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EXEMPTING HOUSES TO ENCOURAGE BUILDING

In discussing the housing question, it has been suggested that building might be encouraged by new laws to be exempted from taxation for one, two or three years.

In this connection it may be pointed out that at the last session of the legislature an amendment to the Municipal Act was passed enabling municipalities to grant partial exemption to persons building houses.

The Assessment Act is amended by adding the following:

The Council of a city, town or village may, with the assent of the electors qualified to vote on money by-laws, pass a by-law providing that taxes and rates, except for school purposes, on dwelling houses assessed for not more than \$4,000 shall be levied and imposed on such percentage of the assessed value as may be thought proper but not on a less percentage than the following:

- On dwelling houses assessed at not more than \$2,000 on not less than 50 per cent. of the assessed value;
- On dwelling houses assessed at not more than \$2,500 on not less than 70 per cent. of the assessed value;
- On dwelling houses assessed at not more than \$3,000 on not less than 70 per cent. of the assessed value;
- On dwelling houses assessed at not more than \$3,500 on not less than 80 per cent. of the assessed value;
- On dwelling houses assessed at not more than \$4,000 on not less than 90 per cent. of the assessed value.

It will be noticed that partial exemption from taxation does not apply to any great extent excepting on houses costing \$2,000 or less.

On this class of homes, an assessment of 50 per cent. may, excepting for school purposes, be levied. This city now assesses all homes at 55 per cent., including school rates. It seems that under the Act, a \$2,000 house could be assessed at \$1,000 for general purposes but would require to be assessed at \$2,000 for school purposes.

Under the present tax rate of 29.4 mills, a house paying an assessment of fifty per cent. of its value, or \$1,000, could pay \$297.50 general tax and 9.35 mills school rates in another \$1,000, or \$93.35. Total \$391.10.

Following the common rule, the individual erecting a \$2,000 home would be assessed 55 per cent. of its value, or \$1,100. At 29.4 mills, he would require to pay \$327.24. Thus he would be better off than were he granted the partial exemption that the Act provides.

Since everyone enjoys the 55 per cent. rate, there can be no cry of favoritism raised. It will be seen that before the council could adopt the foregoing amendment, the matter must first be submitted to a vote of the property owners. Until they endorsed the proposal, it could not be put into force.

We are of the opinion that a majority of property owners would consider that they would be doing enough to have the municipality to enable dependant citizens to borrow money under the Housing Act.

On the other hand, were this partial exemption amendment adopted, houses costing \$2,000 and upward would have to be assessed 70 per cent. and upward, according to their values. This would mean that such houses would pay a higher assessment than those already in use.

The thought to grant exemption, in whole or in part, as the issue of a good intention but under the assessment policy in vogue here, the citizen erecting a house could not apparently benefit from the new legislation.

A similar conclusion may be reached with regard to Waterloo's proposal to encourage the building of houses by exemption or partial exemption from taxation.

THE TRANSFER AT ST. JEROME'S

After approximately fifteen years of service as President of St. Jerome's College, Rev. A. L. Zinger, C.R., has resigned, in order to take charge of St. Mary's parish. Rev. Zinger has enjoyed an international reputation as a speaker. The school founded by Rev. Father Funcher, entered by Rev. Dr. Spetz and tended by Rev. Mr. Zinger has become a large one. It is one of the community's solid institutions.

Colleges do not grow: they are built. This implies a leader possessing ability, aggressiveness and devotion. Rev. Father Zinger has the natural gifts which in commercial life would have placed him in the forefront as a manufacturer or business man. These were refined by a long period of scholastic training, fitting him for the leadership of this large college. The sum is a cultured scholar, energetic, patient and tactful to a degree.

His fellow citizens saw a fair-sized college become a university in fact if not in name. This attainment was achieved by substantial, thorough work in the classrooms. Many hundreds of young men have departed from its halls to take up their life's duties, carrying with them a deep respect for the institution and an affection for its resident and staff.

