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TAX EXEMPTIONS AND TAX REFORM

A thoughtful and well-reasoned editorial from a recent issue of the St. John Daily Telegraph will show that in advocating a new system of taxation, Alderman H. H. Stuart and the UNION ADVOCATE, Ex-Aldermen W. H. Belyea and C. J. Morrissey and others of this town, and the Town Council of Campbellton are by no means alone in their contention even though the question of tax reform was so promptly and decisively thrown out of the Northumberland County Council in January last.

The Telegraph's Article will bear careful study, and applies as well to Newcastle as to St. John. It reads as follows:

"The need for tax reform has been emphasized recently in the number of interests that have approached the City Council for tax exemption in one form or another. Some contemplating improvements seek exemption and other concerns ask for the removal of the burden of taxation.

"Particular cases of this nature should never arise in the city and they would not arise if our present method of taxation did not discourage improvements. What is needed is not exemption of particular interests and the shifting of these taxes to those who are least able to bear them, but a change in the incidence of taxation. Let the taxation fall on the land values instead of on the buildings and improvements."

"The site value of the land constitutes the earnings of society and should be used by the community for public purposes. It can be so used by taking a part of the ground rental values only, for the municipal treasury. As a first step to this change, authority should be secured to put a higher rate of valuation on the land for purposes of taxation than on buildings and improvements. This would at once produce cheaper land and a complete revival of the building industry. This increase of the building would mean a larger supply of housing accommodation and lower rents, while the building activity induced would mean more work and higher wages.

"The exemption or the partial exemption of improvements will take a heavy burden from the shoulders of capital and labor. The growth of manufacture will be encouraged, not at the expense of others, as we do at present, but by the removal of the fines imposed upon them, and land, which is now held unimproved and for higher rentals, will find its way into the market or pay the tax. For one particular industry to seek and obtain tax exemption is to impose a wholly unfair burden upon every other industry in the city as well as upon every workman who pays his tax. The fair method is not to grant exemption to one, but a large measure of exemption to all industries that are building up the city, by a change in the incidence of taxation.

"St. John, by reason of the fact that the land is held by a few corporations, and that it is almost impossible for a laboring man to secure a building site in any section of the city, is particularly adapted for the imposition of this tax. At present the land is held in price out of all proportion to the value of buildings and improvements. Unpaid labor products and taxed land would secure a treasury always sufficient for public needs, steady employment of labor at good wages, and a boom in building operations.

"That it would produce these results has been abundantly proven in the experience of other communities. They have been the direct and easily traceable results in Vancouver and other cities that have adopted this method. The effect on urban and suburban land has been very marked. It has compelled owners of these to build or to sell to those who would build; and it has thus caused a great impetus in the building trade. An

owner of land occupied by buildings of little value finding that he has to pay the same rates and taxes as an adjoining owner whose land is occupied by a valuable lot of buildings; sees at once that his interests lie in putting his land to the best use. In some cities this has caused such an impetus to the building trade that the building material could not at times keep pace with the demand. Its tendency has not been to increase rent but to bring into use vacant sites that formerly were an eyesore to the community. On vacant sites the rates and taxes are increased and continue to increase as the adjoining sites which have been improved increase in value. It thus becomes unprofitable to continue to hold land unimproved."

CIVIL WAR OVER RECIPROCITY

The great manufacturing firms interested in compelling the people of Canada to buy from them at their prices set by the manufacturers are evidently becoming panic-stricken over the ultimate result of the discussion brought on by the debate on Reciprocity with the United States. It seems that their dissatisfaction is not so much with the reciprocity agreement as it stands as with what it may lead to when the people of the towns and villages demand free trade in manufactured goods in order that they may receive the same benefits the present agreement is giving the Canadian farmers. In the city of Montreal—the same turn in which in 1849 the English speaking mob stoned the Governor-General and burned the Parliament Buildings—Mr. W. H. Townend, addressing the workmen of the Angus shops on the 7th instant ended his speech (according to the Daily Star's report) with the following incendiary language: "There are thousands of Canadians who are willing to offer their lives in CIVIL WAR rather than see this measure pass, and I am willing to go on record as saying that I am one of them." Brave talk, but, we fancy, if Reciprocity passes even Mr. Townend will hesitate to take up the sword in defence of a few corporations.

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THE HAREM SKIRT

I stand in the cold as this story is told, with naught but an old flannel shirt, and my legs are all frost for my trousers I've lost—my wife has a new harem skirt. When abroad she doth roam, I have to stay home, arrayed in her old linen dress, since this fashion from France, she's taken my pants and will wear them forever I guess.

She scratches her matches upon the rear patches, and smokes my Havana cigars, and soon I do think she'll be having a drink at Larry O'Flanagan's bar.

