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THE NEW BUDGET.

BY "ECONOMIST."

AND so we have had the first "Socialist" Budget! Fire has not fallen from Heaven, the Empire does not seem to be in any special danger, and even millionaires can statch a fittle steep—if their dyspepsia will the steep—if their dyspepsia will

the steep—if their dyspersa supermit!

In November lad, newspers of the patriotic "brand were warning us of all knides of caliculate left would hap be pat in power. They tried to make the pat in power. They tried to make pat in power. They tried to make of ministligned that expensively solutated) Tories. The graves of the patriotic districts o

The people who talked and wrote that ort of "tosh" ought to have known etter. About 1906, Philip Snowden rote a small book called "A Socialist role a small book called." A Socialis-udgel," which admittedly was reason-ble, business like, statesamic states, and in a state of the states of the states of the r. Lloyd George (then in his Radical distreme days), that if two satisfacts of the states of the states of the states states of the well, and would get public support It is a gurious thine that shifts.

ir his proposals.

It is a curious thing that whilst all is was well known to every economist all student of State Finance, your pitalist newscapers professed that Socialist." Innance was dangerous. Socialist "finance was dangerous, famediately the Budget speech was de-twered both Asquitts and Baldwin could find no words good enough to express their high opinion of Snowden's ability and the excellence of his Budget!

tick high opinion of Somoder's shiftly and the excellence of his Budget in the control of the Sudget in th is is no over-statement of the case, l even Mr. J. M. Keynes (Liberal) in and even Mr. J. M. Keymes (Liberal) in his recent book on "Monetary Reform" says substantially the same fising about financiers. "One is often warned," says be, "that a scientific treatment of currency questions is impossible because the bunking world is intellectually incapable of understand-

intellectually incapable of understanding its own problems."

Labour has therefore compolled appreciation by its business-like Budget.
But what does the new Budget do to
the advantage of people in general;
Certainly not what we should like, and
that for many reasons, of which the
inost important are:

1. Labour has not a majority in

2. Even if it had that majority, it cannot arrange the finances of the country except in so far as it is supported by an educated public opinion. Groups of financiers at the present time can easily mislend wast sections

3. The whole question of our own ountry's financial affairs is bound

up with that of other countries.
Progress to be effective must be lafterational progress.

that reducing the price of these things reduces the cost of living, and may tend to brigh about a demand from applicable to reduce the cost of living, and may be discussed to the control of the reduction in the wages of weekers.

Secondaries is forearmed. Notwithstanding these very substan-tial difficulties the Budget reduces the prices of tea, coffee, cicoa, sugar, dried fruits, serated waters, and the admission Iruis, serated waters, and the admission fees to entertainments. The working class in particular will benefit by this-and ought averer to have been taxed so-heavily upon these things. We look for the time in the near future when taxes on these shall vanish allogether. Nebody knows better this flowden and the Labour and Co-operative parties,

The middle classes and the well-to

The middle classes and the well-to-do have by no mean been overlooked either. For a century-and-a-half almost, there has been an irritating hax on all houses with a yearly result of £20 or over. It has been comparatively expensive to collect, and only produced £2,000,000 a year. As soon as Soowden abolished it, Libertals and Toxics allike wirer great in their praises that so trifling yet

tating a tax had gone. Why didn't they abolish it; they were in power long enough? The fact is they were tied to tradition, they were not business-like; they had not enough imagination to be entermine. We confess that an increase in

super-tax wouse nave mer was approved that the program of the super-tax to the super-tax to the such a step Even the "Daily Mail" expected it, and was apparently so overcome by the reasonableness of such a proceeding that it raised no objection. When the Tories had had time to think (this is rather a laborious process with them) they apparently agreed to focus their opposition on the proposal to abolish the "M"Kenna Duties" im-

