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TAX REFORM.

Is Nova Scotia to lead New Brunswick in tax-reform as it has in so many other matters of legislation?

A bill for local option in taxation passed the house of assembly last year but failed in the legislative council. It will be re-introduced and doubtless become law at an early date.

Mr. James R. Brown, authority on tax-reform, who is laboring under the auspices of the Tax Reform League of Canada, with headquarters in Toronto, has been holding a very successful series of meetings in Nova Scotia, and arrangements have been made for a meeting at an early date in St. John, at which he will discuss the subject of taxation from the standpoint of those who believe that the burden of taxation should gradually be lifted from improvements, and especially that vacant land in populous centres, held for speculative purposes and for the advance in price for which it is indebted to the activities of the community around it, should bear a fair share of the burden of taxation.

The Times recently quoted an article from the Manchester, England, Guardian, one of the most influential newspapers in the mother country, pointing out that a necessary part of the new land scheme of Lloyd George would be a shifting of some of the burden of taxation from improvements.

This shows that the trend of feeling in England in that direction, and we know how heartily and with what success the western provinces of Canada are adopting the new system.

New Brunswick, and especially the city of St. John should not be behind the western provinces, at least so far as the adoption of the local option principle in taxation is concerned. Ontario is steadily moving in that direction, and only the personal prestige of Sir James Whitney, who is very strongly opposed to it, has prevented its adoption. As a number of influential newspapers which support his general policy are calling upon him to pass the measure, it can only be a question of time when he must yield or suffer defeat on the issue. Nova Scotia may even lead Ontario in this reform, but there is no sound reason why New Brunswick should not lead both.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

A copy of the magazine entitled Peru Today tells of the adoption of an important measure affecting religious liberty in that country. One article of the constitution of Peru reads as follows:—

The nation professes the Catholic religion, Apostolic and Roman, and the state protects it, and does not permit the public exercise of any other."

At the last session of the congress of Peru a bill was introduced which provided for the annulment of the last clause of this article. It was sent to the constitutional committee and came back with a favorable report, and the senate adopted it by the overwhelming majority of 86 to 8. The bill was then sent to the chamber of deputies, where a strong effort was made to have it shelved, but it passed by another enormous majority, only four members voting against it. It will be necessary to pass the bill at the next session of congress, as it is an amendment to the constitution, after which it goes to the president for signature. Commenting on the subject, Peru Today says:—

"The president's signature would remove the religious intolerance which now exists in the republic with full religious liberty. The church has strongly opposed the bill but so far without effect. The foremost newspapers of the republic almost without exception are in favor of the measure, and the university students have made a number of demonstrations in its favor. In spite of the strong feeling aroused on both sides by the question, however, there has been no disturbance of the public peace."

As a matter of fact religious toleration has been practiced in Peru and the spirit which prompted the article in the constitution, refusing to permit the exercise of any other than the one religion, is so foreign to that of the present day that any attempt to make it effective must prove a failure.

New Year's Eve in the streets of St. John was uneventful, except that some windows were wantonly broken by creatures who, perhaps, call themselves men, and who evidently derive satisfaction from that sort of pastime. The only fitting punishment for conduct of that sort would be physical, and it should be administered on the spot, with a club.

Mr. John Russell, whose death is announced today, had attained a great age although for quite a number of years he had been unable because of ill-health to go about the city, or take an active part in affairs. He was always keenly interested in political affairs, whether civic, provincial or federal, and possessed a wide knowledge of the men and events of his time. He had many friends and no enemies. His sons grew up to become good citizens and capable men of affairs, and their success and honorable standing in the community gave him great satisfaction.

clining years. They and all the members of his family have today the sympathy of many friends in many parts of Canada.

Whatever course is to be pursued in connection with the reconstruction of the crisis and completion of the new wharves on the West Side, there should be no delay. There should be no question about the quantity of timber available when needed, nor should there be any possible excuse for not having some additional berths ready for the business of next winter.

The letter of Mr. F. G. Spencer in relation to the building regulations in St. John shows how great is the need of reform. The average citizen of today has some difficulty in getting the point of view of the people who decided that in a certain district a house might be built to the height of two stories provided it had a flat roof, but that it must not be built two stories if it had a pitched roof. The city sorely needs new building regulations.

Tory Journals express some surprise that the Liberals did not contest the county of York, and it is even suggested that the election of Mr. McLeod without opposition is an endorsement of the naval policy of the Borden government. The Liberals of York county decided to reserve their forces until the general elections, which the Toronto World seems to think will be brought on during the present year. When the battle is joined all along the line the tory candidate in York, whoever he may be, will doubtless have all the fight he wants.

A correspondent of Thursday's Standard entered a protest against the removal of taxation on any goods imported into this country. He invited those who are in favor of such removal or reduction of taxation to study the effects of the duties before attempting to pass judgment on fiscal matters. To show how that study has affected the Standard's correspondent, it is only necessary to quote one sentence from his letter. It is as follows:—"Now if you open the markets of the country by removing the protective duties the effect is for those markets to be flooded with the cheaper products of foreign markets which can be sold cheaper than the home article." Evidently this correspondent does not accept the tory assertion that the removal of the food taxes would not cheapen the cost of food.

The recent speech of Mr. Hasen in the York Theatre has been issued in pamphlet form and given free distribution throughout the city. The party in St. John is in such a weak state that it has not only been necessary for Mr. Hasen to deliver several speeches and have some laudatory interviews printed, but it has been deemed wise to supplement the limited circulation of the Standard by having a report of his York Theatre speech sent broadcast in pamphlet form. This interesting document is weak in one particular. It should have on the first page a group picture of Mr. Hasen and his retinue—Senators Daniel and Thorne, and Messrs. Wilson, Lockhart, Baxter, Gramman and Tilley. Whatever efforts may be made, however, to soothe the people of St. John will not blind their eyes to the injustice done to this port with Mr. Hasen's consent and the consent of the other gentlemen named. When the government has to face its record, and the people have an opportunity to speak, it will be shown that they are not deceived or placated by the present tactics of the government party.

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LIGHTER VEIN

Quite So
The smaller a man is the more apt he is to be perfectly satisfied with himself.

Cruel.
"I haven't a decent thing to wear," she complained.

Onto Himself.
Bix—Wonder why Podgers doesn't do it?
Dix—I guess he realizes he'd be a fool to marry a woman who'd be fool enough to marry him.

The Greater Fear
Son (a golf enthusiast)—You must acknowledge, father, that it requires a great deal of skill to drive a ball a hundred yards.
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