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### Tax Reductions Will Prove Welcome.

The tax reductions announced yesterday will prove very welcome to many Prince Rupert people. The reduction of the sales tax, the receipt tax, the reduction in the postage rates and the income tax changes all will lighten the load that has proved heavy since the war and was directly the result of war-time expenditures. It is to be hoped the government is not going too fast in its tax reductions and that the future will justify its actions. At any rate we shall enjoy the change.

### Optimistic Outlook Of Finance Minister.

Apparently Hon. J. A. Robb is an optimist. And he is the one man in Canada who should be in a position to know whether his optimism is justified. He is in touch, or his department is, with all the activities of the nation from coast to coast. He says he expects to pay off twenty-one million dollars' worth of the Canadian debt even after reducing the taxes as stated in the despatches. If he does that, it is the best possible proof that the howl of bad times put up at the last election was just a political howl. The results seem to have proved it.

### Irishman Likes British Constitution.

The Irish minister to Washington is an admirer of the British constitution. He likes its flexibility and urges that it be allowed to continue in the old way instead of being made into an inflexible machine as is the case in the American Republic. It is a treat to hear the representative of the south of Ireland speaking in that strain. It is an indication that at last the Irish question is settled. The pity is that many years ago in the time of Gladstone the British people had not been wise enough to have followed the policy laid down by him which would have prevented much bloodshed, hate, worry, hardship and annoyance.

### Financial Market Suffering Badly.

Whatever may be the cause, it is certain that the financial world is in a turmoil and that securities are being very much depressed in the market. Possibly it may be the result of stock gamblers' manipulations or there may be a more deep-seated reason for it. At any rate it will be interesting to watch the changes. The most outstanding of these are recorded in despatches to this paper.

### Island Activity Seems Certain.

It seems certain from information received from the Queen Charlotte Islands that there will be greater activity there than has been the case for many years past. The development of the fisheries at that point is being carried to a point exceeding all previous efforts in that line and there seem to be indications that lumbering will again be active there soon. Once the settlements on the island become large enough to insure good transportation, there will be greater interest taken in them. At present it is difficult to advise people to settle where steamship service is so infrequent. With development and the establishment of permanent homes at the various centres will come greater efforts to cater to the people there and more of the amenities of life will be provided. Very soon the Islands will be getting beyond the pioneer stage and people who have their homes across Hecla Straits will welcome the transition.

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### CANADA'S POSITION IN EMPIRE MADE CLEAR IN SPEECH OF DANDURAND

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have not yet succeeded, because of our railway deficits, in establishing equilibrium in our budget. We are struggling manfully to that end. Our first duty to our country, aye, to the Empire, is to restore financial order in our own home.

#### Happy People

We, who had left Europe in the course of the last three centuries to better our condition, were the happiest people in the world up to the very day when we returned to Europe. Perhaps, after all, are we still among the happiest people on earth, by comparison and because we have courage and unbounded faith in our future.

But this formidable upheaval which has so profoundly shaken our economic structure, makes us quite chary in assuming any new obligation which would have its effect, sooner or later, the possibility of being compelled to again return to Europe.

When we look at our pre-war expenditure for defence or war, 12 millions, which has grown to 144 millions, we become somewhat impatient at comparisons which are made between our present per capita expenditure and that of other sister nations.

#### Consent to Tax

The old adage that "interest is the measure of men's actions" is still the rule which governs mankind. Rightly or wrongly, most Canadians have not the feeling that they are threatened. They consent to be taxed heavily for what they conceive to be pressing needs, but they think in terms of peace.

When their government asked His Majesty the King to delegate a Canadian to sign a treaty affecting Canada alone, at Washington, a London newspaper made this amusing remark: "Canada wants to sign alone her treaties, but she has no army or navy to defend them."

The writer was thinking as would a European in terms of force. It never occurred to Canadians that a treaty needed an army behind it. They have never felt that they needed protection. They rather believe that they have been a protecting nation. Their history has created that conviction in their mind. The conflicts of 1775, of 1812, of 1899 and again of 1914, were not of Canadian origin.

