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## Editorial

### DANGEROUS PRACTISES

A number of complaints are heard from motorists, regarding the placing of nails and large tacks on the street, which have caused trouble for many car drivers. Last year the same complaints were heard and measures should immediately be taken to apprehend the guilty ones. Placing of nails or sharp implements on the road not only causes expense to motorists, but is apt to cause a serious accident and persons found guilty should be dealt with in a severe manner.

Another cause of complaint from car drivers is that small boys frequently throw stones at passing automobiles and in some cases have damaged the car and otherwise caused annoyance to the driver. Throwing stones or other missiles at automobiles is a dangerous practise and children should be cautioned by their parents to respect the rights of motorists.

In some parts of the town, children playing on the streets apparently take delight in running in front of a passing automobile or of standing in the road and defying the driver of the car to run them down. It is a frequent occurrence to see a small child dart across the street in front of an oncoming automobile or to stand in the centre of the road and make signals for the driver of the car to come as close to him as possible. It is a great wonder that more accidents do not happen in this locality. While the automobile driver should always look out for the pedestrian, parents should instruct their children to take reasonable care in playing on the streets and the police should caution any children they see endangering their own lives and causing unnecessary anxiety for the motorist.

### PLANS STREET WORK

Among the operations which the Public Works Department has planned for the immediate future is the grading of Mitchell Street from Jane Street to Castle Street and Castle Street from Mitchell Street to the Public Square. Pleasant Street is to be attended to as soon as possible and Kings Highway is to be continued up from George Street, as well as covering the cinder road on King's Highway from George Street to the Hospital.

It is also contemplated to extend the granolithic sidewalk on Castle Street, from the D. & J. Ritchie & Co. store to Hennessy's Corner, connecting with the pavement.

## EUGENE LEPAGE GIVES TANLAC FULL CREDIT

### Stomach Trouble Vanishes And Montreal Man Gains 14 lbs. On 4 Bottles

"Since I began taking this wonderful Tanlac I seem to be getting younger every day. I have gained 14 lbs. on four bottles and everybody speaks about how well I look."

The above statement was made recently by Eugene LePage, proprietor of Prince of Wales Hotel Barber shop, Montreal, Canada one of the most exclusive tontorial parlors in this city. Mr. LePage further said: "Stomach trouble had almost completely wrecked my health. I was a mere shadow of my former self; and so run down and nervous I thought I would have to give up my work."

"Tanlac soon had me eating everything; sleeping like a log at night and feeling as fine as one could ask to feel. My only regret is that I did not learn about Tanlac long before I did."

Tanlac Vegetable Pills for constipation. Made and recommended by the manufacturers of TANLAC.

Tanlac is for sale by all good druggists. Accept no substitute. Over 40 Million bottles sold.

manent work to be performed by the Provincial Government.

This sidewalk is most particularly needed and the Public Works Department trusts that property owners on the streets where the sidewalk will be built, will be willing and prepared to pay their proportion of the cost.

on the square and several other large properties in excellent localities; producing good revenue; and taxed only twenty three thousand dollars. Bradstreet's rating for A. is two hundred thousand dollars.

B. owns a very modern building on the square in the Hub of the business section and only taxed on sixteen thousand dollars—Bradstreet's rating is \$75,000.

C. owns a very fine building on the square; a very commanding position; with other good property beside it and taxed only eight thousand five hundred—Bradstreet's rating is \$20,000.

There are many others but these are sufficient as a demonstration. However my object is not to be personal; but I firmly believe that the adoption of a scientific system of distribution of our taxes will not only lower the rate but also that the amount of taxes will be less proportionately.

If real estate values were to be determined by initial cost, length and width, height and number of bricks; the marsh land of Newcastle and the standing chimney at the old Hickson mill property, would be worth more money than the property on Fifth Avenue, New York City.

For this same reason there should be a proper revaluation of real estate and a proper rate set.

Another important question must be dealt with. Is it fair and just that a citizen who spends his money to erect a building that embellished the town and increased its value, and places it at the service of the public should be taxed to the limit, because this wealth is apparent and can be appraised? Is it just that a business man who places his capital in goods, furnishes employment and accommodations to the public should be taxed to the limit because we can see the goods on the shelves? Is it just that the wage-earner be taxed to the limit because we know his wages? Why should not the man who invests his money in bonds and securities be made to contribute his share of the current expenses of the town in proportion to his wealth? Is it because the Assessors have no

## EDITORS MAIL

We are not responsible for opinions expressed by writers under this heading. Correspondents would oblige by writing legibly, and on one side of the paper only, name and address (not necessarily for publication) must always be sent. Correspondence should be as concise as possible.

