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TAX RATE WILL NOT BE INCREASED

Neither will it be Reduced this Year. 1906 Rate was 10-1-2 Mills

It is not probable that there will be any reduction in the city tax rate for the year 1907. The rate last year was 10-1-2 mills. This forenoon The Bulletin interviewed the city commissioners and the city assessor, Mr. McMillan, on this question. There seems to be a general idea that there should not be a reduction in the tax rate at the present time.

The commissioners stated that as yet it was impossible to speak with any definiteness, as the lists were not completed. They hoped, however, that the rate would be satisfactory to the citizens generally.

"We now have the lowest rates in the west," they said, "and one of the lowest rates in Canada."

"Will there be any reduction this year?" the Mayor was asked. "I am not in a position to make a statement yet," was the reply, "but I do not think it is likely to be increased."

Last year the rateable assessment was \$17,946,738 and the levy \$187,617.84. In the sub-divisions of Parkdale, Inglewood and Norwood last year a school tax of 2-1-2 mills only was imposed. To the regular assessment was also added the frontage tax which, with arrears from 1905, brought the entire levy up to \$189,963.45.

This year, according to the estimate, there are expected to be over twenty million. There will be no exemptions, as existed last year, and a number of new sub-divisions, such as East Newmarket, are expected to be added to the city in 1907.

City Assessor McMillan is now hard at work with his assistants, and expects to have the lists completed early in June. The commissioners will also prepare the frontage assessment in a few days, and the entire work will be finished before July 1st.

FOR KILLING HUSBAND.

Catherine Neil was sentenced to Not More Than Nine Or Less Than Five Years' Imprisonment. Bridgeport, Conn., May 22.—Catherine Neil, the artist's model and circus girl of New York City, pleaded guilty to the charge of murdering her husband in Greenwich, on December 14th last, at a special session of the Criminal Superior Court. Judge George W. Wheeler imposed upon her an indeterminate sentence of not more than nine and not less than five years in the state's prison, at the conclusion of a hearing that lasted two hours. Mrs. Neil retained her custody until Judge Wheeler imposed sentence, after which she collapsed and had to be carried to a carriage, and the entire neck to the county jail. Catherine Neil was charged with having killed her husband at a hotel in Greenwich by thrusting a nail file into the socket of his eye, the blade penetrating the brain and causing death within a short time. Mr. and Mrs. Neil had quarrelled.

COST \$111,000 MORE TO HEAT CITY LAST WINTER

Than in Cold Months of Previous Year. 55,000 Tons Were Consumed, at a Cost of \$220,000. Coal \$1 per Ton Higher Than Year Ago. Suggestion For Cheapering of Cost of Production.

An investigation into what it cost to keep Edmonton warm during the late severe winter reveals some startling statistics. Another surprise is offered when the figures for the past seven months and the corresponding period of last season are compared. A conservative estimate for the months from October to April indicates that the coal consumption at 55,000 tons. Allowing for the price at which slack coal and other cheaper grades are sold, the price obtained by the dealers easily averages \$4 per ton, thus making a total of \$220,000 expended by the people for coal last winter. During the same period the season before the consumption was 37,000 tons, but coal then averaged only \$1 less per ton. This shows an expenditure of \$111,000 more. Thus it will be seen that the amount paid last winter for coal exceeded the previous winter's outlay by \$110,000, practically an increase of 100 per cent. There are a number of reasons which go to explain this extraordinary increase. The unusual length and severity of the winter, the wonderful growth in the size of the city, and the increased cost of transportation and labor. Undoubtedly the first of these reasons, the weather, was the principal cause for the increased outlay.

FOURTH ALBERTA CONFERENCE

Of Methodist in Session in Calgary. 31 Ministers Answer Roll Call.

Special to The Bulletin. Calgary, May 22.—The ministerial session of the fourth Alberta Methodist Conference assembled in the Central Methodist Church here today. Rev. G. W. Kerby, president of the conference, was in the chair and conducted devotional exercises. Rev. W. A. Lewis, B. A., of Macleod, read the roll call and four 31 ministers answered to their names. Rev. James Allan, M. A., newly-elected general secretary of Home Missions, presented the annual report of the general secretary and treasurer of the Superannuation Fund, and also read a communication from Rev. T. E. Short, associate secretary of foreign missions concerning the release of four volunteers for China. Mr. Allan then discussed the work of his department upon a basis of the recent legislation affecting home missions. This ended the morning session and the conference, the members lunching at the Canadian Club. Luncheon was held in the basement below the conference chamber, at which Dr. J. H. Riddell, D. D., principal of Alberta College, Edmonton, spoke, his subject being, "Some Practical Thoughts on the Origin of Government."