St. Jerome's may be the loser by this transfer but St. Mary's parish will be the gainer. Rev. Father Zinger will bring to his new duties a ripe scholarship, a winning personality and indefatigability.

His influence will be wider than his parish and can be depended upon to be thrown in the scale of achievement. Northward progress will be assured of his constant support.

That this city is to continue to be the field of his labors is a matter of interest and of general congratulation.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION REPORT

The Report for the fourth year's operation of The Workmen's Compensation Act, which is now printed, contains much interesting information concerning industry, workmen, and accidents in the Province.

During last year \$3,514,648.47 was awarded for compensation, or \$11,000 a day, and \$369,346.37 for medical aid, or \$1219 a day, the number of cheques issued per day being 248 for compensation and 139 for medical aid.

Payment was made for 40,930 accidents, 382 of these being death cases, 2,549 causing some degree of permanent disability, 25,446 causing only temporary disability, and 12,553 involving only medical aid.

It is estimated that over 500,000 workmen are covered by the provisions of the Act.

As the disability in serious accidents often continues into and sometimes beyond the following year, complete statistics can only be given for the prior year.

These show that about 75 per cent. of the injured workmen were British subjects and 25 per cent. foreign, 64 per cent. being Austrians, 6 per cent. Italians, 51 per cent. Russians, and 21 per cent. citizens of the United States.

The average weekly wage of injured workmen was \$19.06, and the average age 34.07 years.

The total time loss from accidents during the year was 565,526 days; the average length of temporary disability was 21 days.

Machinery caused about 32 per cent. of all the accidents; the handling or moving of objects, 28 per cent. and falls of the workmen, 10 per cent. The most prolific individual causes were saws which caused 892 accidents; lathes, 891; presses, 813; hoisting apparatus, 785; abrasive wheels, 781; belts, pulleys, chains and sprockets, 390, of which 7 were fatal; planers, jointers and edgers, 260; shapers, moulders and headers, 121; shafting, couplings and set screws, 75, of which 6 were fatal. Falls from vehicles caused 200; collapse of support, 276. Hot and inflammable substances caused 1,018 accidents; falling objects caused 1,256; and runaway animals, 98.

In the present industrial conditions the existence of a law which is just and satisfactory to labor and not unduly burdensome to industry is of the highest importance, and the success of the present Ontario Act must be a great satisfaction to those responsible for its enactment.

While the amendments at the last session have put the Ontario law in the first place in regard to benefits to workmen, the rates of assessment are low compared with those of other places. The explanation is in the fact that Ontario has a collective liability system in which the comparatively small cost of administration is mostly borne by the Province, and in the fact that the provisions and methods of administration of the Act are very simple, speedy, and inexpensive.

Statistics show that from 40 to 60 per cent. of what is paid by employers for private insurance elsewhere is consumed in expenses and profits, and less than 25 per cent. of what the employer paid under the old employers' liability system actually reached the workman or his dependants, the rest being absorbed in legal and other expenses.

Comparisons of rates of assessment are significant. The steel works rate, for instance, under the collective liability system is in Ontario \$1.70, Nova Scotia \$1.30, and Ohio \$1.75, as compared with a rate under the private or mixed system of \$3.74 in Michigan and \$5.02 in New York. For mason work the rates are Ontario \$1.50, Nova Scotia \$2, Ohio \$2.85, Michigan \$5.41, and New York \$8.74. In Michigan the benefits are little more than half what they are in Ontario.

SMILE OR TWO

Top O' the Morning

Smell of the woods in the morning:
The sun shines gold through the trees.
And the heavens are filled with music
From the lips of the wide-eyed breeze

And who's for a plunge in the water,
A swim in the laughing lake?
Be quick! There is breakfast to follow
And there still is the fire to make.

I'm in! What a splash! Are you ready?
Who, who would lie lazy asleep
When all of the wide world is calling
With the lure of the lake blue and deep?

So come, that's the stuff, all together,
Swim, swim with a stroke true and straight
To the boat and the first back, the winner—
Great ginger! But swimming is great!

