

IMPROVEMENT TAX.

Provokes a Lengthy Discussion at Last Night's Meeting of the City Council.

Several Aldermen Wish to Consider Estimates of Expenditure First.

Mayor Beaven Thought Otherwise, and Little Business Was Transacted.

The whirlwind of opposition that struck Sir Charles Tupper and his satellites in their endeavor to force the coercion bill through parliament seems to have travelled westward for the purpose of spending the balance of its fury in the council chamber at the city hall.

While the urbane presiding officer at Ottawa was not an object for attacks save in being compelled to listen to, on the evening of Monday, Mayor Beaven was last evening not only compelled to listen to many, though not long speeches for the time limit prevented that—but in greater part of the opposition was directed against him.

At the last meeting the council decided upon the rate of taxation upon land, but when the rate on improvements for board of health and educational purposes came up for discussion several of the aldermen thought it preferable to defer the consideration of these estimates until the next evening.

After Ald. Cameron's motion appointing the mayor and Ald. Humphrey, Glover, Tiarks and Marchant members of the court of revision, and fixing June 2nd and the city hall the time and place for holding the court had passed, and after Ald. Marchant's resolution placing the city carpenters under the street superintendent had also passed, the council resolved itself into a committee of the whole to discuss the estimates. Mayor Beaven then wanted the council to pass the rate on improvements. He quoted the total amounts raised from all sources since 1891 to show that the draft estimates before the council were lower than those of any other year in that time.

Ald. Macmillan agreed with Mayor Beaven that it was the lowest levy on land, but it was the highest on improvements. Owners of real estate who had to pay \$18 taxes last year would only have to pay \$13.50 this year, while improvements that paid \$4.50 last year would be charged \$7.50 this year. He repudiated any responsibility for such a system that discriminated against the holders of improvements for the benefit of the large landowners. It was a breach of faith to endeavor to force this matter on the council after Ald. Humphrey's resolution passed at the last meeting.

Ald. Williams claimed that the rate on improvements was higher in other years. The necessary revenue must be raised, and there was no other way for doing so. Ald. Macmillan stated that no honest effort was made to look for sources of revenue. He pointed out a means of raising revenue at the last meeting of the council, by levying a frontage tax where water pipes were laid. Certain members of the council were acting at the dictation of the mayor.

Mayor Beaven—Now, Ald. Macmillan, will you please keep order. I am pretty good-natured, but there is a limit to everything. Aldermen Marchant, Humphrey and Macmillan strongly urged that by a resolution of the council it was decided to postpone the levying of the rate till the estimates of expenditure were passed, and by endeavoring to recede from this course the council was acting in an inconsistent manner.

Ald. Tiarks moved that the council proceed to discuss the rate on improvements for board of health and educational purposes. This was carried, Ald. Cameron, Marchant, Macmillan and Humphrey voting against it. Ald. Macmillan moved that the committee rise and report progress. The motion was lost.

Ald. Macmillan then moved that the committee proceed to discuss the estimate for the Old Men's Home. Ald. Humphrey told the mayor that if

there was any delay in passing the estimates he was entirely to blame. The mayor knew that the motion which he (Ald. Humphrey) offered at the last meeting, and which was passed, postponed the matter of raising the rate on improvements till the estimates of expenditures were passed, and it was a direct breach of faith with the council to ignore that resolution and spring the matter on the council. The mayor was solely to blame for the delay in the discussion of the estimates.

Mayor Beaven—You are entitled to your own opinion, Ald. Humphrey. Ald. Humphrey—Yes, but I want you to know my opinion. Mayor Beaven—I don't care what your opinion is. Ald. Macmillan stated that the mayor's action was an attempt to ignore the council with the exception of one or two. He continued to strongly protest against the action of the mayor, and had spoken for some time, when

Mayor Beaven said—I am much interested in listening to you, but I must point out that you have spoken the full limit of ten minutes. Ald. Macmillan thanked the mayor for allowing him to speak the full limit and took his seat. Ald. Macmillan's motion was then put and lost, Ald. Williams, Wilson, Glover, Tiarks and the mayor voting against it.

Ald. Marchant then moved an amendment that the council discuss the estimates for roads, streets and bridges. In moving this resolution Ald. Marchant stated that he would remember opposing the passing of the rate on improvements till the estimates of expenditures were passed. The mayor should see the reasonableness of this proposition and not obstruct the work of the council.

