

TAX LAND, AND NOT IMPROVEMENTS; PROGRESSIVE POLICIES ST. JOHN SHOULD STUDY THIS YEAR

(Ottawa Journal.)

The campaign for education in favor of transferring city tax collection more to land values and less to building and improvement values, is progressing generally. The satisfaction with which the Western Canadian cities have viewed this new taxation method and the progress they have made under it, is certainly a strong recommendation in its favor.

Last season the Ontario Legislature some four hundred different municipalities of Ontario appealed to the Ontario Government, not indeed to put this taxation system into wholesale force, but simply to allow individual municipalities to adopt it after a vote of the people of the municipality had indicated a desire in this direction. The legislation followed the proposition of tax on land and building to be regulated as the individual municipality saw fit. That is, a municipality which was doubtful could start by taxing land at 60 per cent and buildings at 40 per cent, and then, if the plan was desirable, could gradually transfer the taxation from buildings till it all bore on the land values.

This legislation failed to pass last session, but it will be again introduced this session, and the additional information which Ontario now has in this connection may do much to remove hitherto existing prejudices.

Rev. Chas. Anderson Scott, of Cambridge, England, a recent Canadian tourist, writing to the Manchester Guardian, an important English newspaper, on conditions in Vancouver (B. C.), says:

"If one were to ask some of the leaders of local politics who were the further causes of its prosperity, they would at once refer to the 'single tax' and the principle of taxing unearned increment on land. The benefit to the city is seen in part in the determination of the owners of land to put it to the best possible use. Under the fear that the capital cost of improvements will become the basis of future assessment, they build a new British Columbia municipality.

Last year there may have been some doubt to the effect of public opinion in Ontario on this proposal, although the safeguards surrounding the proposed legislation made it inoperative till local opinion had spoken. But there can be little doubt now remaining. Sir James Whitney and his government can hardly refuse to pass the legislation, that will permit Ontario to follow the progressive example of many prairie and British Columbia municipalities.

North End all her life. She is survived by five sons and a sister. The sons are Edward, Joseph and Walter, of St. John; Francis and James, of Brooklyn (N. Y.); the sister is Mary A. Ferris, of the North End. She was 78 years of age.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Aaron Vall.
Saturday, Feb. 25.

The death occurred in this city yesterday of Mrs. Margaret, widow of Aaron Vall, at the residence of her son-in-law, John Durbin, 29 Carmarthen street. Mrs. Vall, who was sixty years of age, was a native of Springfield, Kings county, and has been a resident of this city for some years. She is survived by her husband, Mrs. P. Durbin, of this city, and her aged mother and one sister, Mrs. G. Scribner, of Springfield. The funeral services were conducted last night by Rev. W. Camp. Interment will be at Spring Hill tomorrow.

Arthur E. Nugent.
The death of Arthur E. Nugent, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Nugent, occurred on the 4th inst. at Briggs' Corner, Queens county.

The deceased was an unassuming individual of a genial and kindly disposition. Naturally of a robust constitution he possessed good health until some three years ago, when he first contracted a severe cold as a result of becoming overworked, brought on by having passed as sport among certain members of a club in the village of Chipman where the subject of this sketch was in the habit of attending.

Having partially recovered from the ravages wrought by his first illness, last winter he was next allowed to take part in the many sports of boxing, which is a laudable avocation when properly conducted under trained teachers. But the repeated strain of donning the gloves to face half a dozen amateurs one after another told on the sturdy physique. He was again attacked acute bronchitis, which admitted the entrance of the deadly tubercle bacilli that he finally succumbed in his early manhood.

Besides his parents the deceased is survived by two brothers and two sisters. One of the brothers, Goldwin, is in Kansas City attending medical college and the other brother, Ymining, is in the third year at the U. N. B. of Fredericton. His elder sister, Ina, who was among the first-class graduates from the Normal School in June last, taught last term in Devilsville but resigned her charge to come home and nurse her brother. The younger sister, Alida, is now in grade XI in the Grammar school, Fredericton.

