Hamilton Happenings

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Bylaws Passed by Finance Committee—Changes In Teaching Staff—Happenings.

HAMILTON, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—In the finance committee this evening Ald. Jackson found fault because Chairman Quinn of the board of health was nat present. Chairman Quinn had criticized the alderman for blocking the board of health bylaws and the alderman thought it was not fair of the chairman "to abuse him like a pickpocket behind his back." and then fail to turn up at the meeting. It was finally agreed to pass a bylaw covering the sale of milk to go in force at the beginning of the year. The object is to prevent milkmen from using each others bottles. Ald. Sweeney, chairman of the board of works, will be notified that his appropriation has been overdrawn by about $18,000 and he should be careful.

The board of education appointed E. Parmenter at salary of $800 as manual training teacher at Wentworth-street school. Miss McPherson's resignation as a domestic science teacher was accepted, and Miss Strong promoted to the position at $650 a year. Miss Lewis will take Miss Strong's place. Miss Broughtan resigned her position as teacher and Miss L. I. Coke applied for appointment. The boys of the collegiate institute will not be allowed to use the lawn in front of the building as a play ground, as residents of the district complained of the bad language used by the boys.

The inquest on the death of Robt. Little, fatally injured by being run over by two rigs on the street, failed to throw any light on the accident.

A Rochester despatch says that Melrose Mendell, Hamilton, and his bride have been arrested on the charge of getting money by false pretences.

Police Court Cases.

The police this morning raided Mrs. McKenzie's establishment at 102 North Macnab-street, and arrested five women. The keeper was sent down for three months and each of the others fined $30.

In dealing with the case of Herbert Ker, New York, a racing men who was accused of blowing Japanese snuff into the face of Constable Jas. Clark, Magistrate Jelfs this morning remarked when it came to the case of the officer's word against the prisoner's, "A man who is on the race track all the time does not go far with me." He fined the prisoner $10. Charlie Mulholland was fined $20 for breaking a window in a Dundas car last night.

A rumor of the death of Joseph Wallace, formerly of the G. T. R. here, has ben contradicted.

Monte Carlo and Momentum, two of the horses at the race track, have been seized for a feed bill.

The Conservatives are endeavoring to arrange to get R. L. Borden to address a meeting in Hamilton during the campaign.

Brevities.

At St. Lawrence Church next Sunday morning George Cassidy will be ordained as priest by Bishop Dowling.

Burglars got into the store of Robert Inkssetter, 233 North James-street, last night and stole $250 worth of jewelry.

Victoria-avenue Baptists have extended a call to Rev. R. Edgar Allen, Wingham.

The two new street cars will be used on the Hamilton and Dundas line for a time.

The statement of expenditure of the various civic departments was handed out to-day and it shows that there is already a deficit of about $32,474.

At the opening of the convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew this morning the Dominion Council held a meeting, those present being: A. G. Alexander, president, Hamilton; R. H. Coleman, chairman executive committee, Toronto; T. Alder D. Bliss, Ottawa; J. T. Symons, James A. Catto, Toronto; C. W. Heming, Hamilton; A. W. Crysler, executive committee; F. W. Thomas, general secretary; J. A. Birmingham, western traveling secretary, Vancouver, B. C.

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POSTMASTER GETS BAIL.

COBOURG, Ont., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Richard Ralls, postmaster at Venella, was brought here to-day under arrest on charges of non-delivery of mail matter sent by Conservative members of parliament to residents in the Venella district.

He was admitted to bail in the sum of $2000, provided $1000 by himself and $500 each by Charles Webster and John Field.

He will appear before Magistrate Holland on Tuesday at 10.30.

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PROBLEMS OF TAXING INSURANCE AND MINES

Present Methods as to Former Sometimes Amount to Triple Impost, Says Mr. Bradshaw.

In the morning discussion of the conference of the National Tax Association yesterday John Perrie, Edmonton, Alberta, explained how the principle of the single tax had been adopted in the towns and villages of his province. Land only is assessed and not the improvements, the object being to make the absentee owners and others who hold land for speculative purposes furnish a fair share of the taxes. They benefit by the increase in values brought about by improvements made by the municipality and the government, and if improvements as well as land were taxed the speculative owners would get off too easily.

T. Bradshaw, managing director, Imperial Life Insurance, read a paper on "Taxation of Life Insurance Companies in Canada." He pointed out that present methods frequently amounted to a triple tax on the companies. There was no surer way of keeping capital out of a province than by taxing the interest on capital. Taxing a life insurance company was to derive a revenue from the losses of the people. Mr. Bradshaw demonstrated that life insurance was a loss to those who paid the premiums, which were merely a means of distributing the loss. He illustrated this from the scientific tables of mortality.

Unjust Discrimination.

