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MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 22.

HIGH ASSESSMENT, LOW TAX

An extraordinary delusion is being festered by some of the papers, and was contributed to by a cartoon in The Globe on Saturday. The cartoon shows Toronto as a young lady seated a carriage with an enormous trunk "Assessment, \$516,000.000." while the horse, labeled "Taxpayer," struggles with the load. The Globe poses as an authority on taxation. According to the assessment com-

issioner, assessments are not made within 30 per cent. of actual values. In a large number of cases the rating s much lower than that, altho in the case of cheaper properties, and the poor man's shack, the assessment goes to par values. But, taking 30 per cent. as the extent to which the Assessment Act is violated, the assessment of To-ronto should be nearly \$155,000,000 greater than it is, and if there were

while yet.

While buildings on any arbitrary scale they choose to adopt, and the result is our present chaos, about which the government issued a circular last year as but quite ineffectively.

And now we have The Globe perpetuating the view that a big assessment means a big tax bill, while the contrary should be the case. The assessment of Toronto, if the assessnent department's statement of a 70 per cent. valuation be correct, ought to be \$670,000,000 instead of \$ 516,000.-000, and the tax rate, instead of 20 true comparison can be made of Toronto with other cities of Ontario so long as the assessment remains on the present arbitrary and illegal basis. Sir James Whitney, who objects to respect the most injurious patchwork possible, by which one city may assess at 50 per cent., another at 70, another while a city like Toronto, which is accused of high taxes, may really be quite low in the schedule. When The decade. Globe draws another cartoon, the horse should be labeled "Assessment," the trunk "Taxation," the young lady

TAKE OUT THE KING PINS. The Globe asks, "Why Denounce One Minister Alone?" It is thinking of the days when a certain whole cabinet came in for the denunciation of the country, and it is hard for The Globe even after eight years of experience to understand why the Whitney administration is not as bad founded on an intimate acquaintance with politicians of its own type. It is Dr. Pyne that arouses The

Globe's disgust. Not feeling that he sufficiently absorbs all the scorn that is poured upon him. The Globe extends the area of its contempt to include the whole cabinet. "Take out Hon. W. J. Hanna," it observes in an oratoric interrogative. "and who is left with force, ability or courage?" The Globe readers will nod doubtfully and say, "They shouldna hae exceptit that Hanna man." The Globe doesn't really like Mr. Hanna Glebe doesn't really like Mr. Hanna or his three-fifths clause, but it sounds noble and broad and conceals and presidents like Jackson. Taylor and fine grouch to say, "Take out Mr. Grant. The good-natured and easy-

ourse, nobody could take him out cause it is better not to call attention to Mr. Book when discussing the

eak points of the Whitney oreet of the organ, for while Mr. Foy activities are more easily pardoned than their energy. He has the statutory revision to his credit moreover. Dr. Reaume is another man without "force, ability or courage," if The Globe is right. Dr. Reaume has at least kept the public works depart-ment free from graft, and it takes one of the three qualifications for that, and besides he has stood behind the

T. & N. O Railway in a way to help. "Neither Mr. Hearst nor Mr. Lucas has as yet manifested any special fitness." laments The Globe. Who put Mr. Whitson to work, pray? And as for Mr. Lucas is it not time enough after he has produced a budget of his own to sum up his weaknesses? We love of Mike, be reasonable." Then there is "Jimmy Duff," as The Globe familiarly calls him. All we can say is that if The Globe can nominate a better minister of agriculture on the government benches we'll support him and press his claims on Sir James. But the people appear to be satisfied with "Jimmy Duff" and have so far elected no substitute. Even the pre-

mier is limited by the popular will. The Globe ought to publish a slate hear the people clamor for a general election to get the chance of returning it to office. And if The Globe have to put up with Dr. Pyne for a while yet.

are therefore not so unfavorable as they at first appear. Nevertheless, the statement of exports is accepted as heralding slacker times, or at least as a flat to organize order in the void, the cessation of the greatest trade advance Britain has made in its history. labor troubles that now threaten should result in a holdup of the transportation

CLEARING UP.