#### Producer of Security

It has been well said that Canada is a producer of security, not a consumer. Never has it raised a finger calling for help. Canadians dislike the coaxing, the manoeuvring, which is constantly going on, to draw it into larger defence expenditure when she has, financially speaking, through her last European adventure, water to her lips.

#### Not Sponging

You will quite realize her state of mind when she is told in the press, in some form or other, that she is sponging on others for defence. In 1921, when the Washington Conference was coming to an end, Lord Lee of Fareham came to Montreal, and publicly urged Canada to assume a share of Imperial naval defence. The conference had already decided to make an all-round reduction in armaments. If the occasion had offered I would have made bold to discuss with the noble Lord the wisdom of his returning to Washington to press for another 50 per cent all-round reduction in order to further lighten his burden. Other missionaries on the same errand have been heard.

When we are asked, in cold blood, to assume definite obligations, our reason directs our judgment. We are apt to be more responsive when, in times of stress, an appeal is made to our sentiments.

#### Way to Recuperate

Canadians are among those who believe that the only way for the world to recuperate its losses and save itself from bankruptcy is in the reduction of its military and naval establishments. We have pinned our faith on the influence and action of the League of Nations, which is soon to grapple with the problem of the reduction of armaments on land and on sea. Let us pray that it may succeed. We have faith in the League of Nations, which brings together regularly, at fixed dates, most of the nations of the earth. It is quite noticeable that in those gatherings there is a most sincere desire for co-operation. I am profoundly interested

in the words of the Council, which meets at least four times a year, and which has, in its midst, the Great Powers. It is the Great Powers which are most to be feared, because of their might. When they clash, the whole world is affected by the cataclysm. As the Great Powers meet in the Council with the primary object of maintaining peace throughout the world, their function will be to preach compromise and arbitration to the small nations.

#### Prisoners of Own Doctrine

My hope is that, as they repeatedly lay down the rules and principles for the peaceful settlement of differences between the secondary or small nations, they will become prisoners of their own doctrine and will be thus brought to apply it to themselves. Pending this evolution, we feel, in Canada, that the peace of Europe is assured if the two great neighboring countries, who stood side by side during the recent hurricane, Great Britain and France, work harmoniously together, and we are grateful to the Baldwin government for consistently pursuing that policy. Those two great leading countries owe that example to the world.

#### Perfect Equality

The British Empire, as at present constituted, will endure if a sentiment of perfect equality between its members is felt throughout its component parts.

Mr. Amery lately remarked, quite aptly, that a country like Canada, with a population larger than most of the secondary powers of the world, can well claim to play a role in the Comity of Nations.

Sir John A. MacDonald wanted, in 1867, for our new Confederation the name and title of the Kingdom of Canada, so as to clearly establish that we were no more a dependency. He failed to get that outward sign, but he was granted the substance. Under our Magna Charta, we have developed normally into nationhood.

#### Bureaucracy

The Canadian people would deem it intolerable to be considered, in any particular, the subjects of the King's subjects. They know full well that the British statesmen have completely recognized this principle of equality, but perhaps the bureaucracy, which is reputed to be, intellectually, an aristocracy, still feels that there are things which it can accomplish more efficiently than ourselves. In our history, we have occasion to meet such a situation and bureaucracy had to resign itself, with good grace, to the inevitable.

#### Passed to Manhood

I was reading lately that Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, under whose reign it was my privilege to grow up, was reminded by her son, the Prince of Wales, in a most respectful tone, in answer to her advice concerning attendance at horse races, that he had grown to manhood and was 28 years of age. Canadians, whose leaders have all passed the meridian of life, are inclined to smile when they think that they can discern some hidden thought of patronising tutelage.

