

ing world, that with its characteristic enterprise it has painted the town pump red, and is seriously considering the idea of offering tax-exemption to any body who will open a tonsorial artist's studio. But Montreal has passed that stage of development. A publicity bureau will create the impression that it doesn't know it.

St. James' Methodist Church. The latest offer for St. James' Methodist Church property is \$1,750,000 cash, the whole amount to be paid when the deed is signed. The previous offer was \$2,000,000 but with only \$500,000 down. The trustees are holding out for \$2,000,000 cash. Meanwhile the purchase of other properties for railway station purposes goes on unchecked and the indications are that Montreal will soon be chiefly laid out in railway stations.

Taxation for Street Paving. The Council of the Montreal Board of Trade has passed the following resolution:—That this Council was much gratified at the adoption at last session of the local Legislature of an amendment to the charter of the city of Montreal, whereupon the cost of paving a street shall be paid by the proprietors on such street, and that the Council urgently protests against any change in the charter which would provide that the cost of paving streets shall be borne by the city instead of by the proprietors on such streets.

THE CHRONICLE has always advocated this principle which embodies the only system of taxation, that puts the cost of street paving where it properly belongs, as in the best cities on this continent. The great business throughfares which are used by practically the traffic of the whole city are, of course, exceptions, as are the intersections of streets, both of which should be paved at the expense of the whole city.

Joint Stock Vote. Many joint stock companies in Montreal fail to realize that they are entitled to vote in civic elections through an authorised representative, but to secure that privilege they must pass a resolution, a copy of which must be filed with the City Clerk before December 1st each year. The clause in the charter reads as follows:

"Joint stock companies or corporations may be entered on the voters' lists, and vote in the name of and through a representative of the company, duly authorised to that effect by a resolution, a copy whereof shall be filed with the City Clerk on or before December 1, of each year, and they may so vote in all the wards where they pay taxes; provided such representative be a director or employee of the company when authorised and called upon to cast his vote."

Occasionally matters come up at the City Hall which directly affect the interests of the joint stock companies and it is important that with this in view, as well as the general interests of the city, they should exercise the franchise. As this is the first year the companies have had the privilege of getting on the voters list, it is to be feared many of them will overlook the opportunity until it is too late. They have less than a fortnight to pass and register their resolutions.

Banquet to the Hon. C. J. Doherty. The banquet tendered to the Hon. C. J. Doherty by the St. Patrick's Society was a remarkable non-political tribute to the character, ability and popularity of the new Minister of Justice. Some of the most prominent Liberals in Montreal took part and bore eloquent testimony to the general admiration for the guest of the evening. Altogether it was a demonstration of which any Canadian might be proud.

King Edward Road. The movement for good roads on this continent is rapidly developing. A Good Road Convention is to be held at Richmond, Virginia, from the 20th to the 23rd instant. The Government of the Province of Quebec will be represented by the Hon. Jeremie L. Decarie and the Hon. J. C. Kaine. All the municipalities from Montreal to Rouses Point have agreed to bear their share of the cost of the great international road between this city and New York. Not only will this road be of great direct use, but its educational effect in showing the value of good roads is expected to be great. H. R. H. the Governor General is much interested in the work and Mr. George A. Simard of Montreal, who has been active in promoting the enterprise has received the following letter from Ottawa:

Dear Sir,—I am desired by the Governor-General to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., and to say that His Royal Highness has been much interested to hear about the model international highway between Montreal and New York, and wishes it every success.

His Royal Highness is a great believer in good roads, and hopes that this road will be the forerunner of many others of a similar kind.

ARTHUR F. SLADEN,

Private Secretary.

The Royal Bank of Canada will open in the immediate future two branches in Santo Domingo, one in San Domingo city and the other in San Pedro de Macoris. Obviously the opening of these branches will have important results in developing Canadian trade with the island, while, at the same time, it will open up for the people of Santo Domingo direct banking relations with Cuba, Porto Rico, Jamaica, Barbados, the Bahamas and Trinidad, where the Royal Bank already has branches.