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### TAX REFORM

Nothing contributes so much to clear thinking on any subject as a plain and simple exposition by one who has mastered the subject and has the ability to make his hearers grasp the principles upon which his arguments are based. It is not too much to say that a St. John audience has never listened to a more intelligent statement of the case for exemption from improvements on taxation, and for an accurate city valuation as the first step in reform, than that of Mr. A. B. Farmer, of Toronto, under the auspices of the Canadian Club last evening.

While Mr. Farmer regards the single tax as the ideal, he recognizes that its adoption at one step is impracticable. He would therefore have a proper valuation made, which would in itself show a lower tax rate, and then proceed to remove the burden gradually from improvements, as was done in Vancouver and is being done in Alberta and Saskatchewan. He was also in Toronto under the auspices of the Canadian Club last evening.

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In the evening, to convert them into dance halls. Others would expect to find the furniture out to pieces and tobacco juice on the floor, after an evening's use of a room under the auspices of the Playgrounds Association. Some would expect some fearful epidemic. By the way, who are the members of the Playground Association, and of its executive? Are they drunkards, thugs, and generally suspicious characters? Quite the contrary. They are as deeply interested in the care of the school buildings as their neighbors. They are not asking the privilege of making an entirely new experiment. They merely ask permission to do what the school board has already permitted one organization to do, and has given them permission to do again, and that is to utilize one or more school buildings in a proper way under proper supervision for the benefit of the citizens who own the buildings, and therefore ought not to have the doors closed in their faces in an arbitrary way.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley has made some suggestions relative to St. John development which should receive the attention of the city council and board of trade.

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The meeting of the Common Council yesterday afternoon was marked by a discussion of the \$7.50 tax on non-resident laborers. The mayor related the history of the tax and suggested that as most of the local workmen pay only \$3.00, they may as well pay no tax. It might be fair to reduce the tax to \$3.00. There was feeling against abolishing the tax entirely, and the matter will be taken up again in committee.

Commissioner Agar criticized a statement made by the Globe which alleged that the recent bond issues amounting to \$200,000 were not for permanent improvements. The commissioner submitted a statement of the issues showing that in each case the work was of a permanent character and also that when they deducted the bonds for work undertaken by the previous council and \$2,000 bond written off this year, the net increase in the city's bond issue was only \$14,000.

The reports of the commissioners, as printed, yesterday in the Times, were adopted without change, the matters dealt with including the granting of a license to S. L. Kerr to operate a night ferry to Carleton.

The application of the Salvation Army for a renewal of the city grant of \$300 for their Metropole work and of Walter Caxton for appointment as a city constable were referred to the commissioner of finance.

The school building. There appears to be a singular lack of knowledge even in certain educational circles in St. John about what it is proposed to do with the school buildings as social centres. Some persons appear to believe that the intention of the Playgrounds Association, if they can secure the use of the buildings or any of them

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"No," replied his father. "What makes you ask a question like that at the dinner table?"  
"You had one on your lettuce," replied Harold, "but it's gone now."—Exchange.

BEATING THE LAW.  
"You are charged with going forty miles an hour," said the rural justice, "and you are fined \$40."  
"Judge," said the motorist, "I have only got \$2."  
"Well, you've got a nerve going forty miles an hour on a reserve of \$2. Hand me the money."—From the Kansas City Journal.

THE CHASE.  
"I understand you have just bought an automobile?"  
"Yes, I saw seven of them chasing one pedestrian the other day and I decided that I was on the wrong end of the sport."—From the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

HIS VIEWS.  
"Pa, what are your views on universal peace?"  
"I think it should begin at home, my dear."

MODERN WAY.  
Boss — "You have a recommendation from your last boss, I suppose?"  
New Boy — "Yes, have you got one from your last office boy?"

NOT AS YET.  
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The increased rates, however, will be allowed only from December 15 of this year to March 31 of next year. The railways asked for \$2, \$3 and \$4 for the first, second and third day respectively after the free time allowed, but the \$4 charge was not sanctioned by the board, henceforth \$2 will be assessed by the railways for the first twenty-four hours after free time, and \$3 for each succeeding day.

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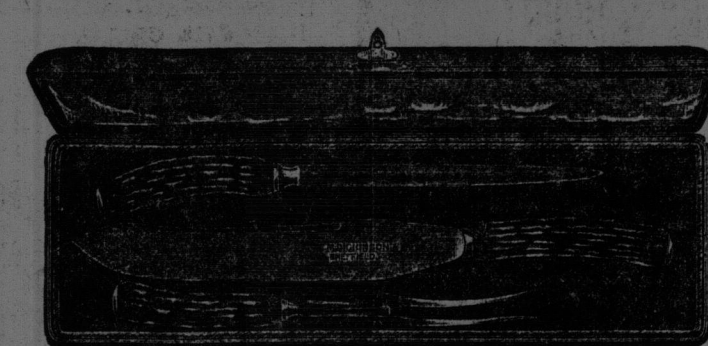
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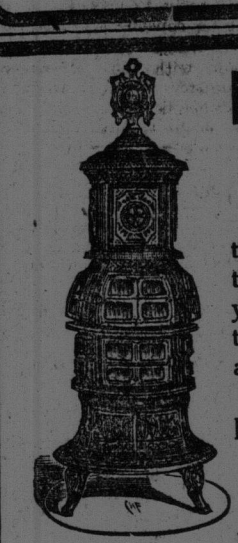
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Dr. Neely also told of a recent appointment of Mr. Rogers' being convicted and fined for intimidation in the same election, but who had not been dismissed. He called on the premier to dismiss him, but Mr. Borden had quietly left the house.

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The birds are solely for breeding purposes. Stock and eggs will be delivered to farmers and poultry growers direct from the experimental farms in the province. It is expected that several thousand high-grade birds will be added to the flocks during the coming year. Mr. Marshall believes the best way to encourage the industry is to assist the farmer.