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## HONEST BUT VERY STRICT

**Such Will be Enforcement  
of Liquor Laws in West  
Kent Under New  
Government**

**Inspector Will Report on Houses—  
Mr. Baxter Chosen Chairman  
of Board—Tribute to  
Mr. Bourassa**

Licenses Commissioner William R. Baxter, of this city, was chosen chairman of the new Board by his colleagues, Andrew McKibbin, of Wallaceburg, and Thomas C. Martin, of Kent Bridge, at the inaugural meeting held yesterday afternoon.

Inspector W. A. Mills, who was asked by the Commissioners to act as secretary, briefly reviewed the work to be accomplished and the Board evidenced its intention of heartily co-operating in the resolve of the new Provincial Government to secure an honest and effective administration of the liquor laws.

The communication from the Provincial Secretary, Hon. W. J. Hanna, was read and received, as recently published in The Planet, and occasioned complimentary comment and endorsement from the Board.

The Department wrote asking to which daily newspaper the commissioners desired to extend their printing and advertising patronage.

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. McKibbin, it was decided to do their work with The Planet.

In declaring this resolution adopted, the Chairman pointed out that the Commissioners had made a businesslike decision. "I know, both Chatham papers very well," he said, "having worked with both, and I am assured the best results will be obtained from The Planet. Everyone is aware that The Planet's circulation is materially the larger."

Two accounts, certified by the secretary, were approved, viz. Crown Attorney H. D. Smith, \$10, and The Planet, \$5.50.

Saturday, April 22nd, was set as the date of the meeting for the purpose of dealing with the applications filed and the granting of licenses for the ensuing year.

In view of Mr. Hanna's letter the Inspector was asked to visit the various places applying for licenses in the interim before next meeting, and report upon their condition. The holders of licenses will also be specially notified that the laws will be strictly and impartially enforced. The Inspector was also asked to look into the sanitary condition of the houses and their equipment for hotels. Upon the information thus secured the Commissioners will be better able to base their decisions.

The Commissioners commented upon the rather peculiar condition in the city they had understood by press report the Council had passed a by-law reducing the city tavern licenses by three. The license law provided that the Commissioners should forthwith be furnished with an official notice of this action and a copy of the by-law. This the Council had failed to do and consequently they had not received the official notification required by the statute ere they took action.

Two special meetings were announced, April 15, to take into consideration the transfer of the Grand Central license from Theodore Bourassa to B. Carron, and April 20, to deal with the Park House transfer and difficulty.

In alluding to the Grand Central transfer the Commissioner and Inspector took occasion to express regret at the presumed retirement of Mr. Bourassa, whom they regarded as one of the best and most efficient holders of licenses.

**GENTLEMEN WHO ARE BALD**  
Or have thin hair, should call on Prof. Dorenwend, at Garner House, Chatham, on Tuesday, April 18th, and see his wonderful device in Toupees and Wigs worn on over 70,000 heads. Explanation and demonstration free. Private apartments at Hotel. Don't fail to see his new invention, patented all over the world.

**RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.**  
Canadian Postal Officials on Visit of Inquiry at Washington.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—Rural free delivery mail service has attracted notice in Canada and Canadian postal officials are now conducting an investigation with a view to determining whether such a service can be put into effective operation in that country.

W. Smith, of Ottawa, secretary of the Postoffice Department of Canada, and George Ross, of Toronto, general postoffice superintendent, were at the postoffice department yesterday, after information concerning rural free delivery.

The chief difficulty in the way of establishing rural free delivery service in Canada, it is understood, is that the rural districts, except in a comparatively few instances, are so sparsely populated that the returns from the service would not be proportionate to the expense of maintenance.

## FOR THE JUNIORS SPECIAL ESSAY COMPETITION

Our little friends, the readers of The Planet Junior, have not been forgotten, although the strenuous political campaigns of the past six months forced The Planet Junior for a while to cease publication. This to the young people the most interesting feature of the Big Saturday Planet will be revived and to auspiciously inaugurate the re-appearance of this journal for the younger readers, a special essay contest has been decided upon. The prize will be a handsome gold medal.

The new Minister of Education, the Honorable Dr. Fyfe, has taken an interest in the readers of The Planet Junior, and will personally judge the winning essay. This is a high honor and every pupil is expected to enter the contest.

The contest is open to every Public and Separate school pupil in Kent County. The age and school class of the writer must be sent with a certificate from the teacher. No names are to be written on the essay. The writer's name and teacher's certificate must be enclosed in a separate envelope and placed in the essay.

It has been decided to make this contest as easy as possible for the young writers. With this end in view and upon the suggestion of the Minister of Education, the subject for the competition will be, "Our School." The contestants are at perfect liberty to write upon anything pertaining to their school. Their story may concern their teachers, their fellow-pupils, their studies, their aspirations, or anything identified with their work. All that is asked is that the school shall have a place in the story. The age of the contestants will be taken into consideration and the junior grades will have just as much chance to win the handsome gold medal as the senior grades. The contest is open to all and those who examine the essays will not know the writers' names.