Many things in this world are fore casted which do not come to pass mills, should be about 14 mills. No after the event, we are apt to do injustice to the caution or anxiety displayed by those who, before the event, of his wife's mind. provided for every contingency. Thus for a long time Napoleon the Third was a commanding figure on the stage patchwork methods, tolerates in this of the world, and many nations and cabinets no doubt took precautions against him which appeared quite unnecessary after Sedan. Later the at 90, and another at par values. The young war lord, William the Second, His Lordship Will Deliver an city with the highest assessment may kept the world uneasy and the growappear to have the lowest tax rate, ing military and naval strength of the German Empire has undoubtedly been a disturbing factor during the last

A year ago Europe presented a difmilitary expert than it does today. "City government," and the cabby Then no one could tell but that a great world war would grow out of the Balkan situation. The German Emperor seemed to many to personify a German menace and there was a wellgrounded fear of coming wars thruout the world. Today the trouble in the Balkans seems to be over and the skies are everywhere more serene. Germany has many things to think about. The war lord is finding that as its predecessor. It ought to be, the money kings are more important according to The Globe's calculations than he. The Kaiser is more conand its estimates of human nature, cerned about his finances just now than anything else except the growing strength of democracy and even socialism which threatens to put an end

to autocracy. It is passing strange that the German Emperor, who has done nothing but to think war and talk war from his cradle, has kept out of any fighting during his reign of a quarter of a century. But wars are usually brought on when peace-laving men are at the head of a nation. United States has had a good deal of fighting for so young a country, but

going McKinley had a war on his White House, but the turbulent Teddy had a reign of seven years of peace with all the world.

If, therefore, the statesmen of the

empire felt grave apprehensions a year go, which they do not feel today they are not open to criticism. Many past year more happily for the peace of the world than could have been anticipated. There certainly is less alarm today than there was a year ago, or four years ago, about a Ger man invasion of England or ar Armageddon in the North Sea. This should be a matter of congratulation and not of reproach. It may soon be time, however, for somebody to arise and, paraphrasing the celebrated saying of a small boy about the apple core, observe: "There ain't goin' to be no emergency."

"A REFUTATION 3700 MILES LONG."

On Friday last The New York Sun said editorially:
We have no doubt that our philosophical and philological friend The Toronto World, whose intelligent remarks on the subject are reprinted. marks on the subject are reprinted on this page today, is entirely correct in its belief that its countrymen do not "hate" the United States, tho some of them may dislike individuals among our citizens and disapprove of our customs and habits. Canadians are too busy and too intelligent to waste time in the futile occupation of hating any notionality or country. waste time in the futile occupation of hating any nationality or country.

Were it necessary to call witnesses to support our belief that our northern neighbors are not plunged in bitter enmity of the United States we should confidently rest our case on a map showing the political divisions of North America. Thirty-seven hundred miles of boundary line without a defending fortification is a sufficient refutation of the suggestion that the people living on either side of it hates that on the other side.

The Philosopher

St. Catharines Man's Narrow Escape.

A St. Catharines man had a narrow escape from drowning in the canal the other morning. It appears that he is in the habit at 5.30 a.m. of walking along the towpath of the waterway to his work. Despite the fact that his wife has repeatedly warned him of the danger, and advised him, if he continued to take that road, to get at least a pair of glasses, he persisted in using the canal banks. The other morning he found himself almost in the water, just managing to recover himself before he went over the advisor himself almost in the water, just managing to recover himself before he went over the advisor him the death house, where at Necaxa and controls the electric business of the Necaxa and controls the electric business of the Necaxa and controls the electric business of the City of Mexico. Subsequently he was for many years president and acrowing the continued to shield the mother of the dead baby, Mrs. Willis, He says he can prove an alibit at the time of the murder and the met of his business activities, he retained to shield the mother of the dead baby, Mrs. Willis, taking her that he met of the murder and the was a director of the Bank of Monthas and confessed to the murder, and that was a director of the Bank of Monthas repeatedly warned him of the dad child was lying concealed to take that road, to get at least a pair of glasses, he persisted in using the canal banks. The other morning he found himself almost in the water, just managing to recover himself before he went over the advisor. himself before he went over the The escape has had one good effect. He has visited the Royal Opticians, 7 Richmond east, under Hobberlin's,