Mayor Beaven again explained his position and claimed it was the only business-like course for the council to pursue. Ald. Humphrey wanted to know why the mayor allowed his resolution to pass at the last meeting if he was determined that the council should only act as he directed. My limits and body were puffed or bloated so

and good-natured town clock struck eleven. Ald. Macmillan moved that the committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again. This was defeated. Ald. Tiarks then moved to proceed with the consideration of the estimates. This not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote was declared lost.

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THE DOCTORS WERE WRONG. THEY SAID MR. REUBEN PETCH WAS PERMANENTLY DISABLED. They Apparently Had Good Grounds for their Report, and on the Strength of it He Was Paid a \$1,500 Disability Insurance. Another Case in Which Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Have Brought Health After All Other Means Failed.

From the Meaford Monitor. Mr. Reuben Petch is a resident of Greenville who has been known to the editor of the Monitor for a considerable number of years. For several years Mr. Petch has been in bad health, has been an intense sufferer and was declared incurable by a number of physicians, and was paid a disability insurance of \$1,500. Lately, it was ascertained that those who had pronounced him incurable, Mr. Petch has been brought back almost to his former health. This restoration he attributes to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and knowing that his story would interest the readers of the Monitor, a reporter was sent to interview him. The following is Mr. Petch's narrative as given the reporter:

"I had been sick for some five years. I consulted in that time with no less than six of the best physicians I could find, but none seemed to help me as far as medicine was concerned. My limbs and body were puffed or bloated so

that I could not get my clothes on. I had lost the use of my limbs entirely. When I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I could not dress myself and had not dressed myself for two years previous. I could not even open my mouth enough to be fed with a spoon. I seemed to have lockjaw. I could not get up or down the doorsteps, and if I fell down I had to lie there until I was helped up. I could not get around without a cane or a crutch. My wash seemed to be done by my wife, and I had a pinching of me and I would not feel better. The doctors told me I could never get better. They said I had palsy on one side, caused by spinal sclerosis, the effect of a gripe. You might roast me and I would not sweat. I was a member of the Meaford Association of Toronto, and as under the rules I was entitled to a disability insurance, I made application for it. I was examined by two doctors on behalf of the association and pronounced permanently disabled, and was given a disability insurance of \$1,500. This was about two years after I first took sick. Things went on in this way for a considerable period, and my helplessness was, if any thing, on the increase. I was continually reading about the cure through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and at last determined to try them. After using four or five boxes there was a change. It first made itself manifest by my beginning to sweat freely. I made up my mind to give them a thorough trial and to my surprise I have gained in health and strength ever since. I take no other medicine except Pink Pills. I began taking them when all other medicines and doctors had failed to do me any good. I could not get off my chaise better but Pink Pills have rescued me from a living death, and now I am happy to say that I can work and walk and get around finely. I eat heartily, sleep soundly, and feel like a new man, and I ascribe the cause entirely to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I cannot say too much in their praise, and recommend them highly to all similarly afflicted."

The above is Mr. Petch's ungarbled statement of his case and we might add, we know him to be a respectable, reliable gentleman, who has no interest in making the statement only to do good to others who might become afflicted as he was.

This strong testimony proves the claim made that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure when other medicines fail, and that they should rank as the greatest health help in modern medical science. The public should always be on their guard against imitations and substitutes, which some unscrupulous dealers for the sake of extra profit, urge upon purchasers. There is no other remedy "just the same" as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and the genuine always have the full trade mark, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, on the wrapper around every box.

A number of "balls" by members of parliament and others have been printed lately, but bishops seem to perpetrate them sometimes. His Lordship of Ripon, in a sermon the other day at Calverly, near Leeds, betrayed his Hibernian origin, not for the first time, in the same way. He said "My brethren, I beg of you to take hold of your heart and look it straight in the face."

THE CITY OF SPOKANE IS FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRAIL CREEK MINING DISTRICT, AND THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF SPOKANESITES HAVE RECENTLY BECOME MILLIONAIRES IN THE MINING WORLD HAS HAD A DIRECT TENDENCY TO CREATE SOME EXCITEMENT IN THE BUSINESS METALS AND MAKE EXCELLENT SHOWINGS.

The city of Spokane is feeling the effects of the development of the Trail creek mining district, and the fact that a number of Spokanesites have recently become millionaires in the mining world has had a direct tendency to create some excitement in the business metals and make excellent showings. Mines and mining stocks are at their highest prices so readily to their favorites. Mines and mining stocks are at their highest prices so readily to their favorites. Mines and mining stocks are at their highest prices so readily to their favorites.

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GREAT GOLD MINES

An Interesting Article on the Mines of the Trail Creek Region.