### IS IT?

How can a citizen hope for betterment when constructive argument, as set forth in my last letter to the Council, considered as abuse, and the exposition of existing facts are taken as personal grievances? No citizen should have any license to abuse any other citizen, no matter what is the issue. Abuse is the shield of weaklings only.

However, to every ratepayer in any community is the right to express his opinion regarding the management of the affairs of that community, of which he is a member and a shareholder, particularly so, if this opinion may be of benefit to its citizens.

Alderman Armstrong in his letter quoted figures from my financial statement of a year ago, and conveniently forgot the other side of the ledger. He said I am taxed on forty per cent,—perhaps an injustice to the other ratepayers—but is it in my case alone?

Let us deal with this subject with justice, without prejudice and personal resentment; and make a few comparisons, beginning with Alderman Armstrong:

The Bradstreets and R.G. Dunn gives Alderman Armstrong a rating of \$20,000, which is based on a very conservative estimate; and Ald. Armstrong is taxed on personal property; one thousand dollars only which is one-twentieth of that rating.

He is also taxed on \$6,500 which is less than one third.

Other comparisons for convenience I will call them A-B & C.

A. owns one of the largest blocks

means of ascertaining such information? If such be the case, then the assessors should have either a sworn statement or some reliable method by which they can justly and fairly distribute the taxation.

Until we can devise such a method; there shall always be a large number of defaulters which in most cases is caused through doubt and mistrust in the justice of such taxes.

Eliminate the uncertainty of the mind of Tom that he is paying more than Dick and you will have fewer defaulters.

Doubt and mistrust are detrimental to the prosperity of our town. Let us be free minded and unselfish citizens and co-operate with one another, that we may all prosper.

A. D. FARRAH

Newcastle, N.B. May 19 1924

## CHURCH UNION-BILL.

If all the literature being sent out by the supporters and opponents of the Church Union Bill is read, those receiving it have very little time for any other occupation. Only a very small portion of this literature, received at the newspaper offices appeared in print. Every phase of the important matter is discussed over, and over again; many statements made by one side are flatly contradicted by the other. A prominent lawyer expressed the views the other day that if the discussions in Parliament were carried on in the spirit displayed in this controversy, "Parliament would soon become a bear garden."

It must not be forgotten that men capable of strong convictions usually employ forcible language. The Church Union Bill is now before the Private Bills committee of Parliament. Newspaper writers in Ottawa prophesy that the committee will amend the bill so as to give congregations the right to vote themselves out of the Union and retain their church property. Instead of being forced into the Union first and then get out afterwards if they can. When the bill comes before the House of Commons in this

amended form, if it does reach that body it will not be satisfactory to the promoters of the bill. It is thought that in a division in the house, the denominations would vote as follows supporting the amendment, and defeating the bill:—

Against Union. For Union	
Anglicans .....	27
Baptists .....	8
Congregationalists .....	6
Catholics .....	0
Methodists .....	3
Presbyterians .....	0
Other denominations .....	0
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## Aurora Borealis Mystery Is At Last Solved

The shimmering glow of the aurora borealis, which has mystified scientists for many years is now declared to be due to the action of electric radiations on crystals of solid nitrogen floating in the upper atmosphere. The statement is made by Norwegian scientist, Prof. Lars Vegard of the University of Christiania as a result of experiments made in the cryogenic laboratory of Dr. Kamerlingh Onnes at Leyden.

Earlier theories about the aurora attributed it to electric radiations from the sun. Professor Vegard extended these theories and concluded that the aurora was due to action of these radiations on nitrogen "snow" which he assumed to exist at an altitude of more than 60 miles above the earth.

To test the theory he froze nitrogen on to a copper plate by chilling the plate to the temperature of liquid hydrogen, much as the moisture of a warm room is frozen on to refrigeration pipes in cold storage plants. The rest of the nitrogen was mostly exhausted, resulting in greatly reduced pressure above the deposit of solid nitrogen. These crystals were then bombarded by cathode rays.