Robert Lynn Cox, general counsel, Association of Life Insurance presidents, New York City, followed with a paper on "Taxation of Life Insurance" and enforcing similar arguments. It was not the custom to tax assessment insurance and very properly said Mr. Cox. But why should there be a discrimination against level premium insurance in which the cost of insurance was distributed over the earlier years of life as well as the later? If the level premium companies had protested as loudly as the assessment companies they also would have escaped taxation. A city in South Carolina actually taxes locally the insurance companies at 5 per cent. on the gross premium receipts. This is being appealed against.

Characterizing as unjust the special tax of more than $9,000,000 a year imposed on the life insurance policyholders of the United States, for their forethought in thus protecting their families from want, in the event of death, Mr. Cox urged the necessity of prompt and concerted action for a modification of the burden. He explained that the States, like most of the provinces of Canada, impose a yearly tax on the premium paid to each life insurance company by its policyholders. This tax, with fees, amounted to more than $9,000,000 in 1907, and in addition the life insurance companies paid taxes on all real estate held by them at the same rates paid by other property holders. The special tax on premium incomes ranges from nothing in one or two states to three per cent. in other states. The average amount paid is 1 3-4 per cent. With wider diffusion of knowledge as to the manner in which life insurance is conducted, policyholders are beginning to learn that the ythemselves pay the taxes, that higher taxes mean higher insurance rates or reduced dividends.

Plan of Relief.

After stating that the rates and method of this taxation in the several states should be substantially uniform and that the tax also should bear a reasonable relationship to taxes upon other enterprises, and after pointing out the difficulty of getting legislators to reduce established revenues, Mr. Cox suggested the following as an initial step to obtain relief.

Let life insurance companies be permitted to deduct from their gross premium collections within the state all money returned to the state within the year under their policy contracts such as death losses, dividends, surrender values and also expenses paid on account of local agencies. Then let the premium tax be applied to the balance. In effect this will not make much reduction to companies just entering the state nor on new business of any company. It will, however, work a reduction of tax to every company in proportion to the amount of money it returns to the state during the year for which the tax is imposed. If it be said that under this plan a company which paid into a state in any year more money than it drew out would be relieved from all taxation, I ask, why not under such circumstances? If any other corporation or institution wished to pay to the citizens of a state more money than it took away from them, would not the legislature jump at the chance of bringing it about if exemption from taxation would accomplish it?

Taxing Mining Companies.

Prof. O. D. Skelton's paper on "The Taxation of Mineral Resources in Canada:" was the first of a series on mining and kindred sources of tax revenue, which led to considerable discussion during the day. Prof. Skelton is the young man who succeeded Prof. Shortt as professor of economics at Queen's University.

There was little room for disagreement, said Prof. Skelton, that a well established mining industry should be taxed and that it should be taxed by the state rather than by the local authorities. There is more variance as to the method and extent of taxation. Ontario which holds first place among the Canadian provinces in mineral production secures a mining revenue from sales of land in fee simple, for a definite sum or continuous royalty, from a 3 per cent tax on net profits of mining operations above $10,000 exemption. A tax of two cents a thousand feet on natural gas, an acreage tax of two cents an acre, and licenses and fees. British Columbia prefers to tax gross value, rather than net, imposing a 2 per cent. tax on all minerals other than coal; coal is taxed 10 cents a ton and coke 15 cents; unworked mineral grants are taxed 25 cents an acre, and coal lands also assessed; the usual fees and licenses are required. Nova Scotia prefers to retain her fee in the mining lands, granting them a lease only; the chief item of mining revenue is the royalty of ten cents a ton on coal which brings in $560,000 a year, over 40 per cent. of the total revenue. The federal government adopts the same policy regarding coal on the crown lands, in the northwest territories. In the Yukon after experimenting with higher taxes, which were extensively evaded, it has adopted a satisfactory export tax on gold of 2 1-2 per cent.

The almost universal practice in Canada is to tax on the annual output rather than on the capital value, contrary to much American theory and practice. This is due in part to the greater freedom from the constitutional limitations which beset United States taxing bodies, and in part to the belief that the method of capital assessment does not secure as accurate results. The acreage tax might be materially increased, being graduated with the lapse of time where claims are held undeveloped, to prevent blanketing of huge areas. The complaint that while legitimate mining men are forced to pay heavy taxes, shady mine promoters go scot free, has much force, but the remedy seems to lie less in the slow moving and indiscriminating machinery of taxation than in stricter company law and journalistic vigilance. The Ontario exemption of oil from provincial taxation is questionable. The Canadian habit of taxing Peter to bonus Paul is evidenced by the fact that in 1905-6 bonuses on minerals and mineral products reached $2,500,000, while total mining taxation were less than $2,000,000.

Must Classify Properties.