The Minister of Education, the Hon. Dr. Fyfe, will be asked to personally present the gold medal to the prize winner.

Five competent judges have been chosen from East and West Kent to select the best essays to be forwarded to the Minister for his final decision. The names of these ladies and gentlemen, it is hoped, we will be able to announce next week.

The contest will close on May 23 and all essays must reach this office before 4 o'clock on that afternoon, to be considered.

It is expected that the Hon. Dr. Fyfe will be able to make his award by the middle of June.

Envelope containing essays must be addressed to the Editor of The Planet Junior, and marked on the outside "Essay Competition."

Competitors must write in ink, on foolscap paper, on one side only, and the pages must be properly numbered. Neatness will be considered.

## DEATH OF ARTHUR HARVEY.

Prominent Member of Canadian Institute Passes Away.

Toronto, April 8.—Arthur Harvey, one of the best known members of the Canadian Institute, died yesterday at his home, 10 Crescent Road, in his 72nd year. Mr. Harvey was a native of Suffolk, England, and received his education in France and Holland and at Trinity College, Dublin. He came to Quebec in 1856, and was a Parliamentary correspondent for several years, afterwards becoming editor of The Morning Chronicle. In 1862 he was appointed chief statistical clerk of the Auditor-General's Department, which he resigned in 1870 to come to Toronto as manager of the Provincial Insurance Co. He founded in 1867 the "Year Book and Almanac of B. N. A.," which he edited for several years, and has been the author of many essays and papers. He was president of the Canadian Institute from 1890 to 1895, was a fellow of the Royal Statistical Society and was vice-president of the Astronomical and Physical Society.

## QUEEN'S L.L.D.'s.

Earl Grey, Lord Strathcona and Dr. Kirkpatrick Receive the Degrees.

Kingston, April 8.—The visit of Earl Grey to this city came to a close last night. In the morning he inspected the Royal Military College, gave a half-holiday to the cadets and visited all punishments. He had lunch with Lord Strathcona, who arrived by special train at 1 o'clock, with Principal Gordon. After Grey's convocation, at which the degree of L.L.D. was conferred on him, Lord Strathcona and Dr. Kirkpatrick, attended a reception in the old arts building. Last evening Col. Reade, of the Royal Military College, gave a dinner in his honor, and he returned at midnight to Ottawa.

A word to the wise is resented.

## TAXATION OF RAILWAYS

**Commission Recommends 3 Per Cent. Tax on Gross Receipts.**

Likewise Recommends the Appointment of a Provincial Board of Taxation With Permanent Secretaries to Gather Statistics, and That Telegraph, Express and Sleeping Car Companies Be Taxed on Gross Receipts, According to Their Ability to Pay.

Toronto, April 8.—The Railway Taxation Commission has reported to the Legislature. The commission, composed of H. J. Pettibone, Prof. Adam Shortt and Judge Bell, visited several States of the Union and the result of its investigations is contained in the report which fills several hundred pages of typewritten foolscap. After giving a review of the various methods of taxation in Ontario, and the assessment laws of the States visited, the report concludes:

**Should Be Taxed.**  
That the railways should be adequately taxed, every one, including themselves, will admit, though there is apt to be an exaggerated idea throughout the country of a railway's capacity to pay taxes, but as we have seen it is neither possible nor necessary to tax railroads on the same basis as other properties. However, by a Provincial taxation of railroads, in addition to their Municipal taxation on real estate, only the desire of the public for adequate taxation may be satisfied.

The benefit of railroad taxes may in this way be diffused throughout the whole Province, without respect to the accidental location of the lands. The municipalities have no occasion to look with jealous eyes on the amount of corporate taxes, which may pass into the Provincial treasury, for, on the one hand, much of the Provincial revenue is distributed, in one form or another, to the municipalities, and on the other, as was pointed out at the beginning of this report, unless the Provincial treasury finds some direct means of sharing in the general increase of the country's wealth it will either be forced to curtail the assistance which it now furnishes to the municipalities, or to increase the taxes on the municipalities and other local needs, or it will be compelled to resort to a direct taxation of the general property of all the ratepayers of the Province, with all the commensurate and unequal results which would ensue. Hence in every way it is in the interests of the municipalities, as well as of the efficiency of corporate taxation, that the Province should undertake the general taxation of corporations, leaving to the municipalities the right to tax their lands and buildings only.

**Proportions Adjusted.**  
There still remains the question, how are the Provincial and local authorities to distinguish between their respective proportions of railroad taxes? That matter can be very easily adjusted as follows: On the basis of gross receipts, the Province would be able to determine the whole of the taxes which the railroads and similar corporations should pay within its borders. The portion to be assessed on real estate within each municipality would be determined locally as at present. Then, by deducting from the total Provincial taxes of such corporations the portion to be paid in the various municipalities, the difference would represent the share of the Provincial treasury. In tables attached the figures show that such a system of taxation would be much more equitable than the present system, which levies a uniform rate of 30 per cent on all roads in excess of 150 miles length, in the settled portions of the Province, and 45 per cent on shorter lines. If such a tax is a fair one for some of the poorer lines, then it is very inadequate for the wealthier ones, and certainly far below the most reasonable rates paid by the same companies on other parts of their lines in the adjoining States east and west. A tax on gross earnings, however, would very largely correct these inequalities, and would, to a far greater extent than any other system possible of application to the railroads of Ontario, result in an equitable adjustment of burdens as between the different railroads operating in the Province.