I'm telling no lies, she's exactly my size, and my clothes do fit her superb. Could I turn back my life, I'd marry a wife, who could never my peace so disturb. I'm short and I'm small I'd choose a wife tall, who never could do my new suits, for my trousers so short, would furnish rare sport—they wouldn't reach down to her boots.

So amorous young man, just think of my plan, and choose a sweet Rose, who can't wear your clothes, like my

HAVE WE THE SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS?

Is The Buyer of Mail Order Houses fair to himself and His neighbor?

A gentleman from a Saskatchewan town was recently on a business trip to Toronto, and in company with a Toronto friend, when out to make some small purchases of personal necessities, the Torontonian suggested that while in the city the Westerner should make larger and more elaborate purchases, in fact should supply his needs for some time to come. The Westerner refused emphatically to buy more than sufficient for his immediate needs. He said they had merchants in his home town who had been induced to invest capital by the prospect for local business; that he himself was holding a position there (in an educational institution) that was made possible only by the settling in the immediate vicinity of a number of farmers, and that he would be unjust to the interests of his neighbors, his town and himself, unless he confined his purchases, as far as possible, to his own locality.

If that is the Western spirit, it is not difficult to understand the phenomenal growth of the country and the enthusiasm the Westerners feel for their towns. It is refreshing to hear one of them expatiate on the merits of his place of residence. Possibly we have not heard the name before, for they are making towns rapidly out that way just now; but we shall not be likely to forget it in the future, after listening to his rapid fire eloquence and seeing his infectious enthusiasm. You can smile at his volubility, but we can tell you friends that in the intense local patriotism of the Westerners lies the secret of the country's marvellous growth and prosperity.

What a change there would be in Northumberland County if all our citizens were imbued with a similar spirit. How the place would thrive if all the residents of Northumberland County would take as much interest in the welfare of their town as that Westerner does in his. But as a matter of fact what do we find? It is not only that many Northumberland People spend money when away from home for things they might have obtained here before leaving, but they deliberately defer supplying their wants until they go away. Some indeed send their money by mail and receive the goods by express, under the mistaken impression that they can save a few cents by so doing. How our Westerner would scorn such sordid parsimony.

Now, is it not possible for each one of us to emulate that spirit of solidarity—that wholesome loyalty to our own people, to our own town and to ourselves? Can we not see that in doing so we will not only help our neighbors but will materially help ourselves? It would enlarge our business and our social life. It also increases our self respect. It is a mistake to think you save anything by acting in a contrary way. As a matter of fact you can supply your needs in Northumberland County just as economically as in any place in Canada, even in the large places. It costs more to do business, where taxes are greater and where the cost of living is higher, with consequent higher prices for labor and help of all kinds.

Let us get together and see if we cannot give Northumberland County a new expansion to our town if each individual member of the community would resolve to henceforth do all his or her shopping right here in Northumberland County.

A GOOD MEDICINE FOR THE BABY

Baby's Own Tablets is the one medicine that can be given little ones with the firm knowledge that nothing but good will result. The Tablets are sold under the guarantee of a government analyst to contain no opiate nor any other drug which will harm the youngest child—they cannot possibly do harm; they always do good, and once a mother has used them she will never again give her little ones castor oil or the "soothing" stuffs which simply drug baby into temporary relief and in the end do harm. Mrs. Phyllis Paradis, Frampton, Que., writes: "Send me two more boxes of Baby's Own Tablets. I have used them for constipation and have always found them very good. My baby is certainly progressing under the Tablets." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 100 N. 3rd St., New York.

A GREAT FEAST FOR CHILDREN

Preparations for the Coronation Entertainment to 100,000 Youngsters

The work of preparing for the Coronation entertainment which the King will give to 100,000 poor children of London at the Crystal Palace on June 30th, is well under way.

Sir William Carrington states that the committee entrusted to carry out the King's wishes, declares absolute impartiality is to be shown so that schoolchildren of every denomination should be properly represented. Although not officially stated, there is every reason to believe that the King and Queen will be present in the course of the afternoon at the entertainment at the Crystal Palace. Most probably they will be accompanied by Prince Mary and one or two of her brothers.

It is assumed that the chosen 100,000 will be marshalled like an army and converge upon Sydenham by various routes. Probably the local railways for a certain time in the day will concentrate their energies on the transport of this army. Every child will bear his or her own name and address in writing, and will also carry a distinguishing ticket or rosette, indicating by color and by number the particular school and locality. It is hoped, also, that each girl will wear a white dress or sash and each boy a white tie. Once within the gates of the Crystal Palace, there should be little difficulty. The staff there is accustomed to invasions of football enthusiasts for the Cup Final numbering from 100,000 to 140,000, and in the summer various organizations bring to Sydenham many thousands of children.

