## TAXATION EXEMPTION

WAS VOTED FOR AT A PUBLIC MEETING ON SATUR-

A Mej rity of a Hundred Citizens Ask That Messrs. Peters Pay no Taxes for Twenty Years-Hon Thomas R. Jones Protested Against the Meeting.

quest of Messrs. Peters' Sons from exemption from taxation for twenty years in the event of them rebuilding their tannery here. They state that if they do not receive exemption they have offers from other places to remove from here. The meeting comprised about 100 people, chiefly working men, but including some of the merchants and some of the aldermen. Messrs. Peters' employes were there in good numbers. The meeting had its features of amusement as well as argument and discussion.

council.

Mayor Sears said he had a right to call a public meeting. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Jones—"By public requisition, and

in no other way."

The mayor said he had the power and no other one was ahead of him when he no other one was ahead of him when he sat in the mayor's chair. He was opposed to the Peters request and Mr. Jones had no right to say that he had called the meeting in their interests. Neither had he called it in opposition to them. His opposition was the principle

Mr. Jones said he must protest against he meeting.
Mr. James T. Hurley suggested the

meeting had better get down to business. Mr. Frank Hatheway was voted chairman and Mr. Thomas L. Hay, secretary. Protested and Withdrew.

already established in the city. It might be that Messrs. Peters' tannery being destroyed, a new one being built would be a new industry. He felt that whatever

## Messrs. Peters did they would have better plant and business than of old. Resolution of Exemption.

Mr. Jas. T. Hurley moved that it be recommended that the petition of Messrs Peters for 20 years exemption from tax-ation be granted. This was seconded by Mr. Robert B. Addison.

Mr. Hurley said the matter

ious one requiring careful, cool, and impartial consideration. Selfishness characterized the human family and some could not see anything good in what did not concern themselves. Manufacturing was the secret of success of all nations. So it was with Eugland, and manufacturing and comton had been made possible by the shoe and leather men. As to St. John, in 1870 to 1878 there were about 700 men engaged in the shoe and leather manufacturing. The business amounted to \$700, 000 or \$800,000 a year and about one-quarter of this was labor money. Today the businesses engage only about 100 men. The exemption of and bonus giving to the shoe and leather industries by Upper Canadian cities had rendered competition too keen for those engaged here. The Canadian population was say 5,000, 000, and average \$5 a year for footwear This meant \$25,000,000. In the tannery business Messrs Peters made some classes of goods superior to any in the dominion During the last five years the supply fo the English market from Canada could not equal the demand. He laid before the meeting extracts from Shoe Leather a trade publication, telling of recent bon

Why the Motion Was Seconded. Mr. Addison was asked why he seconded Mr. Hurley's motion and said that the Peters' tannery employed 55 to 60 men, earning from \$6 to \$10 or thereabouts. All this money was spent in St. John. He said we should keep all our

Mayor Sears said he never knew or bonuses being given in Great Britain. Say a sum is to be raised for the purposes of e city. If Mr. Peters does not pay it some one has to, and his workmen mu some one has to, and his workmen must contribute. He was interested in real estate and had eight houses vacant. He was not relieved because of this. Real estate pays as much as it can bear and no landlord is getting rich here on rents.

Some one asked why and answered himself by saying the reason was that we himself by saying the reason was that we have not the manufacturing and this be cause we do not consider the manufac

turing interests.

A Mr. Mullay broke in and said that the mayor could very well expect more bouses vacant if the Peters industry left

tion of real estate was the index. The mayor said that when we enter on exemption we go into a sea of boundless expanse. He spoke not against this present case but against the principle. An industry has the city's protection and bonuses, but if the council thought it wise to exempt Messrs. Peters on no account should they give more than 10 years' exemption.

should pay for it.

Mr. Mullay said he was a wage earner.

Without labor nothing could be produced. The mayor's vacant houses were so because there were not laborers to fill them. There should be encouragement them. There should be encouragement to industries so that a mechanic temporarily out of a job would not have to recommend exemption was carried and none voted against it. There was a good response to Mayor Sears' call for a public meeting of citizens to discuss and pass opinion on the request of Messrs. Peters' Sons from exemption from taxation for twenty years. taking their earnings with them. The manufacturing industries should be en-

Mr. T. H. Somerville said the prin ciple of exemption was radically wrong It would be a mistake to pass the resolu tion before the meeting without having more information as to how the tannery would be conducted, or the probable results. He moved in amendment that "it is inexpedient owing to vague and insul ficient information for the meeting at this time to recommend any line of action regarding the petition of Messrs. Peters." Mayor Sears seconded the

Concerning the Smell. Mr. M. J. Nugent favored the exempt would be a loser did the tannery industry leave the city. He would stand his offensive odor came from the tannery. He lived within 150 yards of the works and experienced no such thing. He looked pretty healthy after living there all his life.

An elderly man who looked robu An elderly man who looked robust enough sprang to his feet and forcibly exclaimed that he was 71 years old. He worked 22 years in the tannery. When he came there he weighed 148 pounds and now was 184. (Applause and laughter.)

Mr. Nugent said he felt Prince ward would pay its share rather than have the tannery removed from the city.

