

BUSINESS TAX WORKS BADLY.

City Will Lose Considerable Taxes it Expected.

Quite a Lot of Income Will Also be Lost.

North End Improvement Society Adopts Slogan.

There are arrears in the 1906 assessment to the amount of many thousands of dollars, as a result of the change in the assessment, which it looks as if the Court of Revision will be obliged to wipe out some day at one fell swoop. The court last night wound up its business for the year, when it dealt with appeals against taxes, and struck off about \$1,000 of the 1906 taxes. About fifty dressmakers, who had \$250 business assessment placed after their names, will be relieved from paying the tax. A number of the dressmakers have already settled, but they will not likely get their money back, for the Court of Revision has no power to refund taxes. Cobblers, carters, hucksters and others, who had a \$250 business assessment registered against them as a result of the system in vogue, have all been dropped. A man's personal earnings were formerly exempt up to \$400. The result is that on the tax collector's books there is page after page of names of Italians and other foreigners with arrears. In the Steel Plant section alone there is an assessment of \$30,000, on which taxes were supposed to be collected. This is in Ward 7. In Ward 5 the condition is much the same. Tax Collector Kerr says it is doubtful if one of the score of foreigners taxes could be collected from more than a dozen. An interpreter has been engaged, but without success. "That is not it; it is my brother you are looking for, and he is in Italy," this is the answer that was invariably received upon making inquiries. There is said to be almost as much in arrears on the business tax for that year. The 1906 assessment looked good on paper, but Tax Collector Kerr says it certainly did not figure out that way, from his viewpoint. The area assessment which is still in force is another annoying thing. Most of the accounts amount to about 25 cents, and it is found almost impossible to collect them. Mr. Kerr offered one man forty per cent. commission to do the collecting, but he refused the job.

The executive of the North End Improvement Society had a meeting last night and approved of an election slogan for the four candidates who will seek municipal honors under its banner in January. "I. K. W. W." is the slogan. It sounds kind of silly on first sight, doesn't it? But it's not. It is supposed to be given like a tiger yell when the Jungle Terrors are bearing down on the enemy's goal. The four letters are the initials of the candidates and symbolic of many things, so the officials of the society say. J stands for Jutten and justice; K for Kennedy and knowledge; W for Wright and wisdom, and W again for Williamson and worthiness.

There were one or two little spots at the meeting last night, but the executive members before separating smoked the pipe of peace. It was reported by the special committee appointed for the purpose of interviewing Ald. Jutten that he had agreed to run under the colors of the society at the coming election. Arrangements have been completed for the meeting to-morrow night. The speaker will be the nominee, and, if there is time, any other aldermen. There will be a twenty-minute time limit on the speakers, and songs and music will be sandwiched in. Ladies will be made welcome. The meeting will be held in the Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church. Two weeks from to-morrow night there will be another mass meeting, at which anybody and everybody will have an opportunity to air their grievances. "This will be the big show for the big boys," said one of the officials last night, with a twinkle in his eye.

The Beach Commission is calling for bulk or separate tenders for the whole of the waterworks system required on Burlington Beach, including motor, pumps, tanks, pipes, hydrants and valves, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the Beach Commissioners' office. The time for receiving tenders expires on Jan. 1.

The Hospital Board's account this year is overdrawn to the extent of about \$8,000. The overdraft, however, will be reduced to about \$5,000, the receipts for the year being \$3,000 in excess of last year.

The Finance Committee will meet to-morrow night to clean up the year's business. It is the intention to have the council meeting on Monday night instead of the following Monday, which will be nomination day. The Fire and Water Committee, the Board of Works, the sub-committee on the Torrens system and sub-committee on the payment of accounts meet to-night. After the Board of Works meeting, Mr. McLaren will entertain the members of that committee at the Commercial Club.

The Museum and Works Committee of the Parks Board will meet this afternoon at Dundurn Castle to inspect that place, with a view to arranging for the caretaker's quarters. It is also likely that the appointment of the caretaker will be made to-day.

