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Assessment Department Finding Owners of Lots Marked "Unknown"

By Searching the Registry Offices—Previously Owners Were Not Notified, and Their Lots Were Sold Without Their Knowing They Were in Arrears—Decrease in Ward Five Assessment.

The Assessment Commissioner has effected an innovation in his department whereby he hopes to save the city thousands in taxes, heaps of trouble and perhaps endless litigation. His plan might be described as a penny-wise pound-foolish one. As a result of a few years' accumulation of thousands of city lots were marked on the rolls as unknown. This meant that assessors could not locate the owner of these properties, and consequently no tax bills could be forwarded. Many property holders not being notified paid no taxes, and after a few years' accumulation of the lots at the tax sales. In some cases the assessors were blissfully unconscious that taxpayers were in arrears. They were mostly cases in which large owners were concerned. As a rule they did not know they owned the lots. But most of those in arrears imagined that, because they were an encumbrance on the property, they were liable for the taxes, and thus when approached by the assessors denied title. Such properties were left in forced exemption until they would become loaded on the city when sold for arrears.

The Assessment Act, however, provides that the man whose title to property is last registered shall be assessable. Work on this Mr. Fleming has taken on an additional assistant, Mr. Thomas A. Duff, whose duty it is to search the books at the registry office and out the "unknowns," and, appearing before the Court of Revision, confront the registered owner with the fact of his responsibility. Mr. Duff has proved industrious and efficient, and has already found owners for between 1800 and 2000 lots.

An arrangement was also arrived at whereby the city's office is charged a fee of only five cents per lot for looking up the books in Registrars Ryan's and Lindsey's offices, while the Commissioner has written the Ontario Government requesting the same privileges with respect to the books of the Master of Titles. The experiment has proved so successful that the duties of Mr. Duff, who was taken on only temporarily in the first place, will probably result in a fixture in the department. His main duty is to find the additional salary and the small fee for the Registrars will look out of taxes which will henceforth be placed on somebody's shoulders by the new plan.

Assessment Lower All Through. The assessment returns for Ward 5 are out, and show a decrease in the valuation all along the line. The total decrease is \$318,497, which, added to an increase in exemptions of \$12,283, makes \$331,480 less on which to levy a rate in the ward in 1918 than in 1917. The details are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes items like 1898-Land value, 1898-Land value, 1898-Total, 1898-Exemptions, etc.

School Repairs Permits. The Public School Board will get out permits for all additions and alterations to the schools this week. A number were taken out yesterday, while the remainder will come out towards the end of the week. Those taken out yesterday are as follows: Additions to Brock-street school, \$5500; to Deseronto-street school, \$7500; to Clinton-street school, \$6000; to Gladstone-avenue school, \$5500; to Grace-street school, \$5000; to Kilmarnock-street school, \$6000. Permits were also granted to the Union Loan Company for alterations to Nos. 101 and 103 Peter-street, \$2000; and to P. F. West to erect a two-story brick dwelling, west side Wilson-avenue, to cost \$700.

They Are Coming Back Already. AID. Crane has returned from Muskoka feeling ten much fatigued to tell his stories. AID. Saunders will not get back until after Sunday.

City Has Done Its Part. AID. Sheppard is after the insurance companies to secure the promised reduction in rates upon the improvement of fire-fighting facilities.



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The Daily News, referring to the appointment, says Lord Minto will do well to follow in the footsteps of his immediate predecessor, the Earl of Aberdeen. The less the new Governor-General interferes in the Canadian politics, the better for the country, and the better he will fill the position to which he has been appointed.

The Evening Globe says that from the Earl of Minto may be reasonably expected five years of vigorous rule.

TO PUNISH A BIGAMIST.

Wife of a Utica Mason Will Prosecute Her Husband. New York, July 26.—Mrs. Fannie Ash of London and her eldest daughter, Sarah, arrived on the Aurania, and left for Utica, N.Y., today. Mrs. Ash left her other children, Jack, Harry and Jennie, at school in London, to come here to prosecute her husband and their father for bigamy. Mrs. Ash told the following story: "Eleven years ago my husband, Raphael Ash, sold out his store and came to America. For a year he sent me money regularly and arranged for me to join him. Then he stopped writing or sending money, and I thought he was dead. A month ago I received letters from Mr. Shaver and Mitchell of Utica, saying that my husband was alive and well, but married to a woman named Lazarus, and that they lived in Utica. Shaver and Mitchell are members of the same Masonic lodge as my husband, and are strangers to me, but write that they cannot countenance bigamy in a brother, and they advised me to come and punish him, and that is what I am on my way to do."

Canada in the United Kingdom.

