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City and National Taxes.

London city tax rate was last night fixed by the Council at 21 1-2 mills. The rate could be made lower if, as in Toronto and other places, property was assessed up to its market value, but our rulers seem to believe that the best results are to be obtained by not assessing property up to its full value. We doubt the wisdom of this course. But it seems to be next to impossible to have a change effected.

The tax rate this year is comparatively high. It is 6-10 higher than in 1895, and a higher rate has only been imposed on two former occasions—in 1885, when the rate was 22 1-5 mills, and in 1890, when it was 22 4-10 mills. To keep down the rate to the limit finally agreed upon the aldermen have worked untidily and earnestly. If they had not done so, it would have been considerably higher.

The aldermanic battle with conditions is an object lesson to the people. Not only were they compelled to examine the estimates of every department under their care, with the object of lopping off every unnecessary expenditure, but, unpopular though it was in certain directions, they had to combat the Board of School Trustees, and to enter on a struggle with that body in reference to the propriety of expending a large sum on new schools this year. The result is that the sum placed at the disposal of the school trustees has been reduced from \$18,000 to \$20,000. This sum will probably tide the trustees over the year, but we warn that body that they must practice economy in other respects, for if the car shops are re-opened at an early date, as seems to be assured—there will be a very considerable influx of school population before long, and next year additional schools will have to be erected.

The closeness with which the taxpayers watch these expenditures, the great efforts which the aldermen and others are compelled to put forth to keep municipal taxes down, and the resentment of the taxpayers when the rate is raised even a mill or two, shows how distasteful to the electors has become all unnecessary taxation.

It has not always been so. The electors have been asked to believe that the higher they were taxed by the men in power at Ottawa, the better off they would become. And while the fictitious prosperity resulting from the borrowing and expending of \$113,000,000, within the last few years, was in evidence, there were many workers who actually believed that high taxes meant more money for them. But in recent years the scales have been falling from their eyes. They have become convinced that whether in municipal or in national management all unnecessary taxation is an injury to the people, and they are no longer prepared to indorse the men who have squandered many millions of dollars of public money on unprofitable servants and corrupt speculators. The taxes in future must be kept as low as is possible, consistent with the economic management of public affairs, the wild-cat schemes must not be tolerated, and the unfaithful stewards must be replaced by men in whom the people have confidence.

Let us be as anxious to keep down our national taxes as we are to restrain the unnecessary expenditure of money collected by the municipal authorities, and millions of dollars every year fished from the pockets of the people will remain in their possession, to be used for their personal enjoyment, and incidentally to keep our factories and workshops going.

Canadians, hold your own!

Railway Men Have Memories.

The G. T. R. men who refused to turn out to be lectured by that self-seeking politician, Mr. Ingram, of St. Thomas, remember that Sir Charles Tupper, for whom their votes are now sought, in 1891 denounced the G. T. R. management as "craven creatures," and used his position as High Commissioner for Canada to endeavor to bring the Grand Trunk into discredit and to injure its financial position in the British market. Self-respecting railway men do well to refuse to support a man with so vindictive a spirit. Sir Charles Tupper's denunciation of the Grand Trunk was induced in because the general manager indignantly refused to coerce the G. T. R. men into voting for the high tax policy when pleaded with to do so by Sir Charles Tupper.

The last great Liberal victory was scored in the leafy month of June. Hurry along the 23rd.

A Sin to be Young.

The dead will vote, the alien will vote, the exile will vote, and a new generation of young men will be denied the ballot at the coming election.—Uxbridge Journal.

Who is to blame for this anomalous condition of affairs, which is injurious to a large number of citizens on both sides of politics? Most certainly, the men now in power. They have again and again been asked to accept the municipal lists, with such additions or deductions as they may deem proper, but in any case to bring the lists down to date, and make it imperative that the voter shall go to the polls only where his home is. No other system is fair to the people as a whole.

The present system discriminates in favor of the rich man, the dead, the absent in a foreign land, the personator. It discriminates against the man of limited means—and nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand of us are included in that category—the young man who has recently come of age, the voter who has moved into a constituency since the lists were revised some years since.

The country needs a change.

Five weeks from today will be Dominion election day.

Views of Two Leaders.

I do not ask anyone to vote for me or my friends on account of my nationality or religion.—Hon. Wilfrid Laurier at Hochelaga.

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How much better off will the national school cause be if you turn me out and put in a Frenchman and a Catholic?—Sir Charles Tupper at Winnipeg.

Condemned by Sir Donald Smith.

One does not wonder at Sir Donald Smith accepting the office of Canadian High Commissioner in Great Britain and announcing his withdrawal from the political turmoil of Canada. If he had not done so, Sir Donald would doubtless have come out in direct opposition to Sir Charles Tupper, whose policy he antagonizes to a very great extent. Let us take the attitude of the two men on the proposed Hudson Bay Railway as an example. Finding that he could not hold the Northwest, Sir Charles Tupper has become desperate. When he was in Winnipeg the other day, the high tax leader gave notice that he would build the railway to Hudson Bay, though he knew that the exploring party sent to the bay by the Government at Ottawa threw cold water on the scheme. He ought to have known, too, that so shrewd business men as Sir Donald Smith and Mr. E. B. Osler, Conservative candidate for West Toronto, have denounced the proposed railway in unmeasured terms. As governor of the Hudson Bay Company, an organization which would be greatly benefited by a line to the bay, if it were a wise commercial undertaking, Sir Donald Smith recently said:

"I had almost overlooked the matter of the Hudson Bay Railway. It is true there was an order in council making certain arrangements with the Hudson Bay Railway Company. The Government, I believe, proposed to give them a loan of \$20,000 a mile for a certain portion of the road, equal to \$2,500,000. This order in council, it is now understood, will not be acted on, and the proposed money grant will consequently not be forthcoming. I do not hesitate to say that I believe it would be a great misfortune were that money given for such a purpose. It would only be throwing it away. Worse than that, because if you throw that amount into the fire, if such were possible, you would lose that only, but such loan or grant by the Government for such a purpose might lead people in this country, and in Europe generally, to invest in a venture from which they certainly would never receive one penny in return."

