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CIVIC ASSESSMENT.

There is the usual complaint this spring about the unequal apportionment of civic taxation, and much of the dissatisfaction is grounded on good reasons. Few looking over the assessment lists will agree that every one is assessed on the correct amount of his income. Personal property, especially, is very scarce, judging from the assessment sheet, although in actual fact there is not so great dearth of it in the houses of our townfolk. The result is that those who report the amount of their personal belongings are taxed for the same while many who are worth much more but have not reported, are allowed to go scot free. While some young men claim that their income is rated too high, others accept their own rating as correct but feel that others with larger incomes are assessed on far too small a sum. If this be so, the burden of taxation is very unevenly placed.

Both the people and the legislature must share with the assessors whatever blame attaches in this matter. It is the duty of each citizen to give the assessors a correct account of his or her income and property, but few attend to this, and all the work is thrown upon the Assessors whom nobody claims to be infallible. The law is decidedly inadequate in that it gives the assessors no right to compel banks to disclose their depositors' accounts, and business firms to show their books. The only way the assessors can get at the financial standing of one whose private affairs they do not know and who has not reported to them is to assess him so high as to compel him to lodge a protest. Then the assessors may hand the protest a form on which to swear to the true amount, and in this way discover the equitable basis of taxation. This way of investigating would take a lot of time and bring down much wrath on the heads of the officials. Being busy men and receiving very meagre remuneration from the town, the assessors naturally avoid stirring up hornets' nests, and conduct their work according to the usual time-honoured custom.

But the question of correct assessment is a very important one, and needs to be settled. The law should be changed to give assessors more power in conducting enquiry, and they should have an independent salary, to insure them taking sufficient time to do the work thoroughly. At any rate some people have a deep grounded belief that the richer citizen is not assessed according to the same scale as the poorer; and it would be well for the proper authorities to take steps to make it plain to everybody that such is not the case.

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.

During the Easter recess, Mr. W. S. Loggie, the active representative of Northumberland County at Ottawa, addressed political meetings at Rogersville and Derby, with the result that parish Liberal Associations were formed in both places. There are still a few parishes unorganized, and the existing associations are not all as vigorous as they might be. To exert its proper influence at the polls, a political party must be thoroughly organized. It must at all points and on all questions be in touch with the people to whom it has to look for support. Many an election is lost through over confidence that leads to neglect of organization while the enemy is quietly making preparation to meet all possible emergencies. The Conservative victory in the late local elections was largely due to the superior tactics of that party. The Robinson government, like the Temperance party in Newcastle six weeks later, were caught unprepared, and both got no more than was justly due them or their wilful neglect of the first

principles of political warfare. Which ever party would win next Dominion election must be up and doing and leave no loophole for the artillery of opposing forces.

TURN THEM OUT.

According to the Woodstock Press, an organ of the Local Government, the following is a sample of the letter that journal is receiving almost daily:

"I am for war on all present officials appointed by the late government, not one of whom do I know supported Hazen. Sympathy for one of them I have not got. If Hazen does not act he will find when too late many of his supporters will be dissatisfied beyond reconciliation."

If letters like that come into the Press almost daily, most of the Conservative leaders of Carleton County must be demanding the dismissal of the appointees of the late administration.

Albert County Conservatives made themselves heard first. Several weeks ago they, in convention assembled, called upon the Government to dismiss all officials who had been offensively paroxysm, a clause of the resolution intimating that about all of them had so offended and, consequently, should be removed.

And in other counties the same demand is being made by multitudes who desire to serve their country in official capacity.

Those who looked to the Conservative party to set a better example in political life have, so far as Ontario is concerned, been woefully disappointed; and we fear that the same fate is in store for those who except any great improvement in New Brunswick as the result of the late provincial elections.

GOOD FINANCING.

For the year ending March 31st, 1908, the British government had a surplus of £4,725,598, or, in our money, \$22,997,910.36. This amount went automatically towards reducing the public debt. There were also surpluses in 1905-1906 and 1906-1907, and during those three years the debt was reduced by £13,500,000, or \$65,700,000. This means a reduction of some \$1,700,000 a year in interest charges.

If it had not been for wars, which involved so much wasteful expenditure, the public debt of Britain might ere this have been entirely cancelled. But every few years someone raises trouble that calls for more soldiers and more military and naval armaments, thus spoiling the good work done in the previous years of peace. In future, until some great war lord disturbs the present political calm, Britain's surpluses will probably be used to provide old age pensions.

A BRAZEN DEMAND.

Several years ago, the Hartt Boot & Shoe factory received \$10,000 from the city of Fredericton, the city taking a mortgage on factory for that amount. Now, the company ask that the mortgage be cancelled, and it is not improbable that their wishes will be granted if the company guarantees to continue in business.

If a poor citizen were to ask to have his taxes cancelled, his prayer would in all probability be unceremoniously refused; but certain people, in every town, seem to know how to get anything they want. The people have only themselves to blame. When they decide that such things must stop, stop they will.

ENORMOUS PROFITS.

The Ogilvie Flour Mills Company announced, this month, that since the present company was formed in 1902 the aggregate net profits for the six years amounted to \$2,854,514, which after payment of interest on bonds and dividends on preferred and common stock, left a balance of \$1,503,764.98 which has gone into the company.

Evidently this company could, while still making a handsome profit on the money actually invested and good wages for their actual labor, sell flour much more cheaply than it is doing. It is the duty of the government to see that the public are not so held up by greedy corporations who have no use for the masses except to coin money out of them. If it were not for the farmers who raise the wheat and the townsmen who buy it the miller would have no flour to put on the market. His wares have value

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only as he is able to buy and sell them; and the public is entitled to much more consideration than it has been getting.