Mrs. H. G. Addy.
Monday, Feb. 27.

Her many friends in this and province will be shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Addy, wife of Dr. Henry G. Addy, which occurred yesterday morning in her home, 147 Union street. Besides her husband she is survived by four sons and four daughters. They are the Misses Hannah and Ella, at home; Mrs. T. M. Jones, of Woodstock; and Mrs. A. P. MacIntyre, of this city. She was the wife of Dr. G. A. E. Addy, of St. John; Frederick W., of Ottawa, and John S. and Charles E. R., of St. John.

Miss Ella White.
Monday, Feb. 27.

The death occurred yesterday at the residence of her father, 88 Garden street, of Ella A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. White. She leaves also two sisters and two brothers. The sisters are Mrs. G. E. Fairweather, of St. John, and Mrs. Edwin A. Morris, of Hampton. The brothers are Judge White, of Sussex, and Oscar B. White, of Souris, Manitoba.

Mrs. John McGinley.
The death occurred at her home, Spar Cove Road, on Saturday afternoon, of Mrs. John McGinley, in the 65th year of her age. The deceased was in good health until within two days of her death, when she was stricken with paralysis. She is survived by her husband, Frank of Portage (Me.); George at home; Frank of Portage (Me.); and one daughter, Minnie, of Boston.

ST. JOHN FIGURES AN ANSWER TO OPPOSITION TALK

No Fear That Trade Treaty Will Drive Export Business Awest

MUCH AMERICAN GOODS Even Under Adverse Circumstances Nearly \$4,000,000 Worth Have Been Sent Through Here Already This Season—Increase Bound to Be the Rule.

The records of shipments from St. John this winter show that, up to the middle of the period of winter navigation, American goods to the value of nearly \$4,000,000 had passed through the port in transit for Great Britain, South Africa and Australia. As this is more than one-half the value of the Canadian exports to the same countries during the same time there do not seem to be good grounds for the contention that the effect of the proposed trade treaty would be to divert the export trade of Canada to American channels.

St. John is only on the threshold of its career as a national winter port, and yet the rate at which the volume of American exports passing through its portals is increasing may well cause uneasiness to those who are opposed to the proposed trade treaty. With only half the winter season over, the value of American products which have gone through this port approximate the total value of all the overseas shipments from St. John for the whole winter season, twelve years ago.

The first forty-nine steamers leaving St. John this season for the United Kingdom, South Africa and Australia, carried cargo to the value of \$1,878,725. In total, goods to the value of \$7,123,901 to the same number of sailings last year. United States products to the value of \$2,900,000 went forward from this port.

The Express of Ireland, which on her last trip from here carried the most valuable cargo ever shipped from St. John, had only \$236,104 worth of Canadian goods, as against \$539,973 worth of goods classified as foreign, principally boxed meats from Chicago.

Another evidence of the tendency of American trade, even under the present adverse conditions, to seek Canadian channels is found in the fact that at the beginning of the winter Maine exporters were shipping potatoes to St. John for re-shipment in bond to Cuba to such an extent that the American shipping companies prevailed upon the Washington government to make the Cuban government impose the duty on Canadian potatoes in all American ports in bond by way of St. John.

St. John is only beginning to realize its possibilities as a shipping port. Previous to twelve years ago it had little wharf accommodation for large steamers, and the development of its harbor facilities has hardly kept pace with the growth of its trade. This winter its facilities have been taxed to the limit, several ships having been kept waiting in the stream for some days before they could secure berth. And yet in spite of these, and other unfavorable conditions, the volume of American exports being routed through the Canadian winter port has rapidly increased, and doubtless will continue to increase in the summer. The volume of American government proceeds with its plans for equipping St. John with shipping facilities and putting it on a par with other up-to-date seaports. And if the American shipping companies will give their attention to the matter, it is likely that Canadian exporters will ever find it profitable to ship through American ports even in the winter time.

