghai.

The Secretary repeated that the Government would not intervene in the civil war in China.

## Double Holiday in July for Confederation Jubilee

Ottawa.—Final reading was given by the House to a bill to provide \$250,000 for Canada's Jubilee celebration. It was arranged that the first meeting of the executive will be held in Ottawa, and that also July 2 as well as July 1 will be made a public holiday.

Why are the buttons on a man's coat always on the right and those on a woman's always on the left? Or hadn't you noticed that they are?



MANAGER FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT

Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, who, with Mr. J. H. Gundy, well-known financier, brought about the coup which resulted in control of the Massey-Harris Company, Limited, remaining in Canada. Mr. Bradshaw has had a long and honorable career as a financier and business manager, and he was congratulated heartily on the outcome of the dramatic struggle which has just come to a close.

## Twenty-One Warships In Shanghai Harbor

### CANTONESE DEFEATING NORTHERN TROOPS

Hanchow Has Fallen and Demoralized Army is in Full Retreat Toward International City—British Cabinet Faced With Serious Situation.

Shanghai.—Twenty-one warships of five foreign countries lay in the Whang Poo River here, their fighting men ready to go into action to protect foreign lives and property should they be menaced by the threatened invasion of Cantonese forces.

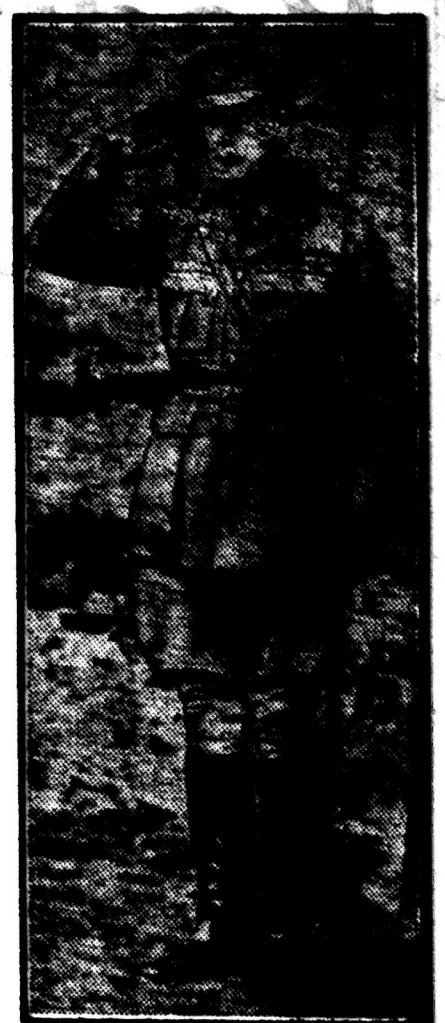
Four thousand British soldiers ashore within the international settlements awaited developments; other British troops on the sea will bring their number up to 16,000, unless they are diverted to other parts of China.

Five United States war vessels—the Pittsburgh, Ashville, Sacramento, Edsall and McCormick—had on board 1,100 marines ready for shore duty, and 1,200 other "devil dogs" were expected from San Diego on Feb. 24th.

The five foreign flags flying from the warships were those of the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy. The war craft lay quietly and stubbornly at anchor, despite the assurances of the warring Chinese factions that foreign lives and property were not endangered. In Shanghai, however, were many foreign refugees from Hanchow and Kiukiang, from which cities they had been evacuated when coolie mobs overran the British concession districts and Cantonese Government officials took over their administration.

The Cantonese, reinforced from Fukien Province, hammered away at the lines of Sun for three days, driving them back northward from Yenchow, where they had taken their stand along the Tangtsien River. Sun's army split into three columns as it fell back toward Hanchow. In the outskirts of the city fighting took place. Reports, unconfirmable because of hampered telegraphic communication, reached Shanghai that Hanchow had fallen into the Cantonese hands.

A tale of Chinese duplicity was woven into the war news. For some time it was said Sun Chuan-fang, formerly undisputed ruler of five provinces and now threatened with the loss of the



Gen. John Duncan, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.

Commanding the composite division of British troops being concentrated in China.

remaining one, in which there are as yet no enemy troops, has paid \$600,000 monthly to Chang Tsung-chang, Military Governor of Shantung, for aid in case of need.

Pressed by the Cantonese in Chekiang, Sun was said to have urgently appealed to Chang for soldiers, but the latter was holding his men north of Nanking. It was asserted that Chang, once thrown out of control of Kiangsu Province by Sun, was awaiting the opportunity to seize that Province if Sun were defeated in the present drive of the Cantonese.