A number of girls who have been delayed in going to work through the obstruction of street cars at the T. H. & B. Railway crossing on James street, wrote Chairman Letch, of the Ontario Railway Board, who, however, having no jurisdiction over a Dominion railway, referred the matter to the Dominion Board.

The Hospital Board met yesterday and passed accounts.

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TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Finch Bros. will be open this evening from 7.30 p. m., and each evening until Christmas.

—R. McKay & Co.'s beautiful store will be open every night until 10 o'clock from now until Christmas.

—For the convenience of thousands of Right House customers, old and new, the store will remain open Thursday evening until 10 o'clock.

—Mr. E. S. Ambrose presided over the First Division Court this morning. It was held in the County Council chambers.

—Mr. Arnold Wark left yesterday for Calgary to join his parents. Mr. Wark was a popular member of the Dominion champion Intermediate Tigers.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, Grimsby, leave to-morrow for Chicago. They will spend Christmas with Mrs. Walker's brother, and then go on to California for the winter.

—On Sunday next the new chancel of St. Thomas Church will be used for the first time. On account of the work now going on there will be no service this evening.

—Lynden disclaims being the place of abode of the two women shoplifters who were convicted yesterday. They do not live in or near the village, the Times is informed.

—Last night Mr. Easton informed the police that the two watches he had reported stolen were put safely away by his wife, and that no burglars had been near the house.

Percy Harrison, of this city, was groomman at the marriage of H. Gilbert Vernon Smith, of the Department of Justice, Ottawa, and Miss Margaret H. Allen, in Toronto yesterday.

—Ties
Mufflers
Gloves
Crested hats
Suspenders
Handkerchiefs
and things
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Open to-night.

GIVEN ONE YEAR.

Abe Davis Sent Down—Charles Tufgar Not Guilty.

Judge Monck presided over the General Sessions this morning at the Court House. The only criminal case taken up was that of Charles Tufgar, charged with a serious offence against a young girl, Olive Logan, who is under 14 years of age. Crown Attorney Washington had little evidence of corroboration of the girl's story, and Mr. T. C. Robinette, K.C., submitted that no case had been made out. His Honor thought the evidence was very weak, but said that he would like to hear the story of the defendant. Tufgar, in the box, denied the story of the girl and said that he had never acted in an improper manner towards her.

Several witnesses gave testimony of good character for Tufgar. Mr. George S. Kerr was associated with Mr. Robinette.

The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Abe Davis, the man who was found guilty of being an accomplice of Anderson in the snatching of Mrs. Burgoyne's purse, was sentenced to spend the next 12 months in Central prison.

RAILROAD REDUCES RATES

On account of Christmas excursions the Grand Trunk Railway system will sell return tickets at the following reduced rates, single fare, good going Dec. 24th and 25th, returning on or before Dec. 29th, 1907. Fare and one-third, good going, Dec. 21st to 25th, returning on or before January 3rd, 1908.

For further information apply to any Grand Trunk ticket agent.

Steamship Arrivals.

December 17—
Charlote—At New York, from Rotterdam.
Alexandre—At Boston, from Copenhagen.
Caledonian—At Boston, from Manchester.
Blucher—At Hamburg, from New York.
K. P. Occident—At Bremen, from New York.
Purcell—At Glasgow, from New York.
Cornthian—At Glasgow, from Portland.
Sicilian Prince—At Gibraltar, from New York.
Carnegie—At Liverpool, from New York.
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Calabria—At Marseilles, from New York.
Minnesota—At London, from New York.
Philadelphia—At London, from Galveston.
Citta di Palermo—At Genoa, from Boston.
Santo—At Genoa, from New York.
Ery—At Venice, from New York.
Pescadore—At Lisbon, from New York.
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THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.—To-day and on Thursday, moderate westerly winds; light local snow falls or flurries, but mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries:

8 a. m. Min. Weather temperature.

