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THE BURNING OF CHELSEA.

With commendable enterprise, the story of the burning of Chelsea, Mass., story of the burning of Chelsea, Mass., is off the publisher's presses soon after the last ember of the Chelsea conflagration has turned cold. Mr. W. M. Pratt, the author, tells the story of historic Chelsea from its beginning in 1624 to its twentieth century burning. The chapter dealing with statistics of the fire is perhaps of most interest to the distant reader. It was the third largest fire in point of area in the history of the United States, the flames covering an area of 492 acres. The book is well worth reading if only as a warning.—The Burning of Chelsea, by Walter Merriam Pratt. Samson Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

TAXATION, STATE AND LOCAL.

Taxation interests all men, although the interest is not always amusement. The numerous papers read at the National Tax Association, which met some time ago at Columbus, Ohio, have been published in book form, and a very valuable volume they make. Taxation, state and local, is dealt with fully. One of the chapters deals with forest taxation, Taxation, another with the single tax, and yet others with home rule in taxation, and the habitation tax.—State and Local Taxation. The Macmillan Company, New York and Toronto.

BUYERS' MAGAZINE.

The Buyers' Magazine is the latest publication to make its appearance in Toronto. The principal contents of the first number include: Should Buyers Come to Market? Laying Foundation for Buying; Are Goods Well Bought, Half Sold? Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's Ideal; A System for Buyers; News and Hints for Buyers. There are also many business notes and items of interest and for a first number the advertising patronage is creditable. This little magazine should be of use to business men generally.—The Buyers' Magazine; Commercial Publishing Company, 47-51 West King Street, Toronto.

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