Mr.Somerville said he personally would like the industry to stay but he wanted

Before the Motion Carried. Mr. Hurley closed the discussion. He repeated the figures he first gave and added that for 20 years he had dealt with Messrs. Peters, meaning \$250,000 or \$300,000. The Peters' firm had a clean sheet

## the city. He said the manufacturing industries were the indication of the city's prosperity. No Limit to Exemptness. The mayor concluded that the conditional conditions are concluded that the conditional conditions are consistent with the conditional conditions are conditional conditional conditions. The mayor concluded that the conditional conditions are conditional conditional conditions are conditional conditional conditions. The mayor concluded that the conditional conditions are conditional conditional conditional conditions are conditional conditional conditional conditions are conditional cond AT AN INSTITUTE MEETING.

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Ald. Macrae advised that whatever action the meeting took would strongly influence the council. The amendment was put and voted down with little opposition. The motion

## gestions Made.

Another Medical Practitioner-Incorporation Being Favored-The

SUSSEX NEWS

Mr. Jones—"I protest against the whole proceedings and all I can say is gentlemen, I bid you good afternoon." He then withdrew.

Mayor Sears referred to an act which did not permit of exemptions beyond 10 years, and this only in case of new industries which would not compete with any leavedy established in the city. It might

# PRESCRIPTION

from nervousness with all its symptoms and complications," writes Mrs. O. N. Fisher, 1861 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. "I was constantly going to see a physician or purchasing medicine. In the spring of 1897 my husband induced the spring of 1897 my husband i ha 49 factories making 1,107,281 pounds, while this year we had over 60 factories making one bottle and following your advice I was so encouraged that I took five more bottles, and then stopped for several weeks as I felt so much better, but still I was not completely cured. I commenced taking it again and felt that I was improving faster than at first. I am not now cross and irritable, and I have a good color in my face; have also gained about ten pounds in weight and one thousand your 'Favorite Prescription' is the cause of it, coupled with the 'Pleasant Pellets' which are not to be dispensed with. I took eight bottles of the 'Prescription' the last time, making fourteen in all, and will not take any more unless your so advise, for I do not see as I need it."

ha 49 factories making 1,107,281 pounds, while this year we had over 60 factories making over 2,000,040 pounds, and present prospects indicated; 500,000 pounds more rext year.

Our butter output was increasing in like proportions. Carleton county was the best off man in the neighborhead. He was strongly impressive dud not sell a pound.

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Hon Mr. Labiffois Points Out Ways in Which Prosperous Carleton County Can Be Made More Pros. perous Still-Many Valuable Sug-

A large audience greeted the commi sioner of agriculture and his staff at the old church, Johnville, Carleton county,

on the evening of the 24th inst.

Patrick Gorry presided. There were present: Charles Gallagher, F. B. Carvel, M. P. P.; William Boyd, sr.; Will-

As head of the department of agriculture, it was his business to see if in any way the farmers of the country could be helped to make more ranney. That was had been taken in Ontario, in Denmark and in various other countries, and by government action great improvement had been made. New Brunswick had also made great stridgs under the work already done.

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already done.

Twelve years ago this province only made 120,000 pounds of cheese, in 1897 we ha 49 factories making 1,107,231 pounds, while this year we had over 60 factories

flour as good as any to be got from On

He believed fruit growing would one day be an important business in Carleton county. He had sent an experienced orchardist here last summer and he had reported most favorably upon the apple growing capabilities of this county. fore our people in the production of poultry and eggs. Ontario now sent millions of dozens of eggs to the English market

## and he was glad to tell them that there was a man in St. John ready to buy all the good fresh eggs they could produce. He would also call their attention to

He would also call their attention to the establishment of the dairy school at Sussex, where the young people of the province could, free of cost, learn how to make the best quality of butter and cheese. He would strongly advise them to send some of their young men to this school and then they would not have to bring in men from outside to run the cheese factories and butter factories.

St. ANDREWS WILL GIVE HON.

MR. BLAIR A BIG

RECEPTION. cheese factories and butter factories which they would soon be establishing. There was now a project on foot to extend the creamery business to all parts

of Carleton.

To encourage the growing of wheat the not press for their pay till the autumni-There was a great patriotic work he fore the people of New Brunswick.

## Mr. W. W. Hubbard.

keeping stock; for the last 20 years who kept enough stock to put out from 400 to 600 loads of manure and the result was



## BORDER NEWS.

Big Hall-A Border Man Building an Automobile-Options on the Electric Railway Secured by and

St. Stephen. Nov. 25-Editor Armstrong; of St. Andrews, was in town today and reported that everything pointed to a large audience to hear Hon.

Messrs. Blair and Davies, who will speak Mr. W. W. Hubbard spoke upon The Form of a Dairy Cow and the Comfort She Required. Her winter home should be warm and sunny and this with good care and the proper cheap food make her a revenue producer the year round.

de d to a large audience to hear Hon. Messrs. Blair and Davies, who will speak in that town on Thursday evening, 30th inst. Excensions will be run from the island. St. Stephen not possessing a hall sufficiently large for a public meeting of this kind, prevents the people of the St.

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worthy motives and sound ideas in taking the course they had to stimulate an increased interest in farming that merrited the support of the farmers of the province.

Chairman Geory said he was glad to see the appreciative attitude of the metring. He felt sure that the interest aroused by this meeting would bear good fruit. After votes of thanks to the speakers and chairman the meeting adjour ned.

In Christian art the horse symbolizes goodness and generosity.