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|------------------------|----|----|--------|
| Calgary | 16 | 14 | Clear |
| Winnipeg | 16 | 4 | Cloudy |
| Perry Sound | 12 | 6 | Cloudy |
| Toronto | 26 | 26 | Cloudy |
| Ottawa | 14 | 14 | Fair |
| Montreal | 16 | 16 | Cloudy |
| Quebec | 20 | 20 | Snow |
| Father Point | 22 | 16 | Snow |
| Fort Arthur | 12 | 8 | Cloudy |

*Below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

Comparatively high pressure covers the greater portion of the continent, and the weather in Canada has been generally fair and moderately cold in all districts, except that light snow has fallen in a few localities.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Forecast: Eastern States and Northern New York: Partly cloudy to-night, with snow in north and west portions. Thursday, partly cloudy; light to fresh west winds. Western New York: Snow to-night and Thursday; fresh southwest to west winds.

THIS DATE LAST YEAR.

Forecasts.—Light, variable winds; fair and cold.

Sweet Oranges—5c Dozen.

Stanley Mills & Co. have arranged for another of their famous early morning sales for to-morrow. As many as possible should avail themselves of these bargains, and do a good portion of their Christmas buying to-morrow. Do not leave it until Saturday, as it is expected an unusually large number of out-of-town shoppers will be in the city on that day.

Among the many specials offered by Stanley Mills & Co. for Thursday will be:

sweet oranges at 5c. dozen; fresh chocolates, 12c. lb.; Japanese fire screens, worth \$1, for 25c; waist lengths, in gift boxes, at 50 and 75c; men's sweaters, 75c; women's slippers, 35c; girls' watches, \$1.80; music rolls, 50c; flannellette gowns, 65c, and a number of women's winter coats at just half prices. All of these specials will be on sale at 8.30 sharp and shoppers will find it to their advantage to be at the store promptly at that hour.

SPEARING IN BURLINGTON BAY.

Game and Fisheries Overseer Kerr has been notified by the Fisheries Department, Toronto, that through the influence of the Hon. Col. John S. Hendrie, spearing through the ice will be permitted again during the months of January, February and March as usual in the bay, this winter.

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DEATHS

HOUSE—At the residence of his sister, Mrs. Myles Fletcher, one-half mile east of Trinity Church, on the lower line, William Henry House, in his 92nd year.

Funeral from the above residence Thursday at one o'clock, thence to Stony Creek Methodist church, where service will be held. Interment at Stony Creek Burying Ground.

STEWART—On Sunday, 16th December, 1907, William Stewart, architect, aged 74 years. Funeral from the residence of his son, Walter Stewart, 583 Main street east, Wednesday at 2 p. m. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

GALLAGHER—At the residence of her niece, Mrs. J. Whitney, 306 King street east, on Tuesday, 17th December, 1907, Elizabeth, widow of James Gallagher.

Funeral Friday at 2.30 p. m. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined.

IN MEMORIAM

ERWIN—In memory of our dear daughter Ruby Alvina Erwin, who died December 12th, 1907.

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Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 5% per annum on the outstanding preference stock and 3% per annum on the outstanding common stock of the Company, has been declared for the half year ending December 31st, 1907, payable January 15th, 1908, to the shareholders of record on the books of the Company on 31st December, 1907. The transfer books will be closed from December 30th to December 31st, 1907, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
WM. C. HAWKINS, Secretary.

December 13th 1907.

Dominion Power & Transmission Co., Limited

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 6% per annum on the outstanding preference stock and 1% per annum on the outstanding limited preference stock of the Company, has been declared for the half year ending the 31st December, 1907, payable on the 15th of January, 1908, to shareholders of record on the books of the Company on 31st December, 1907. The transfer books will be closed from December 30th to December 31st, 1907, both days inclusive.

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December 13th, 1907.

Auction Sale

To-morrow, Thursday, December 19th, at 2 p. m., No. 200 Hughson street north, Parlier set, carpet, rockers, tables, pictures, lamps, curtains, hall stand, sideboard, dining table, chairs, oilcloth, 150 jars, fruit, square seeder, China, waxware, contents of 3 bedrooms, pillows, good bedding, range, cupboard, tubs, wingers, jars, hardware and other goods, only short time.

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