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LONDON'S NEW SYSTEM OF COLLECTING CITY TAXES.

The retiring City Council deserves credit for passing a new and satisfactory bylaw with regard to the collection of city taxes.

In future, as has been enacted in every progressive city in Canada, to the manifest advantage of the overwhelming proportion of the people, the taxes will be payable in two installments. One half the regular rate less any fractional part, and the assessment for local improvements must be paid on or before Aug. 15, and the remainder on Oct. 15. The taxpayer who pays his second installment before Oct. 15 will receive a discount of 3 per cent., equivalent to 18 per cent. per annum. The council has decided that if these installments are not paid as provided for, 5 per cent. shall be added.

The practical effects of this change will be:

1. The city will not be compelled to borrow money from the bank, and to tax the people to make good the interest, to defray all civic expenditures from January to December. No business man manages his own affairs as the council has hitherto conducted civic business. Why should city affairs not be conducted with as scrupulous regard for economy as private business? While they are not, the taxes cannot be reduced.

2. The taxes will be collected when the mass of the taxpayers can best afford to pay them. In December, when the taxes are now called for, the heaviest bills of the household fall due, and when taxes are added the burden is too heavy. In the early fall work is more plentiful, and coal and wood bills do not come due as they do at New Year.

3. With the taxes paid on the dates named, the city will save several thousand dollars in bank interest, thus enabling the aldermen to reduce the taxation, as well as pay the substantial discount granted to citizens when they pay their final installment.

4. Another saving under the new system will accrue from the fact that the new council will be able to estimate its own expenditures in March or April at the latest, before the money is all spent. Under the system now discarded, the estimates are not made up till August or September, after all the money has virtually been spent, thus affording much scope for extravagant and haphazard expenditures.

5. The generous discount granted on payment of second installment will insure a pretty prompt response on the part of the mass of the taxpayers, who, it must be said, are not backward in paying their legitimate debts. Our discount of 3 per cent. is much more liberal than that granted in Toronto, where a similar system exists, and where only one half of 1 per cent. discount is allowed on the second installment.

A demagogic agitation has been in progress for some time intended to injure those aldermen who endorse the principle that London should conduct its financial affairs on business principles, as all progressive communities now do. The detractors whisper into the ears of electors that the aldermen have decreed that citizens must pay two years' taxes in one, and they exclaim, "Just think of the extortion! Would you vote for such men?"

It is not true that the new system calls for two years' taxes in one.

The council would not collect two years' taxes in one year if it desired to do so. The Legislature has given it no power to do so, and never will give it or any other council power to do so.

The taxes of 1892 are due in 1892, and all who desire to be even with their creditors have settled with the corporation, and thus avoided the penalty. The taxes of 1893 will be collected in 1893, which everyone will concede to be proper. But the taxes of 1894 will not be due till the fall of that year. How, then, are the denunciations of the aldermen so very unjust as to try to poison the minds of the electorate with the assurance that two years' taxes will be collected in one year? The cry is a contemptible one, and should be frowned down by all who desire to see the business of the city managed economically and well.

In no city where the system about to be inaugurated in London has been introduced would the taxpayers for one moment listen to a proposition to go back to the old method of taking the people's money to pay heavy bank interest for money with which to defray the running expenses of the corporation.

Party strife, sectional and sectarian jealousies belong to the past.—(Ottawa Citizen (Conservative).)

They do belong to the past with all men who are not self-seeking firebrands.

On this morning after Christmas we pity the man who is so selfish, even in this season of good-will, that he has endeavored to add to the happiness of no one. It is not too late for him to turn over a new leaf.

It is said that Ald. Gartsshore did not bring up his stocking on Saturday night, but rumor hath it that he will put up his footgear on Monday next, fully assured that the intelligent electors of London will drop the mayor's chair into it.

SHARP PRACTICE.

