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London, Monday, Jan. 12.

Taxing the Corporations.

The Governor of New York State has created a sensation by recommending the repeal of the Ford franchise tax, the measure championed by Mr. Roosevelt when he was Governor of the State, and forced by him on a reluctant legislature. The Ford law lays down the basis of assessment for public service or quasi-public corporations, such as street railway, electric light and power, gas, telephone and telegraph companies. The main principle is that such corporations shall be taxed upon the value of their franchises. This value is estimated to be the excess of a corporation's capital stock and bonded indebtedness over the actual value of its tangible property. In other words, it is the extra value conferred upon a company's plant by the privilege of using the public streets and highways. Governor Odell, in his message to the Legislature, declares that the tax is oppressive, and cannot be borne by many of the smaller concerns. He urges as a substitute the taxation of corporations upon their gross earnings. If the Ford law is repealed, and by a Republican legislature, it will be a slap at President Roosevelt, who pressed the measure through against the opposition of his own party. It has been desperately resisted by the corporations, who have carried the matter into the courts, and expect the law to be declared unconstitutional.

In Ontario, as in New York, the assessment of quasi-public corporations has been a perplexing question. The Legislature has rejected the principle of assessing these companies on their gross earnings, as recommended by the Governor of New York. This same principle also meets with the disfavor of the Ontario Assessment Commission. The law, in its present shape, as amended at the last session, taxes all tangible property of a corporation except the rolling stock and the plant and appliances affixed thereto. This is by no means satisfactory to the corporations who have carried the matter to the court of appeal. The prospects are that the Legislature will overhaul the whole assessment act at the ensuing session and definitely fix the basis of taxation for quasi-public corporations. The Assessment Commission has recommended that the reality of corporations be assessed at its actual value, and in addition the right of using highways or other public places, with the structures thereon. "The use of land," the commissioners say, "is what produces profit to the corporation." They point out that the land used by the corporation is public land, which is not assessable, whereas the land of a private person is assessable. Buildings often add to the earning value of private land, and this extra value is assessed. So the added value, which the right to use public land creates, should be assessed against a corporation when that public land has been adapted for use by structures placed thereon. To take a concrete example, the right of using the public streets is of great value to the London Street Railway Company, and under the proposed law would be assessable, as well as their tangible property. It would be difficult for the average assessor to estimate the precise value of such a privilege, and the commission recommends the appointment of a central board for the whole Province, authorized to employ experts for the work of appraisal.

The Lake St. John Valley.

Quebec, like Ontario, is discovering the riches of its hinterland, and a rivalry to New Ontario is being offered by the Lake St. John Valley. We have received a portfolio of views illustrating the wheat fields and industries of the Lake St. John region, which is being colonized by the energy of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company and the St. John Colonization Society. Lake St. John is at the head of the picturesque Saguenay River, about 150 miles due north of Quebec City. It is fed by a dozen rivers, some of them several hundred miles in length. The banks of the lake and of its tributaries are already studied by villages, built by the lumber and farming industries, and the whole region is described as teeming with natural wealth. The district embraces an area of 31,000 square miles, and therefore contains nearly twenty millions of acres. So far a little over 50,000 acres have been cleared; the population is 50,000. Last year the number of new settlers was 2,108, the majority coming from the United States. The soil for the greater part of the country is a rich loam, adapted for the growing of grain and vegetables, and for pasturage. This is demonstrated in the pamphlet by a series of pictures from actual photographs taken in the Lake St. John territory during the harvest season of 1902. They show splendid fields of grain, reaping machinery at work, cattle and sheep pasturing, large barns, and comfortable homes, and all the signs of a settled and prosperous country. A fleet of steamers has been established on Lake St. John; these vessels navigate the longer stretches of

the large tributaries of the lake, carrying the settlers to and from their homes on the banks of these streams, and conveying their produce to market. Many of the water powers on these rivers have been harnessed, and saw and pulp mills abound, furnishing work to those who go in without means. The undeveloped land is sold at 10 cents per acre. One settler, Claude Villeneuve, went in with \$400, cleared 350 acres of land, and now cultivates 250 acres. He harvested in one season 800 bushels of wheat, 2,500 bushels of hay, and 350 to 500 bushels of potatoes. He would not sell his property now for less than \$7,000. Several others whose names are given went in a few years ago with little or no capital, and now count their wealth in four figures. Eugene Menard, of Roberval, testifies that the first season two pounds of Manitoba wheat sown on his farm yielded 207 pounds; the next year this 207 pounds produced 38 bushels, which in turn produced 742 bushels the following season. In Pelletia Township, north of the lake, the Trappist fathers, who own 6,000 acres, have an immense area under cultivation, and operate a number of saw-mills. Dairying has become a great industry in the region, nearly every parish having its cheese or butter factory. The output of dairy products last year was \$900,000 or \$700,000. White, black and red spruce constitute more than 75 per cent of the timber, and the forest areas of the region exceed in extent those of Norway. Ten thousand men find employment in lumbering operations.