Mr. E. B. Osler, another capitalist vitally interested in the progress of the Northwest, indorses the view set forth by Sir Donald. Says Mr. Osler: "The Hudson Bay road would never be a rival of the C. P. R., for the reason that it would never be built. If it were built it would not carry the wheat crop of the Northwest and Manitoba, for the simple reason that it would cost too much for it to go that way. It was nothing but a fraud. This vote of \$20,000 a mile would, he supposed, give a chance for about \$250,000 worth of plunder. The only reason the C. P. R. influence was opposed to the Hudson Bay scheme was because they did not want the credit of Canadian stocks injured in London by such schemes as that."

These views should be reflected on by the electors. They are thoroughly alarmed at the attempt to once more carry elections by wholesale promises of public expenditures that will, if engaged in, cost the taxpayers many millions of dollars, and bring the country no real benefit, but rather grave disadvantage, as Sir Donald Smith points out. Surely the taxpayers of Canada have not forgotten the discredit which the Three Rivers Dead Meat deal brought on Canada. Members of the Dominion Administration lent their names to that unsavory lobby, and thereby made it much more difficult to interest moneyed Englishmen in our undoubtedly many and varied resources. This wild-caught must be condemned at the polls if Canada is to have honest, steady progress, both in the old and in the new Provinces.

CHEAP MONEY.

The "more money" people who have an idea that the issuing of vast quantities of money, without regard to what it is to be redeemed in, will make every individual rich, should note the condition of things in Argentina, where the circulating medium is up to \$100 per capita. This money, however, has a purchasing power of only 25 cents on the dollar, and the public debt of Argentina is \$200 per capita. That is the effect of "cheap" money, and the same thing would follow a reign of "cheap" money in this country.

Will Go to Hamilton.

Final Preparation Made by Which the 7th Leave Sunday Night.

A Splendid Programme to be Carried Out, in Which the 7th, 18th, 48th, and the Dufferin Rifles Will Participate.

There was a full attendance of officers and men at the drill hall last night, when the men seemed to take an unusual interest in their drill. It has been definitely settled that the men will go to Hamilton. All arrangements have been made, and when it was announced to the men that they would go, they evinced general satisfaction, and were quite willing to abide by and further any and all arrangements made by their officers. Some 275 men and about 25 officers will go, and are built upon having a large time. The band is in fine shape, while the bugle band have made every effort to fit itself for a position among the best.

The men will leave here on Sunday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock by special train, via the Grand Trunk. On arrival at Hamilton they will be met by a delegation of the Thirtieth. They will then be conducted to the different hotels in the city. The arms and accoutrements will be stored in the market house. The men will be at ease until 1 o'clock on Monday, at which time they will assemble, and the regiment march to the Club House grounds, where there will be a general review and march-past, with an illustration of attack and defense. The Fortieth of Toronto will twop the colors. Each regiment will have some special feature of movement peculiar to itself. The Thirtieth will probably illustrate the bayonet exercise or physical drill. The Seventh will give an illustration of field movements by sections. The Dufferin Rifles of Brantford will give some other movements particularly interesting to the public.

In the evening a grand band concert will be given in Dundas Park, to which the men will be admitted free of charge. All the four bands will take part in this. One of the selections to be played by the four combined bands as one is "Nearer, My God, to Thee," as arranged by the bandmaster of the Thirtieth.

As a preliminary, it is understood that, if arrangements can be made, the battalion will parade to St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, where divine services are to be held.

ACCIDENT AT THE PORT.

Capt. Berry's Daughters Nearly Drowned.

Two Dams Broken. The dam of Port Stanley Sunday evening. The dam of Mr. Earnshaw had broken away, and it was reported that Hardin's was about to break. A number from the village went down to view the catastrophe. Among them were Mr. Arthur Johnson and Misses Alice and Zilla Berry, daughters of Capt. Mark Berry, who drove, just as they were about to return, Harding's dam broke, and covered the road leading to the village. Johnson got out of the rig to lead the horse, which was nervous, across a small bridge. As they reached the center it gave way, precipitating the horse, buggy and occupants into six feet of water. Mr. Cortland Parker ran to their assistance and brought Miss Alice to dry land. He plunged in again to rescue the other girl, who was wedged in between the horse and buggy, and all to be seen of her was the top of her head above the water. He, however, managed to raise the buggy and release her. She was unconscious when taken out. They were all taken to the John Berry's, about a quarter of a mile distant, and medical assistance summoned. The physician worked for an hour and a half with the young girl, and was finally rewarded with returning consciousness. She is very weak and suffers from the severe shock, but will soon be around again. John Berry received a cut on the hand and another on the face, by kicks from the horse. The other girls escaped without external injury, but were very much shocked by the wetting. It is a miracle that they were not all killed.

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