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The Tax Reform Bylaw.

Most of the aldermen who are opposing the submission of the tax reform bylaw to the electors on New Year's Day are already marked out for slaughter, and their views need not receive too much attention. They are marked by personal prejudice, and consideration, rather than concern for the public interest.

A good deal of difficulty was experienced in getting the act passed which permits even so modest a reduction on the assessment of dwelling houses as is proposed, and Toronto should certainly take all the advantage permitted in this direction. The chief objection comes, of course, from those who hold vacant land for speculation and who expect to make large profits without contributing any share of these profits to the public coffers. As the proposed plan works out the effect is very much the same as the levy of an increment tax, and if we had an assessor who would carry out the law and assess all real estate at actual value the effect would be practically identical with that of an increment tax.

The equity of the plan, in lightening the burden of those of small means, whose every dollar counts, appeals to all who favor the square deal. The assessments at present are very much in favor of the owner of large residences, which are seldom rated at more than half their value, if so much, while the small householder is listed for every dollar of value in his property and often more. The assessment commissioner states that there are 80,953 dwellings that would come under the proposed exemptions, and of these 64,096 are valued at \$2000 or less. On these latter the exemption would be fifty per cent.

There is a certain type of wealthy man who argues that if a house of \$2000 is exempted fifty per cent, a house worth \$20,000 or \$200,000 should also be exempted fifty per cent. The cases show no parallel whatever. A man's income up to a certain point is entirely exhausted in supplying the necessities of life. To tax him below this point is to deprive him of necessities, a margin available for luxuries, that is fair game for the assessor, and when our assessors have imbedded this principle we shall have less complaint about unjust taxation. No man can pay what he has not got, yet the tax collector too frequently demands it of him, while the man with ample margins, who never really feels his taxes to be a burden, is too often the object of the assessor's sympathy. At any rate there can be no objection to passing the bylaw to submit the tax reform bylaw to a vote of the people and giving them a chance to say what they want.

How Will the Women Vote?

A great silence has fallen over the province politically, and journalists are regarding the women's votes. Sir William Hearst is taking credit on those posters that were made ready to head off the opposition and plastered up as soon as Sir William was ready to announce his date, for having given the vote to women. It is, fortunately, a matter of history that The World was the first public agency in Canada to support women's franchise, but as Sir William evidently thinks he needs all the credit he can get, the public will not worry.

Women have a sharp eye for smart practice. They know that the man who breaks away in a race before sundown is no sport, and is disqualified in the contest. Women like a man to be square and to play the game. Ontario women, particularly, who have taken part in all kinds of outdoor sports from their childhood, admire the square deal. That is why Sir James Whitney could have remained in power if he had lived to be as old as Methusalem. The women found in him a standard they could depend on and admire. This is the first time the women have had a chance to vote in Ontario politics, and the first act of Sir William's that confronts them as his breakaway before sundown.

In estimating the possible results of the election, it is idle to attempt to ignore an incident that tends to shake confidence in his does. If Sir William will descend to consent to such a petty political trick at the suggestion of the colleagues who arranged it—because it is improbable that he planned the patty business himself—the women naturally ask themselves if he is a strong enough man to be trusted, or may he not be induced to fall away from the Whitney standard of honor in still more important things. The reply of the machine politicians to this is that the Liberals were even worse, and when Premier Ross announced an election he allowed only The Globe to publish

It, a journalistic feat of which The Globe was quite proud. But the people did not like that sort of thing, and kicked Premier Ross out of office. The lesson has been lost on Premier Hearst and his associates, who seem to think Premier Ross was a better politician than Premier Whitney.

But the question is: What will the women think? It is thought by the present Queen's Park combination that the women who come out to vote on the referendum will all just naturally vote for government candidates. It is astonishing at this late date to think that a group of politicians could be as simple-minded as that. The women of Ontario are as shrewd, as well educated as any women in the world. If there are any of them who fall below this standard they will vote as their relatives vote to maintain the family honor, whether Liberal or Conservative. But women read papers, hear addresses, have club sessions and discussions of their own, and they are making up their minds on the political situation with a shrewdness and intuition men may hope in vain to rival. To tell a Liberal lady who has worked all her life for prohibition and regarded her party as the savior of the cause, that Sir William and his party are the true prohibitionists is to put her in the position of the Elder Brother when the prodigal arrived home, and she will never stand for that. As we have observed before, the government has misread the psychology of the situation in this respect as in others.