The King's guests will arrive between 11 and 12:30 and stay until between 6 and 7 o'clock. Dinner and tea will be served, if fine, at long trestle tables; the grass, but if wet the meals will be served in relays within the Palace. For dinner the children will have cold meats, pies, puddings with lemonade; and at tea bread and butter, jam and cakes.

Each of the favored children will be given from the King a specially designed Coronation beaker of Royal Doulton ware. They are to be the same shape as those made for King Edward, and on the occasions of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. His Majesty has supplied a special portrait of himself in the uniform of an Admiral of the fleet for reproduction on the beaker.

Apart from a generous programme of amusements and a monster tea, the children will be given probably their first glimpse of the greatness of the British Empire. The King has chosen the Crystal Palace, with its Festival of Empire, as the venue for this reason—to impress on the juvenile mind some understanding of the vastness of Empire, as the venue for this reason—to impress on the juvenile mind some understanding of the vastness of Empire, as the venue for this reason—to impress on the juvenile mind some understanding of the vastness of Empire.

IS THERE A "SERVANT PROBLEM?"

It has recently been found that only about 18 per cent. of the United States employ "servants." There has been a great hue and cry about "solving the servant problem," and thousands of people came to the conclusion that the whole country was going to the dogs because enough servants were not to be had. We have been deceived. What about the 82 per cent. of households that have no servant? They have solved the servant problem. The mother, daughters, sisters—possibly the husbands or brothers—do the work, or perhaps all "lead a hand." Why all this rumpus and noise about less than one-fifth of the households? Is this one-fifth the important part? It is doubtless important, but by no means the most important. 82 per cent. of American women do their own work, and are not ashamed to do it—or at least the major part are not. They feel a joy in service. They are too intelligent, too wise, too womanly to think for one moment that the discharge of any duty that makes the home more homelike, more comfortable to the tired husband when the day's work is done, more attractive to the children than the street or the questionable place of amusement, lowers their dignity or degrades them. True service comes as near to divinity as anything that imperfect man or woman ever does. Here, then, is the mental attitude which helps solve the servant question. It is the President's Christmas gift.

WEDDING BELLS

BORTON—McAULEY

A very interesting and pretty wedding took place at nine o'clock last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McAuley, at the Union Hotel, when Rev. S. J. MacArthur united in marriage Miss Annie Sophia McAuley, one of Newcastle's handsomest and most popular young ladies, to Mr. William Wilton Borton, late of Moncton, but now a prosperous plumber of Summerland. B. C. The ceremony took place in the parlor of the hotel and in the presence of a large number of guests. The decorations were oragne and white.

The happy couple were attended by Miss Jean Allen of Newcastle as bridesmaid and Mr. Arthur Metcalfe of Moncton, as best man. The bride was given away by her father. The wedding march was played by Miss Alice Morris. The bride looked more charming than ever in a gown of champagne brussels net over natural colored pongee. She wore a white veil with lilies of the valley and carried a large bouquet of white carnations and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaid was dressed in mauve and carried a bouquet of carnations.

A large number of lovely and valuable gifts were received. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome pearl bracelet; to the bridesmaid a pretty amethyst brooch and to the bridesmaid an amethyst stick pin. The bride also received a very substantial gift from her parents.

Immediately after the ceremony a bountiful supper was served in the spacious dining room of the hotel, and Mr. and Mrs. Borton, amid the blessings of many friends, left at midnight on the Maritime Express for their future home in Summerland.

The bride's going-away gown was of blue serge with helmet hat of blue. The UNION ADVOCATE extends congratulations.

WILLISTON—McKENZIE

The marriage of Mrs. Jane McKenzie (nee McCosh) widow of late Robert McKenzie of Pictou, N. S., to Amos Williston, took place at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Robert Vanderbeck, Douglastown, Monday evening at 8:30. Rev. F. C. Simpson tying the nuptial knot in the presence of the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The bride, who is a well-known and popular lady, and who returned from Boston about a month ago, was tastefully attired in wisteria broadcloth. She was unattended. After the ceremony a sumptuous supper was served. Many very beautiful gifts attested the good will of the friends of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Williston will reside in Douglastown. The UNION ADVOCATE tenders its congratulations.

TWO WEDDINGS AT NELSON

At Nelson Monday afternoon, Rev. Father Power united in marriage Miss Mary Dolan of Nelson to Mr. Henry English. Mr. and Mrs. English left that evening for their new home in the Western States.

Yesterday morning by Rev. Father Power, Miss Lena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John English of Nelson, was married to James McEachern of Nelson. The young couple will reside in Nelson. The UNION ADVOCATE wishes both couples a happy voyage through life.

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Plans, specification and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of E. T. P. Shewen, Esq., District Engineer, St. John, N. B.; Geoffrey Stead, Esq., District Engineer, Chatham, N. B., and on application to the Postmaster at Point Sapin, N. B.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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