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SOME PORTLAND TAXES.

POINTS ON WHICH EXPLANATIONS
WILL BE IN ORDER.

The Assessors Contend That They Try to Do Right, but They Seem to Make Some Awfully Wild Guessing—Mr. Kilpatrick Thinks the Council is a Much Abused Body.

Assessor Samuel G. Kilpatrick, of Portland, writes to PROGRESS, explaining that he declines to serve as assessor for another year, because he has other employment that will require his time. This is all very well as far as it goes. Mr. Kilpatrick probably knows his own business, and is entitled to all due credit for what he says of himself. He goes a step too far, however, when he becomes the champion not only of the other assessors but of the Portland council. He complains that PROGRESS "misrepresents both the members of the council and the assessors," and says:

From the time of my appointment as assessor up to the present time I have never, nor do I know of my associate assessors having been influenced, dictated to, or otherwise interfered with in any way or manner whatever by the mayor or any member of the council, in the discharge of our duties as assessors. We always considered our position an independent one, and any statement that the influence of the council or any member or members thereof was used, or attempted to be used, on us in any manner whatever in the discharge of our duties as assessors, is untrue, and unjust both to the council and to the assessors.

Indeed! And how does Mr. Kilpatrick know? In this broad and sweeping statement he vouches for eighteen men beside himself. Is he a mind-reader, or who has authorized him to speak for the thoughts, words and deeds of so large a number?

In the first place, what is "influence?" Nobody supposes that the Chesleys or any other men have bull-dozed the assessors with clubs, shot-guns, or verbal mandates to do this or do that. PROGRESS never asserted that there was anything of the kind. The influence has been of a more subtle and dangerous nature. The assessors may not have been conscious that they were influenced. They may have been under the impression that they were doing justice to all, but if so, they have insensibly, and most unfortunately for the appearance of things, let the Chesleys and their supporters escape with a ridiculously small valuation.

PROGRESS has already shown some instances of this. It has shown how John A. Chesley's real estate is put at only \$5,000 and W. A. Chesley's at \$3,000, their personal estate at \$3,000 and \$2,750 respectively, and that each of these worthies is taxed on a clerk's income of \$800. How does Mr. Kilpatrick explain this stubborn fact, when every sane man in Portland knows the kind of properties the Chesleys own, the abundance of personal property they have and the fine incomes which their business yields?

If the assessors are right, how does it come that Dun Wiman & Co. who are not apt to overestimate, rate the general credit of the Chesleys as "high," and give them a pecuniary strength, for business purposes, of \$20,000?

If the assessors are right, how does it happen that Alderman R. C. Elkin is assessed on only \$3,000 real estate and \$500 personal? Mr. Elkin is well known as a large shipowner. He has half, third and other large interests in a big fleet of good sized vessels. Dun Wiman & Co. allow for all shrinkages and mischances when they proclaim his credit good to the extent of \$10,000. It is probable that \$500 represents little more than a hundredth part of his personal estate. How do the assessors account for the extraordinary valuation they put upon him?

How is it that Alderman Price, who is not in the Chesley ring, is assessed as much on his factory interest as each of the Chesleys is on his foundry interest? Does any one believe that the properties are equal in value? How is it, supposing the factory and foundry did rank equally, that Alderman Price has been credited with \$1,000 personal property, or just twice as much as Alderman Elkin, who owns a fleet of vessels? Alderman Price is taxed right "up to the handle," while the Chesleys and their friends go scot free. That is what is the matter. How does it come?

The question of the Portland assessment is a weighty one. To treat it properly, PROGRESS would have to discuss the affairs of citizens who are not in public life. It has no wish to do so. An occasional specimen brick from the council clique is quite enough for the present.

If the Chesleys and their friends were taxed as they should be, the working man would have less to pay. It would not then be necessary to take a shave off the firemen, who give their time and may be called to give their lives for the benefit of the public. The city allows a rebate of five per cent if taxes are paid before the 1st of October. In the case of the firemen, the taxes are deducted from the September salaries, but as these are not paid until after the 1st of the month, no rebate is allowed. Considering that the city has the money in its hands all the time, this is a pretty small

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A Landlord Who Kicked a Hundred Dollars and Lost a Desirable Tenant.

A well-known private banker has been occupying premises on Prince William street under a three years' lease, which has a good portion of the term to run. Finding the location not all that he wished, the banker recently asked his landlord to relieve him from the lease. As a compensation he offered a bonus of \$50, and would have increased it to \$100, but the landlord was obdurate, and insisted on holding to his lease.

A happy thought occurred to the banker. He asked the landlord if there would be any objection to his sub-letting the premises. "None whatever," was the answer, "so long as you guarantee the rent."

Directly above the banker, in the same building, and holding under the same landlord, is a news room. It is not very accessible, and not likely to be rented for any ordinary