There are quite a number of Sir W. H. Hearst's little placards which are open to a similar imputation. But we do not desire to enter further on the subject which is painful to the old Whitney battalions, who believed themselves unbeatable. Many have retired from the disheartening conflict, and many have raised independent banners of their own with the old Whitney watchwords upon them, in the hope of saving the remnant who still cling to the true faith. The government must not expect the women of Ontario to be like dumb-driven cattle in these circumstances. What they do will not be dictated by merely political calculations, but will add, as has always been anticipated, an element of moral strength that in most elections goes with unerring judgment to the support of the party with the cleanest hands.

SPEAKING OF LOCAL PROFITEERS

BY IDA L. WEBSTER.

For weeks the citizens have been reading about the attack made upon hogs by the fair price commission on board of commerce, whichever you like to call them. We have been told what live pork cost in 1914, and we have had it welded into our minds what it cost in 1919.

Every man, woman and child in Toronto knows how much bacon and ham brings in the meat market. They also know that the hog has depreciated in price for the present. It is by no means down for the present, and the very moment that the United States government lets up on its chase after the packers pork will again soar to heights beyond the ordinary creature's reach.

However, for the moment it is so comforting to know that the government has wonderful intentions insofar as the high cost of living goes, and it is also nice to feel that the election has nothing to do with the sudden interest. When we say that we are being kind-hearted and giving all the "party" folks the benefit of the doubt, and much good may it do them. But if the chairmen of these "high cost" committees would put the brakes on the local profiteering they would be doing all that the citizens of Ontario want them to do.

For instance, if they would prohibit storekeepers from placing a purchase in a cardboard box with half a roll of tissue paper and then weighing the whole business, thus cheating the buyer out of at least two ounces, they would be doing something tangible. Also prohibit butchers and grocers in the residential sections from charging from ten to fifteen cents more than persons in the centre of the city get for exactly the same thing.

Force restaurants to reduce their various articles of indignation to a similar basis, and allow one price for a meal no matter where it is eaten, prior to the suffering public as much as eight cents more than the fellow a few doors away does for just the same sickly-looking portion of beef.

The foregoing is just an example of the bare-faced profiteering which is going on every day, but it is the sort which is making the man on the street curse the government. "Remedy something over which there is some control and lay off the eternal hog" might be an excellent slogan for Mr. O'Connor and his gang. Certainly it would make them popular, which is more than can be said of their present efforts.

Messrs. A. F. Webster & Son, general steamship agents, have been advised by the Cunard Line that the famous S. S. Imperator will be operated by this company and will sail from New York on Oct. 11. The fares will be the same as the Mauretania. Further information can be obtained at Webster's office, 35 Yonge street.

"DRAT THE DIRTY FOUNDRY"



OSGOODE HALL NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Second Divisional Court, Monday.
Walker v. Martin, McLaughlin v. Levine, Stevenson v. Board of Education, Parent v. Ottawa Electric, Charbonneau v. L'Union St. Joseph, Salmon v. Knight Bros., Trenton Dairy v. Keicheson (two cases).

Master's Chambers.
Before J. A. C. Cameron, Master.
Re Walker and Chosen Friends—Lymann Lee, for Chosen Friends, obtained order for payment into court of amount of beneficiary certificate less costs, fixed at \$18. Usual statutory notice to be given.

Federal Securities Corporation—T. B. Malone, for applicant, obtained order for service of notice outside jurisdiction.
McDonald v. Algoma Steel Corporation—Robert McKim, for plaintiff, obtained order dismissing action on consent without costs.

Sandler v. Prince George Hotel—A. L. Smolke, for plaintiff, obtained order amending statement of claim on consent.
Freeman v. Freeman—J. A. Soule, for plaintiff, moved for judgment, appearance and affidavit of merit as irregular; P. E. F. Smyth, for defendant, motion dismissed. Costs to defendant in cause.

Sangster v. Williams—McKague (Elliott & Hume), for plaintiff, moved for order to strike out defence for failure to comply with notice to produce. V. J. Callen for defendant. Affidavit filed pending motion. Motion dismissed. Costs to plaintiff.

Moore v. Hawthorne—W. J. Clark, for plaintiff, obtained order amending style of cause by adding party defendant.
Re Proctor—A. G. F. Lawrence, for trustee, obtained order for payment into court of amount in his hands. Costs fixed at \$15. On payment, in full, of the amount, the trustee is to be relieved from all further liability. Usual statutory notice to be given.

Charters v. Biette—G. E. Newman, for defendant, obtained order dismissing action and vacating its pendens on consent without costs.
Perkins v. Keith—E. C. Felzer, for plaintiff, obtained order for service outside jurisdiction at St. Lambert. Appearance in 12 days.

