

Faults in Tax System

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To the Editor of The New York Times:

The selling' prices of foodstuffs and other commodities are evidently being raised by concerted movements, which indicate that the public is no longer protected by the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. There is no disguising the fact that these increased prices are largely artificial and not the result of the law of supply and demand.

The one fact that seems to be overlooked by statesmen and politicians alike is that the business depression with its army of unemployed has been the logical result of bad taxation, and that prosperity worthy of the name cannot be expected until the multitude of taxes which fall upon business and industry be removed. Unfortunately, many new taxes are being imposed, and nothing has as yet been done to lower the tariff, the income tax and all the other taxes which are so burdensome. We should have set our own house in order before presuming to suggest how other nations should behave at an economic world conference.