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TAXATION

The report of Assessment Commissioner Forman of Toronto, submitted after a visit to western cities, is still the subject of criticism in the Ontario press. He reported against any change in the present system of assessment in Toronto, but declared that personally he would favor a lower rate on improvements than on land. The Ottawa Citizen hails this remark as a valuable admission by an unwilling witness, and contends that there is no reason why the principle should not be applied in Toronto as well as in Vancouver or Edmonton.

The Hamilton-Spectator is out in favor of giving municipalities power to adjust taxation. It asks why if the bulk of the people of any municipality are convinced that in their circumstances taxation bearing more heavily upon land value than upon other forms of property would be advantageous they should not be permitted to try it out, as has been done in western cities. Why should not this liberty be accorded to any constituency? This is a question to which the opponents of tax reform have thus far given no satisfactory answer.

The Toronto Globe makes some remarks relative to the report of Mr. Forman which are perhaps offered as an explanation of his attitude in opposing any change in the Toronto system. The Globe says that so long as the city tries to tax everything known and unknown it will require the services of gentlemen like Mr. Forman, whereas under a reasonable system such as has been in the west there would be less need for expert service.

THE WORLD'S GRAIN

The International Agricultural Institute in its latest bulletin estimates the world's production of grain for 1912 as follows:

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| Wheat | 3,256,235 |
| Rye | 1,287,225 |
| Barley | 1,272,820 |
| Oats | 3,868,577 |
| Other | 3,619,263 |

Compared with the previous year there is an increase in every item, the greatest being in oats and corn. The wheat crop of the twelve leading countries is estimated as follows:

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| Russian Empire | 769,841,000 |
| United States | 220,253,000 |
| India | 209,630,000 |
| France | 208,089,000 |
| Canada | 208,085,000 |
| Switzerland | 186,280,000 |
| Italy | 167,714,000 |
| Spain | 124,018,000 |
| Prussia | 92,722,000 |
| Roumania | 89,416,000 |
| Poland | 88,159,000 |
| England and Wales | 85,341,000 |

Russia leads all other countries in rye, with 948,335,000 bushels and Prussia comes next with 348,335,000. The United States leads in oats with 1,717,179,000 bushels, and Russia is second with 971,837,000, Canada being third with 381,092,000. The United States has almost a monopoly of the corn crop, by comparison, the yield being 3,016,000,000 bushels, the next country being Hungary with 1,012,000,000 bushels. Canada is second in barley with 1,272,820 bushels, and the United States is second with 85,341,000 bushels. Tabulated, the estimated yield of all these grains in Canada is as follows:

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| Wheat | 208,085,000 |
| Rye | 3,868,577 |
| Barley | 1,272,820 |
| Oats | 3,256,235 |
| Other | 3,619,263 |

The wheat production of Canada is estimated to be 10,000,000 bushels less than last year, while that of the United States is fully 100,000,000 greater.

The members of the city council, who have lately been giving earnest attention to the question of assessment will doubtless hear with much interest Mr. A. B. Farmer's address this evening on tax reform.

If the naval policy of Mr. Borden is merely to consist of borrowing some millions of dollars from John Bull and then making him a present of it the people of Canada will not approve. The more this matter is discussed the clearer it becomes that we must have a Canadian naval policy worthy of a self-respecting people.

It is intimated that Hon. Mr. Foster has brought some additional information to his colleagues with regard to the naval situation, and the Conservatives cannot conceal their joy at his return; for they recognize that however much they may dislike him he is their ablest debater and they need his help.

Premier Asquith says that a memorandum concerning the navy was prepared "at the express wish of the Canadian government." That is to say, Mr. Borden was eagerly looking around for an enemy. So far as may be learned from the private statements of Mr. Asquith himself, Mr. Winston Churchill, Sir Edward Grey and others in the British parliament, there is no emergency in the matter.

The citizens of St. John bade farewell to His Grace, Archbishop Coar, yesterday, with regret, although they appreciate the fact that a son of this province has been elevated to so high an office in the church in which he has ministered here so faithfully and with so much zeal and discretion. Old-time bitterness in religious matters has not yet been overcome, but men of another faith had learned to respect and esteem a prelate who was recognized as a man of lofty Christian character, and one who entertained the

kindest regard for the welfare of all. There were many Protestants among those who thronged the depot last evening to wish the archbishop Godspeed on his western journey.