It is well that the bogus communication regarding the cheese yield of Canada, purporting to have been sent to the London (England) Grocer newspaper by a person signing himself R. W. Holman, has been exposed. The letter contained a most distorted estimate of the stocks of cheese in Canada, alleging that the make was in excess of that of 1891 by 300,000 boxes, and that we were about to flood the British market with the surplus. As a matter of fact, there is no R. W. Holman living in this city or vicinity. There can be no doubt the conjecture of the Montreal Bulletin is correct, that the letter was written for the disgraceful purpose of deceiving the cheese buyers of Great Britain, and thoroughly scolding them by stating in an apparently disinterested manner that there were about 300,000 boxes of cheese in Canada more than actually existed, in order that they would hold off buying and thus cause the market to sag, and enable someone who had previously made short sales of about 30,000 to 40,000 boxes of September cheese for January delivery in London at 50s to 51s c. i. f. to cover at lower prices. That is believed by the entire trade in Canada to have been the sole object of getting the "Holman" letter published in the London, Eng. Grocer. It is really astounding to witness the contemptible tricks which some traders will resort to for the purpose of making money by guiling the public. In the above instance, however, the "Holman" short seller of cheese did not succeed.

ANOTHER GREAT CANAL SYSTEM.

In the Canada Gazette of this week notice is given that application will be made by an international syndicate for a Dominion charter for the International Navigation Company, which promises to be one of the most remarkable enterprises undertaken in modern times. The syndicate has been organized to connect Lake Erie, Montreal and New York City by 22-foot navigation, with locks 22 feet draft, 50 feet wide and 450 feet long. The canal between Lakes Erie and Ontario will be about 24 miles long, and the descent will be made with four locks, each of about 80 feet lift. Vessels will pass from lake to lake in four hours. The navigation will be: Down the St. Lawrence, reaching Lake St. Francis, with one lock of 48 feet lift at Cornwall; from Lake St. Francis one arm of the navigation will descend to Montreal, with one lock of 82 feet at Lake St. Louis, and one of 45 feet at Montreal harbor; the other arm will strike Lake Champlain, descending into it with one lock of about 50 feet; then down Lake Champlain, and cut through to the Hudson, descending to tide level with one lock of about 85 feet lift. Between Lake Erie and Montreal there will be seven locks and 363 miles of navigation, of which 45 miles will be canal. Between Lake Erie and New York there will be seven locks and 706 miles of navigation, of which 131 will be canal. Between Montreal and New York will be four locks and 408 miles of navigation, of which 115 will be canal. The time from Lake Erie to Montreal will be 32 hours; from Lake Erie to New York, 60 hours; between Montreal and New York, 28 hours. The striking feature of the navigation is the lift of the locks, the greatest being 3-1/2 as high as any ever built. Such high lifts are said by the promoters to be rendered possible by the use of compressed air operating in locks built entirely of steel and working with the greatest speed consistent with safety.

It is understood that the canal between Lake Erie and Ontario will be constructed in the United States, and that it will prove a formidable competitor to the Welland canal, on the Canadian side, which does not now pay expenses. The new system of navigation, indeed, if carried out successfully will revolutionize the lake carrying trade, and have an important influence upon the several lines of railway. It will be a severe blow to Canadian canal interests if, after our Government has spent many millions of dollars on constructing and improving them, this new syndicate, which is understood to be controlled by United States capitalists, should now supply a waterway that will have the effect of largely neutralizing Canadian endeavors.

As extended report of the proceedings at the National Liberal Club, London, on the occasion of the presentation of the Canadian portrait of Mr. Gladstone to that organization, is to hand. Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., in making the presentation, delivered the address of the evening. It was, as Earl Rosebery said in accepting the portrait, a "noble specimen of eloquence," and it set forth, as only Mr. Blake could do, the unity of Liberalism wherever found. Mr. Blake said it was his duty to ask the club, which was the social home and one of the principal embodiments of National Liberalism in the metropolis, to accept at the hands of their Canadian brethren the portraits of that great leader of Liberal thought and action whom it was their proud privilege to call their own leader—but whose name and fame extended far beyond those isles, far beyond the great English-speaking republic, even to the ends of the earth. His name was known and revered wherever there had been an oppressed people to be freed, an ancient wrong to be redressed, a political evil to be remedied, or a public good to be accomplished. It is needless to say that his well-deserved tribute to the great Liberal leader was heartily cheered by the assemblage. Indeed, Mr. Blake's address throughout has been pronounced most appropriate and effective.