MOTHER AND SON SERIOUSLY HURT ON SCHOONER

Latter's Hand Crushed and Woman's Ankle Broken

ON ANNIE BLANCHE BORN IN IRELAND

Vessel Was Ready to Sail for St. John from Tynemouth Creek With Lumber When Son Got Caught in Gasoline Engine—Mother Slipped Few Minutes Later on Galley Floor.

Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Whether Captain Newcombe, of the two-masted schooner Annie Blanche, which sailed from Tynemouth Creek (N. B.) for this port yesterday afternoon, looked on two serious accidents which befell his wife and son on board the vessel as significant or not is not known, but many men might have considered them bad omens. His wife's ankle was broken, and his son's left hand was terribly crushed, both accidents occurring within a few minutes of the time set for the departure of the vessel on her trip down the bay.

The Annie Blanche was loaded with lumber at Tynemouth Creek for this port, and was ready to sail early yesterday afternoon. The captain's wife and family were on board. While getting under way, his son Herbert, twenty years of age, who was working the gasoline engine, had a severe bruise on his arm. There was some commotion on board and a few minutes later, the Annie Blanche slipped on a piece of oilcloth on the galley floor, and as the vessel gave a slight lurch, fell heavily and broke one of her ankles.

Both mother and son suffered great pain, and Captain Newcombe sent a telephone message to St. Martins for help. Dr. Gilmour drove to Tynemouth Creek as fast as he could and dressed the wounds. Later in the day the vessel sailed to St. John. In Carleton was one of the busiest places in the county, and her skipper is well known at this port.

HARVIS WILSON NO EXHIBITION FOR THIS SUMMER

Had Lived in Carleton for More Than Sixty Years

Executive Decides Show Cannot Be Held—Reason for This Refusal of Provincial Grant

Will Hold One to Open Labor Day, 1912—Secretary Porter Explains Association Still on Record as to Desirability of Holding Annual Exhibitions Here.

Saturday, Feb. 25.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Exhibition Association which took place yesterday afternoon, it was decided to hold no exhibition here this year. The refusal of the provincial government to make a grant, and the fact that a show here might interfere with fairs to be held at Sussex, St. Stephen, and other smaller towns were the reasons given. It was decided, however, to hold an exhibition in 1912, the same to open on Labor Day. Speaking of the matter, secretary H. A. Porter said last evening: "That at a meeting held last November the association went on record as being in favor of annual exhibitions and it was intended to inaugurate this new movement this year. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the executive thought it wise to reconsider their position, and it was for this purpose that the meeting was called yesterday afternoon. Previous to St. John making public their determination to hold annual exhibitions, both Fredericton and Chatham had determined on holding fairs during 1911. It was also made known that Sussex and St. Stephen might do something in this line. The provincial government had already promised grants to these places, and consequently since their authorization was given, it was not felt that a grant was over expended, they did not feel like making a further grant this year. It was not the financial side alone which appalled the exhibition directors, but the fact that the holding of an exhibition in St. John detracted considerable from the fairs in smaller places, and it was thought better to allow this year to pass than to stir up unnecessary sectional feeling."

"The association still remains on record," he said, "in favor of annual exhibitions but would not inaugurate the idea of 1912 opening as usual on Labor Day."

WILL SEARCH FOR BROWN-TAIL MOTH

Wm. McIntosh to Look for the Insect in This Province

MAINE SAID TO BE SUFFERING

And Advices Are That in Spite of Strenuous Efforts to Prevent it the Pest is Spreading Throughout the Annapolis Valley—Last Year's Conditions.

