

## Why London's Taxes Are High

### PART II.

How Education and Failure to Provide for the Future Has Helped to Swell the Tax Rate.

This is the second part of the article on "Why London's Taxes Are High." The first part appeared Saturday. Other articles of the series will appear in early issues.

[Continued From Saturday.] In Saturday's article the public utilities' contribution to the high tax rate of London was considered at some length. Today some of the other more important phases will be taken up. Possibly one of the most important of these is the educational question. Education is one of the most important sides to modern life. Proper education, not only for those destined for the professions, but for those who will fill the ranks of the industrial world, is demanded. It has to be provided. Government statutes set forth certain rules and regulations regarding the compulsory education of the children of every community, and the municipality has no recourse but to abide by these Government dictates.

Don't Begudge Money. "No one begrudges the money for education," has long been the boast of civilization. London's ratepayers are apparently determined that the best is none too good for their children's education, yet even the most superficial analysis proves that education is responsible in no small measure for London's high tax rate. London has many demands on its educational appropriation, yet a no inconsiderable portion of this appropriation is deadwood. It is being carried from year to year, mounting higher and higher in amount as the years roll by, and for no other reason than the lack of system.

Staving Off Evil Day. As in the case of the debt consolidation, London has been staving off the evil day of educational cost reckoning, and by its failure to adequately meet the demands of the future, it is faced with a million-dollar expenditure for the next few years. Debenture issues, of the past, have been insufficient to meet the requirements of the day. Without a thought to the future, debentures were provided for the construction of new educational plants and the sinking fund has been too small to provide adequate protection for depreciation.

Last year, London erected a new school—the Aberdeen—and the old school, the issue for the old school had not expired. At present London is paying for the old Aberdeen school, now a thing of history, and for the new one as well. The same will be true of the Princess avenue school when the new addition is placed there and the building remodelled.

Must Be Up-To-Date. "Be up-to-date" is the chief of modern education. It has rendered obsolete many of London's school buildings. So far as the building itself was concerned, the Aberdeen school was a good one, but changes in system of educational instruction threw it on the scrap heap. New and better methods of school work are being evolved all the time. These new methods call for different type of construction from the old school. In order to keep pace with the times, the old, obsolete schools have to be "scrapped," and the new ones substituted. The Government demands that its grants will be cut off unless the building is adequate.

In the past, when the debentures issued the sinking fund had been so small that a percentage had been set aside each year for replacement of the school buildings, London would now have a fund of several hundred thousand dollars available for school construction purposes. It is what would have been done in any private business, but it has never been applied to London. The present administration knows that on all public improvements a depreciation sinking fund should be arranged, yet it makes no effort to provide it. The cry, "for the people, and by the people," is its alibi, and the future can take care of itself. What it means is still higher taxation in the future.

Inadequate Debenture Issues. Failure to make proper provision for the future is seen in every issue of debentures sold to cover the expense of civic undertakings. Debentures for the construction of the local hydro-electric system are for a 20-year term. Before the expiration of these 20 years, every pole will be replaced, and practically every wire that was used in the initial services will be torn down to make room for new "copper," but still London will be paying its share of the first poles and the first wire, as well as the second set of poles and the second set of wires.

Down at the waterworks pumping station at Springbank, equipment has been replaced three times within the life of the original debenture issue. Failure to provide adequate protection against depreciation and to insure replacement without the added burden of the original cost being still unpaid is then another reason for the high tax rate of London.

Years Bring No Wisdom. Passing years, however, have brought no wisdom to those to whom is intrusted the management of civic affairs. With the realization of the shortcomings of its predecessors, the present administration has copied them all, copied them with the addition of various extravagant extravaganzas that London of tomorrow will realize, though London of today is already feeling the pinch.

Road construction of the most haphazard manner, and local improvements paid for from the general rate, have added their quota to the present high rate of taxation. Prior to the introduction of the frontage tax in the assessment of local improvements, the expenses of all pavements, sidewalks and so on, were met from the general rate, instead of the more equitable manner of charging the property benefitting with the majority of the cost. Under the present frontage tax system,

the ratepayers whose property is improved in value by the construction of sidewalks, permanent pavement, curb and gutter, or sewer, pays approximately two-thirds of the total cost. The remaining one-third is represented by flankages, exemptions and street intersections, and is paid by the city out of the general rate, instead of meeting the entire expense of the public improvement as was the case in former years.

Would Be Several Mills Less. It has been estimated that if Ald. Richter's fight for frontage taxation had been won a decade or so ago instead of only two years past, there would be a tax rate of several mills less than the present one.