CANADIAN CLUB

Address on "Newspapers" on Wednesday.

On Wednesday next at 1 p.m. Lord Northcliffe will address the Canadian Club of Toronto on "Newspapers."

As he himself is the dominant personality in British newspaperdom with a controlling or part ownership in scores of old country journals, he should have something interesting to say on the subject.

A man of Nanoleonic force who has A man of Napoleonic force, who has risen from small beginnings in Wales to such a foremost position in the capital of the world, he is a striking figure wherever he goes, and the Canadian Club is fortunate in securing a visit from him.

FREIGHTER ASHORE AT PORT COLBORNE

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RT COLBORNE, Sept. 21.— cial.)—The steamer Haddington (Special.)—'The steamer Haddington which went ashore six miles west of here, is still fast on the rocks tonight. Reed's wrecking steamer Mannight. istique, after taking about one hundred tons off her, had to abandon her on account of weather and return to th chainartments have been fill ed with water to keep her from mov ing if the weather moderates the Manistique will make another effort

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James Ross, Capitalist, Contractor and Engineer, Passes Away at Montreal.

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MONTREAL, Sept. 20.—The death for the Insane (Montreal). He was a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron and the Royal Thames Yacht Club in England, and in Montreal of the Mount and the Royal Thames Yacht Club in England, and in Montreal of the Mount and Insane (Montreal). the well-known railway contractor, engineer, capitalist and connoisseur. Mr. Ross had been suffering from

heart trouble for two weeks past. Mr. James Ross was born at Cro-marty, Scotland, in 1848, and received

Established 1855. Edmonton Land Co., and of the Canada Sugar Refining Co.

Mr. Ross was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and also of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. He was hon lieutenant-colonel of the Duke of York Hussars.

Mr. Ross, was was a keen sailor, was owner of several yachts, among them the superb steam vacht Glencairn

owner of several yachts, among them the superb steam yacht Glencairn (formerly Liberty, which belonged to the late Joseph Pulitzer), and devoted most of his time to cruising in European and Canadian waters.

Belonged to Many Clübs.

Among his numerous benefactions Mr. Ross presented to the citizens of Lindsay, Ont., the Ross Memorial Hospital and a Nurses' Home, as memorials to his parents, and gave largely to the Alexandra and Royal Victoria Hospitals of Montreal, and to McGill University and the Montreal Art Association, of which last named he was president. He was a governor of McGill University, of the Royal Victoria Hospital and of the Protestant Hospital for the Insane (Montreal). He was a Royal, the St. James, the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht (of which he was hon commodore), the Forest and Stream, the Canada, the Montreal Curling, the Montreal Hunt, the Montreal Jockey, the Montreal Racquet and the Royal Montreal Golf Clubs, also of the Rideau Club of Ottawa; the Manitoba Club of Winnipeg; the Toronto, the Royal Canadian Yacht and the York Clubs

John. N.B.; of the Halifax Club of Halifax, N.S.; of the New York Yacht Club and of the Manhattan Club of New York City; of the Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club of Sydney, N.S.; and of the Constitutional Club of London, England.

Mr. Ross was married in 1872 to Annie Kerr, daughter of the late John Kerr of Kingston, N.Y. His family consists of one son, J. K. L. Ross.

TO SHIELD WOMAN Winnipeg Man Sentenced to event. Die Denies Crime-Then

is Pardoned.