New Zealand has a battle cruiser and two second class protected cruisers nearing completion. Australia has the same, with another second class cruiser and two submarine building and three destroyers completed. The Malay States and India have also offered substantial aid. For very shame sake Canada must act.

An Ottawa paper says that the greatest fight in the annals of prohibition in the province of Ontario will be waged on January 1st, the revised list showing that 277 liquor licenses in eighty constituencies are involved. In twenty-one places where they now have local option a vote will be taken on repeal. The result of the struggle therefore will be an excellent indication of the feeling in the province.

Dr. Vardon, the medical health officer of Galt, Ontario, in his annual report advocates medical inspection of pupils, and outdoor schools for certain of the pupils. He declares that at least 25 per cent of the young generation are physically or mentally defective, and affirms the necessity for medical examination of all candidates for matrimony, and the granting of licenses only to those who are absolutely fit in mind and body to contract marriage.

Mr. Carvell and Mr. Turgeon were able to show in parliament last week that their constituents as well as New Brunswick people in general had lost money as a result of the rejection of reciprocity. The issue is fairly joined between the two political parties, so far as the trade question is concerned. The Conservatives stand for restricted markets and a privileged class. The Liberals stand for wider markets and a reduced cost of living.

The Ottawa Journal asked Senator Baird of New Brunswick last week for an expression of his views on the question of making Ottawa a federal district, after the pattern of the District of Columbia and the city of Washington. Senator Baird replied that he favored the change, on the ground that the civic authorities have shown themselves incapable of properly looking after health conditions, and that every year from 900 to 1,000 persons, members of parliament and their families, are scattered over the city and their health should be properly safeguarded. Moreover, Senator Baird contended that the city should have better streets and should be beautified to a greater extent, and this would be done if a federal district were established.

Mr. Henry Bourassa, the late ally of Mr. R. L. Borden, the Imperialist, has been saying some things in his newspaper about English immigrants. He charges that the Salvation Army and the Church Army are working to this end, with the connivance of government, drunkards, habitual criminals, degenerates, and hoodlums, and intimates that he would prefer the Russian moujik, the Calabrian brigand, and the Catalonian beggar. Mr. Borden should take Mr. Bourassa into a corner and give him a little advice. The report of the Minister of the Interior which has just been issued declares that Canada is receiving the highest class of immigrants. Mr. Borden's friend Bourassa should read this report.

RECENT WEDDINGS

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Chesley, of Boston, took place on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents in Brookville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Pinkerton. Mr. and Mrs. Edward left by the S. S. Calvin Austin for Boston, where they will make their home.

At South Braintree, Mass., on November 27, the marriage of Miss Ada G. Fogarty, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Fogarty, to Robert J. Elliott, of the I. C. R., Moncton, took place.

On Wednesday evening last at the residence of J. Wesley Sheppard, Kewick, his daughter, Miss Nellie Bende Sheppard, was united in marriage to Frank G. White, of Fredericton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. E. Cooke.

Last Tuesday at the Methodist parsonage, Fredericton, Thomas H. Jones of Houlton, Me., was united in marriage to Miss Edith Jean Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes of Lower St. Mary's. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Neil McLaughlin.

Kenneth Gage McLean, of Cahus, and Miss Elizabeth Steacy of North Head, Grand Manan, were married November 27 by Rev. J. Crowell Hughes, B. A. Mr. McLean is employed as a brakeman on the Maine Central.

A VIGOROUS OLD MAN. Jonathan L. Bridges, of Amherst, raised the following crops on his farm this year: 141 bushels of potatoes; 35 bushels of turnips, fifteen bushels of carrots, 100 head of cabbage; a half bushel of onions, seven tons of hay. He had no help except during haying. Mr. Bridges was born in Amherst, N. B., in 1840, and hence is seventy-two years of age.

