

TAX REFORM MAN GIVES HALIFAX RAKING

Diriest, Shabbiest and Most Woebegone Looking City in Canada, Says Mr. Brown

The Halifax Chronicle publishes the following:
To the Editor of The Chronicle:
Sir,—When I resolved to visit Nova Scotia, my mind was filled with pleasurable anticipations, I looked forward to seeing in Halifax, a city worth visiting. I had from my childhood in Ontario read much and heard much about Halifax; the oldest city in Canada, blessed with a unique and splendid location; situated on the finest harbor of Canada; and enjoying the priceless asset of 165 years of opportunity and progress. I looked forward to seeing a city worthy of its location and profiting from its privileges. I was sorely disappointed, so terribly disappointed as to feel as though my ideal had been shattered.
Coming from New York by steamer, we got near Nova Scotia, I thought how greatly blessed was Nova Scotia and particularly Halifax, because of its great sea wealth and when I thought of the other great resources of this province, such as timber, coal and farming lands, I felt sure I would behold in Halifax, a City of ease, strength and beauty.
The harbor as we rode in looked as good as a report pictured it to be, a broad and easy entrance, opening into a spacious port in which unlimited fleets could find safe anchorage, and the hills that sloped gently down to the sea, gave an impression, grand and inspiring.
My first shock was the condition of the pier where our vessel tied up; primitive, rickety and dilapidated; shamefully out of order and a disgrace to any port, let alone a port that claimed to be one of the world's ports.
I began at once to wonder what was wrong with the people of supposedly thrifty Nova Scotia, that in 165 years,

they could not produce a decent pier to the ancient city, but rather to spur them up to redeem their city. I am forced to say that of all the cities of Canada, and I have seen them all, you have the dirtiest, shabbiest and most woebegone looking city in the whole Dominion. It is safe to say that outside of any new residence district, you may have, that at least 80 per cent. of the buildings are absolutely worthless. There are more old ramshackle on valuable lots than in any other Canadian city and that is saying a good deal.
Now Halifax should be the most beautiful and modern city of Canada. It takes time to produce wealth, you have the time, it takes intelligent and thrifty people to build fine cities, you have the intelligence and thrifty people; then why is it you have a city of less than 50,000 after 165 years, and a city that looks as if the hand of death were laid upon it and it was laid out for burial? Simply that your tax system has more than offset the energy of the people and the wondrous natural advantages you possess.
Financing Improvements
Every effort has a cause and a given cause will produce a given effect. In Halifax, a man who does a good thing such as painting his house, is fined for so doing, he who would be so bold as to build, is heavily fined. He who engages in production and adds to the wealth of society is treated as a criminal and severely dealt with.
To tax capital is to drive capital away, to tax labor products is to increase the cost of living and not to tax land values properly, and to tax it properly, you must tax land values sufficiently to take the unearned increment for social use and thereby remove the incentive that men now have to gamble in land values, making land artificially scarce, boosting the price, raising the rents and driving workers far afield where opportunities are more abundant.
In taking land values for public use, you take from no man anything he has personally produced or has a moral title to, but you are only taking for the use of society, that value that is created socially and is obviously intended by nature as the source of social revenue.
The Remedy
When you tax labor values or capital, you prevent free production and drive away the wealth without which there can be no city beautiful. If the valuable lots in this town, that are now idle or occupied only by antediluvian shanties, as so many of them are, were taxed as they should be, and all taxes on buildings abolished as if by magic, there would arise in the place of these unsightly wrecks modern buildings that would in time make Halifax a modern city that you might be proud of.
To adopt the single tax as your method of raising social revenues would be to proceed to the whole world, that here in this city by the sea, labor is free from unjust burdens and capital the handmaid of labor, is welcome.
In Halifax, I have met so many very kind and courteous people, that it seems to me the one thing needed to make it a nobler city of noble citizens, is this wise, just and honest change in your tax system.
"Why hesitate? Ye are full bearded men, with God implanted wills, if ye but dare, and the very angels will applaud the deed."
JAMES R. BROWN.
Halifax, March 27, 1914.
Tonight at Daniel's—Sale of fine coutille satin trimmed corsets, value \$1.25, sale 75c. pair. See ad page 5.

To Absorb Freckles And Other Blemishes

Every spring numerous inquiries are made by girls seeking some reliable recipe for removing freckles. Last year very favorable reports were received from many who had used mercolized wax during the freckling season. The wax seems to possess unusual properties which completely absorb the freckles, with no harmful effect. The complexion improves wonderfully, becoming as soft as a rose petal, and as delicately tinted. Get an ounce of mercolized wax at any druggist's, spread a thin layer of it over the entire face every night for awhile, washing this off in the morning. For rough, spotty skin, sallowness, blackheads, pimples, and all cutaneous blemishes, this treatment is superior to any other.
Springtime also brings wrinkles to many sensitive skins that are much exposed to winds and changing temperatures. To a hint of a wrinkle based on an ounce of powdered saxolite, which quickly dissolves. Bathe the face in this; the effect on a wrinkled skin is remarkable.

