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The Taxation Question

Abolish the Improvement Tax

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—In the April 15th issue of your valuable journal is a letter from D. A. Graham, of Lambton County, advocating the freedom from taxation of improvements on farms. He has made out so good a case that it can't be successfully refuted. He shows clearly that the more a farmer does for his municipality, the worse the assessor does for him. He is fined, taxed, punished for the good he does in improving his place and in building up the country. The system is so absurd and ridiculous that it is more worthy of some heathen country than of an enlightened people like Canadians.

The moral law should govern us in government as well as in our private dealings. And if moral, is it right, is it just, to tax a man for improving his place? The people vote, but, as yet, government by the people is only an experiment. Our Municipal Government is nearer to it, so should not all good citizens aim to make our Municipal or Home Government as nearly perfect as possible? But, what kind of Municipal Government is it that fines people for improving their homes.

A STEP WORTH WHILE.

Our Federal Government and Provincial Governments are far from being what they ought to be, but, it is idle to expect them to be what they ought to be till we get our home, municipal affairs conducted properly. Honest local taxation is not everything, but it is something. It is a step worth striving for. Heaven is not reached at a single bound, but rather, it is gained step by step. And this step, the freeing of improvements from taxation in one way means importance. Think of what it means to our boys and girls who may settle in the future in New Ontario? That the future in New Ontario will be overrun with speculators, and hold up men, freeing improvements from local taxation will make those who hold land idle pay as much local tax as those who improve and develop the country. The curse of every new country is the Land Grabber, but honest taxation will put such out of business and give honest industry a chance.

LAND VALUES.

The mistake with most people is in mistaking value of land for wealth. Right there is the stumbling block. People can see wealth, in buildings, fences, breaking, etc. Value of land, however, is not seen with physical eyes, but with the eyes of reason. See that vacant lot in your no buildings, no improvements, but yet, from its situation it is valuable. Try to buy it and test this point for yourself. See that wild unimproved places surrounded with improved farms? It is not wealth itself. There is no wealth in it, but yet it has value from its situation. The better the site the more valuable it is. And it is this value that nobody has worked for that the assessor should see, and he should see nothing else. And, if he can't see that value, then it is up to readers to make him see.

Let Farm and Dairy readers think over this matter and press it upon the attention of their M.P.'s, and Councils and Assessors. Those who make the present assessment act can easily amend it, but it is up to the people themselves to let their public servants know how they want it changed.—Yours truly,

FAIR PLAY.

Have you forgotten to renew your subscription to Farm and Dairy?

Better Police Protection

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—Each day as we scan our papers and read accounts of the ever-increasing number of cases of murders, "hold-ups," horse-stealing, cattle maiming, etc., the necessity for more efficient police service is more clearly borne in upon our minds. It seems to be conceded on all sides that the only solution of this problem is to be found in the establishment of a rural constabulary, to act in conjunction with our present county constables. I read with a great deal of interest a letter from Col. Vance Gravelly, dealing with this subject, some time ago; and as I cannot at present lay my hand upon the paper containing it, I am sure he will pardon me, should I unwittingly appear to advance any of his theories as my own.

My idea is that we should have a semi-military rural mounted constabulary. The members of this corps should be picked men, of intelligence and education, as well as good physique. I should advise that they be governed by the same regulations as the North-West Mounted Police, excepting that they should be under the control, and paid by, the Provincial Government. In addition to the ordinary duties of county constables, they might report any glaring defects in roads, bridges, etc., to the Reeves which they passed through, through which they passed. I should also consider it advisable to have them equipped with small pocket telephones which they might attach to the wire at any point, thus rendering it possible for them to summon assistance, etc.

Now for the military side. In case of war, these men would form a simply invaluable corps of guides. With their minutely accurate knowledge of the country, they could give detailed descriptions of roads, the condition of rivers, at different periods of the year, the capabilities of bridges for the transportation of troops and, in short, would form the most valuable branch of the militia service. We have only to refer to the North-West Mounted Police, of almost world-wide fame, to see to what a height of perfection a constabulary force can attain; and, I believe, in our own case the mere existence of such a corps would have a salutary effect, and be largely detrimental to the prevalence of crime, so deplorably marvellous at the present time.—R. E. Birdsall, Peterboro, Ont.

Items of Interest

The next annual meeting of the American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers will be held at Port Land, Oregon, August 16 and 17, 1909. At the same place and beginning August 18 will be held the annual meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will be in operation in Seattle at that time, and no doubt excursion rates with stop-over privileges will be granted by the transportation companies.

Nine-tenths of the hen manure produced in the State of Connecticut each year is robbed of more than one-half of its fertilizing qualities because of its being mixed with wood ashes. Did you ever stop to think how much ammonia there is in all animal and bird manure? How many farmers realize that the effect of wood ashes upon manure is to release the potential ammonia and suffer it to escape long before the blow and curd has had an opportunity to bring it into contact with the root growth?

I think that Farm and Dairy is the best paper published in Canada. It is almost speaking paper I ever got hold of.—R. C. Billings, Oxford Co., Ont.

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One Spraying,
Districts

If we except Ontario, we may say is the cause of the province that than all other observations a in different part from this issue per cent. of districts not apples are wormed. are thus grown into fold astray in say, failed last autumn lost the equivalent of the ravages of a

Such a state of the question we cannot to a large extent. Our experience of man show that this and that, too, of either time summer the orchards where plots were free orchards being are two broods in conversation with growers as Oak Grierson, of Hart, of Simcoe, and that all these districts had fought against them secured an average and in some cases

But if we are methods of combat the life therefore try to much about the Worm as is necessary for the methods later.

THE LEFT
Hibernation—winter in the little nest, or, perhaps, such as a bark on the large around the base near the tree, but is of any kind houses.

When the weather of the spring