William McIntosh, of the Natural History Society Museum, will today commence a systematic search for traces of the brown tail moth along the border of Maine and this province. This search is being undertaken at the request of the department of agriculture, and will probably last six weeks or longer. In addition to the work of examining all the orchards and other trees for traces of the egg clusters, Mr. McIntosh will address the pupils of the schools on the pest, exhibiting lantern slides and showing the history of the pest in Nova Scotia as it advances into the most strenuous measures adopted to prevent it. The brown tail moth is slowly spreading through the Annapolis valley. At present, however, the border between the provinces is reported clear. The state of Maine, especially in the southwestern portion, is suffering greatly from the ravages of the moth, hence the urgent necessity to keep it from coming into New Brunswick from that quarter.

Naturalists are busily engaged just now in trying to find a parasitical enemy of the moth which might kill it off. It has been successful in the case of the San Jose scale and other pests, which are rapidly disappearing wherever the parasite has been introduced. So far they have had varying success, but it may be that eventually something will be found which will effectually destroy this troublesome and costly insect.

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NOVA SCOTIA NURSE BLAMED FOR DEATH OF CHILD PATIENT

Said to Have Bathed It With Carbolic Acid Instead of Alcohol in New York Hospital.

New York, Feb. 27.—Emma Lindon, a probationary nurse in St. Luke's hospital, is held responsible by a coroner's jury for the death of Florence Weber, aged fourteen, the girl had been a patient in the hospital for a year with hip disease, and other diseases, and the nurse had been ordered to rub her body frequently with alcohol.

Miss Lindon on January 10 last used by mistake carbolic acid instead of alcohol, and the girl died from shock. Miss Lindon went to her home in Nova Scotia immediately after the death of the child.

PETITCODIAC BAPTIST PASTOR RESIGNS

Rev. Gideon Swim to Leave Last Sunday in June—Personal Matters.

Petitcodiac, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Charlotte Colpitts returned on Saturday from Moncton, where she has been for two weeks, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. Hoar.

At the morning services in the United Baptist church, the Rev. Gideon Swim tendered his resignation, to take effect the last Sunday in June.

Rev. J. L. Batty, of Moncton, will deliver his lecture on Protestantism and its Relation to the World, at the Methodist church on Monday evening, March 6th, under the auspices of Phoenix Lodge, I. O. L.

Fredericton, arrived home last week, owing to the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Charles Jones.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Hot biscuits, generously buttered and spread with currant jelly are delicious served with game.

When blowing out a candle, hold it high and blow upward to keep the grease from running.

A better iron rest than the ordinary metal stand is a firebrick, as it does not cool the iron so rapidly.

For whitening boards or cleaning marble take half a pound each of soda, powdered chalk and powdered pumice stone, stir together in a small quantity of water and then add half a pound of soft soap. Mix it as a paste and apply with a scrubbing brush.

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EASTER MILLINERY

Martial styles will prevail in this year's Easter parade. Helmets of straw and lace are copied directly from those of the old Crusaders. Pictures of scores of antique helmets in the museums are being used as models by the milliners. One helmet of golden straw, having a very high polished visor, was supplemented with tall ostrich plumes in deep blue, would be taken for a gold metal helmet by a casual observer. Another most remarkable helmet is made of black straw, with set in

side pieces of black and white straw, simulating the plate mail of armor. The wings used to trim some of the helmets are made wider at the sides, velvet ribbon of the same color arranged to resemble wings. There is nothing like or fluttering of soft or flowery about the new style of millinery. It is severe and military in the extreme.

When frying mush, dip the slices first in white of egg. This makes them crisp.

To peel tomatoes without scalding, rub them backwards with the blunt edge of a knife.

For the roast of cold lamb course, serve an egg salad, sprinkled with minced meat leaves.

A French dainty possible from canned goods is sliced French goose liver, served on lettuce, with either French dressing or mayonnaise.

To revive root vegetables that have withered, slice off the end of each and lay in cold water. In a few hours they will be as hardy and hearty as ever.

A tasty salad is made of chopped celery seasoned with chopped mint and mayonnaise. Put between slices of bread, it makes a dainty supper sandwich.

