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M. C. L. I.

A large gathering of members greeted the speakers at the debate last night which proved to be most instructive. The subject was: "Should Newfoundland reduce indirect taxation and meet such reduction by a direct tax?" Mr. A. Mews, leader for the affirmative, led off with a good speech in which he showed that in the early stages of man's history the tax imposed by God was a "direct" tax and therefore most suited to man's needs, and that when the population of the world increased man imposed indirect taxation which was unequal, and unfairly collected. The speaker proposed a direct tax on persons, property, business, etc., which could be easily collected at a minimum cost.

The second speaker for the affirmative was Mr. Geo. Grimes, who showed that taxes were now often evaded, and that the great statesman Pitt, reduced he tax on food stuffs and placed a small graded tax of from two per cent. up on incomes of not less than \$700. The average tax now imposed in Newfoundland was too heavy on poor people and middle classes which was about 30 p.c. and that a substantial reduction could be made in the present customs duties and levied in such a manner as to bear lightly on those who now found it a great burden.

Mr. A. E. Chown was the third speaker for the affirmative and claimed that many rich people in St. John's have small families and therefore do not consume as much food and clothing as the poor who generally have large families and who consequently pay more taxes. He also stated that it cost \$145,000 to collect \$3,000,000 last year. That our indirect tax meant an average of \$13.75 per head. Other speakers pleaded for a reduction in customs duties of at least

\$200,000 per year, and raise the amount by taxing mortality estates and a small stamp tax on exports and incomes, over \$1,000, and so reduce the cost of living which is now a very serious problem for the poor and the middle classes, such as clerks, etc., who found it very hard to make both ends meet.

The leader for the negative, Mr. S. Woods, in a well delivered and carefully prepared speech, showed that our present method was good, and taxes were easy to collect and was collected without friction, and was the most economical method of collection the cost being about 5 p.c. which was cheaper than the average business was run to-day, and that if capital was taxed much more would be driven out of the country. That the city was already taxed for civic purposes and could not stand more. That the income tax would be evaded and that trade would be injured.

Capt. Diamond supported the negative and contended that as the Municipal Council failed to collect all taxes due, so would a large portion of a direct tax remain unpaid. He also showed that we all benefit by the "free" importation of so-called fishermen's food stuffs.

Mr. Harold Smith, third speaker for the negative, claimed that the free duty of manufactured goods would make Newfoundland a dumping ground for foreign shippers, that it would be impossible to collect an income tax from the fishermen whose income was uncertain.

Other speakers showed that many schooners would be taxed at full value but would not realize half value at a sale, and that five millions of dollars worth at present came in duty free. The following took part in the open debate: Capt. Kean, W. Wyllie, S. Whiteway, J. S. Currie, T. Soper, G. Soper. The vote showed a very large majority in favor of a rearrangement of our present method of taxation and proved that public

sentiment as represented by the M.C. L.I. is keenly alive to the necessity for such re-adjustment.—Com.

A Toast.

There is an Empire, we are taught—
A broad domain beyond the sea,
An Empire where our fathers fought
To usher in the good and free.

But all we see is just a scrap
Of extra red upon the map.

But come in fancy to the West,
Where lies a vast, a golden shore,
And watch the millions there who
wrest
Their treasure from her goodly store
And, lo, upon its stanchion high,
The dear old flag salutes the sky.

Again on wings of fancy rise,
And let your magic course be set
Toward the sun of Eastern Skies
That glints on dome and minaret.

The same high anthem there they
sing—
The same true hearts, the same
great King.

And when your wandering thoughts
arrive
Back at these shores in wonder's
thrill,
Remember 'twas the blood of Clive,
Of Wolfe, and others gave it all.

Then drink to those brave hearts
who died
To win the reason for our pride.

Marine Notes.

The S. S. City of Sydney will leave Halifax to-day for here.
The S. S. Bonaventure will leave Lunenburg to-day for this port, coal laden.

The brig, Gaspe will start to load next week for South American ports.

Hr. Grace Notes.

The harbor is now solidly frozen over and people were crossing to and fro yesterday.

Several men arrived from Bell Island on Saturday, having crossed over to Bay Roberts on the ice, and came here by road.

What has become of your correspondent "Mary?" Some say she is on the fence, others are inclined to think herself and Tom are having a hard time. Our citizens would like to know what has become of her, and would be glad if you could give some idea of her whereabouts.

Whooping cough has made its appearance in town and several members of different families are now laid up with it.

The Harbor Grace Agricultural Society held its monthly meeting last night. The business of the meeting was principally the ordering of seeds for the coming spring. A very pleasant and profitable time was spent. A new office was created, that of Corresponding Secretary, at a salary of \$20.00 a year. Mr. Norman Munn was elected to the office, and will no doubt have his hands full in the interest of agriculture.

Mr. M. T. Jones has been kept indoors all the week suffering from an attack of LaGrippe.

Mrs. Catherine Kane died on Thursday last, at a very advanced age. Mrs. Kane was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and came to this country when a young woman. For the past four or five years she lived with Mrs. Sarah Lynch, at the Beach, where she was very tenderly cared for, and where her last hours were made as happy as possible. The funeral took place on Saturday last, when the remains were interred in the R. C. Cemetery on the hill.