CONFESSED CRIME

nang here next Thursday for selfconfessed murder of the Willis child. and entirely ignorant that papers granting his reprieve were on the way from Ottawa, today made a startling statement in the death house, where he is confined. He said that the evidence he gave at the trial and which convicted him, was false and intended to shield the mother of the dead baby, Mrs. Willis, He says he can prove an

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20th September, 1913. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Motions set down for single course Monday, 22nd inst., at 11 a.m.:

1. Re Smith Estate.

2. Watson v. Jackson.

3. Union Bank v. Taylor.

4. Apjohn v. Kenora.
5. Northern Electric v. Cordova.
6. Etobicoke Realty v. Cates.
7. Re Drew and Keewatin.

Peremptory list for first division of appellate court for Monday, 22nd lnst., at 11 a.m.:

1. Union Bank v. McKillop.

2. Croft v. Mitchell.

3. Carnahan v. Toronto Railway Co.

4. Re. National Huskers, Winding-

5. Conley v. C.P.R. Co. Peremptory list for second division for Monday, 22nd inst., at 11 a.m.:

1. Re Stewart Howe and Meek.

2. Holditch v. Canadian Northern

3. Mackenzie v. Lindsay. Playfair v. Cormack. 5. Barnes v. Sudbury. 6. Lesslie v. Birkbeck.

Master's Chambers. Before J. A. C. Cameron, Official Referee. McBain v. Ford—E. F. Raney, for plaintiff, moved for judgment under C.R. 57. No one contra. Judgment

Adams v. Dudley—J. G. Smith, for plaintiff, moved for order for a commission to take evidence, J. H. Spence for defendant. Adjourned until 23rd inst. peremptority.

Millar v. Cecil—K. F. Mackenzie, for defendant. moved for order allowing amendment of statement of defence. D. McArthur for plaintiff. Order made, Costs to plaintiff in any event.

Judges' Chambers. Before Kelly, J. Before Kelly, J.
Rex. v. McLean—H. S. White, for defendant, moved to quash conviction against him for selling liquor without WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 20.—(Spe-lial)— Victor Pople, sentenced to hang here next Thursday for self-

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the lands of the plaintiffs, being parts of lots A and B, Bushill. Oakley Park, Township of Brantford. On defendants by their counsel undertaking not to enter on land in dispute pending application in regard thereto to railway board, motion stands until such time as such application can be made. Costs reserved.

Costs reserved.

Re Canadian Gas, Power and Re Canadian Gas, Power and Launches Co.—G. L. Smith, for Bank of B.N.A., appealed from report of the master-in-ordinary. S. G. Crowell for liquidator. H. C. Macdonald for Ridge, claimant. Judgment. The master has found, and I think properly, that the bank became the holder for value of Ridge's notes without notice of any defect in the payee's title and is entitled to enforce payment against Ridge. He also held that there was and is no debt due by Ridge to the company (now insolvent) and therefore the bank has no right to an assignment of the mortgage made by Ridge to the company as collateral security for the notes. With this latter finding I disagree. The company could not and the liquidator cannot resist the claim of the bank to have the mortgage accompany the

have the mortgage accompany the notes. The liquidator should not discharge the mortgage but assign it to the bank to be held as collateral security to Ridge's notes. Costs of the bank and of the liquidator out of the estate estate.

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FIFTY MILES AN HOUR Against Head Wind New Zeppelin Makes Eleven Hour Trip.

BERLIN, Sept. 20 .- (Can. Press.) BERLIN, Sept. 20.—(Can. Press.)—The new naval Zeppelin dirigible arrived here today, having made her first trip from Friedrichshafen, Lake Constance, in 11 hours, at an averape speed against a contrary 16-mile wind, at a fraction over 50 miles an hour. The trip had been considerably postponed owing to the disaster which overtook the dirigible's sister ship, which was destroyed in a gale off Heligoland on Sept. 9, when 14 of her crew lost their lives.

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