Like many another municipality, every municipality, it might be said, London has had its civic waste that has run into thousands of dollars annually. Countless instances might be cited of temporary improvements that have been made for which the city has nothing to show. Instead of looking ahead to the future and building on a permanent foundation, the improvements of the past have been more or less of a temporary character. The result has been that the ratepayer has been saddled with a large additional expenditure for which he has but a small return for his money, and which represents little or nothing at the present time.

What Indiscriminate Repairs Mean. In referring to this phase of the high tax rate, the construction of the public comfort station on the market square might well be considered. More than \$6,000 has already been expended on the building, which, in the estimation of the majority of the ratepayers, has been little more than useless. Indiscriminate graveling and repairing of the streets, where permanent pavements would have meant money in pocket for the ratepayers, introduction of "fads" and "follies" by those who have been in power, failure to properly look after the sale of city of London bonds and debentures, and a thousand other things, might be classified as "municipal waste." The ratepayers can draw the natural inference as to whether this waste has affected his yearly tax bill or not.

## M. H. O. DENIES SMALLPOX STORIES

Never Were 40 Cases in London, Says Dr. Hutchinson—Advocates Vaccination.

"Put it as strongly as you can," Dr. T. V. Hutchinson, M. H. O., told The Advertiser last night, "that all this talk of hidden smallpox cases in London, is idle gossip. People suspect anything at all on the slightest pretext. I deny that there are or ever were 40 smallpox cases, as it was reported yesterday. There are only eight smallpox cases in London, and they are all in the 'Cove Hospital. It is absolutely impossible for evidences of smallpox to be doubted," declared Dr. Hutchinson. "As soon as a doctor sees a case, it is turned over to us immediately."

"Five years ago I agitated for the vaccination of everybody, and I predicted that if this were not done we should have just such a wave of disease as there is at present, in a mild form."

According to Dr. Hutchinson, not one of the eight smallpox patients has been vaccinated, and most of them not at all.

"Because the city let the vaccination question slide, they are paying a lot of money and getting a lot of poor advertising today," he stated. "The eight patients are from all parts of the city," concluded Dr. Hutchinson, "there would not be any, if they had been vaccinated."

## DUMMY OUTWITS GUARDS

Deceives Asylum Attendants and Allows Inmates to Escape.

A woman inmate of the Insane Asylum by rigging up a dummy in her ward Monday night, succeeded in outwitting the guards and making good her escape from the institution. She was discovered by the authorities yesterday in a relative's house and turned over to the Asylum guards.

## BOILERMAKERS MEET HERE

Monster Three-Day Convention To Be Held in Masonic Hall This Month.

Time boiler makers of Ontario will hold a monster three-day convention here in Masonic Hall, commencing Wednesday, May 27. Extensive preparations have been made and it is expected that one of the largest crowds of boiler makers that ever met in Ontario will congregate here.

## ROCK SLIDE STRIKES EXPRESS

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 6.—A small rock slide struck the dining car of the Soo Express this morning at 7 o'clock, and Monday night, Sunday, May 6, in Vancouver at noon. The train was derailed and several members of the dining car crew were injured by scalds. The car was cut off and the passengers were transferred to the front end coming into Vancouver a few minutes later.

## Pain in Top of Head Was Almost Constant

Two Doctors Recommended Surgical Operation as Only Hope—Wonderful Results From Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

Headache is sometimes described as the cry of the brain for more blood. One thing certain, headache is the usual accompaniment of exhaustion of the nerves and disappears when the depleted nerve cells are restored by such treatment as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

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Mrs. T. Gray, farmer's wife, Hamilton, New Ontario, writes: "I had nerve and brain trouble, and was very much run down. I suffered terribly from headaches, and my eyesight was so bad I could scarcely read or sew. The pain in the top of the head was almost constant. Two doctors found they could not help me, and wanted a surgical operation."

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Mr. Jock Snow, the Scotch comedian, of 47 Abbott Avenue, Toronto, writes: "I used Zam-Buk for boils and found it very soothing and a quick healer."

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## STRONG CENSURE OF SOCIAL SURVEY

Labor Council Delegates Answer "Whiskey Row" Attack.

MINISTERS ALSO SCORED

Mr. Eadie Says They Have Been Labor's Friends—Expect Temperance Advocacy.

Edward Norman, at the trades and labor council meeting last night, said, in reference to the action of the social survey and H. B. Asplund: "The ministers are doing a low-down trick in saying what they do about the hotels on Whiskey Row. H. B. Asplund's talk is parrot talk. He only repeats what was said 20 years ago. I heard it myself. He represents no unions in this city, although at a recent meeting he said he was speaking for the labor party."