WANT TARIFF REVISION.

American Manufacturers Favor Reciprocal Arrangement.

New York, May 22.—The committee on tariff and reciprocity of the National Manufacturers' association today adopted by their reports resolutions favoring a revision of the tariff at the earliest possible moment, and in the meantime the negotiation and ratification of more reciprocity treaties. The resolutions were referred to the committee on resolutions. The committee reported that it had made a canvass of the association showing a general sentiment favoring such revision. It was suggested that a national tariff association be formed to consider propositions for the revision of the tariff. Another resolution adopted favored the repeal of the Timber and Stone act and that all public timber lands shall be included in the permanent forest reserves, the title of land to be forever retained by the national government.

THREE FOR MODERATOR.

Contest for Chief Position in Presbyterian Church Will Be Three-cornered.

Associated Press Despatch. Toronto, May 22.—Among those suggested for moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly are Revs. Dr. Jas. Carmichael, pastor of King's, Dr. F. B. DuVal, pastor of Knox church, Winnipeg, and Dr. A. Findlay Barrie, superintendent of Presbyterian missions for northern Ontario. One of the three named is almost certain to secure the appointment. The assembly convenes on the first Wednesday in June in Eskine church, Montreal, and will continue for ten days. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Alex. Falconer, of Pieter, N.S., the retiring moderator and father of the recently appointed principal of Toronto university. It is expected that the assembly will meet next year in Winnipeg. Toronto has not been honored with the gathering since 1902.

BUFFALO STRIKE BECOMES SERIOUS

Freight Handlers Will Attempt to Completely Tie-up All Freight Traffic.

Associated Press Despatch. Buffalo, N.Y., May 22.—The "outside" freight handlers employed on the docks have called a meeting to consider the strike of "inside" freight men. A strike of outside men, it is claimed, would completely tie up the packing freight traffic in this port. T. V. O'Connor, vice-president of the Longshoremen's union, will arrive tomorrow to look over the ground. President Keefe was expected, but he was unable to leave Cleveland, where a strike is on. The meeting of "outside" men will probably be held on Sunday. There were several fights between strikers and workmen this evening. At the Anchor Line freight house, where no strike has been called, strikers attacked the men at work and several were badly injured. Two of them being slugged by one of the strikers. The scale demanded by the men in strike, but the foreigners do not seem to understand why some men are allowed to work, while others remain idle. As a result of today's disturbances Superintendent Regan has detained a sergeant and a detachment of police for each freight house. They will go on duty early tomorrow. The Lehigh Valley men have struck the strikers nineteen cents an hour, but the men decided to hold out for the twenty cent scale.

WESTERN COMMISSIONER.

R. R. Hadley to Gather Data From All the Western Provinces.

Nelson, B. C., May 22.—The Dominion Government has announced the publication of a report on the mining industries throughout Canada. R. R. Hadley of this city, formerly superintendent of the Hall Mines smelter here, has been appointed to collect full and reliable data on the mining in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He starts on his work at once.

Rioting in Longshoremen's Strike.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, May 22.—There was a riot at the Atlantic docks in Brooklyn today when 100 negro strike breakers attempted to break up a striking longshoremen. One of the negroes fired a pistol during the fight and was seized.

JEWELRY MEN WERE SWINDLED

Man Passing Himself Off as Dealer Takes in New York Jewelers.

New York, May 22.—An alleged swindle, by which several of the largest dealers in precious stones in the Maiden Lane district were defrauded of jewels amounting to over \$125,000, has come to light through an indictment said to have been obtained on Tuesday at the New York court. According to a man prominent in the jewelry trade, Boeck became first known about a year ago, when he engaged offices in Broadway and announced that he was the New York representative of the firm of Boeck and Sattler, dealers in antiques, the main office, he said, being in Hong Kong, China.

Boeck soon made many friends in the jewelry business and on several occasions acted as agent for wealthy art collectors in purchasing works of art and precious stones. About six months ago he began to take jewels on approval from several of the largest stores in the city saying that he had a buyer for them. When on May 15 he disappeared, it caused considerable excitement in Maiden Lane. A search for him was made but he was nowhere to be found, and as a last resort the Jewelers' Protection union, of which the alleged victims are members, called in private detectives. When an investigation was made it was found that Boeck was a debtor to those firms for between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

Several days ago it is alleged, a letter was received by one of the firms from Boeck, postmarked Philadelphia, containing price tickets for over \$50,000 worth of the jewelry. The property was redeemed.