The High Commissioner for Canada asks us to state that the following are the principal Canadian Government agencies in the United Kingdom: Mr. A. F. J. Murray, 15 Waterloo Street, Liverpool; Mr. H. H. Murray, 15 Enoch Square, Glasgow; Mr. C. R. Devlin (Commissioner for Immigration) Ireland, 14 Westmoreland Street, Dublin; There are other Government agents as follows: Mr. W. L. Griffith, 10 The Walk, Cardiff; Mr. John Grant, Parkhurst, Demergh, Eglis; Mr. E. O'Kelly, 12 Clarendon Street, Londonderry; and Mr. J. W. Donohoe, 20 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin. Both at the High Commissioner's office, 17 Victoria Street, London, S.W., and at the Government agencies, Canadians visiting the United Kingdom will be welcome, and correspondence is invited on any matters connected with the development of trade between Canada and the Mother Country. Information of an interesting nature concerning the different parts of the Empire and the encouragement of emigration will also, we are asked to state, be gladly received at these offices for circulation.

Battle of Flowers at Niagara.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, July 26.—The third annual Battle of Flowers and Bicycle Races will be held here on Friday and Saturday. The summer residents at the hotels and the residents of the town are taking great interest in the event, which is entirely unique in Canada and the world. It is held after the famous events which glorify the season at Nice, Cannes and the Queen's Royal Lawn, and the program consists of a number of most interesting events, including the Great Green, the Great Red, the Great Blue, the Great Yellow, the Great Purple, the Great Orange, the Great Pink, the Great White, the Great Black, the Great Grey, the Great Brown, the Great Green, the Great Red, the Great Blue, the Great Yellow, the Great Purple, the Great Orange, the Great Pink, the Great White, the Great Black, the Great Grey, the Great Brown.

Fall Fairs in Eastern Ontario.

Cornwall, July 26.—(Special.)—The Middle Township Agricultural Society is making good preparations for the fall fair, which will be held at Ingoquois. New buildings will be put up and the grounds thoroughly overhauled. The directors of the Mountain Township Agricultural Society are hard at work preparing for their annual show, which will be held at South Mountain on Sept. 8 and 9. A concert will be given on the evening of the first day.

Summer Outings.

July has been a busy month on most of the local steamship lines, and August, the last month for summer holidays, will experience very heavy traffic. The Canadian Steamship Agency, 72 Yonge Street, Toronto, will be very glad to give rates, sailings and reserver berths for trips to the lower Gulf ports, Montreal, Quebec and the lower Gulf ports, Boston, Halifax, New York or westward, to Cleveland, Detroit, Mackinac, Port Arthur and Duluth.

Atlantic City Excursion.

Don't fail to go on Leigh Valley's seashore excursion, via Philadelphia, Tuesday, Aug. 2. Tickets only \$10. The round trip. Good ten days. For full particulars call on Robert S. Lewis, Canadian Passenger Agent, 33 Yonge Street, Toronto, ed.

Preparing for Next Week.

The Parliament Buildings are in a state of disrepair. Some of the members of the House of Commons are planning to take up the greatest portion of dust and dirt. The drapes have been placed on the upper arches, and will be in a day or so under the press railway, and the room is getting to look quite business-like.

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For the Explosion on the American Steamer Manitoba. London, July 26.—As a result of the inquiry into the deaths caused by the explosion of a case of primers on the American steamer Manitoba at the Royal Albert docks on July 6, the jury has rendered a verdict that they were accidental, but a rider was added attaching strong blame to the Winchester Rifle Company and the port authorities for the "manner in which they died in prison."

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GLOAN BOY MINING

English Syndicate Buys Hundred Thousand One of the Most Famous Lead Properties in Said to Have Changed Word From Michigan Stocks.

According to the latest ad West, the Slocan Boy, on known silver-lead mines in the Slocan belt, has been sold for down and the balance paid months from date. Mr. J. K. the Bank of British Columbia, Kaelo, B. C., is the nominee but it is understood he is in behalf of an English syndicate party adjoins the Washington of Slocan, and it is said to be worked together. The Slocan among the first claims found. It was discovered in 1870 and by him and his wife sold to the recent owners, were Spokane, Wash., people. The first important work was done in 1885, when a 2000-sunk. From the start the mine was valuable, and since it was paid back to its owners a price several times over, the expense of development a small ore chute connected die tunnel \$170,000 was taken weeks in the summer of 1905. There are two veins on the Slocan Boy and Washington, silver to the ton, and carrying lead. This vein runs through the Slocan country, in a small vein, running across of the property, but it is one of the most important veins in the ore in the Goodenow and runs several hundred out 80 per cent, in lead. The main ledge is from 3 to 10 feet. The only machinery used of this vein is a one-horse winch, stopped in the Slocan Boy above the 100-foot level. The mine has been entirely for purposes.

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Mr. Tisdale, M.P., left for the 1 o'clock train yesterday after his properties there. Mining Stocks. In mining stocks War Eagle to manifest strength to-day, 202 to 205 on the Toronto Stock Exchange. On the local change there were better times than in the past. Cariboo (discussing) vancing, over 70c being asked. Good Hope, Canadian G. P. F. are all active and are being asked. Saw Mill moved up a few no sales were made. It is at present best transfer office from the west to Toronto. G. H. Crossings on the Mining Exchange were:

Table listing various mining stocks and their prices, including names like Folsy, Hammond Reef, Hlavatka, etc.

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