The "Le Roi" Said to be the Richest Gold Mine in the World.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

LACROSSE. THAT BANNER.

At the meeting of the executive of the Capital lacrosse club last evening, the special committee appointed to interview the holder of the banner made its report. It was to the effect that the representatives of the old Victoria lacrosse club were willing to place the banner in the hands of Capt. Irving, honorary president of the association, to be played for by the clubs, and the hope was expressed that in view of the conflicting opinions and in the interest of the game, the offer would be accepted by New Westminster. The matter was fully discussed and a unanimous feeling was expressed in favor of a settlement of the difficulty. It was resolved to report the proceedings and the views of the Capitals to New Westminster and Vancouver and delegates were appointed to confer with these clubs. The president of the Capitals in this unfortunate squabble is to be commended, and their efforts to heal the breach and on terms fair to both sides ought to be successful.

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BRITISH MERCHANT MARINE.

The St. Louis Age of Steel says: "The growth of the British mercantile marine, notwithstanding the present depression, and the general revival of the shipbuilding industries in other countries, has by no means reached the decadence some suppose. In less than a decade the tables show an increase of 3,200,000 tons. A large percentage of this gain is due to the building of large steamships. In speaking of this matter the British contemporary says: 'We have 3,375 steamers of 9,000,000 tons. In fact, in ten years we have added over 3,000,000 tons of tonnage, even if all allowance is made for sales, wrecks, and waste generally, while the sailing tonnage is less than it was ten years ago by 462,000 tons. Antecedent in 1872 the average for some years was nearly 300,000 tons, and in 1887 a minimum was reached with an addition of 46,870 tons. That the shipbuilding industry will eventually be more evenly distributed among various nations is a foregone conclusion, and in this inevitable result, Britain must be the greatest loser from competition.'"

—Never let a cough run on from day to day. It indicates either inflammation or irritation, which, if allowed to continue, may result in serious injury to the lungs. A few doses of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cures any pulmonary complaint not entirely beyond the reach of medicine.

—No small objection which young folks had to the old-time spring medicine was their nauseousness. In our day this objection is removed and Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the most powerful and popular of blood purifiers, is as pleasant to the palate as a cordial.

—It will be an agreeable surprise to persons subject to attacks of bilious colic to learn that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. In many instances the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. 25 and 75 cent bottles for sale by all druggists, Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

—The United States government has also awarded a contract for the conveyance of letter mail to miners on the Yukon. The destination of this mail is Circle City. The contract has been secured by the Yukon Transfer Company of Chicago, and the price is \$500 for every round trip. There were several other bidders on this contract. J. M. Underwood, of Portland, Ore., wanted \$1,720 per round trip; A. C. Van Doren of Juneau, Alaska, \$1,650; W. E. Rose and John Hayes, of Juneau, \$1,470; M. W. Bruce, of Washington, D. C., \$700, and P. C. Richardson, of Seattle, \$500 round trip. Circle City is about 500 miles from Juneau and to reach it the mail carrier will have to travel about 40 miles on sledges drawn by dogs and about 400 miles in canoes on the Yukon river. For a distance of thirty miles, where navigation is obstructed, by falls on the river, the canoes and mail will have to be portaged on the backs of Indians. Nothing but letters will be carried, and inasmuch as it is expected that only about 500 of them will be carried on each round trip, and the postage on each will only be two cents, the government will be a loser of 98 cents on each letter carried. There will be six round trips each year. The mail will leave Juneau June 5, July 5, August 4, September 3, October 4, 1896, and June 5, 1897. Returning it will leave Circle City June 21, July 21, August 20, September 16, and October 25, 1896 and June 16, 1897. It is a notable fact that though the government invited tenders for winter service, not a single contractor forwarded a tender. They doubtless, and rightly, considered that the obstacles to winter travel would be so great that it would be impossible for them to fulfill their contract.

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At the last meeting of the executive of the Capital lacrosse club last evening, the special committee appointed to interview the holder of the banner made its report. It was to the effect that the representatives of the old Victoria lacrosse club were willing to place the banner in the hands of Capt. Irving, honorary president of the association, to be played for by the clubs, and the hope was expressed that in view of the conflicting opinions and in the interest of the game, the offer would be accepted by New Westminster. The matter was fully discussed and a unanimous feeling was expressed in favor of a settlement of the difficulty. It was resolved to report the proceedings and the views of the Capitals to New Westminster and Vancouver and delegates were appointed to confer with these clubs. The president of the Capitals in this unfortunate squabble is to be commended, and their efforts to heal the breach and on terms fair to both sides ought to be successful.

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