Frank L. McVey, chairman of the Minnesota Tax Commission, spoke on the "Taxation of Mineral Properties." An examination of the tax laws of the various states and countries, he said, revealed the fact that very little has been done in the way of developing the special taxation of mineral resources. Particularly is this true of the United States, where the application of the old laws and old methods is still in vogue. The general property tax, which is used as a means of securing revenue from most property, also applies to the mineral lands in the different states of the United States, with some exceptions. It has been impossible, as these old methods have been applied, to secure either the consideration of the preservation of mineral properties or the enactment of laws adaptable to the best method of producing income.

When the tax commission was created in Minnesota, it was faced with the problem of the value of mineral lands. The placing of a value upon these properties and the levying of a tax was conditioned by the provisions in the law and the constitution. In studying the situation it was soon discovered that some classification of the properties was necessary. The location of mines, character of ores, difficulty of mining, and cost of transportation varied greatly, so that anything like an equal, uniform and just system of taxation necessitated a recognition of these factors. To secure a just assessment and at the same time to fulfill the requirements of the law, properties were divided into two great classes—operating mines and prospects. The operating mines were in turn subdivided into five different classes, made on the basis of the differences referred to above. The prospects were classified on the basis of development of exploration and mineral chances.

The information asked of the mining companies by the commission required the giving of tonnages and the results of explorations, together with the nature of the mine and equipment, so that it would be possible to know what was being done on each individual mining property.

The schedule which was adopted varied with the different classes of mines, and this was applied to the tonnage of ores still remaining in the ground. The value of a mine for taxation purposes, therefore, was secured by multiplying the tonnage by the rate of the class to which the mine belonged.

The result of this system was to secure an equality of assessment that had never been possible under the haphazard method that was in vogue in previous years. The results of the commission's investigations show clearly that it is possible, even under the old general property tax law, to make an assessment of mineral properties that approaches somewhere near the scientific, and which will result in two things; for the state, an increase of revenue and the protection of reserves; and for mining companies, a fuller knowledge of their assessment and what taxes they will be expected to pay.

Some Dodge Payment.

J. J. Thomas, secretary state board of equalization, Utah, introduced the general discussion on mining taxation with a paper of some length. The uncertain value of mining property or inability to see into the ground rendered the assessing of mineral land or mines a problem. The laws of Utah and Nevada were adduced as being as fair as could possibly be enacted, providing for a tax on the value of ore deposits, which automatically is raised and lowered with the value and output of ore. Yet it was not always easy to collect taxes due. Many amusing instances of tax-dodging by mining companies were presented.

The next paper was by T. C. Townsend of the department of taxation of West Virginia, and contained a discussion of the most feasible methods for taxing coal, oil and gas under a constitution which will not permit of property classification. An inspection tax was imposed upon coal and a production tax upon oil and gas.

Mr. Townsend proposed a production tax, not to exceed one-half cent per barrel, upon each barrel of oil produced in the state, and a production tax upon natural gas at a rate not to exceed five cents for each 100,000 cubic feet produced. The State of West Virginia first began to reform her tax system in 1904. Developments since that time have disclosed the extent to which coal, oil and gas properties are escaping taxation. The legislature of 1905 passed a law taking leaseholds. The primary purpose of this law was to reach capital invested in the coal, oil and gas business. The leasehold tax law has proved to be impracticable because of the difficulties encountered in finding the valuation of leaseholds. Mr. Townsends' article proposes as a solution of the whole question of taxing coal, oil and gas the inspection and production tax.

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H. S. Clements Lays Information Against Doctor for Telling Story About a Raided Poker Game.

D. McIntyre, charged and found final libel is charged by H. S. Clements, Conservative candidate in West Kent, against Dr. Oliver, a middle-aged practitioner of Merlin, 16 miles from here.

A summons was issued to-day, and Dr. Oliver will appear before Magistrate Huston of this city on Saturday morning.

Mr. Clements alleges that the doctor is responsible for having circulated a story to the effect that he (Clements) was recently participating in a poker game which was raided by the police, when Clements got away with the coin.

"The statement is utterly false," said Mr. Clements, who declares he is very much in earnest in the prosecution.

TRIPPED OVER GUN.

KAMLOOPS, B.C., Oct.8.—(Special.)—Edward Sperry, printer, employed in The Standard office, tripped over a loaded rifle and the latter discharged, sending the bullet thru his body below the heart. He is in a precarious condition.

Lumbermen Can't Agree.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct.8.—(Special.)—Coast and mountain lumbermen, at a conference in Vancouver, failed to come to an arrangement for the re-establishment of a price agreement for the Northwest market. The subject was discussed in many phases, but the coastmen decided that in order to permit some of the large Vancouver mills to work off their surplus of rough lumber it would be impossible for an agreement to be concluded with the mountain mills.

Hon. Mr. Duff on Deck.

The new minister of agriculture, Hon. James Duff, had a long string of callers to congratulate him at the Parliament Buildings yesterday. Among them were the Salvation Army immigration officers, who lost no time in making the acquaintance of the new departmental head.

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