**Three Per Cent. Fair.**  
As to the rate at which the gross earnings should be taxed is, of course, a matter which can be adjusted from time to time to suit the increasing prosperity of the country and of the corporations. As may be gathered from the sections of this report, dealing with the different States, and from the opinions of the various experts on the subject, both within and without railroad circles, 3 per cent. is regarded as a very fair percentage to be levied upon gross receipts. The American railroads, in general, make up their surplus revenues per mile than leading Ontario lines, regard this as a very reasonable rate, and it may be considered a reasonable rate here. As shown in the tables, the effect applied uniformly would probably be to lower the taxes now paid by three of the smaller lines, to very slightly affect two or three others, and on the other hand to undoubtedly increase to a considerable extent the total revenue obtained by the Province from the railroads.

**How to Be Arrived At.**  
Should the Legislature determine to introduce the gross earnings tax for railroads or other similar corporations, it will be necessary to select a basis for determining the proportion of earnings assignable to the Province in the case of those operating in several Provinces or States. The best opinion would favor some such arrangement as this:

Receipts from all traffic between terminals in Ontario to be assigned entirely to Ontario.  
Receipts from traffic between an Ontario terminal and one outside to be

assigned to Ontario in the proportion of the Ontario mileage to the mileage of the whole haul.  
Receipts from traffic passing through the Province to be assigned to Ontario in the proportion of the Ontario mileage to the whole haul, in which case some allowance might be made for terminal charges.

**Board of Taxation.**  
As to the most efficient method for administering a Provincial system of corporate taxation, whatever basis of taxation might be adopted, there is an almost unanimous conviction alike in the United States and Britain as also in Canada that a Provincial board of say three persons, only part of whose time would be required, however, for their duties, with a permanent secretary with assistants for clerical and statistical details. To such a board should be assigned the duties of prescribing forms of schedules, verifying returns, determining the proper proportion assignable to the Province where corporations extend beyond the boundaries, supervising and adjusting the assessment and taxation of corporations as between municipal and Provincial authorities (which assumes that municipalities retain the right to tax local real estate), and generally to supervise the administration of the taxation of corporations.

**Express Companies, Too.**  
Inasmuch as the business of telegraph, express and sleeping car companies is so intimately associated with railroad corporations, especially in Canada, and inasmuch as electrical railroads are not furnishing any service but are extending throughout the country in competition with the regular steam railroads, and are likely to be indefinitely extended in the future, it would be advisable to treat these corporations, and doubtless several others, on the same basis as the railroads, and to apply to them a tax on gross receipts, with rates adjusted to their ability to pay.

**Into a Vile Dungeon.**  
Young Canadian in Ill-Health Three Days in Filthy U. S. Jail On a Groundless Charge.

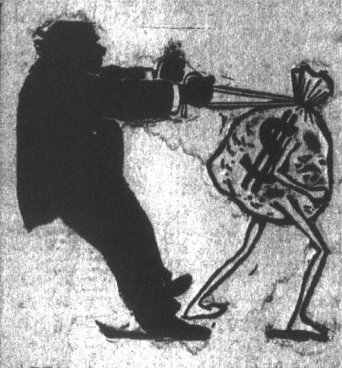
Toronto, April 8.—International complications may arise out of an outrageous attack on the liberty of a young Canadian by the police authorities in Louisiana. The victim of this gross carelessness and incompetency of the United States officials was Robert M. Walton of 25 Winchester street, this city, auditor for the British American Assurance Co. About five weeks ago he was ordered by his physician and relative, Dr. Murray McFarlane, to take a trip to a southern climate, being run down and in poor physical condition. Mr. Walton went to New Orleans and was advised to go to Mandeville, a small town in the interior of the State, with some reputation as a health resort.

**Arrested for Wife Murder.**  
There he was arrested by the local police on suspicion of being a wife-murderer from Colorado, for whom enquiries had been sent out, and was taken to Covington, where he was thrown into a vile dungeon with a lot of negroes, and held for three days, despite his protestations. The authorities refused to look into his credentials, or to listen to his appeals for an effort to have his identification made certain, although there was absolutely no excuse for the arrest, as the murderer was a man six feet tall, while Mr. Walton is of small stature and slight.

**Council Will Investigate.**  
Dr. McFarlane returned to town only yesterday, and found a letter awaiting him, telling of the experiences of his relative. He at once wired the British Ambassador at Washington, and received a reply to the effect that the consul at New Orleans had been instructed to investigate the matter to the bottom. Dr. McFarlane will also bring it to the attention of the Federal Government, and it will be asked to take proper measures to secure an amende from the United States authorities.

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