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## TAXATION IN CITIES

It is interesting to note the gradual change in the views of the Canadian people with regard to the question of taxation. The western people were the first to adopt what many still consider a very radical line of action—that of reducing the tax on improvements and gradually placing it all upon the land. The movement has been from the west toward the east, and today we find so influential a journal as the Ottawa Citizen declaring itself in favor of taxation on land values alone. The Ottawa Free Press has denounced the business tax as inequitable, and the Citizen does not only agree with the Free Press but goes further and declares that the income and improvements taxes might with equal fairness be abolished. The Citizen points out that improvements, income and business taxes represent private property, while the value of the land is the product of social activity and is therefore, the rightful basis of taxation for civic revenue. Hence it says—

"In discussing tax reform, therefore, one might just as well get down to fundamentals and strike at all the iniquity involved. When this is done, and done effectually, it will mean that Ottawa will follow the example of Vancouver, Edmonton, and other progressive Western cities, and raise the revenue by taxation upon land values alone. It is hoped that the hearing to be held in Toronto next week will have some definite influence in giving Ottawa municipalities the privilege of changing their taxation methods to accord with recognized principles of right and justice."

It is worthy of note in this connection that the question of tax reform is likely to be brought to the attention of the people of the maritime provinces during the next few months by speakers from Ontario. There is a very active Tax Reform League in that province, which is now striving very hard to secure for Ontario municipalities the right to exempt improvements from taxation. A similar effort has been made in New Brunswick, but without success. Perhaps a greater measure of success will be gained in both provinces within the next year or two. The people of the lower provinces will be glad to hear what the tax reformers of Ontario have to say upon the whole subject.

## THIS IS THE LIMIT

The Montreal Witness makes some quotations from a text-book authorized for use in the French Catholic schools of Quebec, which show it to be one of the most remarkable text-books ever used in any school. Under the head "Geographical Description of the French Possessions of the English in America," we read—

"The English possess all the north of America under the name of New Britain. That immense country is divided into seven parts: Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia to the northeast, Canada in the centre, New Wales to the west of the Hudson Bay, the region of the lakes to the west of New Wales and Canada, and finally New Caledonia west of the region of the lakes. The coast of New Caledonia have received the name of New Cornwall and of New Hanover. Labrador is a very cold country inhabited by Esquimaux, who live on fish. Nova Scotia is an important peninsula to the south of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Halifax is the southeast is its capital and does a large trade in furs. New Brunswick situated north-west of Nova Scotia has Frederick Town as its capital but St. John is its most important city. Canada north of the United States is divided into two parts, Upper Canada and Lower Canada. The principal cities of the first are York on Lake Ontario and Kingston on the River St. Lawrence; the second includes Montreal on the island formed by the St. Lawrence river, and Quebec capital of all Canada and the residence of the Governor of Canada. New Wales and New Caledonia are two regions of which little is yet known. They have no importance except for the furs that are taken there."

This book, the Witness says, bears a stamp which shows that it was approved by the Council of Public Instruction in May of this year. The book is equally illuminating in what it has to say about Australia and New Zealand and says that the city of London has a population of about 2,000,000.

Mr. Langlois, an editor and a member of the Quebec legislature, has brought this book to the attention of the members of the House, to enforce his plea that the government should appoint a responsible minister of education and pass a compulsory school attendance act. If anybody gets in the way of the movement which Mr. Langlois has started, that person's mental processes should at once be made the subject of expert examination. One can hardly believe that there is not another side to this story. It seems incredible that any system of education should for a moment tolerate such a text-book.

The reclamation of land at the south end as a site for industries should prove in the end a very profitable undertaking.

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The fall of Monastir, and the capture of 50,000 Turks, is described as the greatest single success of the war. The position of Turkey grows more hopeless day by day.

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Dr. George R. Parkin is very severe in his criticism of some American Rhodes scholars, and he went before the National Association of State Universities to deliver a paper on "The Rhodes Scholarships."

The Conservative papers are laboring hard to convince their readers that the Liberals are in some way to blame because a large amount of money was not made available by Parliament last year for road construction in the provinces. The Liberals were not at all opposed to the expenditure of federal money for such a purpose, in view of the enormous surplus at the government's command, but they wanted to be sure that the provinces would really get the benefit of the proposed expenditures. They wanted such changes made in the government bill as would ensure this result, but were unable to carry their point. Perhaps they will have greater success at the coming session, in which case the movement for good roads will doubtless receive some assistance from the federal treasury.

While there was a large gain in the Socialist vote in the United States in the recent elections, there was a large falling off in the Socialist vote in Milwaukee. The Bangor Commercial says in explanation—

"The cause of the shrinkage in the Socialist vote in Milwaukee is to be found in any general falling off of the Socialist vote for the country has been the case, but rather in local conditions. There were many ambitious municipal plans advanced by the Socialists. Everything was to be made cheaper, there was to be work for everyone at good wages and plenty of amusement, in fact the platform was quite Utopian. It is probable that the Socialist city government may have done its best to carry out its pledges but it found many obstacles in the way and continually ran against a legal stone wall. The result was that the administration did not differ much from others and the voters who were expecting great things concluded that they had been fooled and in November deserted the Socialist candidates."