Boeck, it was stated today, is a native of Pennsylvania, and has been in China, but it is not known in what capacity.

DOUKOHOBORS WELL SATISFIED

With Arrangements Made For Them by Government Giving Them Reserves.

Rev. Dr. John McDougall, of Calgary, who was commissioned by the Department of the Interior to investigate the complex Doukhobor question is in the city today. It was upon Dr. McDougall's report that a policy was adopted by the Minister of the Interior covering this question, and to put this policy into operation Dr. McDougall was sent to the Doukhobor settlements. His first visit was for the purpose of notification and explanation, and his second for the distribution of the land. Speaking to The Bulletin this morning, Dr. McDougall declared the Doukhobors were generally satisfied with the provisions made for them by the government and the justice and equity of the arrangements could not be given to the general public, even though he might appear to have suffered as a result of his refusal to become a citizen of Canada. "The majority of the Doukhobors," said Dr. McDougall, "objecting to accepting Canadian citizenship could not be given ordinary homestead privileges. But because they have been received into Canada by the Dominion Government and allowed privileges in this country, the necessity of making some provision for them arose. The Department of the Interior determined to allow the Doukhobors a reserve of land which might make a livelihood at the pro rata of 15 acres per soul of population, these reserves to be made contiguous to the villages occupied by the Doukhobors. Notification of this purpose was given and documents in both English and Russian were distributed in the villages during January and February of this year. "The Doukhobors having been made to understand the situation, the object of the final trip through these reserves was to arrive at a basis for a new arrangement between the government and the Doukhobors. The Doukhobors, however, called the Doukhobors were given the privilege of re-entry if they so wished, and in return for the revision of the law governing homestead settlement.

Seventy thousand one hundred and seventy-five Doukhobors have elected to remain aliens in Canada. There were 61 reserves have been created in Prince Albert and Yorkton districts. Two hundred and thirty-five entries were granted by the commission, these entries applying to naturalization and agreeing to comply with all the requirements governing applications for naturalization.

"With the settlement of these questions," said Dr. McDougall, "there were then 1,618 quarter sections available of what had been conserved Doukhobor land, but which, by the failure of the Doukhobor to comply with the law, now reverted to the government. "The government has decided to open these lands to the general public, township by township, beginning simultaneously at the Dominion Lands Agencies at Yorkton and Prince Albert beginning June 1st, and continuing as follows: At Dominion Lands Office, Yorkton. Township 27, Range 31, W. 1, June 1. Township 28, Range 31, W. 1, June 3. Township 29, Range 31, W. 1, June 4. Township 30, Range 31, W. 1, June 5. Township 31, Range 31, W. 1, June 6. Township 32, Range 31, W. 1, June 7. Township 33, Range 31, W. 1, June 8. Township 34, Range 31, W. 1, June 9. Township 35, Range 31, W. 1, June 10. Township 36, Range 31, W. 1, June 11. Township 37, Range 31, W. 1, June 12. Township 38, Range 31, W. 1, June 13. Township 39, Range 31, W. 1, June 14. Township 40, Range 31, W. 1, June 15. Township 41, Range 31, W. 1, June 16. Township 42, Range 31, W. 1, June 17. Township 43, Range 31, W. 1, June 18. Township 44, Range 31, W. 1, June 19. Township 45, Range 31, W. 1, June 20. Township 46, Range 31, W. 1, June 21. Township 47, Range 31, W. 1, June 22. Township 48, Range 31, W. 1, June 23. Township 49, Range 31, W. 1, June 24. Township 50, Range 31, W. 1, June 25. Township 51, Range 31, W. 1, June 26. Township 52, Range 31, W. 1, June 27. Township 53, Range 31, W. 1, June 28. Township 54, Range 31, W. 1, June 29. Township 55, Range 31, W. 1, June 30. At Dominion Lands Office, Prince Albert. Township 39, Range 7, W. 3, June 1. Township 39, Range 8, W. 3, June 2. Township 39, Range 9, W. 3, June 3. Township 40, Range 10, W. 3, June 4. Township 40, Range 11, W. 3, June 5. Township 41, Range 12, W. 3, June 6. Township 42, Range 13, W. 3, June 7. Township 43, Range 14, W. 3, June 8. Township 44, Range 15, W. 3, June 9. Township 45, Range 16, W. 3, June 10. Township 46, Range 17, W. 3, June 11. Township 47, Range 18, W. 3, June 12. Township 48, Range 19, W. 3, June 13. Township 49, Range 20, W. 3, June 14. Township 50, Range 21, W. 3, June 15. Township 51, Range 22, W. 3, June 16. Township 52, Range 23, W. 3, June 17. Township 53, Range 24, W. 3, June 18. Township 54, Range 25, W. 3, June 19. Township 55, Range 26, W. 3, June 20.