A light wooden box should be provided for baby's toys.

Green vegetables are best cooked in open vessels to save the color.

A sun bath is of more value to health than much sunbathing by the sea.

When making sweet Proquettes add a little sugar to the crumbs in which the teroquettes are to be rolled.

DIED ALONE IN THE NORTH END

Traic Death of Mrs. William Chapman on Saturday—Husband Away on Steamer Stanley—No Inquest to Be Held.

While working as a land her house at 694 Main street, Saturday morning, Mrs. William Chapman, wife of William Chapman, a member of the crew of the government steamer Stanley, was suddenly stricken with an attack of heart disease and died before any assistance could be rendered. She lived alone most of the time, her husband being often away on the Stanley. She had not been seen around by her neighbors since Wednesday last but nothing was thought of this. On Friday night Mrs. Armstrong, who lives upstairs in the house, heard groans and cries while passing and 10 o'clock Saturday morning she heard a crash as if someone had fallen to the floor in the lower flat. She decided to investigate, but found the doors all locked. She called to Mrs. Chapman but received no reply.

It was then Mrs. Armstrong began to fear for her neighbors' safety. Going to the street she summoned assistance. The doors were broken open and Mrs. Chapman was found lying prostrate on the floor of her bedroom. Life was extinct. Coroner Roberts was notified immediately, and after making an examination, attributed death to heart trouble, and decided that an inquest would not be necessary.

Mrs. Chapman had been a resident of the North End for some years and was well liked by all who knew her. Her husband, at the present time, is on board the Stanley, which is now on her way to the Magdalen Islands. Word has been sent to him.

WEDDINGS

Chatham, Feb. 27.—The marriage took place this morning of John B. Ryan, painter and builder, to Miss Nellie Trainor, daughter of the late Peter Trainor. The nuptial mss was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Keefe. The bride was very prettily attired in a suit of blue broadcloth with large picture hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Annie Trainor, the bride's sister, who also looked very pretty. The groom was supported by Daniel Ryan. After the ceremony the party drove to the bride's home, where a wedding breakfast was served. The bride and groom will occupy Mr. Ryan's new house on Water street. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents.

GETTING BACK TO THE SOIL.
Gardening as a rule is the easiest hobby for ordinary city people. There are not so many secrets about growing beets, carrots, potatoes, and beans as there are about growing plums and apple and cherries. Any good agricultural paper will carry you through your experiments and lead you safely to success. There is, of course, much more to gardening than appears on the surface, but you can learn most of it as you move on. You have to make your soil, as well as cultivate your plants. You must not count on large returns until you have planted considerable experience as well as seeds, but with the worst sort of wondering you can hardly fail to get enough vegetables for home consumption the first year; the waste can go to your cow and horse.

What you can do will be something like this: from a garden five rods square, get your table corn in succession from July to September. You will from the same field get plenty of green peas during the same period. For string beans and shell beans you will need another strip about one rod by four or five. Potatoes will call for a third strip six rods by four, and good mellow soil it must be to give you good returns. Now when you come to planting for market, multiply the strip according to the amount of vegetables you are prepared to truck and sell.—E. P. Powell, in the February Outing.

Governor Pelletier Improved.
Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 27.—Dr. Walter P. Conway late this afternoon pronounced Sir Alphonse Pelletier, governor of Quebec, out of danger. The aged statesman is improving steadily. Captain Victor Pelletier, his aide de camp, will take Sir Alphonse home next week.

The Board of Health reports nineteen deaths for the last week.

LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage.

A. H. Hanington has purchased the Clifton House from Thomas Dean. The purchase price has not been disclosed. C. J. Kane, of Sydney street, has purchased Dr. Lewin's residence in Waterloo street for \$4,800.