posed during the war. At p motor cars, cinema films, clock musical instruments imported an American alarm clock you pay abor an American alarm clock you pay abor a quarter of the price as tax. It is the Government's intention to abolish the duties in August next—after the prese season for motor car sales. The traceven a water-tight political philoso You can neither run trade nor anythit else satisfactorily without co-operati for the common good. Sectional for the common good. Sectional ad-giantage must give way to the need of the people us-a whole. Directly you said sides only trade by means of a protec-tive tariff, the subsidy is charged to the people who buy the geods made in that rade. When Baldwin and Company trade. When Baldwin and Company get that point home, the daylight will daze them. What the people do not fully grasp is that if pays a Tory em-ployer to have a tariff on the goods is makes; be is certain of profits, at the expense of those who buy his goods. If we have to tax ourselves in this

expense of those who buy his goeds. If we have to tax ourselves in this fashion in order to keep Coventry employed, we might at least see that Coventry is making things of utmost need. We might keep it employed, for example, by making metal fittings of many kinds for the millions of houses are not as a constant of the millions of houses are not to received the millions of houses are not to received them. much more urgently required the motor cars, if we only used the adapt sense we used during the war for t

This, however, can never be while every business is playing for its own end; run in direct opposition to every other business. A vast development of co-operative methods is obsolutely essential unless society is to suffer ex-tinually by high prices, trade decidled and dislocations of employment.

and dislocations of employment.

Mentine, mark what Liberal and
Tory finnnes have done for us. Last
year the cost of the National Debtinterest and sinking fund-ms
\$159,000.000. It will be the same this
year, all because Labear and Co-operation are not in a majority in the Commons. The one thing really necessary too are not in a majority in the community. The one thing really necessity normalised for housing and other social services is—the Capital Levy. According to an official paper published on April 26th, the total rates estimated to leave been collected in Great Britain for the year ending March 131, 1024, was £610,000,000; less than half the cost of the National Bucketing to the Santonal Bucketing to the constitution of the Santonal Bucketing the Santonal Bucketing the santonal San

The lesson is obvious: let us consoli-date our ranks for the next election and make sure that we leave no stone un-turned to get working men unitedly



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MUNICIPAL TOPICS.

BY COUNCILLOR T. H. WATKINS.

The Medical Officer of Health pre-sented the following report of progress during the quarter, January to March

the end of 1923

Number of privies converted or
disused during the quarter
referred to 9,167

Estimated number of privies re-8,887

To complete the conversion within five years, as agreed upon by the Council, will necessitate the conversion of over 400 pivies per quarter. Pressure must be maintained to ensure an increasing rate of negrees. Thus also contribute in one of the most important directions to improving the health of the city.

Cheaper Slipper Baths. The Council agreed to a resolution, proposed by the Labour Group, being submitted to the Health Committee to submitted to the itealth committee to consider and report upon "provisions for slipper baths to be obtained at a charge of all per person in all Corporation Baths for the same number of days, and under the same conditions, so at present provided at the Atterchiffe and Corpora-

Harkets.

The Consoil also agreed to a resolution, proposed by the Labour Group, being assimilated to the Markets Commission assimilated to the Markets Commission of an application to Parliament for powers to exercise market rights over and parts of Brithou-lane, Carticolott, and the Carticolott

This is a reasonable proposal, and will temore the penalties and hardships in-flicted upon the street traders in the thoroughbares referred to.

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This course will also follow the methods adopted in other cities to meet the requirements of this particular section of bone file traders in catering to the needs of a section of the public which would not otherwise be served.

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ment of the non of \$50,000.

The rategorers will therefore be called upon to repay double the initial cost or outlay of the grant or subsidy of £35 per home when obtained on loan repayable at the end of twenty years at 5 per out.

This, of course, equally applies to loans for whatever purposes applied. Corporation Houses.

Corporation Houses.

If £500 to obtained on Juan to build Corporation houses, at 5 per cent., repayable at the and to feerily years, provision must be made to feerily years, provision must be made to feerily years, or double the amount of £500 be at the period of repayment of £500 be at the of forty years, the provision must be to repay justs, the provision must be to repay the first of the amount of the first of the amount of the first the

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Street Lighting.
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Electric Poles.