TYRANNY OF THE STRONG.

The Roumanians, who lately complained of the misgovernment of the Turks, are ruthlessly persecuting the Jews, who are few in numbers and defenseless. While the Prussian Poles are being mercilessly oppressed by their German rulers, and those of the Vistula provinces by Russia the Ruthenian people of Austrian Poland bitterly complain of the unfair treatment accorded them by their Polish masters. The Koreans, whom Japan professed to be freeing when she expelled the Chinese troops from their country, have risen against Japanese cruelty and are being massacred by their wholen saviors. And still there are, even yet, a few who deny man's kinship with the beast.

AN EXTENSION OF TIME.

Russia, Germany, Sweden and Denmark have signed a treaty guaranteeing the continuance of the present territorial status on the shores of the Baltic Sea. As long as this agreement lasts, the independence of Sweden and Denmark, states too weak to protect themselves from their powerful neighbors, will be assured. Belgium and Switzerland have been similarly protected for some time.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

Both houses of the Danish parliament have adopted a measure, under which all taxpayers, male and female, over 25 years of age, and all married women whose husbands are taxpayers, are entitled to vote in all communal elections. Norway adopted a similar measure several years ago. In Finland, women have both the right to vote and to sit in parliament. In Australasia and the Rocky Mountain States women have the fullest rights of franchise, but not the right to be elected to parliament.

Woman suffrage was discussed in the New Brunswick legislature in 1899, but failed to pass. It will again be introduced this year, and we hope that the ladies will this time be granted political equality so far as the province can grant the same. A country, like a chain, is never stronger than its weakest section. One great reason why the civilization of ancient Greece and Rome failed to endure, was because of the inferior position occupied by the women of those countries. Asiatic countries have failed to keep pace with Christendom the last few hundred years, largely for the same reason. Even India has at last awakened to the fact that when a boy is educated only one man is trained; but when a girl's upbringing is properly attended to a whole family of the future is provided for. Let our women be given absolute equality of opportunity along all lines.

Editor's Mail.

[The opinions of correspondents are not necessarily those of the Editor.]
To the Editor,
Dear Sir:

The preliminary List of Assessors Valuation is now on exhibition in the Post office, and I wish through your columns to call the attention of the ratepayers to it. It certainly needs in justice to all concerned to be revised, and judging from the individual expressions of indignation regarding it, a public meeting should be called at once, while the privilege of dealing with it is open to us. Many names on it are either ignorantly or unjustly dealt with, while others have flavor of favoritism.

Ratepayer.

Card of Thanks

The members of the Newcastle Fire Company wish to thank the Mayor, S. W. Miller, and the Ladies and Gentlemen, who assisted them in the concert held under their auspices on Monday evening April 20th, 1908.

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BATHURST NEWS

AND NOTES.

Vigorous Protest Against Granting Jacob White's Liquor License.

BATHURST, Friday.—The afternoon session of the License commissioners opened at 2.30. The petition of Rev. A. D. McCully against Jacob White was first considered. Mr. White with N. A. Landry as counsel appearing supporting his application while Rev. A. D. McCully and W. R. Johnson supported petition against it.

Mr. Landry objected to petition of Mr. McCully being read, used or any action being taken or any evidence being taken on said petition as it had not been filed in accordance with the act.

Taking the point that Mr. White's application was one for recommendation for license and not an application for license and therefore no petition of this kind could be acted upon.

Chairman Gilbert said that if the commissioners were to make recommendations for wholesale license they should certainly hear any argument against recommendations.

Inspector Blanchard under oath declared that he received petition of Mr. McCully on 21st inst, at 3 o'clock. Mr. McCully then offered certificate of registration as to mailing petition on 17th inst, which would deliver said petition by Inspector on the 18th or more than four days before sitting of commission as required by law.

Rev. Mr. McCully asked to be sworn on behalf of this petition.

Mr. Landry objected on several grounds after which Mr. McCully gave the following evidence:

Mr. White has been fined within the past three months for selling without license. His premises for which he seeks license is in the immediate vicinity of public worship, being not more than 150 feet from the Methodist church.

He also offered a stenographic report of the Royal Commission held before Hon. Mr. Jones in 1905.

Mr. White has connections between the premises for which license is being sought and a store in which groceries and provisions are sold.

Mr. Landry objected to report of commission being accepted as evidence as it was the proceeding of another case conducted in another court.

Two other petitions were before the commission against granting license to a plaintiffs.

Mr. J. J. Harrington on behalf of applicants requested that petitions against granting license be not considered as they had not been in the hands of the inspector until today.

E. Pauline Johnson and Walter McRaye at the Opera House last evening on account of not being properly advertised and managed was not very largely patronized. Every one who attended declared that the entertainment was very good.

Four bears and seven men attracted much attention about our town this morning.

TORN BY TORPEDO.

Jacob Wenner Found Torpedo On C.P. R. Track at Alberta and Dashed it Against a Rock.

Medicine Hat, Alta., Wednesday.—At two o'clock yesterday afternoon Jacob Wenner a German reached Irvine and reported first that he had been shot. Later he stated that he had heard an explosion along the track at once, while the privilege of dealing with it is open to us. Many names on it are either ignorantly or unjustly dealt with, while others have flavor of favoritism.

A judge has called a woman desertor a 'common yellow dog.' We protest against such injustice to dogs.



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