London.—Serious decisions are in the balance over the Chinese situation. The Cabinet Council met in the House of Commons to consider the latest news from China, where, with two Cantonese armies marching on Shanghai, affairs have again reached an acute stage, and where military developments are likely to have a powerful influence over diplomatic issues.

## Markets

### TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.54 1/4; No. 2 North, \$1.50 1/2; No. 3 North, \$1.42.

Man. oats—No. 2 CW, nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 60c; No. 2 feed, nominal; western grain quotations in c.i.f. ports.

Am. corn, track Toronto—No. 2 old yellow, 88c; No. 3 old yellow, 85c.

Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$32.25; shorts, per ton, \$34.25; middlings \$40.25.

Ont. oats, 55c, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.24 to \$1.26 f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting, 68c.

Buckwheat—78c, nominal.

Rye—No. 2, 97c.

Man. flour—First pat., \$8.10, Toronto; do, second pat., \$7.60.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 99 per cent. patent, per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$5.40; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.45.

Cheese—New, large, 20 1/2 to 21c; twins, 21 to 21 1/2c; triplets, 21 1/2 to 22 1/2c. Stiltons, 25c. Old, large, 25c; twins, 26c; triplets, 27c. Old Stiltons, 28c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 45 to 46c; No. 1 creamery, 44 to 45c; No. 2, 42 to 43c. Dairy prints, 34 to 35c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 55c; fresh extras, loose, 51c; fresh extras, 48c; fresh seconds, 36c; fresh pullets, 45c; storage extras, 46c; do, firsts, 43c; seconds, 40 to 41c.

Poultry, dressed—Chickens, 5 lbs. and up, 40c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 38c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 36c; do, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 lbs., 35c; do, 2 to 2 1/2 lbs., 35c; hens, over 5 lbs., 32c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 30c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 28c; roosters, 25c; turkeys, 46 to 47c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35 to 38c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$3.60 to \$3.90 bushel; primes, \$3.45 to \$3.60.

choice, \$6.75 to \$7; springers, \$75 to \$90; do, fair to good, \$5.50 to \$6; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5; butcher cows, good to choice, \$4 to \$5.75; do, com. to med., \$3.50 to \$4.50; do, canners and cutters, \$2.25 to \$2.75; butcher bulls, good to choice, \$5 to \$5.25; do, med., \$4 to \$4.75; do, bolognese, \$3.50 to \$3.80; baby beef, \$9 to \$10; feeders, choice, \$5.75 to \$6.25; do, fair, \$5 to \$5.25; stockers, choice, \$5.25 to \$5.75; do, fair to med., \$4 to \$4.50; milch cows, \$65 to \$80; plain to med. cows, \$40 to \$60; calves, choice, \$13 to \$13.50; do, med., \$10 to \$11.50; do, com. and grassers, \$6 to \$6; lambs, choice, \$12.50 to \$13; baby beef, \$9 to \$9.50; sheep, choice, \$6.50 to \$7.50; do, heavies, \$4.50 to \$5; do, culls, \$2 to \$2.50; hogs, thick smooth, fed and watered, \$11.25; do, f.o.b., \$10.75; do, country points, \$10.50; do, off cars, \$11.65; select premium, per hog, \$2.20.

### MONTREAL.

Oats—No. 2 CW, 76c; No. 3 CW, 66 1/4c. Flour, Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, \$8.10; seconds, \$7.60; strong bakers', \$7.40; winter pats., choice, \$8.10 to \$8.15. Rolled oats, bag, 90 lbs., \$3.65. Bran, \$32.25. Shorts, \$34.25. Middlings, \$40.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.50.

Cheese—Finest weests, 18 1/2 to 18 1/4c. Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 40 1/2 to 40 1/4c. Eggs, storage firsts, 43c; storage seconds, 38c; fresh extras, 50 to 51c; fresh firsts, 48c.

Good calves, \$12; do, com., \$11; logs, \$12, with the \$2 per hog bonus on selects and 50c cut on shops and heavies.

### Choir Voices Up Half a Tone When in West

Edmonton.—Since coming to West-Edin Canada the voices of members of the Westminster Abbey—Windsor Castle choir has gone up in pitch one-half tone, declared Albert Watson, tenor soloist with the Windsor singers. This he ascribed to the dry, invigorating climate and the high altitude. "The west should produce many fine singers," he said, "the air here acts like a tonic on the voice."

### Navigation Opened in Lake Erie

Sandusky.—Notwithstanding that she is compelled to pick her way between the ice floes, the Mascot, a small oil-burner, owned and mastered by Captain John Neuman, is in commission between the mainland and Kelley's Island, in Lake Erie. The Mascot's first trip opened the season's navigation.