Using potentials of from 250 to 750 volts, Vegard was able to make the nitrogen crystals emit light of a greenish color which

when examined in the spectroscope proved to be identical with the mysterious strong green line in the spectrum of the aurora that has always been a puzzle to investigators. Vegard also found that the crystalline nitrogen kept on emitting this greenish light several minutes after the bombardment of cathode rays had ceased.

He also explains the wonderful changes of color in the aurora for he found that under the electric excitation the solid nitrogen partly evaporates and then begins to emit light of the reddish color so characteristic of nitrogen gas.

## Childhood Indigestion

Nothing is more common in childhood than indigestion. Nothing is more dangerous to proper growth, more weakening to the constitution or more likely to pave the way to dangerous disease. Fully nine-tenths of all the minor ills of childhood have their root in indigestion. There is no medicine for little ones to equal Baby's Own Tablets in relieving this trouble. They have proved of benefit in thousands of homes. Concerning them Mrs. Jos. Lubette Immaculate Conception, Que. writes: "My baby was a great sufferer from indigestion, but the Tablets soon set her right and now I would not be without them."

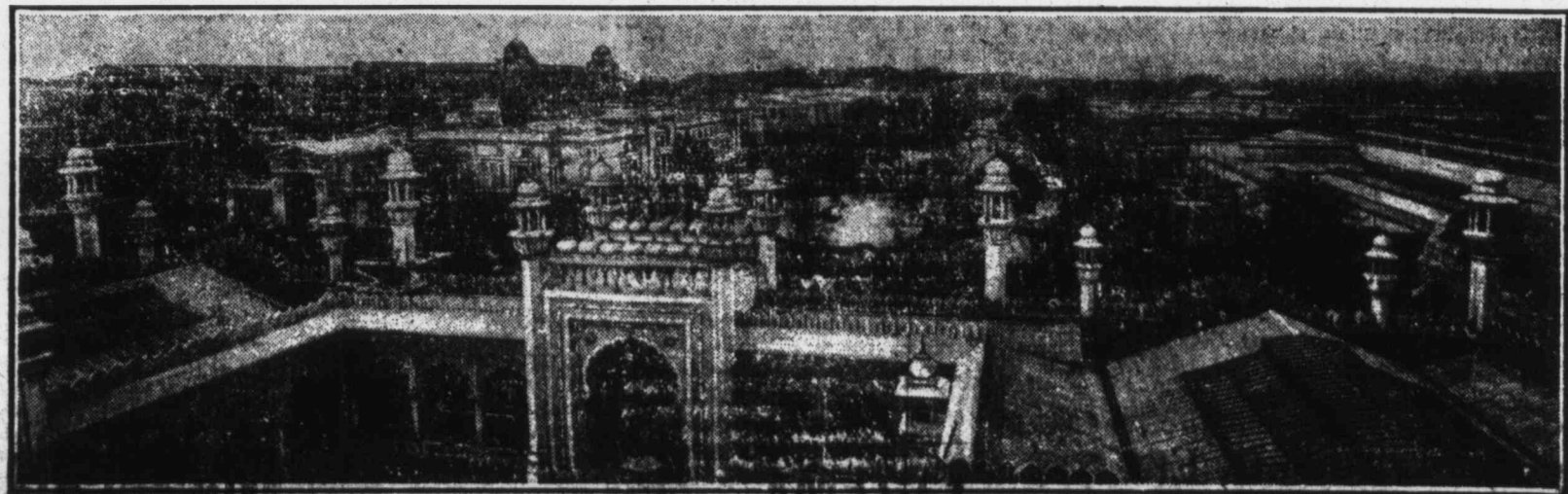
The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cts a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### MILLS STARTED

A number of the saw mills on the Miramichi River started on the season's operations last week.

### ALL FULL

It is told of Charles Lamb that one afternoon after he had taken his seat in a crowded omnibus a stout gentleman looked in and politely asked: "All full inside?" "I don't know how it may be with the other passengers" answered Lamb "but that last piece of oyster pie did the business for me!"



BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION AT WEMBLEY

(From left to right), The Stadium, Canadian Pacific Building, Canada, Australia, The Ornamental Lake, Palace of Engineering and in the foreground