Friends of Laboring Men. "Ministers are and always have been the friends of laboring men," declared Allan Eadie. "We expect the ministers to work along temperance lines." Harry Bastia, however, thought that the ministers were injecting themselves into the question for sensationalism. "They should preach the gospel, and not so much material for the morning papers," he said. J. Dean also took this view of the question. He said: "Ministers of the city could do a lot more legitimate work than watching a man go into a hotel bar."

"Hotels should live within the law," declared John D. Jacobs, "they are not doing this on 'Whiskey Row.'"

Discuss Foreign Labor. There was discussion on the question of the city employing foreigners. Edward Norman contended that as they lived under different conditions from Anglo-Saxons, herding together and living cheaply, they should not be given the preference in any work, where labor was required. "They were made men, just as we all were," replied Ernest Inglis, "and certainly they have a hard enough time making a living without cutting down their chances here. One day we say, 'Take away all international boundary lines,' and the next, 'Exterminate the foreigners,' by not giving them equal rights with Anglo-Saxon labor."

A resolution has been sent to the municipal committee, for the providing of free text books to London school children.

Allan Eadie was nominated as the successor to J. C. Mottashed, on the Western Fair Board.

The Trades and Labor Council has decided to run an excursion to Toronto this year, the date to be set at a future meeting.

## ART CLUB RECITAL

London society made the London Art Club musicale held in the Grand Theatre last evening a gala event of the local musical season. When Mayor Graham rose and presented an address of appreciation on behalf of the Art Club to Angelo Corsette for his assistance, the theatre was crowded almost to capacity.

Mr. Corsette definitely established his claim to be one of the greatest harpists in America, and the audience made it secure by demanding six encores in the course of the evening, in addition to his three numbers on the program. The harp has for some time been a neglected instrument, but while Mr. Corsette is not a Salzedo, he was a new dignity by his marvelous technical facility. Bellota's "Pastoral" proved a number of dainty charm, and in response to continued outbursts of applause, the young artist responded with Hasselman's beautiful "Prayer." The "Impromptu Caprice" (Pierne) was rendered with dainty lightness that called for an encore, to which Mr. Corsette acceded. "In the Garden" (Schuetze), a tender little number, and Tedeschi's spirited "Spanish Patrol," Hasselman's "Lullaby" drew wild applause, and three encores were necessary to quiet the audience.

The added numbers offered were "Les Pollets" (Hasselman), "Am Spring Brunnen" (Zabel), and "Patrouille" (Hasselman).

Harold Meek was in splendid voice, and his rich, full baritone was heard to advantage in two operatic arias and two groups of songs. The magnificent "Credo" from Verdi's "Otello," was rendered with fine dramatic utterance, but it was in his group of English songs that Mr. Meek scored his greatest success. "The Morning Hymn" (Henschel) and "Melancholy" (Goetze), were undoubtedly his finest numbers. Grieg's "Ein Schwan" sung in German, proved another offering of high merit. Encores were demanded after each group, to which the singer graciously responded.

To Walter Kirschbaum fell a double duty, that of accompanist as well as solo pianist, but in both capacities he was a technical facility that placed him in the front rank of the younger pianists.

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# May Sale of White Begins Today

A very real opportunity to replenish your summer lingerie and white goods. Not since our January sale of whitewear have such opportunities appeared, nor have such beautiful assortments been shown as will be seen in this May sale. It may be stated that from January 1st to January 1st somewhere is to be found offerings of women's whitewear "at a price." This store does not seek such goods, nor does it look at them when they seek us, because they are not the types that make satisfied customers.

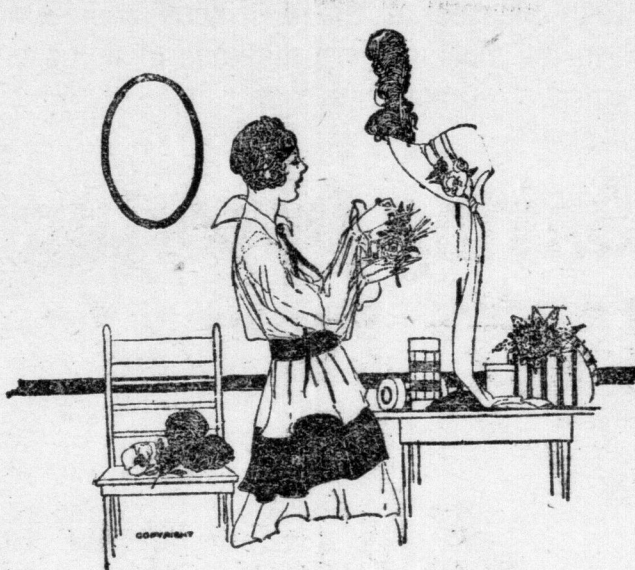
At this period, however, some of the standard makers, who always make our whitewear, and who operate on the quick-turnover principle, find it business wisdom to clear standing stocks and make up garments from surplus materials, and clear to us before the season ends. Thus we are able to announce this splendid May Sale of Whitewear, just at the time when intending June brides are assembling their wedding outfits, the advantages of which will be seen in the special displays and prices this week.