The Ladies of St. Andrew's Church held their annual meeting last night at the home of Mrs. R. S. Munn. The election of officers took place and resulted in Mrs. Edward Parsons being chosen President, Mrs. James Cron, 1st V.P.; Mrs. John Brunles, 2nd V.P.; Mrs. Maud Butt, Secretary-Treasurer.

People calling at the Public Building on business with the Relieving Officer, Mr. Squires, find great difficulty in finding his office. We would suggest that the name "Relieving Officer," be put on the door. It would be a great convenience to the poor and all who go there in the interest of the poor.

We have been asked to draw the attention of the Water Company, if they are the responsible parties, and if not to the Insurance Companies, or some person that the bell rope at the Central Fire Hall is broken and cannot be reached without mounting the ladder. Should a fire break out in the night, much valuable time would be lost should a stranger attempt to ring that bell. Let us have a good bell-rope, no matter who has to pay for it.

We referred to a certain matter the other day that offended a young lady connected with one of our families. Fortunately the safety valve lifted and the fair one let off a little gas about busy-bodies, or something. We cannot help this. We have a duty to perform and we intend to do it no matter what the result is.

—COR.

The funeral of the late Wm. Duff, Esq., of Carbonear, takes place this afternoon. The remains will be consigned to Mother Earth in the Presbyterian Cemetery, here, Rev. F. S. Coffin, officiating.

Rev. T. B. Darby and his son George, went to St. John's on Tuesday last, the object being to consult an eye-specialist, the sight of the latter seeming to need attention.

A broody hen in this neighborhood, insisted on sitting in the nest with the idea of hatching and rearing a family. Owing to the early season and fearing frost, the owner used the customary persuasions, such as constantly throwing her out of the nest, etc. This proved all in vain, and she seemed determined to "sit." The housewife, with Solomon's wisdom, decided that "cooing" could sit if she desired, so making up a half dozen snow balls about the size and shape of eggs, she placed the hen on them and covered her up snugly. The hen seemed to sit with a sense of satisfaction, as much as to say "Well I've gained my point." But the next morning the snow was melted and the hen, disgusted with the treatment, gave up the idea of family raising so early in the season.

Mr. Robert Tetford's flock of sheep was increased on Wednesday morning by the addition of two lambs.

St. Andrew's meeting which was to have taken place on Wednesday night last, was postponed out of respect

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to the memory of the late Wm. Duff, Esq., who always took great interest in the business of the Kirk.

Mrs. A. B. Lehr has just opened her comfortable home on Water Street, known as "The Rest," for the accommodation of boarders. "The Rest," is centrally situated and will no doubt receive a liberal share of patronage. For some years the need of such a home, particularly in summer, has been much felt, and Mrs. Lehr is to be congratulated on her enterprise.

Our citizens are all glad to see Mr. W. H. Kennedy, of the Postal staff back to his work again after his recent illness.

—COR.

Hr. Grace, Feb. 20, 1913.

Here and There

LOADING FOR EUROPE. — The scho. Gay Gordon is being loaded with coal at Belleoram for Harvey & Co. for Europe.

STREETS QUIET.—The streets are very quiet tonight of late owing to the fact of the large congregations attending the city churches. Last night one drunk was brought in by the police.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Cure a Cold in One Day. Cures Grip in Two days. 25c.—Oct. 11, fr. ft.

FINISHED LOADING. — The schr. Helen Stewart will finish loading fish at Smith & Co.'s premises for Bahia.

SCARLET FEVER.—Scarlet fever was reported last evening from Rensles Mill Road and the Ropewalk range.

GETTING WIRELESS. — All the sailing steamers which carry wireless apparatus are now having it adjusted for the spring's work at the seal fishery. A new man—Mr. Campbell—has arrived to take up the position of operator on the Neptune.

Campbell's Milk Shakes are delicious.—Jan 27, 14



IS YOUR COUGH GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE.

If you catch a cold (which very often develops into a cough) everyone can tell you how to cure it! If one tried half the things his friends recommended he would be a physical wreck!

Fortunately it isn't necessary to experiment with ginger tea and such things, get a bottle of Stafford's Phosphate Cough and Cold Cure, take according to directions and you will be relieved in a few hours.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mr. E. J. Duder, Carpasian, acknowledges the receipt of \$15.00 (Fifteen Dollars), conscience money, through Rt. Rev. Monsignor Roche.—adv't., 11

CREATED DISTURBANCE.—Two Conception Bay men, who were half seas over, attempted to purchase tickets to go by last night's train but were refused. They then became disorderly and had to be put out of the station. Later they tried to get into the cars but were ejected. In future the rule excluding drunks from trains, will be rigidly adhered to, nor will any person showing a sign of liquor at the time be given a ticket.

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Anchovy Paste.
Skipper Sardines.

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SMOKED FILLETS.

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GOOD RUN.—The Duchess of Cornwall arrived at Bahia yesterday after a run of 35 days. The crew are well.

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