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Now Is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots.
There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription ointment—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots.
Simply get an ounce of ointment—double strength—from any druggist and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than an ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.
Be sure to ask for the double strength ointment as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

REPLENISH YOUR BLOOD IN THE SPRING

Just now you are feeling "out of sorts"—not your usual self. Quite exhausted at times and cannot devote real energy to your work. Sleep does not rest you and you wake up feeling "all tired out." Perhaps rheumatism is flying through your muscles and joints, or may be your skin is disfigured by rashes, boils or pimples. Headaches, twinges of neuralgia, fits of nervousness, irritability of temper and a disordered stomach often increase your discomfort in the spring. The cause—winter has left its mark on you. These troubles are signs that your blood is poor and watery, that your nerves are exhausted. You must renew and enrich your blood at once and restore tone to your tired nerves, or there may be a complete breakdown. The most powerful remedy for these spring ailments in men, women and children is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, because these Pills cleanse bad blood and strengthen weak nerves.
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Begin your spring tonic treatment today for the blood and nerves with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—the Pills that strengthen.
These Pills are sold by most dealers, but do not be persuaded to take "something just the same." If you can't get the genuine Pills from your dealer, they will be sent you by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WHAT THE CANDIDATES PAY

A study of the assessment list for 1913 brings to light the amount of taxes paid by each of the candidates. The assessment is divided as follows:

Candidate	Real Est.	Personal	Income	Taxes
James H. Frink	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$4,500	\$450.85
Miles E. Agar	7,600	9,000	3,000	276.56
W. W. Allingham	900	900	600	15.87
J. Fred Belyea	1,200	400	400	40.20
W. J. Brown	100	1,000	1,000	23.01
C. W. deForest	1,000	1,800	1,800	55.45
G. Fred Fisher	11,700	8,000	1,300	307.60
John B. Jones	2,800	300	600	68.85
John McGoldrick	5,800	1,800	1,000	223.86
Frank L. Pottick	1,800	1,000	1,000	44.02
James V. Russell	10,400	12,000	2,800	469.65
James H. Sprout	3,800	400	600	98.08
James L. Sigrue	1,000	800	800	7.73
R. W. Wigmore	1,000	1,000	500	75.40

CANADIAN AVIATION COMPANY GETS CHARTER

Ottawa, April 3.—The Canadian Aviation Company Limited, of Toronto, is going into the business of selling monoplane, bi-plane, flying boats, and flying machines of all kinds, supplying pilots for air craft training, beginning the art of flying, giving flying exhibitions, providing garages for all kinds of flying machines and hiring, trading, manufacturing, etc., all the latest kinds of air carriages and conveyances. The company has just been federally incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000. Wm. Archibald Dean, capitalist, of Toronto, is the leading director in the new company. The letters of incorporation give the company full powers to carry on the aviation business in all its branches. The capital stock of P. Burns & Company Limited, of Calgary, has been increased under federal letters patent from \$2,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

FROM WEALTH TO DEATH IN A CELLAR

Son of Rich Family Murdered—Drink Had Brought Him Low
(New York Sun)
A young man who had his chance in life and failed to take it was found murdered in the basement of Costello & Boles' saloon at 637 Sixth avenue, near Thirty-seventh street, yesterday. The mystery of the case is how any one could have had a motive in killing a man who had sunk so far because of drink that he was contented with a heap of ashes in a cellar for a bed.
But whatever the reason for the deed the murderer escaped, leaving his twenty-six-year-old victim dead with a six-inch gash from an axe in the right side of the head and garroted with his own leather belt.
The murdered man had been known since last summer along Sixth avenue. He came here from Boston and he told John J. O'Flynn, bartender where he spent much time, that his name was Arthur J. Slewin and that he was the son of a wealthy Boston business man, who had disowned him.
He also said that he was educated at St. Francis Xavier College in Montreal, that he became salesman for the Canada Packing Company in Chicago, did so well that the concern sent him to Boston, that he developed a craving for drink and went down hill so rapidly that he lost first his job and then the affection of his family.
Coming to New York, Slewin, who was an athlete in college, worked a while for the Edison company, during which time he took a furnished room at 640 Sixth avenue across the street from the place where he died. Drink again dragged him down and he was put out of his lodging. For the last two weeks he slept in the saloon basement.
Sunday night Slewin left the saloon about eleven o'clock, saying he was going to bed. At noon yesterday a porter for Costello & Boles, known only as Tony, told John J. Boles that Slewin was asleep by the furnace as usual. Then Tony disappeared. After a while Boles went to the cellar and found him dead.
Dr. Kuttel of New York Hospital said Slewin had been dead for hours. About the floor were letters and postal cards some from a girl up New York state and some from his family in Boston.
Thirty-five detectives, gathered from all the Tenderloin stations, were searching for the murderer last night. They are anxious to find Tony.
FORCIBLE FEEDING.
Mr. McKenna, replying in parliamentary papers to a question whether the forcible feeding of prisoners is carried out with any obligation on the part of the authorities to prevent, by all means in their power, prisoners from committing suicide, says: The late Lord Chief Justice laid it down in the case of Leigh v. Gladstone that it is the duty of the prison authorities to do what they reasonably can to keep prisoners in health, and still more clearly, to save them from death. Where, therefore a prisoner persistently refuses to take food, and where forcible feeding is the only means reasonably calculated to keep him alive, it becomes the duty of the prison officers to feed him forcibly.



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