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## COL. HUGHES IS AFRAID

Prompt vindication came to Hon. Sydney Fisher in the House of Commons yesterday. When Mr. Devlin endeavored to bring before the house the matter of the charge made by the minister of militia against Hon. Mr. Fisher on Monday, the speaker ruled him out of order. Sir Wilfrid Laurier promptly took the floor and challenged the ruling of the chair, and after a period of great excitement the ruling was withdrawn. Mr. Devlin made his statement and the house waited for Col. Hughes to reply. He remained silent and Sir Wilfrid Laurier again rose and demanded that the minister declare his readiness to say outside the house what he had said in it concerning Mr. Fisher. Col. Hughes finally responded to the taunts of his opponents by making a violent speech in which he repeated the substance of his charge, but had not the manliness to say he would repeat it outside the house, where Mr. Fisher could seek redress by an action for criminal libel. Col. Hughes has not hitherto been credited with being a coward, but he has now fairly won the title, as we have the title of a blunderer and the most extravagant minister of militia Canada has ever known. The reputation of Hon. Sydney Fisher will not suffer anything from the charges of a man who is afraid to stake them where they can be fairly met by the man against whom they are directed.

## ST. JOHN IS INTERESTED

The citizens of St. John should not overlook the fact that the Empire steamships were taken away from St. John this season, and that there is another season coming. In Halifax the board of trade is not only keeping up a vigorous agitation in behalf of that city, but is asking other boards of trade to pass resolutions asking that Halifax be made the only mail port. For example, we find that at the last meeting of the council of the Halifax board of trade a resolution passed by the Truro board was submitted. The Truro people ask that, when a new mail contract is entered into, Halifax be named as the port for landing and embarking the mails. This would cut out St. John. The reasons given by the Truro board of trade are "that mail matter reaches its destination considerably quicker when landed at Halifax, and that Halifax is safer, more convenient and in many ways far the best port for Trans-Atlantic mails during the winter months." St. John people know that these statements are incorrect. It has been shown this winter that the mails can be handled more expeditiously here than at Halifax and the safety of this port has been demonstrated during many years of winter port business. Nevertheless, if Halifax keeps up a persistent and well designed agitation, whilst the people of St. John do nothing, the interests of this port may suffer, and when it is too late the citizens may have sacrificed for the benefit of another port.

## CO-OPERATION

The co-operative movement is steadily gaining ground among the orchardists of Nova Scotia. There are over thirty co-operative companies combined in what are called the United Fruit Companies of Nova Scotia, Limited, and the number is increasing. There is also a central board representing all these companies, to look after the marketing of their products and the purchase of such supplies as are got on the co-operative plan. New companies were formed and organized at Hortonville and Wolfville, and others are in process of formation, as there is an organizer in the field for that special purpose. The Berwick Register says that the more the fruit growers of the Annapolis Valley know of co-operation the better co-operators they become. The United Fruit Companies have held their annual meetings, with a good attendance, and the reports submitted confirm the members in their support of the general organization. Indeed co-operation was one of the chief topics of favorable discussion at the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association. The latest forward step is the decision of the directors of the United Fruit Companies to establish a cold storage plant, and make a practical demonstration of the value of pre-cooling fruit. Twenty-three companies were in favor of this movement and only six against it. It has been shown by actual experience that through co-operation, and a central board to look after the marketing of fruit, more satisfactory returns have been received than would have been possible under any other system. The central board, through its personal representatives on the other side, is constantly advised of the condition of the different markets, and it is thus possible to take advantage of the best markets and avoid shipping to those which are overstocked. The profits on the sales, instead of going into the pockets of speculators, are distributed among the growers. In a word, co-operation reduces the cost of production and increases the return to the grower.—Mr. A. E. Adams,

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## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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"How came you in the penitentiary?" "I was drugged and robbed."

"By whom?" "My doctor."

"He told me to take iron."

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**FAIRVILLE NEWS**

F. L. Pettis Gives Address — Early Morning Fire

Before the Fairville Brotherhood last evening Frank L. Pettis of St. John delivered an address on Single Land Tax before a very representative gathering of men including the parish councilors and prominent members of the Board of Trade. Mr. Pettis at the outset explained the four sources of taxation under existing conditions, viz: real estate, personalty, income and land, and lauded the single tax as being the most comprehensive and equitable of all. He cited instances of injustice in personalty taxation claiming most persons concealed the value of holdings and taxable effects and the present system made the citizens anxious to evade the law in every possible way and reduce the tax bill. One point especially emphasized was that there would be few if any arrears under single tax. Civic authorities could always levy on the land to enforce collection, while today income tax payers or did not pay up and the next man, who had already shouldered his burden must also assume theirs.

The growth of Vancouver was referred to under single tax, both in building operations and population, while the rate remained the same, even under the impetus and expense of much civic improvements.

As to the city lands in Lancaster, Mr. Pettis advised that they be taxed proportionally to the improved lots nearby. The Simms people could not expand in the city simply because they could not buy the land they wanted, even at fancy prices, and so had to get out where there was more room. If the holder of that unimproved land had been taxed well up to the value of improved real estate nearby, the sale would have gone through.

St. John city has been kept back for years by this or that, or some other real estate concern who, only paying nominal taxes, will not sell the land they control at reasonable figures, that industries can take advantage of; but Fairville has the open spaces and it is up to the citizens to see that the best system of taxation for general good is adopted. There's something the matter with a method of taxation that industries all suffer from and ask exemption before building in the city.

The speaker stated that the efforts of Lancaster to incorporate was most praiseworthy and enjoyed all present to lend a hand in the good work.

In the discussion which followed it became quite evident that Mr. Pettis' remarks had found disciples particularly in regard to the city land holdings in this section. One of the men in his remarks stated the city will not sell on Manawagansh or Pipe Line roads splendid residential sections and people wanting to build were obliged to go in other directions where prohibitive prices were asked for lots.

"There appears only one way to force the city's hand," he continued, "Tax the property until they are obliged to let go, and then the homeseeker will get his rightful chance."

Early this morning fire damaged the roof of Wm. Pink's house in Fairville. Mr. Heave, who occupied the upper part of the house, was ill, and was removed to safety. The house was insured for \$8,000.

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