The anniversary meeting of Cornwall Kings county, Division Sons of Temperance, was held in Cornwall on Friday evening. Addresses were given by E. S. Henrigan, C. W. P., Rev. Chas. Flemington and the Rev. Theo. Allen of Petitcodiac. G. F. Rouse and John Lockhart, James Branscombe was in the chair.

At Chubb's corner at noon Saturday Auctioneer Potts sold for Kenneth J. MacRae, assignee of the mortgage and executor for the estate of the late Rev. Donald MacIsaac, the property at the corner of Dorchester and Sewell streets. The purchaser was Robert W. Carson, and the price paid was \$6,000. The Adams House in Princess street was put up at public auction by auctioneer Lanthorn at noon Saturday and was withdrawn at \$8,200.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS
Elias K. Ganong, who is authorized to canvass and collect for The Daily Telegraph, The Semi-Weekly Telegraph, and The Evening Times, will, during the next thirty days, travel through Kings and Queens counties, calling upon friends and patrons of these newspapers, collecting and soliciting new subscribers.

THE LATE JARVIS WILSON

whom he had dealings. As regarded his social and family relations, he was universally looked up to. He was a prominent member of the Masonic Order, and for nearly fifty years he had been an elder in the Carleton Presbyterian church. He was born in the County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to this country in 1834 and took up farming in Queens county. After six years of farming Mr. Wilson moved to this city and for five years resided in the North End. He moved to Carleton in 1845, and had since made his home there. On his arrival in St. John, Mr. Wilson engaged in the lumber business, and in earlier days his timber pond in Carleton was one of the busiest places in the locality. For several years he was a member of the common council, representing Albert ward, which was afterwards merged in Guys and Brooks wards. He was very prominently connected with the Presbyterian church and was the last surviving member of the building committee of the Carleton church, and a very active member of its congregation. He was prominent in the Masonic fraternity, which he joined in 1862. He was a member of Carleton Union Lodge and also an honorary member of the Grand Lodge, holding the office of Grand Mason. He was in his active days identified as a citizen of Carleton with every movement for the public good and never missed an opportunity to do a kind act. He was the father of two sons, Samuel K. Wilson, and George Wilson, both lumber surveyors, the former with his father under the firm name of Jarvis Wilson. The children of George Wilson are John E. Moore & Company, Limited, William C. Druggist, of West End, and Mrs. W. J. Watson, of West End, and Miss Margaret Wilson of this city.

George Wilson's children are, Jarvis, of the Western Union, George, of Montreal, and Miss B. Wilson, of the High school teaching staff. Miss Una Wilson is his daughter. Mrs. Wilson is one of the nine great-grandchildren of the venerable lumberman.

BARLAND OBSERVER THE LINE TO TAP THE FLEMING PROMISE

Hartland, N. B., March 2. The Observer today outlines a scheme that may prove to be a provincial government will not insist on session to avoid or put off the new idea is that it follow the present survey from Woodstock, thence to Hartland, Transcontinental. It is claimed will be so much shorter as to building of a branch, Woodstock ready to build a road from the G. T. P., and Mr. Fleming has assured this company of a few business men, of a guarantee of \$15,000 a mile. On the face of the promise can scarcely be carried the bluff might be useful to in some quarters it is thought

ENGLISH PRIESTS ON IMPORTANT MISSION

Rev. Father Seizinger, of England, who was to have preached in the Mission church on Sunday, did not arrive in the city until yesterday afternoon, having been detained at Halifax since Saturday. He belongs to the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, Yorkshire, England, and came out in the steamer Corsican. He will be joined here today by Rev. Father Pearce and Rev. Father Egan, of the same community. The latter is the superior of the community, having succeeded Bishop Gore, of Birmingham.

The three came out to this country for the purpose of conducting missions on behalf of their order, and will have tonight ready to build a road from the G. T. P., and Mr. Fleming has assured this company of a few business men, of a guarantee of \$15,000 a mile. On the face of the promise can scarcely be carried the bluff might be useful to in some quarters it is thought