Judges' Chambers.
Before R. H. Jones, J.
Campbell v. Campbell—Stands one week.

Re George McLish—G. S. Hodgson, for certain beneficiaries, moved for order for payment out of their respective shares of their interest in the estate of Janet McPherson. M. J. Polmester, for defendant, appeared. Harcourt, K.C., for infant. Order made. Costs of all parties out of this particular fund.

Re Michael McDermott—Enlarged till Tuesday next.
Re Driscoll Infants—Enlarged one week.

Re George Gleason Smith and Mutual Life Assurance Co.—H. J. Sims, for Mutual Life, moved for order, declaring presumption of death and for leave to pay funds to claimant. R. H. L. Symmes for claimant, Theodosia A. McLean, Order made. Costs out of fund. Second affidavit to be filed before issue of order.

Crushed Stone Limited v. National Portland Cement—J. S. Beattie, for plaintiff, moved to strike out jury notice, served by defendant. P. Raney for defendant. Order made. Costs in the cause.
Re W. Bearden—F. R. Morris moved on return of writ of habeas corpus for discharge of prisoners. E. Bayly, K.C., for crown. Judgment: Certiorari to issue at once for habeas corpus and female prisoner. Usual order of protection. Question as to discharge of male prisoner reserved.

Re W. W. Wymen—Daniel O'Connell for Wymen, moved to quash conviction on charge of breach of Ontario temperance act. Edward Bayly, K.C., for police magistrate of district of Timiskaming, consented. Order quashing conviction without costs. Usual order of protection.
Re Lena A. Rena Maxley—K. W. Wright, for inspector of prisons and public charities, obtained order for payment out of certain moneys in maintenance of patient in Woodstock Hospital.

Rex v. Saltman; Rex v. Sawchuk—J. O'Donoghue, for accused, moved for writ of habeas corpus and certiorari in aid, and for bail in the meantime. E. Bayly, K.C., for crown. Order for issue of writ, but bail refused.
Re Fauver Music Co.—J. M. Bullen,

for petitioner, the Music Supply Co., moved for winding-up order. A. Ricknell for assignee and company consenting. Order made, appointing N. L. Martin interim liquidator and directing a reference to J. A. C. Cameron.

Rex v. Connor—W. Lawr, for accused, moved to quash conviction by police magistrate at Windsor. E. Bayly, K.C., for magistrate. Order quashing conviction. Usual order of protection.

At Trial.
Before Kelly, J.
Ranger v. Ranger—A. C. Helgington for plaintiff, T. F. Slatery for defendant. Action by alleged wife of defendant, to set aside power of attorney to defendant to grant release of dower. Judgment: Cases arise where a power given for consideration or as an implied sole for the fact of the document having been made under seal. Order setting aside power of attorney without costs. Defendant to have costs awarded him by the order of the master in chambers of May 14.

Before Falconbridge, C.J.K.B.
Oliver-Sortin Lumber Co. v. Great Lakes Dredging Co. Limited—J. H. Rodd for plaintiff, O. B. Fleming, K.C., and A. H. Foster for defendant. Action to recover \$44,848.45 alleged due under contract for supply of lumber to defendants; counter-claim by defendants for cost of inspection and for damages for non-delivery. Judgment: There is nothing in the contract and no custom proved to make strikes or the alleged shortage of cars an excuse for the non-delivery. Defendants have proved a counter-claim equal to plaintiff's claim. Action dismissed with costs of suit and counter-claim.

First Divisional Court.
Wood v. Smith—J. R. Layton, for defendant, appealed from judgment of Latchford, J., awarding plaintiffs \$900 damages for injuries to Mrs. Wood when plaintiff's car was struck by that of defendant at Sherbourne and Gerrard streets. J. S. Lundy, for plaintiff, not called on. Appeal dismissed.

Hudson & Hardy v. Township of Biddeford—T. G. Meredith, K.C., with W. R. Meredith, for defendants, appeared from judgment of Rose, J., awarding plaintiffs \$2,855.60 for the death of ninety-eight lambs, worried by dogs. J. M. McEvoy for plaintiffs. Judgment reserved.

W. J. Foy, U.F.O. Nominee, Not Retiring From Contest.
Special to The Toronto World.
Chatham, Ont., Sept. 26.—Warden W. J. Foy, chosen to represent the United Farmers in the political contest in this riding, today denied the rumors that he had withdrawn from the fight. Rumors were current in the city today that if he had not already withdrawn, it was not his intention to run for a parliamentary seat unless he can be assured of solid support by the U. F. O.

