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LONDON, MONDAY, DEC. 19.

THOSE FIXED ASSESSMENTS.

The figures given by Mr. John M. Parsons in his discussion of the fixed assessment question in Saturday's issue are misleading. He unintentionally overlooked the fact that no fixed assessments can be granted for school purposes. The eight mills will pay the school rate of 7½ mills upon the full valuation of their properties, as follows:

McClary's	\$315,200
Perrin's	148,000
McCormick's	120,000
Leonard's	59,639
White & Sons	28,800
Wortman & Ward	17,000
London Foundry	14,400
London Brass	3,200
Total	\$741,600

For all purposes except education, these firms are actually assessed for \$541,080, as follows:

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In brief, these companies will continue to pay the school rate on an aggregate of \$741,600, and they will pay the general purpose rate—which is now 16 mills on the dollar—upon a fixed assessment of \$434,500, if all the bylaws carry. The total reduction of their taxable assessment for general purposes will be \$106,520—the difference between \$541,080 and \$434,500. This will mean a decrease in taxes of only \$1,765—not \$7,120, as Mr. Parsons' figures might lead readers to infer.

THE POWER PROJECT.

The Hamilton Herald is, of course, opposed for local and selfish reasons to the flat-rate principle in the sale of Niagara power. It contends that the present system is unalterable, because the hydro-electric commission has made contracts with municipalities. The Herald says:

"These contracts are binding upon the commission and the municipalities alike. They cannot be altered. And anybody who says or writes that they may be altered and one uniform price levied on the municipalities, irrespective of distance from the source of power, does so with the intent to deceive."

"There have been many impudent lies invented to discredit the People's-power movement; but none more impudent than this one."

The Herald should be more choice and sparing in its use of epithets. It is not above reproach itself. It says The Advertiser joined in the protest against the expenditure of provincial money on the Niagara power scheme, whereas The Advertiser took the opposite course, and differed from the views of the Government and leader of the Opposition.

MR. HOPKINS ON THE IMPERIAL STAGE.

Mr. Castell Hopkins is coming on. He has got into the London Times and has figured in the British election. The Times published the following in a recent issue:

"The Union Defence League has received the following cablegram from Mr. Castell Hopkins, of Toronto: 'O'Connor's speeches Canada based on federal system for United Kingdom and Empire, as was Canadian parliamentary resolution, 1882. Redmond's United States speeches based on nationalism and Parnellism. Laurier's subscription response to O'Connor call—Hopkins.' A Liberal daily discredited the message by showing that it was a re-

sponse to one sent by the Union Defence League as follows:

To Castell Hopkins, Toronto: "Confidential. Exploitation here Laurier's subscription to O'Connor. Joseph Lawrence suggests you, Wilson, Denison, could cable us for publication statement showing subscriptions not given to advance Redmond's policy of Parnellite home rule. Walter Long, our chairman, Union Defence League, London."

It will be seen that Mr. Hopkins "delivered the goods." The episode throws light on the manufacture of public opinion in Great Britain.

Honors are falling upon Mr. Hopkins thick and fast. The other day he had another opportunity. The Bishop of Niagara, addressing the Empire Club of Toronto (Mr. Hopkins, in the chair), very bitterly attacked the Irish and Labor parties in the House of Commons, and the woman suffragists. Mr. Arthur Hawkes rebuked the bishop at the next meeting, thereupon shocking the toadies. Mr. Hopkins apologized to his lordship—a most congenial role—and Mr. Hawkes now demands to know upon what authority Mr. Hopkins took upon himself to speak in the name of the club. That select organization is at present in a ferment.

To Canadians there is something ludicrous in the circumstance that the Hopkinses, the Denisons and the Blackstocks should be playing a part in the great drama of British politics, or that any political organization in Great Britain should regard this little coterie seriously, or as representative of Canadian sentiment. It is pathetic, however, to find that once valiant Radical, Mr. J. S. Willison, in such company.

The St. Thomas Times doesn't think Canada is spending enough on the navy, and pours out its scorn:

"Verily, Canadians in the mass are for of sponsors, or passing on the more expressive vernacular for emphasis, we are a bunch of cheap skates."

If the Government has earned this abuse, what of those who abuse the Government for doing anything at all? The language is unwarranted in either case. One of the grave weaknesses of this country is the habit of disparaging it. There are men in Parliament who protest that Canada should not be called a nation, and others, like Dr. Knowles, of Galt, are offended if they are called Canadians.

In a witty speech to college students recently Lord Rosebery advised them not to consider themselves bound by opinions expressed in their debating societies. But Lord Rosebery was not a youth when, as prime minister, he declared: "In our opinion the time has come when the right of the House of Lords to impose an absolute veto on the wishes and legislation of the House of Commons is forthwith to cease." These words are rising to confront him in his present role as the antagonist of the House of Commons.