## MAY WHITE SALE

### Crepe Blouses, 75c and 89c

Very dainty style, with three-quarter sleeve, set in with pretty val. insertion, wide pleat down front, edged on both sides, pleated voile frill, and fastened through with pretty fancy buttons, pleated voile frill around neck and sleeves. Size 34 to 44. May sale, special, each ..... 89c

Another pretty style, white crepe voile blouse is shown with drop shoulder and three-quarter set-in sleeves, low flat collar with silk bow at neck; fastened down front through wide pleat with large fancy pearl buttons. Sizes 34 to 44. May sale, special, each ..... 75c



## Clever May Millinery

### \$5.00 to \$12.00

SPECIAL LOTS FROM OUR OWN WORKROOM.

Some of the prettiest little flower-trimmed models we have seen this season—we trimmed them ourselves. Some have the new lacquered foliage on them.

Scores of new hats, fresh from the hands of our milliners, are ready today for Friday and Saturday selling, including large number of black and white effects, white with black and navy, a black, featuring the fashionable lacquered foliage, etc. All the new shapes that take so kindly, and ribbon trimming, as well as the flower-trimmed and others distinguished by novelties in feathers and pretty fruits and foliage are in this collection.

..... \$5.00 to \$12.00  
Second Floor.

## The New Picture Postcards

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### Annual Corset Event

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50 Dozen Hemstitched Towels, the same big size sold recently at this price, which went in dozens. Beautiful white huck towel, neatly hemstitched and undoubtedly the best value we have shown; 38 inches long by 6 inches wide. Special, each ..... 25c

Same price in dozen lots ..... \$3.00 dozen  
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Also 15 dozen pure linen bedroom towels, with hemstitched damask border in tulip design, extra large size, 24x44 inches. Exceptional value, 25c, or per dozen ..... \$3.90

Pure Linen Kitchen Cloths—Special weight twill linen, cannot be equalled for drying purposes; "Kitchen" printed in border of each; good large size ..... 18c each or \$2.00 dozen

Pure Linen Stable Cloths—Made specially to our order for stable use, all pure linen, size 30x26, an excellent saddle cloth, too. 15c each. Per dozen, \$1.65. West Aisle.



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The New Sumi or Coating, \$1.25 yard. New shades, rose, sage, tan and light brown. The season's newest fabric. Light in weight, durable, stylish. 40-inch, yard ..... \$1.25  
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## Remnant Sale---Black Dress Goods

### 1 1/4 to 5 Yard Ends Friday Morning, 1-2 and 1-4 Off

About 75 ends of all kinds of black goods which have accumulated during the present season, in above lengths, 1 1/4 to 5 yards long, representing the very best lines in our regular stock of blacks, ranging in price from 50c up to \$2.50 a yard, including Serges, Whipcords, Vicunas, Poplins, Meteors, San Toy and Poplin de Soie, and a great variety of silk and wool mixtures, also some silk and wool brocades and plain silk and wool fabrics. These are in length suitable for waists. A few will be had by early buyers with sufficient for dress and plenty long enough for skirts. The longer lengths will be marked at 1/4 off and all short lengths will be sold at exactly HALF-PRICE. Come early Friday morning for best lengths.

Also a quantity of remnants at lining counter. An accumulation of all sorts of ends of Sateen Dress Linings to be cleared at HALF-PRICE also.

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SUBSCRIBER.—N. bought a farm from J. which was represented by J. to consist of 75 acres and the deed calls for 75 acres but when it was surveyed it was found only to contain 69 acres. This shrinkage was owing to the fact that the water course had receded at one place and increased the amount of land while at another part of the farm it had encroached and entailed considerable loss. Can N. hold J. responsible for this loss? ANS. No.

As the deed calls for the margin of the water course as the original limit of N.'s farm, does N. now still have to follow the margin of the said water course giving him a game where it has receded and a loss where it has encroached?

## WILL INVESTIGATE CASE AT THE LONDON ASYLUM

But It Will Be Behind Closed Doors, With Only Those Interested Present.

[Special to The Advertiser.] TORONTO, May 6.—The statement was made to The Advertiser this afternoon that, with the consent of all parties interested, an investigation would be conducted into the affairs of the London Asylum, and testimony would be received under oath with regard to a birth to one of the inmates some months ago. The inquiry will be held in private, and only those immediately concerned will be permitted to be present.

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