

TAXES IN PENNA. BELOW AVERAGE

State Has Enviable Record for Economy of Government

COST ONLY \$5.19 PER CAPITA

By a Staff Correspondent
Washington, Aug. 25.—Compared with other states, Pennsylvania is establishing an enviable record for low taxes and economy of government, new census figures show. A summary of state financial statistics compiled by the census bureau reveals that Pennsylvania's per capita property tax is below the average for the country and much lower than the rate in many other states.

In total revenue receipts and total cost of state government, Pennsylvania ranks next to New York, as it does in population and wealth. For the fiscal year 1919, according to the census bureau's figures, Pennsylvania's total government cost was \$45,358,949, compared with \$90,377,302 in New York and \$33,478,919 in Massachusetts, where expenses run third among the states. New Jersey, included with Pennsylvania in the middle Atlantic group of states, contributed \$25,597,672 toward the support of its state government. Delaware's total government cost was \$1,037,648.

On a per capita basis Pennsylvanians paid \$5.19 a head for their state government, compared with a country-wide average of \$6.00, a cost of \$5.41 in New York, \$8.72 in Massachusetts, \$5.22 in New Jersey, \$5.33 in Delaware, \$5.43 in Maryland and \$3.65 in West Virginia. Northern and western states as a rule run higher in government costs than Pennsylvania and the southern states much lower than the northern and western groups.

Some of the state governments in New England and the Far West cost their taxpayers from \$10 to \$20 per capita. Altogether twenty-nine states reported higher per capita costs than Pennsylvania and eighteen states a lower per capita cost of running the state government.

Thirty-one states report higher per capita contributions to state revenues, including returns from taxes, licenses, special assessments and charges, fines, fees, rents, interest and public service enterprises. Pennsylvanians pay \$5.37 per capita toward revenues. The average for the forty-eight states is \$5.48 and the average for the middle Atlantic group \$7.15. Pennsylvania's property tax, \$3.11 per capita, is lower than the property tax in twenty-six other states, its business tax, \$1.54 per capita, is lower than in sixteen other states.

Pennsylvania's revenue receipts were divided as follows:

Special property tax, \$27,350,041; other special taxes, \$274,024; business taxes, \$9,194,410; nonbusiness licenses, \$4,338,805; fines, forfeits, and escheats, \$141,151; subventions and grants, \$825,728; earnings of general department, \$4,487,487; interest, \$214,619; total, \$47,202,233.

The state's governmental cost payments were divided: Expenses of general department, \$41,122,768; interest, \$85,725; other outlays, \$4,405,462.

CANADA PREDICTS WOOD PULP FAMINE

Dominion Unwilling to Sacrifice Its Supply to Aid American Industries

EXPORTS TO U. S. HEAVY

By the Associated Press
New London, N. H., Aug. 25.—Colonel Henry S. Graves, until recently chief of the United States Forest Service, suggested to the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests at a meeting here today that representatives of the United States and Canada should hold a conference to settle the controversy between those two governments over Canadian pulpwood.

Colonel Graves reviewed the dispute over the question whether the timber on the crown lands of the eastern Canadian provinces, upon which Canada has laid an embargo, shall be made available for American paper mills, and said the present situation indicated that the

matter would be pursued further and, if not handled in a constructive manner, might easily cause an unfortunate misunderstanding with Canada.

"It should be wholly unnecessary to have any serious difficulty over this question," said Colonel Graves. "Canada's position is that the total amount of pulpwood in Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick is required for the support of the industries already established or which it is desired to have established in the future. Canada asserts that she is unwilling to sacrifice her own industrial interests merely to extend the life of an American industry which has overdeveloped its manufacturing facilities in relation to its new materials and progressively destroyed its forests."

Conference Proposed

Colonel Graves proposed a conference of representatives of Canada and the United States to work out a plan of mutual assistance by modifying the present Canadian restrictions, modification of the laws of New York state so as to permit the use of some pulp-

wood from state lands where cutting is now prohibited and a joint effort by the two countries to perpetuate their forests.

Edward Beck, of Montreal, secretary of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, said Canada had no reason to avoid inquiry into the equity of its timber laws by any impartial tribunal. He said it was not true that the present shortage of printing paper in the United States was chargeable to the Canadian timber regulations, but that it was due to world-wide conditions, aggravated by the "inordinate use of paper by both American and Canadian publishers."

Mr. Beck asserted that the Canadian pulp-wood restrictions did not apply to privately owned lands from which more than 1,000,000 cords of pulp wood were annually exported to the United States. In addition, he said, Canada exports nearly 600,000 tons of pulp and about 650,000 tons of paper to the United States every year, comprising approximately one-ninth of the American pulp consumption and one-third of all the newsprint paper consumed in or exported from the United States. He added, "The supply in Quebec, he added, would be exhausted in fifty years at the present rate of consumption."

Legislative Program Outlined

George W. Elson, Jr., president of the American Pulp and Paper Association, said bills were being prepared to put into effect a national forestry policy of which the cardinal points follow:

A federal appropriation for the reforestation of cut-over and treeless land and to assist states or private owners to manage forest lands so as to obtain continuous production of timber.

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