The town of Sumpter, South Carolina, has taken a step which is even more advanced than the adoption of the commission plan of government. It has advanced to the point of electing a municipal manager. The government of the town by a council has not been satisfactory, and a man is now sought after to take charge of the affairs of the city. The plan is to have a board of three commissioners, one to be a superintendent, who shall also be an engineer, to take sole charge of the conduct of affairs, applying business principles and entirely free from outside control. Commenting on the policy adopted in Sumpter, an exchange remarks that it should appeal to every man who believes in efficient business methods. There is as much reason for applying such methods to the business of a city as to the business of a corporation. Hence, the municipal manager is coming to the front, and this would seem to mean a further improvement in the system of commission government.

We shall soon have another chapter in the story of the naval manoeuvres of Rear Admiral Borden. Three years ago he favored the Laurier policy, but wanted the word "speedy" inserted. This was done, and the Laurier government lost no time in beginning to carry out this policy. But Mr. Borden in the meantime changed his mind. Later his party came into power, and he took time to consider. He has been considering for 13 months, and during that period has done nothing. Australia, New Zealand and even the Malay States have been doing something, but Canada has been marking time. It is said that Mr. Borden will propose an emergency contribution, and take time to consider a naval policy for Canada. It is most unfortunate that no emergency exists, and that Mr. Archibald and Mr. Winston Churchill should say so at this time. They have said so, however, and there is no getting around it. The study of the Liberals has been directed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. If Mr. Borden has a better policy to propose than that which he favored in 1909, the Liberals will support him. If it is not as good, they will stand by the policy which was good enough for Mr. Borden three years ago.

## MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRE

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—It is understood that Clarence Jameson, M. P. for Digby, William Dennis, proprietor of the Halifax Herald, and John Stanfield, M. P., chief Conservative whip, are to be appointed to the senate.

Havelock, Nov. 18.—Rev. J. B. Ganong has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church here, to take effect at the end of his year 1912. Rev. Mr. Ganong has made many friends in Havelock and vicinity during the two and a half years he has been here, but having received a call from a church in Nova Scotia he has decided to accept.

UNGRATEFUL CREATURE  
It was a very hot day, and a little plebeian party, mainly composed of old ladies, were comfortably seated beneath the shade of the green tree waiting for the kettle to boil, when, horror of horrors, a savage bull appeared on the scene. Immediately a wild yell was made for safety, while the raging creature bounded after one lady who unfortunately had a red parasol. By great good fortune she nipped over the stile before it could reach her. Then, regaining her breath, she turned round, "Oh, you ungrateful creature!" she exclaimed, "here have I been a vegetarian all my life. There's gratitude for you!"

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## VOICE OF PROTEST

He—What in blue blazes are those confounded gals tonight? I never heard them yell in such a blood-curdling way.  
She—Maybe somebody has just told them about eight-cent milk.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## DECADENT DAYS

In days gone by, it used to be, when dead was 'bout as big as men, and run away from home, that he had lots of things to shoes; For he could be a pirate bold, or go to hunt for hidden gold, or find the North Pole, where it's cold, Or fight wild Kiaspaws.

But all the pirate bands have quit, and it just seems that every bit of hidden gold's dug up, and it Can't tempt no one no more; And all the wild Indians have been slain; I wish the world was young again, And I could shed some gore!

I would guide men across the plain, or I would sail the rolling main, or I would break some captive's chain, Or find some robber's den. I never get no chance to shed no hand, I loaded down with lock, or ride with gold spur on my foot, And lead a million men.

Ma tells me if I study I can be real famous by and bye, and I suppose I'll have to try. There's nothing else to do. I tell them upon my knee and tell them 'shamed as I can be, I never shot no Sioux.

I've got to fit the times I'm in, so I can't do a thing but join the other kids in school and win. An honor medal, but I wish I could load up old Ben and save some "sawdust" in dress, and in some distant wilderness, Eat bear meat in a hut!

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The resolution that a boy brought up in the country develops into a better man than the boy brought up in the city, was debated last evening by members of the Y. M. C. A. at the meeting of the senior Epworth League of Edmund street church. The affirmative was upheld by Rev. Mr. Smart, Walter Drake and Robert Goodrich, and argument for the negative were presented by Roy Sandall, Walter A. Adams and Mr. Marquis. The Judge, Mr. Shaw, gave the decision in favor of the affirmative.

Coroner Berryman has empaneled a jury, consisting of George Barnes, foreman; Wallace Babikir, Oscar Witter, Sidney Gibbs, F. A. Easty, Patrick P. Lenihan and Wellington Goding to hold an inquest into the death of John P. Nagle, who was killed at Blue Rock on Saturday. The jury viewed the body last evening and the first session of the inquest will be held on Wednesday evening in the court house. There will be no request into the death of Mrs. Margaret Bridges.

Charles Russell has been appointed business agent of the Truckers and Freight Handlers' Union of the West Side.

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