The Detroit Free Press says: "British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan cannot be held or matter by any mere appeal to loyalty or imperial solidarity. The first already held its allegiance rather lightly; the other two are now mostly populated by recent American immigrants who don't care a rap for the British connection, nor much more than a rap for the Ottawa connection."

The Detroit Free Press is printed less than a mile from Canadian soil. For all it knows of this country, it might be printed in Patagonia. The American newcomers are a fraction of the population of the prairie provinces, and they are as thoroughly Canadian as the native-born. British Columbia is as British as any province in Canada.

That was a momentous utterance Saturday by President Taft:

"If now we can negotiate and put through a positive agreement with some great nation to abide by the adjudication of an international arbitral court in every issue which cannot be settled by negotiation, honor, territory or money, we shall have made a long step forward in demonstrating that it is possible for two nations at least to establish as between them the same system of due process of law that exists between individuals under a government."

MRS. SNOWDEN'S TRIUMPH.

The wife of Mrs. Snowden will be delighted to learn of the remarkable reception she received in New York at the hands of Men's League for Woman Suffrage. The dinner was held at the Aldine Club. About two hundred guests were expected, but six hundred came. All suffrage records in the big city were broken. Hundreds of new members joined the league on the occasion. The speakers included such men of national renown as George Foster Peabody, John Mitchell, Henry George and Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent. Whether one is for or against woman's suffrage, she makes her appeal to reason and right and not to pulling sentiment. That her adherence to the cause is based upon high conceptions of human welfare and not upon petty pride or sordid political ambition, everybody will be eager to admit.

JUST DISSOLVED.

Houston Post.
"So you broke your engagement with Miss Spensie?"
"No, I didn't break it."
"Oh, she broke it?"
"No, she didn't break it."
"But it is broken?"
"Yes, she told me what her clothing cost and I told her what my income was, then our engagement sagged in the middle and gently dissolved."

Doctor Told Her She Did Not Have A Pint Of Good Blood In Her Body.

Mrs. Dositha P. Cormier, Middle Sackville, N.B., says:
"In the spring of 1897 I was all run down, and the doctor told me I had not a pint of good blood in my body. I took different remedies from doctors, but they did not seem to do me any good. After having taken a lot of different other kinds of medicine, and they did not seem to benefit me, I was almost in despair and did not know what to do until my husband met a lady and told her about my sickness and she told him to try Burdock Blood Bitters as she had received the greatest benefit from using it. My husband went and bought me a bottle, and after having taken it I felt better, so I kept on using one bottle after another until I had taken six in all and then I was strong and well. I am positive that my being alive to-day is due to the use of Burdock Blood Bitters. One spring since then I was not feeling very well and had a lot of work to do. I thought I would procure a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters and after I had taken two I was able to do a lot of hard work all the summer, and I never felt better in my life. In the winter of 1906 I had pneumonia, and it left me with a severe pain in the left side. Every morning when I would get out of bed I had to sit down for a while it was so painful. After using Burdock Blood Bitters the pain disappeared completely. It has also cured me of bleeding piles. I have received so much benefit from Burdock Blood Bitters that you may publish this as it may help others as it has me."

THE YOUNG MAN OF TODAY.

(Public Opinion.)
Mr. J. A. Spender, the editor of the Western Star, says that the young Englishman nowadays needs a touch of the adventurous spirit. "His demand is always for security of tenure, even though the income be modest. He comes to consult you about journalism or the bar, or a business career, and you have to tell him that all these professions have their uncertainties and vicissitudes, that there are no pensions to follow, and that no one can guarantee his success. So when he turns away sorrowfully, and takes service for life in some public employment, which will shelter him against all storms." "This is a deplorably accurate diagnosis of the modern young man," says Mr. James Douglas in the Star.

Sir Robertson Nicoll confirms Mr. Spender's view. He says he knows men who have published important books, and who are working away cheerfully at the age of nearly forty on £20 a year, with the prospect of a rise and the certainty of a pension.

A WORD FOR THE FARMERS.

(Toronto Star.)
In Western Canada and in Ontario there are now strong farmers' organizations, and it is to be hoped that their strength will grow, and that they will constantly and frequently present the farmers' side of every public question to the Government and to Parliament. The Government should regard such a meeting as that of today not as a difficulty, but as an opportunity of keeping in touch with the people.

A LOST ILLUSION.

(Philadelphia Record.)
"Tomorrow never comes," quoted the wise guy.
"Not unless you have a note to meet," added the simple mug.

SURE THING THEN.

(New York Sentinel-Review.)
Madame Sembrich refused to sing in London the other night when she discovered that the advance sale of seats was disappointingly small. She makes it a point to never sing for less than \$1,200 a night. There used to be a feeling that great artists loved to exercise their art for art's sake; but doubtless that belief, along with many others, must be relegated to the department of mythology.

TAKING A CHANCE.