A Kingston dispatch says the business of shipping hay from that city to Great Britain has proved unprofitable, owing to the high ocean freight charges. Dealers find that they can make more money by shipping hay to the United States by paying the McKinley duty of \$4 per ton thereon than by sending it to England, but the conditions leave but a very low price for the farmer who raises the hay.

GIVE US AN HONEST LAW.

[Toronto Telegram.]
The enactment of an honest Dominion election law is one way of removing discontent and of restoring the vanishing superiority of that grand old Canadian institution, to wit, an honest election. When the Dominion Franchise Act comes up for revision let the best man in both parties approach a patriotic work in a spirit of sincere concern for the national good. The Franchise Act and the election law are thoroughly American in their possibilities of evil. They abound in loopholes through which perjured officials can drag defeated candidates into Parliament. The country needs those loopholes stopped and an end put to the scandals caused by the John R. Dunns, of Queen's county, N.B., and the Judge Elliotts, of London, who usurp the functions of a free constituency.

WHY MR. CARLING WAS KICKED OUT.

[Hamilton Times.]
We know not why Sir John Thompson was so anxious to get rid of Hon. John Carling, but it is probable that the new Premier was thinking of two-rowed barley when he ordered the old Minister of Agriculture off the premises. The stuff which Mr. Carling peddled into the Tory farmers to sow, with the promise that it would fetch 80 cents a bushel in the English market, is on their hands now, with a nominal value of 25 cents a bushel, and no demand for it except for hog feed. In the barley counties of Durham, Northumberland, Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox, many of the farmers who went extensively into growing the new variety of barley will not be able to pay their debts with the proceeds. Worst of all, there is no market for the two-rowed barley has hybridized with the six-rowed barley, for the excellence of which Ontario has always been so famous, in which case the price may never be so good as it used to be, even if the Democrats win out the American duty. We do not suppose Mr. Carling intentionally led the Tory farmers into this scrape. He merely blundered, as is his habit, and Sir John Thompson would be well rid of him.

IN A WATERSPOUT'S PATH.

Narrow Escape of a British Ship from Total Destruction.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—The British steamship Amur, from Calcutta, dropped anchor at night, and the next morning her appearance indicated the thrilling experience she has had with the elements. On Dec. 19, when on the southern edge of the gulf stream, the ship had a narrow escape from total destruction by a waterspout, which passed under her stern not many yards from the ship. The first sign of this monstrous disturbance was in the shape of a heavy cloud on the horizon direct to windward, but as it drew near it appeared as though it would overtake the ship and send all on board to the bottom. It was a desperate struggle to get out of its way, the ship being already in a disabled condition. The engineer put on all steam, realizing it was a race for life. Near and nearer the dangerous water column drew to the ship, but the ship had gotten north to a place of safety. The waterspout passed the Amur's stern with a deafening noise and disappeared. The same evening the ship and crew, as they lay in the water, were blown by a gale, the ship driving directly under the waves and sweeping from her decks everything movable. The tarpaulins on the hatches were washed away, ports were started and her coverings were torn away. A tremendous sea from the north-east still continued and her decks were started through the immense pressure brought about by the great quantities of water that was being continually shipped. Everyone on board was more or less injured through the ship's terrific rolling, and the captain pronounced it the worst passage he ever experienced.

To Recover the Family Plate.

HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—Judge Stewart has lost his appeal in the Vanstitt case. As it stands now the judgment is in favor of Miss Vanstitt, of Antwerp, Belgium, is reaffirmed. The suit was to recover a lot of family plate of the late Admiral Vanstitt, who in the early sixties lived at Eastwood, Ont.

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