CUSTOMS REVENUE GROWS. The customs returns for the port of St. John show an increase \$34,330.34 for November over the corresponding month of last year. For the period of the fiscal year from March 1 to November 30 there was an increase of \$229,147.83 over the same period of 1911. There was an increase of 900 in the number of manifests filed for the same period.

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"Why are you crying my little man?"

"Because all my brothers and sisters are having a holiday and I ain't."

"And why not?"

"Because I don't go to school yet."

WHEN WIVES ORGANIZE

Young wife (sobbing)—"Oh, Clarice, I'm so unhappy! I'm going home to-today."

Clarice—"Good gracious, dear! Surely George is not unkind to you already?"

Young wife (sobbing)—"N-no, no, no, it's not that; but Mr. Binks, the husband of one of our members, has refused to buy Mrs. Binks a top, and the Amalgamated Wives' Union has ordered us all out on strike."

THE REAL SHYER.

The old lady from the country and her small son were driving to town when a huge motor car bore down upon them. The horse was badly frightened and began to gallop, whereupon the old lady leaped down and waved wildly to the chauffeur, screaming at the top of her voice.

The chauffeur stopped the car and offered to help get the horse past.

"That's all right," said the boy, who remained composedly in the carriage. "I can manage the horse. You just lead mother past!"—London Opinion.

HER NATURAL PROTECTOR.

"Oh, Clara, we had a dreadful scare this morning; a burglar scared!" said Mrs. Fink. "There was a frightful noise about 2 o'clock, and I got up. I turned on the light and looked down to see a man's legs sticking out from under the bed."

"Mercy, how dreadful! The burglar?"

"No, my dear, my husband. He had heard the noise, too. Youth's Companion."

HINT TO YOUNG WRITERS

Do not repeat. Say whatever you have to say in the most forcible way you can devise, and let that suffice. Do not say the same thing over and over again. Do not waste the reader by the recurrence of the same thought, even though you vary the form. Constant repetition of identical ideas, far from adding anything to their value, is liable to detract therefrom. Do not give the reader the impression that you are harping on one string. Authorities agree that excessive reaffirmation is a mark of a faulty style. Do not let your self repeat again and again to the same concept. Avoid repetition.—Life.

WINTER BRINGS

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Buzzy hats.
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—Nashville Banner.

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Coughs and chills.
Pettish clubs.
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—From Hickeyville Clarion.

"Frenzied Finance" at Gem's mid-week show.

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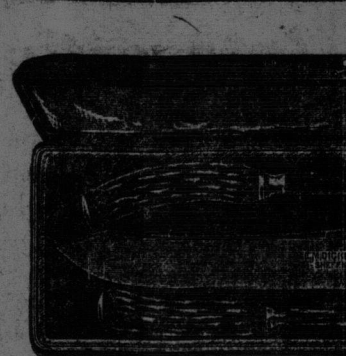
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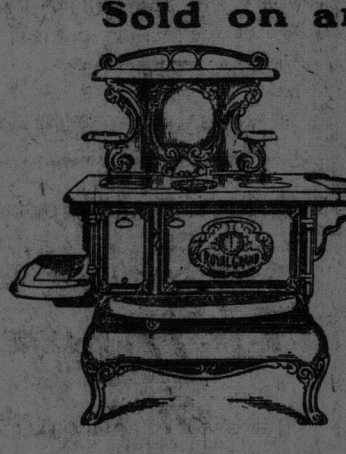


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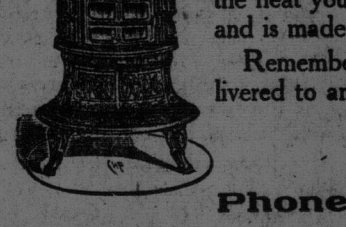
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FIREMAN RESIGNS

William Campbell, who has been connected with the fire department of the North End for forty-five years, has severed his connection with the department, and is resigning taking effect on Saturday, every respect. He lately has been captain of No. 3 Hook and Ladder Company.

"Have you anything to say before sentence is pronounced against you?" asked the judge. "The only thing I'm objecting to," answered the convicted burglar, "is the Empress Eugenie on the occasion of her visit in 1869, though the rooms set head under the bedclothes the whole time, apart for her use were furnished to exactly That's not right at all."

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