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I coal ashardite (Enabley) Bill.

This Bill proposes to confer on food authorities with a pop confer on food authorities with a pop confer on food or common for the property of the property I ocal Authorities (Emphling) Bill. domain of private interests." Evidently the representatives who presed "our petition" do not believe in competition in practice when against themselves. In the control of the control of

Burden of Debt.

Barden of Behr.

This specifies was again raised, and it was unreaded to press the Government state Statistical by other particular to the state of the state of

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The lunge sum of unpaid rates is another aspect of the difficulty, which would be larger that the Gaurdinas placed current costs on current rates. Work at the current costs of current cu

whin their noded burdens.

Sir William Clegg desired such loans without interest. Some progress, also an honest recognition of the basis of the problem.

Owing to the varied methods of the owing to the varied methods of the economics "in practice at the expense of many of the unemployment Insurance, Committee, more extensive telled work provision is imperative, the effective the situation in the interests of the unemployed, both physically and financially.

The Necessito The Necessious Areas are moving in the matter with the support of the Association diminished Corporations. Our Lord Mayor has been appointed chairman of the committee, which is well merited by reason of his knowledge of the difficulties and his abilities in dealing, with them. More power to his elbow!

CA DATE CA DATE THE CAPITALISTS' CA' CANNY.

By W. ROBINSON.
-RESTRICTION OF OUTPUT AND WAGES.

plen over two years employees have been attacking the workers standard in gling, until now large sections are receiving using which, when compared with the cord of living, are much lower than 1944 greats. In face of the Present figure of the present figure is the present figure of the present figure is the present figure in the present figure in the present figure is the present figure of the 1945 per certain the present figure is the present figure in the present figure in the present figure is the present figure in the present figure in the present figure is the present figure in the present figure in the present figure is the present figure in the present figure is the present figure in the p the difficult to emorce further reductions. Their economists, therefore, are suggest-ing new standards for the regulation of sugges. They say that to relate wages

suges. They say that to relate suges to prices in somessive when production is as per cent. lower than in pre-war days. They maintain that wage rates should be related to this reduced production. They maintain that wage rates should be related to this reduced production. It is not to the related to the related production. It is not because the provide dividends on capital—often over-ceptibilited—employees in sumberties of the related of the related to the related of the related to the related of the related to the related of the related of

Coffee.

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In Brazil (which produces more than two-thirds of the world's supplied the world's supplied the pulporat crop was reduced by 12 per cent, ployed tree was reduced by 12 per cent. The Brazillian Government further decreased the supplies available for consumption by buying coffee from planturs and holding it for the time when painters and holding it for the time when painters and the world in the consumption of the plantur and and per compared to the plantur and the p

Copper.

Copper.

In Japan "The Copper Syndicate" (which included all producers) openly held back producers) openly held back producers throughout 1921 and 1922. In America, from May to never resched 25 per cent. of the average monthly production of 1939. In addition, stocks amounting to 3 per cent. of the average monthly production of 1934. The stock of the average monthly production in 1921 were of the average mantled by an association of producers.

Cotton.

Cotton.

In Egypt, as a result of the pressure of a number of wealthy landowners organized in an "ognicultural syndicate," or the property of crop was the smallest on record, and at a meeting of the American Cotton Association (October, 1922) each State organisation pledged itself to keep the 1922 accesses to the 1924 basis. Consequently, in Ringland spinness of both Rgyptian and American cotton worked systematic about time between the end of 1920 and May, 1927; and since September 1920 and 1920 and American cotton worked systematic properties of American Bave been worked and the 1920 and 1920 and

Rubber.

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For the last these years the Rubber Grower's Association has presched remember. Association has presched remember in September, 1920, to a reduction of 35 per cent. In October 1920, the Control of 1920 per cent. In October 1920, the Government of the Federated Mahy States and of Ceylow words applically imposed graduated export duties expressly pensiting theorem of the Control of the C

Tea.