The first back the first one to breakfast!
Then the trail once again and the fun—
The day lies alluring before us,
And the morning is only begun:

Color Blind

"You are looking blue"
"Yes, I've been done out of \$50 in a business deal."
"Then, I must be color blind. You're green!"—Philadelphia North American.

WAIT A MINUTE

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Twenty-one women sat in United States legislatures during the past winter.
Miss M. Carey Thomas this year completes a quarter of a century of service as president of Bryn Mawr College.

Miss Alice L. Currie has the distinction of being the first woman to be appointed to the position of assistant high school principal in Detroit.

A new feature of the building movement in many American cities is the proposal to erect apartment houses for the exclusive use of business women.

In the opinion of competent judges the failure of women as public speakers is most often due to their restlessness of manner and their total lack of effective gestures.

The first woman's college in the United States, incorporated as such under the laws of the State, was Elmira College, chartered as Auburn Female University in 1852, and transferred to Elmira the following year.

In the death of Mrs. Frances E. Moulton, the State of Maine has lost its only woman bank president. Mrs. Moulton was president of a national bank and active head of several large industrial corporations in the city of Limerick.

Dr. Helen I. McGillivuddy of Boston, recently chosen for the post of "high altitude sentinel" of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, is believed to be the first woman ever elected to an executive position in the order.

As a reward for baking pies and conducting religious services under fire while with the American troops overseas Ensign ("Ma") F. O. Burdick, a member of the Salvation Army from New York, had received the Croix de Guerre from the French Government.

New York society and club women are manifesting a lively interest in the approaching visit of Queen Marie of Roumania. Already plans are under way to give her Majesty a welcome befitting her reputation as one of the chief personages of the war.

What is called in San Francisco "the expert in illuminations" of a large electrical company is a woman. She specializes in the interior decorating apartment, and also is "illuminating engineer." She understands the placing of lights and fixtures in harmony with various interiors.

Mrs. "Jimmie" De Forest, wife of a New Jersey pugilist, is probably the only woman manager of a pugilistic club in America. She is directing the affairs of her husband's establishment at Long Branch while he is in Toledo helping to train one of the principals on the coming match for the world's championship.

A recent X-ray report issued in England stated that the experience of wartime had shown that in light, semi-skilled work the value of women is frequently equal to that of men, and where the operations call for fineness of touch, or deftness of handling, as distinct from the skill due to long training and experience, women are preferred to men.

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EVER SUSPECT RAY WAS SUPERSTITIOUS? OH-THAT HORSESHOE!

That Star Believes in Luck Is Proved During Filming of "Greased Lightning"

No one ever thought Charles Ray was superstitious. Even the studio, Thomas H. Ince studios looked surprised when the popular young star asked to have a horse shoe soldered to the water tank cap on a racing automobile he was to drive in "Greased Lightning," his new Paramount photoplay that will be shown at the Allan Theatre for two days, commencing Monday.

"Greased Lightning" is the name of the racer which Mr. Ray, as the village inventor, has built and entered in a big race meet. The day was set for "shooting" the big race scene and Mr. Ray appeared at the studio. He refused to go to work until the horseshoe was placed as he designated.

He never would have believed Charlie was superstitious, said the property man, as he carried out the order given by Director Jerome Storm.

Mr. Ray said nothing as just after his was laid on the head. He didn't even take his "retractor" to his secret, but when the scene was shot he executed one of the cleverest pieces of business with the horseshoe that he has ever acted. He—but that would be spoiling the surprise. You must see the picture as a whole to appreciate it.

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Charles Ray in "GREASED LIGHTNING" at the Allen. It's a corking fine rural romance. A pip-pip for thrills and fun. Try to come Mon-Tues. won't you?

Watch for the Big Novelty in Musical Comedy at Star Theatre Thursday, June 19.

Alberta Baptists will hold a convention at Edmonton, June 19-24. W.F. Puffer was unanimously elected to represent Red Deer Liberals at the next election.

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