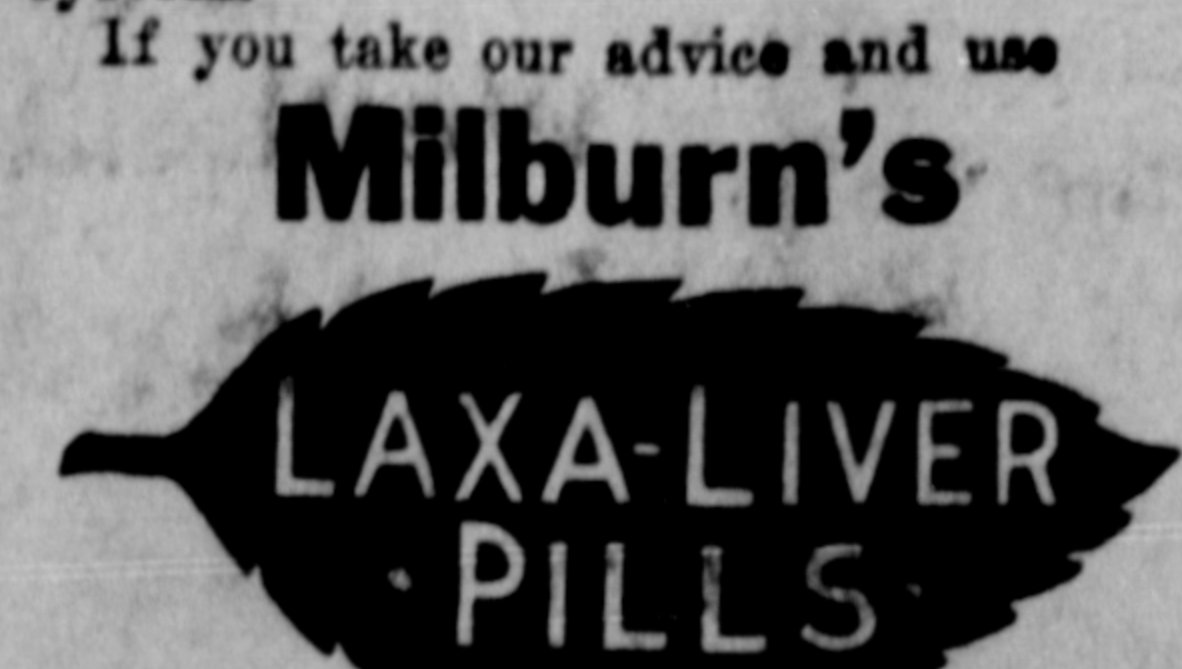
There is no looking backwards. Under the same Crown, side by side, abreast, not in tow, we shall perpetuate this Mighty Empire in a spirit of moderation and of goodwill towards all.

#### War Correspondents

I crave your indulgence to add one word concerning a most vexing subject, which represents a very perturbing element and is a threat to the peace of the world. When the armistice was declared, and later on when peace treaties were signed, the signatories to those conventions

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forgot to demobilize the war correspondents.

The result is that, under another name, as "foreign correspondents," they have remained on the war path, and although the League of Nations has agreed upon a protocol which eliminates the use of poison gases, the foreign correspondents continue to poison public opinion every morning by raising suspicions, rivalries and hatred between the peoples.

They daily pretend to have discovered some plotting between some groups of nations against another group. It seems that they cannot love except by fishing in troubled waters and they keep stirring the pond. They feel that they soon would lose their raison d'être if they simply called to their newspapers that "all's well in Europe."

One of the foremost papers in Canada, "The Montreal Gazette," on the 18th of February last, expressed the general view when it wrote that the foreign correspondents were resuming their favorite pastime of blowing on the embers of European hatred.

**Nefarious Work**

This nefarious work cannot be too strongly condemned. It must have a most damaging effect on the general public of the United States, if they only believe one tenth of the fantastic stories which they read of European discords and plotting.

I have now been at three Assemblies of the League. I have met intimately most of the leaders of the various countries and in spite of the war correspondents, I have enough confidence in the men of goodwill, in each country, to report that notwithstanding a certain degree of nervousness which is quite natural following such a formidable clash, all's well in Europe.

**LONG-DISTANCE STATIC.**

A wireless amateur in Ottawa had bagpipes broadcast from Aberdeen. Nevertheless, he is not giving up his hobby.

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