The Rainy River and the Temiscaming districts in Ontario and the Lake St. John Valley in Quebec, show that the old provinces have not exhausted their agricultural possibilities, and are still in a position to compete with the west for land-seekers.

The Grand Trunk Vote.

The Stratford Herald professes to think the influence of the Grand Trunk Railway Company was unfairly exerted against Mr. Monteth in the North Perth bye-election, and threatens that the Conservative party will take its revenge when the Grand Trunk's application for a subsidy comes before Parliament. The Stratford Beacon discusses the Herald's attack on the Grand Trunk as follows:

"The Beacon is in a position to know the attitude of the Grand Trunk, and we say it was nothing more than that of fair play. The chief officials here have for years been Conservatives, and we know that in past elections some of them were not backward in using their influence and powers to the limit to the injury of the Liberal party. There was no complaint then from the Conservatives, and Liberals had the good sense to endure in silence what could not be cured. If on Wednesday last a different policy had been pursued by the officials, it would only have been retributive justice, but nothing more than fair play was extended either party. The Conservatives have only themselves to blame if some of the officials and men, approving the policy of development inaugurated by Mr. Ross, voted for their own free will for Mr. Brown, and were goaded by misrepresentations of the utterances of one of their number into announcing the fact. They are freemen and capable of exercising their franchise intelligently. The unwarranted tone of the Herald's attacks on the Herald will be sure to react on its party."

Whether any restraint was put on the zeal of the chief officials or not, the fact remains that no railroad company could undertake to deliver a solid vote to either party. To suggest anything of the kind is to insult the body of Grand Trunk employees, not only in Stratford but in London and other railroad centers; for if they could be driven like a flock of sheep in Stratford, the same influences could prevail elsewhere. If the company had dictated to its employees in Stratford, as to how they should vote, the fact could not be suppressed. In explanation of the turnover of the vote in Stratford, the Beacon points out that since the general election in May over 500 changes have been caused in the city by deaths, removals and accessions. This would affect the result, and in addition there was the propensity common in bye-elections to vote for the party in power.

The public took sides against the coal barons, and it looks very much as though the barons were trying to get even.

The Hamilton Spectator predicts that the Ambitious City will some day be heated by hot water systems. Outsiders have been under the impression that the Hamilton newspapers supplied enough hot air to keep the town warm.

The St. Thomas Journal has installed a new Cox-Duplex press, which has worked a great improvement in the appearance of the paper. The Journal is well-edited, clean and progressive, and is doing good service in a wide field.

We refer our readers to Dr. Moorhouse's letter in another column, which will repay perusal. This letter would have made effective ante-election reading. If the worthy doctor has many such shots as this in his locker, the Beck-Waterman trust will be blinding him over to keep the peace before he gets through with the combination. But in all seriousness, are not such disclosures as are made in this letter scandalous?

It is amusing to read that the Conservative aldermen of this city held a caucus. What for? The proceedings of the city council today were cut and dried in the Conservative Club. The chairmanship of No. 3 committee was given to a Liberal to lend some show of fairness to the farce and screen the party hog. Under the circumstances a Conservative aldermanic caucus is mere dumb show.

In Girlhood

There is a great need of motherly watchfulness and care. A growing girl needs all her strength, and if she is nervous and melancholy, and loses appetite there is surely something wrong. This is especially true as the young girl approaches that important period of change.

When the womanly function is established, timely care and proper treatment at this period may save much after suffering.

The best medicine for young girls who are nervous, melancholy, and irregular of appetite, is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures nervousness, dizziness, and promotes the appetite, and gives the body robust health. There is no alcohol in "Favorite Prescription" and it is entirely free from opium, cocaine, and all other narcotics.

"My daughter was troubled with dizziness and constipation and was very nervous for five months. Mr. M. Carter, of New York City, N. Y., Washington, D. C., tried several doctors but they gave her no relief. At times she had fainting spells and was unable to eat under her eyes, and was melancholy. A woman friend of mine told me to try your Favorite Prescription and Pleasant Pellets which I did. After taking one bottle of each she began to improve and is still improving. People who look as though they were going into a decline are in twelve years old. There are no circles around her eyes now and she is healthy and robust, eats as much as any child, and is growing fatter every day."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets regulate the bowels.

Hope Deferred.

[Judge.]
Cora—What do you consider the things that make our life worth living?
Merritt—The ones we don't possess.

What! Stolen Again!

[Toronto Star.]
The three bye-elections yesterday resulted in the election of three supporters of the Government, and without a moment's hesitation, the Mail and Empire declares that all three seats have been stolen. Surely this cannot be true. Was not Mr. Whitney on his guard against the terrible practices of the Government? The whole country knows that he was. He told everybody wherever he went that he was watching this time and would not be robbed. The Opposition press has been proclaiming for weeks the arrangements made for guarding the ballot-boxes with shotguns against the avowed Grit machine. Surely the shotguns did not fail. Surely the marvelous devotion of the Conservative workers to the principle that the ballot-box shall be sacred did not fail them on polling day? Surely, the Pinkerton detectives, the local militia, the grim, determined phalanx of honest men (including a host of honest but disgusted Liberals also bearing shotguns) did not fail, and allow the ballot-boxes to be stolen once more! Can it be possible that Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, M. P. P., who went up to North Norfolk to protect the ballot-box against any Liberal who might dare to have designs upon that sacred source of all our liberties, slumbered and slept at his job? It isn't like the doctor. Yet, if he were awake, imagine this vigilant politician looking on while the constituency was being stolen by raw countermen. That is certainly not like the doctor.