Following decisions of the Indian Tea
Association and the Ceylon Association
[London] in September, 1920, the Indian
cropf for 1921-22 was the smallest since
1914, and the world crop only two-thirds
the size of 1919-20. There has already
been what the "Times" calls "a mar-

The readiness of previous British Governments to encourage systematic restriction of output by sumpleyers is illustrated in the close of the formunant of the Federated Malay States taged to the Federated Malay States taged to fifthe franket. The Government of the Federated Malay States and January, but the first of the Federated Malay States and the first of the franket. The Government of the franket. The Government of the first o off the market. The Government of Nigeria, granting rent concessors to mine-owners, decided to charge areas which are actually being worked 50 per cent. of the runt prescribed in the leases, but of the runt prescribed me worked only

These instances are only typical. In the production of the following cosmodities also the policy of systematic restriction of output has been followed: Cheese, coal, coros, flax, hemp, jute, lead, maize, meat, petroleum, silk, silver, segor, tobucco, and wheat.

Employers Responsible.

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Consider the consequences of this restriction of the production of raw
materials. Not only are the workers
thrown out of work who produce to
make up these particular raw materials
into the finished product, but the whole
industrial system of the country is
affected. When prices of rubber are
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the price of t tyres are expensive, fewer motor-cars are produced, and still more workers are deprived of work. When the output of deprived of work. When the output of copper is restricted there is a small or copper is restricted there is a consequently of machinery for manufacture copper is necessary, consequently there is less construction or renovation of works for which this machinery is necessary; consequently, mechinery is necessary; consequently also, less from and teel is made, and less couly produced. When it is not only one or makeful whose production is reorder makeful whose production is returned to the control of the control o

Surplus Value.

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Although all price in male where the good see must, the women that good are considered to the process of the pr no profit. It is obvious that the inner-owner wants so much for rent out of the product; also the large banking interests want their interest on money Intention wuth that intents on motors advanced to the engineery. The shows brinder engineers are advanced to the engineers are advanced to the engineers of the brinder engineers of the brinder engineers of the engineers of the

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LABOUR'S FIRST BUDGET

DERDOS Mr. Alexander's two compaiges in Billsborough it was his wont to say that: "What Libera's word things, Labour means them." No greater private that the property of the property of the property of the property of the property has the beloged introduced by Mr. Spowden: never has such a forward stop teen takes unormal the Libera preven than the placely introduced by Mr. Spowden: never has such a forward stop teen takes unormal for the control of the property of the prope

averuge family as five persons.

The abelition of the enterfalament tax on low-priced seats and the reduction of the middle-priced seats is such that on the middle-priced seats is such that of the middle-price of the middle-class, and should save the man indice class, and should save the man indice class and save the save that figure a cut of 6d. in the flat rate of the income tax.

Apart from the captious criticism of such diebard journals as the "Morning Post," "The Sheffield Daily Telgraph," and a few others, we must say that the Budget has been well received by Press and public alike.

and public alike.

The criticism offered against the abolition of the MrKenna duties was expected.

After all, the opposition must say something, and it would obviously be dangrouns at this time to try and work the
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Governments of the past.

It is far easier to threaten the workers.

It is far easier to threaten the workers with unemployment—the old bogey used by Tariff Reformers during boom and slump periods alike.

shamp periods alike. The more serious criticism regarding the very small surplus of four millions with which to grant widows' pensions and abolish the means limit of old-age pensions, is a different matter. Those pensions, which was the same and taken any grave risks even in this connection.

connection.

The carefully guarded secrets of the Budget: the remarkship dever way in Budget: the remarkship dever way in most a Budget for period of unemployment a Budget for the Budget

We believe that given the support of those people of goodwill in the Commons and in the country, we shall yet see still greater benefits conferred upon the workers by their real representatives— the Labour Party.

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Also, every sincere co-operator will
appreciate the fact that a step his been
taken towards the Co-operative Commonwealth. For years Congress after Coigress has protested against taxing the
people's food.

people's food.