(S. E. Kiser.)
My brother says there ain't no Santa Claus at all.
He claims that's just a myth for people that are small.
He says that there ain't any reindeers.
I guess that I'll hang up my stockin', Anyway.

He couldn't come down any chimney, if he tried.
Because the chimneys are so narrow,
And he's wide;
I can't believe no more, no matter what they claim—
I guess that I'll hang up my stockin', Just the same!

ONE GOOD FEATURE.

Life.
Nebuchadnezzar was eating grass like an ox. "While I am, several criticized for some of the things I have done," he mused, moving over to a spot where the timothy was longer, "at least it shall not be regretted of me that I published a magazine to induce others to adopt this diet."

PROVED.

Exchange.
Dayley—Professor Butler has written much that is of lasting value to science.
Cayley—How do you know?
Dayley—Because I read his last book and can't understand a word of it!

VERY PARTICULAR.

Ottawa Journal.
The British navy, upon whose system the Canadian examination is based rejects a candidate for so slight a thing as an ingrowing nail; a foot not properly arched would be sufficient to lose a candidate his appointment. As the Canadian examination were conducted by British officers, it is altogether likely that the British severity was carried into them throughout, which fact explains the large percentage of rejections.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

(W. J. Lampton.)
Oh, say!
This very day
Get the hop
For the shoe
And don't stop
Shopping
Till you feel like dropping
Dead in your tracks. And then
All the clerks, and the shop men,
Will rise up and call you blessed.
And you, with your shopping done,
Will sit down and wonder
Where in thunder
Do people find Christmas fun.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

(New York Press.)
Most excuses spell lies.
Champagne pops and then the fizz goes out; so with promises.
A woman is mad if some people learn her secrets, but madder if others don't. We are perfectly willing to get ourselves into trouble; we want others to get us out.
There's no man any woman couldn't marry by pretending how she admired his brains and adored his courage.

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YARD SQUARE TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS, in green and two shades of red, medallion design in centre . . . 19c
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Men's Tape Border, All Linen, Handkerchiefs, Tuesday \$1.25 Doz.
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Beautiful Silk Handkerchiefs in colors, all linen, with embroidered and hemstitched edge, a very fine quality. Special, each . . . 50c

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NEW ROUTE WOULD BE THROUGH CANADA

A Fast Mail Service Is Planned Between New York and Detroit.

Washington, Dec. 17. — The New York Central and Michigan Central interests are here, seeking a contract to run some fast mail trains through Canada, via Detroit, between New York and Chicago. The railroad representatives have been urging it pretty strongly upon the postmaster-general, but have not made as much headway as they desired, and therefore have been talking with some of the Michigan members of Congress in the hope of enlisting their aid.

As the postmaster-general understands it, the Michigan Central wants to operate some entirely new mail routes by way of Detroit. At present a few of the trains carry mail and are paid for doing so by the Canadian Government, while the chief New York Central fast mail trains between the east and the west run over the Lake Shore from Buffalo westward.

The postmaster-general told the railroad people that he would be with them in their enterprise if they simply sought to transfer some of the fast mail from the Lake Shore to the shorter route by way of the Michigan Central, but that he did not feel that he ought to continue all of the Lake Shore contracts, and then add to them new contracts for duplicate service between the same general terminals over a parallel road.

He would be glad to have some of the Lake Shore contracts transferred to the Michigan Central without increasing the Government's expense, in order to have the mail service get the benefit of the Detroit tunnel and the shorter run between Buffalo and Chicago, but did not want to start any entirely new trains over the Michigan Central.

The railroad people have promised to look into the matter further and to come forward later with the best proposition they feel they can make for the establishment of through fast mail trains via Detroit.

Victor Moore.
Mr. Victor Moore, a favorite with London audiences, appeared at the Grand on Saturday, matinee and night. In "The Happiest Night of His Life." The audiences were fairly large, and they were decidedly appreciative. The music was bright and catchy, and the lyrics were especially well rendered, despite the fact that most of the company were suffering with colds, the result, they claimed, of having been left for three hours on a siding at Hamilton by the Grand Trunk Railway and thereby arriving late for the matinee. A bill for damage against the company will be presented, it is understood.

Mr. Moore, as "Dick Brennan," made his usual hit. He sings as well as ever, and, of course, is always pleasing. His recitation number of the last act was very clever, despite its palpable steal from George Colman.

The popular Phil Ryley was again to the fore and he certainly did make another hit with the audience. John T. Kelly, as "Officer Flannigan," was suffering from a cold which almost took his voice away, but the natural humor of the comedian helped him out, for the people made allowance for his singing.

Miss Annabelle Whitford, well known as the original Biddy, and the star of "The Pollies of 1909," sang in a most artistic manner, and fully maintained the reputation which she has made for herself in New York.

The choruses were not large but they boasted of quality. The staging was magnificent and the costumes elaborate. Strange to relate, the plot of the piece

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