Pringle Says United States In Mumps Stage National Life.
St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 26.—"The United States in giving its men to Gen. Foch to place where he wished; did the most magnanimous act any nation could perform," said Dr. Pringle, moderator of the general assembly, in addressing a gathering here, "but from the present expression of feeling in the United States that the American troops won the war I am inclined to the belief that the United States is just at the mumps and measles stage of national life."

CONCILIATION REPORT READY.
Guelp, Ont., Sept. 26.—The conciliation board appointed to hear evidence in the application of the employees of the Guelp radial railway, after three days' work concluded its labors and the report of the board was immediately sent on to Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, Ottawa. The report was signed by the three members of the board, his honor Judge Snider, ex-Mayor Mahoney and Thomas Hall. It was stated this morning that the employees of the road would likely be made acquainted with the findings of the board not later than Monday.

SNOW IN MONTREAL.
Montreal, Sept. 26.—Snowflakes fell today, the first of this season.

POLITICAL NEWS

CHOOSE R. TAYLOR IN TIMISKAMING

Is Liberal Nominee—Hartley

Dewart Also Addresses N. Liskard Meeting.

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New Liskard, Ont., Sept. 26.—Timiskaming Liberals filled New Liskard opera house and nominated Ralph Taylor, popular merchant of Cobalt, unanimously. Twelve representative nominees retired in his favor. Colonel McKee of Elk Lake in retiring referred to living at the end of notorious Gowanda road, where the government has at work 15 men under eight bosses and have this year built a mile and a half of 27 miles, at which rate the work would be finished in 14 years.

Neelson Green, leading U.F.O. farmer, said that from what he had heard in Liberal conventions and also amongst the U.F.O. he sometimes wondered if we were not really one and the same crowd. Mr. Taylor in accepting the nomination strongly supported the Liberal platform and Dewart as leader, and in a telling speech was loudly applauded.

Dewart Denounces Government.
Hartley Dewart dealt effectively with the progressive Liberal platform and contrasted Hearst promises and performances, denouncing the Hearst government, which was pottering and tottering to its fall.
Arthur G. Slaght of Toronto dealt

After-war conditions, and the telephone No. 4

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Thorold Section of Labor Party Fails to Endorse Capt. Speck.
St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 26.—The convention called in Welland yesterday by the Thorold section of the Labor party in Welland riding for the ostensible purpose of endorsing the candidature of Capt. Speck was not successful. Just as the resolution of endorsement was about to pass, Ald. Staley of Welland and President James of the L.L.P. for the riding dropped in on the meeting and succeeded in having an amendment passed deferring any action until the regularly constituted labor convention in Welland on Saturday.

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THE DAY AT OTTAWA

By TOM KING

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—In the house of commons this afternoon the government announced that the treaty with Bulgaria, like the treaty with Austria, would be ratified so far as Canada is concerned by order-in-council. This will save us from the trouble and expense of another extra session of parliament. W. F. Maclean, of South York, desired to know what was to be done with the treaty just concluded between Great Britain and France. This, in a way, is of no less concern to Canada than the treaty with Germany, because it is part of the arrangement by which the English-speaking nations unite to guarantee France from another invasion.

Judge Doherty, who was leading the house, said that the treaty was as the member for South York had stated, a treaty between Great Britain and France. What attitude the dominions would assume toward the treaty was another consideration. The minister for the time, with this answer, but that scarcely explains the sudden disappearance of our newly acquired right to have all treaties involving war and peace submitted to the Canadian parliament. The Anglo-French treaty has been ratified by His Majesty, not only as King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, but also as King of the British dominions beyond the seas. If the British government declares war on Germany, what will be the status of Canada?

Hon. Hugh Guthrie's bill to disfranchise British subjects of oriental origin at the coming by-election in Victoria, B. C., placed the Liberals in rather an awkward situation. The British Columbia statute disfranchises orientals, and the solicitor-general justified his proposed amendment to the Dominion by-election act upon the ground that the provincial franchise should be the basis for the franchise in Dominion elections. The principle is one for which the Liberals

vigorously with disorganization in the Conservative camp and the splendid representative character and calibre of Liberal candidates throughout the province.

A notable feature of the convention was the large attendance of women who accepted official and pledged organized support. The Timiskaming Liberal Association was permanently organized with Charles A. Bryan president and with ten vice-presidents, equally divided between men and women.

KING GOES TO PRINCE.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 26.—Mackenzie King is to arrive in Summerside on the opening day of the Prince County Exhibition, October first, and give an address on the following night, when he will formally accept the nomination for Prince county.

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