The movement's fight against the corporation profits tax is historic. We true, therefore, the labour fooversmast, having applied as far as possible twoses stands, will not higher or proceedings and the support and advocacy.

The action of Cooperative Mir's in working with the Labour Farty and acceptants the Jabour Farty and acceptants the Jabour Farty and screpting the Jabour Whip's in more than passible by the splended Budget now before the Gones of Commons.



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How well these people have repre-sented the workers!

We have dozens of people apply at this office from the Central and Hallam Divisions who do not know who their

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Member is.

This has been obtaining year in and year out until the advent of the Labour representatives, who have shown both orthodox parties what representation orthodox parties what representation. orthouox parties what representation really means.

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A Comparison,
p is interesting to make a comparison of
time two works. Sir Heary, Hadow's is full
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and it therefore a fitting addition to Sir Henry Inform's bank, we are a little startled by the Frankly, we are a little startled by the "malcal" attitude of mind accomplified in these sectures, and quotation after grounding could be given in proof of Mr. Fisher's clear sight minds the social informers of to-day. To take one instance, Chapter I. contains the oldering:—

"Serry Government is instantly served provided and military orderers, and navel and litary ordering ser professional alarmites. Military ordering served produced alarmites and the desiration of the conting in the Military (fine desiration) or the conting in the Military (fine desiration) or the conting in the conting the conting of the conting of the conting is safet. And the more bedings the produced in the conting of the conting of the conting is safet. And the more bedings the third, the more insecure is the world in That is a new continuous continuous continuous That is a new continuous continuous produced the continuous continuous produced the continuous produced produced the continuous produced pr

thich be dwells."

That is a practical remark, and it shows a emprehension that it not too common mongst either scholars or politicians.

The Call of the State," is summed up in a concluding phrase—to obey this call is obey something higher than appointe larger than self."

Class-consciousness "receives examination he second chapter on "Second Debt and al Credit." Many readers will doubtless aterested in this, and we therefore give his

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We think the writer is idealising somewhat:

Book Reviews.

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SHEFFIELD CO.OPERATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE

NEW CO-OPERATIVE BILL. BEFORE PARLIAMENT

ADDRESS BY CO-OPERATIVE UNION CASHIER

NGARLY, 200 delegates from the Shef-ged and South Vorkshire societies attended the conference arranged by the Co-spentive Union and the Sheffield Co-spentive Party, on Saturday, April 17th, at the Sheffield and Ecclesall Do-spentive Society's central premises, feelsall-road

ficelsan-road.

Mr. J. A. Longden (chairman of the Shiffield Co-operative Party) presided.

Mr. R. A. Palmer (cashier to the Co-operative Union) introduced the Bill now before Parliament to amend the Indus-pial and Provident Societies Acts.

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Mr. Palmer outlined the various clauses of the Bill and explained their effect. There had been considerable changes aims the Bills of 1893 and 1913, and they were of such a character that the more possage of time necessitated certain

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The new brochure giving the photographs of the Co-operative representatives in Parliament, and Mr. A. Barnes' book." The Political Aspect of Co-operation, "received a good sale.

The chairman of the Party part, J. L. Longdon) presided, and in addition to Mr. A. V. Alexander, M.P., Councillors Bancroft, Watkins, and Spance were on the platform.

On the patterns.

Mr. Alexander spoke for nearly an hour to an appreciative audience. Referring to the Libraris, he said: "These people talk to us about co-operation, let them come half-way; they have not come that yet." What Labour not come that yet." not come that yet." What Labour wanted, he pointed out, was to advance wassed, he possited out, was to advance step by step on those matters upon which they had obtained the mandate from the electors. They did not apolo-gioc, as a party, in raking for the sup-port of all people of goodwill towards social sreform. social reform

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create them. Winding up with a final appeal for continued support to the Labour Party in the tremendous tank it had undertaken. Mr. Alexander concluded his speech amidst thunderous applause. Afterwards be answered no less than twenty-five written and verbal questions.

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