Don't Need the Job.

[Philadelphia Ledger.]
A woman in Portland, Me., passing by a garden saw a rather shabby dressed man working on some trees.

"What are you doing to those tree trunks?" asked she.
"Girdling them, madam, with paint and cotton, to keep off the canker worms," answered the man.

"How much does it cost?" inquired she.

"About 25 cents apiece," was the reply.
"Well, I wish you would come and girdle ours. What is your name?"

"Hill," the man replied; but although the woman repeated the request about going to girdle her trees, the man returned an evasive answer. The night she spoke to her husband about the occurrence.

The Imperial Problem.

[Montreal Star.]

Exclusive of Rhodesia, the British Empire comprises a trifle less than one-fifth of the surface of the earth. With Rhodesia it amounts to a trifle more. In contemplating the empire's size, one cannot but vainly try to imagine its strength and wealth were it all well organized and thoroughly devoted to the British problem of the time. Canadians would be glad to see it tackled seriously and effectively.

F.A.S.

[S. E. Kiser.]
Men are but like chunks of dough, Which women put, With many signs, This way and that, And shape to suit themselves and throw Around upon life's mixing-board. We rise Or fall, And oft are only half-baked, after all.

Punishable Offenses.

[Toronto Globe.]

In a collection of illegal and punishable acts London Tit-Bits mentions the marriage of an officer in a crown regiment without the consent of the war office, the holding of political meetings within a mile of Westminster Palace during a session of Parliament, and the sale of one's body to an hospital to be delivered after death. Looking abroad, it is found to be an offense at law to kiss in the streets in Southern Russia, or to give solid food to a baby under 1 year old in France. In Chester, England, anyone failing to lift his hat when a funeral is passing is liable

to arrest. Our London contemporary should look to Canada, where a man may be arrested and fined for selling his railway ticket.

Europe's Conquering Banners.

[Boston Globe.]

There are only three African nations left on all the great continent of Africa, and their downfall will come in due time. With the crushing of the Dutch republic, not a vestige of African nationality was left below the Desert of Sahara, except that poor little experimental station of negro republicanism, Liberia. Above the desert only Morocco and Abyssinia remain. Over all else the conquering banners of Europe wave. Of 12,000,000 square miles, not more than 500,000 are possessed by the Africans.

In all the continent of Asia Japan is the only genuine native sovereign. Everything else is dominated by Europe, openly or otherwise.

There are 17,000,000 square miles of land in Asia, and the Europeans rule in form or spirit, all except 150,000 square miles of that vast territory. Less than 50,000,000 of the 900,000,000 Asiatics are free and independent.

Australia, Oceania and Malaysia all belong to Europe, excepting only the possessions of the United States. The western hemisphere alone is ruled chiefly by the people who inhabit it.

Widow Finds \$25,000 Husband Had Hidden Away.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 12.—Charles R. Richards, a mechanical engineer, who died two months ago, leaving a personal estate valued at about \$3,000, had hidden away, unknown to his wife, more than \$25,000, which represented the accumulation of years. A few days ago while the widow was looking for a will, which she believed her husband had made, she found a large number of \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills stuffed in small rolls, in crevices of furniture, in the cushions of chairs and stitched into undergarments worn by the deceased man. She also unexpectedly found bank books, showing deposits of \$15,000.

PIONEER'S EXPERIENCE

H. S. Barnes, Almost an Octogenarian, Cured of Kidney Trouble by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Rat Portage, Ont., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Seventy-nine years of age, but hale and hearty, H. S. Barnes, of this place, is a splendid specimen of the pioneers of New Ontario. To his numerous acquaintances he often tells the following story:

"I was troubled with kidney complaint. I suffered severely with pains across my back, and with a scalding, burning sensation when urinating that was very painful. Though I had little faith in proprietary medicines, I had a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills in the house and commenced using them. It was not long before I felt better and looked better. My friends started to greet me with Hello, Mr. Barnes, how you are looking now. My kidney complaint was completely cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Dodd's Kidney Pills make the old feel young again.

Live Stock Perish in Prairie Fire.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 12.—A special from Mandan, N. D., says: News comes from the southeastern part of the county of the loss of 5,000 sheep and 1,000 head of cattle. The fire broke out during the late high wind and spread with great rapidity. Seventy-five ranches were burned, and some of their houses being swept away by the flames.

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If you were to see the unequalled volume of correspondence in favor of Dodd's Kidney Pills, you would upbraid yourself for so long delaying to take this honest, effective and tonic medicine for that blood disease from which you are suffering. It eradicates scrofula and all other humors, and cures all their inward and outward effects.

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