Two Suffocated in Fire.

Utica, N.Y., May 23.—In a fire in the Metropolitan Hotel early this morning, Annie Sullivan, a chambermaid, and George A. James, of Clinton, a guest, were suffocated. A number of other guests were injured, and there were many narrow escapes. The loss was small.

THE SEEDING IS WELL ADVANCED

First Crop Report Shows Very Favorable Conditions in the Province

Calgary, May 22.—The C.P.R.'s first crop report for Alberta is very favorable and points are: Maple Creek—Seeding almost finished. Gleichen—Seeding almost finished; large increase in acreage. Strathmore—About 75 per cent. seeding done. Leduc—About 75 per cent. seeding done. Airdrie—About 75 per cent. seeding done. Carstairs—Seeding progressing favorably, about one-third done; fall wheat looking good. Didsbury—Fall wheat about three to four inches high, grain growing fast. Olds—90 per cent. seeding done. Bowden—50 per cent. seeding done. Innisfail—50 per cent. seeding done. Red Deer—60 per cent. seeding done. Blackfalds—25 per cent. seeding done. Ponoka—75 per cent. seeding done. Lacombe—75 per cent. seeding done. Wetaskiwin—25 per cent. seeding done. Airdrie—30 per cent. seeding done. Lethbridge—Favorable. Taber—7,000 acres under cultivation. Pincher Creek—Half seeding done. Cardston—50 per cent. seeding done. Bawlf—50 per cent. seeding done. Dayland—About 25 per cent. seeding done. Metchosin—25 per cent. seeding done. Sedgewick—50 per cent. seeding done. Hardisty—60 per cent. seeding done. Okotoks—70 per cent. seeding done. High River—70 per cent. seeding done. Milled—All per cent. seeding done. Nanton—Almost complete. Braket—60 per cent. seeding done. Milled—All per cent. seeding done. Cowley—75 per cent. seeding done.

Fire in Hartford College.

Hartford, Conn., May 22.—One section, "Seabury Hill," the main dormitory of Trinity college, was partially burned this afternoon and the library nearby considerably damaged. The students' share of the dormitory furniture and articles in the reception room.

American Church Joins Canada Body.

Galt, Ont., May 22.—The United Presbyterian church, one of oldest in Ontario, was yesterday received into the Canadian body at a meeting of the Guelph presbytery.

HE IDENTIFIED THE WRONG MAN

Caron Homesteader Sentenced to 5 Years in Edmonton Penitentiary

Moose Jaw, May 22.—Robert Loughran, a homesteader near Caron, was found guilty today on a charge of conspiracy to defraud, and was sentenced to five years in the Edmonton penitentiary. A Union Bank cheque for \$985, mailed from Winnipeg to Wm. Overell, at Beulah, was stolen from the mails and paid at the bank here on December 27th to an unknown man whom Loughran wrongfully identified as Overell.

HAVE SURROUNDED SWAMP.

Posse Held After Negro Who Escaped Lynching.

Associated Press Despatch. Reidsville, Ga., May 22.—A posse today surrounded a swamp in which Flem Padgett, the negro who attempted assault on Mrs. Laura Moore, near here, resulted in the lynching yesterday of two negroes, the death of three other persons, and the injury of seven others. The wife of Sam Padgett, one of the slain negroes, confessed today that after the withdrawal of the posse that attacked Padgett's cabin she had killed John Hare, a member of the posse who had been shot down in the attack.

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE ENDS.

Some of the Strikers are Left Out in the Cold.

Associated Press Despatch. Montreal, May 22.—The Longshoremen's strike is at an end, and a number of the union men have found themselves out in the cold. The men were re-engaged as they presented themselves by ones and by twos. Men on the outside are now clamoring for the application of the Lemieux act. The loss to the port of Montreal is estimated at half a million.

Switchmen Protest.

Associated Press Despatch. Detroit, Michigan, May 22.—At the biennial convention of the Switchmen's Union of North America here a resolution was adopted today protesting the "kidnapping" of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and requesting President Roosevelt to use all legitimate means in his power to secure a reversal of the recent decision "legalizing" the kidnapping.

Haywood Case at Standstill.

Associated Press Despatch. Boise, Idaho, May 22.—The Haywood trial is at a standstill today while Sheriff Hideo is summoning a venire of sixty ordered yesterday when the last special venire of one hundred men in his power to secure a reversal of the recent decision "legalizing" the kidnapping.

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