

bear his proportionate share, which is not the case at present, and expedient because the province cannot afford to permit, much less to keep legislation in force which will compel any other municipality to suspend payment.

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

What will it profit the province to continue to take the taxation on Vancouver's personal property; spend it on roads and bridges in the interior and north country, or even the Fraser valley, and bring the place which is the outlet of all these roads into the hands of a receiver? How can a province expect consideration in the money markets of the world, expect to have any credit in financial circles if its principal city must needs borrow money to pay its civic salaries from day to day?

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

And the second thing against its adoption is, of course, no one wants to be taxed. But I do not know Vancouver if they do not prefer the health and safety and education of their little ones above the saving of a few dollars of which they have escaped payment so long.

Doctor MacEachern said the other day, he didn't blame the government, he blamed the ratepayers. I hope if he has done me the honor of reading these articles that he sees that the only responsibility is on the government and nowhere else, as it was on McBride's and Bowser's governments, before this one was elected.

What then should or can be done to move these public men and woman in the legislature? Only one thing, the pressure of a united public opinion. The legislature never leads, it follows public opinion, usually a long way behind at that.

The suggestion I have to make is for the city council to start now on its charter amendments for next year and not wait for next year, and then bring up at the beginning of the session new measures without perhaps sufficient consideration, and certainly without public opinion in support. I am of opinion some united public thought should be given to attempt to put in force either one of these three schemes, or some other scheme which will work better.

I think the first impossible of attainment, the second might be wrecked as too radical a change on the rocks of personal ambitions or jealousies, but in my opinion is the best of the three. The third is obtainable if the city council, Vancouver ratepayers, school board, Pa-