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A SUGGESTION TO THE ASSESSORS.

Now that taxes are getting high in the city the action according to which they are imposed attracts some notice. Who ought to pay the most taxes? The answer depends upon several considerations, but they all resolve themselves in the end to this: the man who is the best able to pay. Suppose A has an income of \$1,000 and B an income of \$2,000 and neither has any other property, every one will agree that B should pay twice as much as A. If A has a \$1,000 house and B a \$2,000 one ought they to pay in the same proportion? At first sight one would say yes; but we are not sure that the answer does not depend upon circumstances. If A and B each live in their houses B should pay twice as much as A; but if A's \$1,000 house is little else than a wooden shanty on Queen Street which rents for \$500 a year and B's \$2,000 is a cozy dwelling on Brunswick Street which brings in only \$150 rent, it is not by any means clear that B should pay as much as A, though his house cost twice as much. Or take two houses near each other on the same street; one a little wooden place, a discredit to the locality, and which could be put up for \$500 and rents for \$500 a year, and the other a substantial handsome brick structure costing \$5,000 which rents for \$700. Should the owner of the brick building pay ten times as much as the owner of the shanty? According to the present system of assessment, which values buildings at their cost instead of on their rental, this disproportionate burden would have to be borne by the owner of the brick house. There is an injustice here which ought to be remedied; and perhaps it lies in the power of the Assessors to remedy it without legislation. A man cannot well say he is overtaxed if his property is valued at what it is worth to him, and we claim that for the purposes of assessment the cost of a property is not a fair basis of valuation. If a \$500 building will bring in \$500 rent, the property is worth more than \$500. If you doubt it try and buy one of the lots on Queen street on which are poor buildings, at what would be a fair value for the house and land separately, and you will find that other things besides the cost determine the value of a house.

THE SCOTT ACT IN WESTMORLAND.

The electors of Westmorland have decided by a small majority to keep the Scott Act in force. Nearly 3400 votes were cast out of about 5000. It must be inferred that the 1600 people who did not vote are very indifferent. We thus have the county divided into three nearly equal parts: those who favor even a poor substitute for prohibition, those who are opposed to prohibition or who believe the Scott Act a failure, and those who are indifferent whether the Act remains in force or not.

One remark may be justly made in connection with this vote. In no part of New Brunswick has the law been so evaded as in Westmorland. Its administration has from various causes been little more than a farce; and not even the most earnest temperance man can claim that it has been even a moderate success. In view of this, the fact that nearly seven hundred electors voted to continue the Act for another three years shows that there are many men at least who are firm advocates of prohibition. It is only fair to presume that some of those who voted against the Act and some of those who abstained from voting, would support a well enforced prohibitory law, or even this Act if it could be efficiently worked. These may be expected to stand by the Scott Act party in an effort to see that the statute is observed; and although we do not think the prohibitory sentiment is strong enough in Westmorland to render the enforcement of the law feasible, yet the duty of enforcing it rests none the less upon those who have said that it shall continue to apply to the county.

Prohibitionists and temperance men generally think that when an Act is put upon the statute book their victory is won; but they make a mistake, for it is only then that the battle has fairly begun. Yet Divisions of the Sons of Temperance begin to languish, the Good Templars lose their aggressiveness, and the starch is taken out of the whole temperance movement as soon as the cooperation of the Legislature in a moral reform has been secured. This is a sad mistake, and it accounts for the failure of prohibitory laws, when they do fail. If the men who have defeated the effort to repeal the Canada Temperance Act are true to themselves, and to the obligations they renewed by their vote on Tuesday, they will see that the Act is enforced by every legitimate and proper means. If they are not prepared to do this they should not have voted as they did.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A former New Brunswick, now on the Canada Pacific Railway, writing from Manitoba to a gentleman in this city, says, "I am getting about tired of this country and am going to keep a look out for a better one. I see you New Brunswickers are rushing railways right through. I wonder what kind of a show a fellow would get on one of them if he were to go east again. This road is going down very fast; there is no cash in it just now, for things are down very fine."

POLITICAL RUMBLINGS.

From Ottawa comes the rumor that Lieutenant Governor Robitaille is to run Bonaventure and be taken into the Dominion Cabinet, vice Caron, Minister of Militia, who will become Lieutenant Governor of Quebec.

The writ for the Dominion vacancy in West Ontario has been issued. Nomination, August 22nd; polling, August, 29th. J. D. Edgar is the Liberal candidate in the field.

A despatch from Halifax says that Hon. Mr. Fielding and Mr. John Y. Paynter were nominated on Wednesday for the vacancy in the Local Legislature. A reporter of the Montreal Herald recently interviewed the Hon. Peter Mitchell with reference to the rumor that he would shortly enter the Dominion Cabinet. Mr. Mitchell told the reporter that the proposition was entirely new to him, and he learned of the intended honor only from the press. He had no idea that any such step was in contemplation; he had not been approached on the subject, and could not tell where the report originated. He had no desire to enter a Government at present, believing that as the independent member of the House there was a field of usefulness for him which might be cultivated to advantage.

The campaign in Calais was opened on Wednesday night by a Republican mass meeting in the St. Croix Hall. Geo. G. Gosselin of Ohio, and Hon. C. A. Boutelle were the speakers. Two Democratic flags were raised in Calais on Tuesday.

The Woodstock Press wants the country to give Sir Leonard Tilley "some token of esteem more worthy than a Lieutenant Governorship," and the Globe enquires, "Now, then, what shall it be?" Give him the "G. B." It will look well after all his other titles.

References to the fact that Mr. Blaine's letter contains 6,000 words reminds the Brooklyn Eagle that Mr. Lincoln's first letter of acceptance contained about 100 words. Blaine's is accordingly sixty times longer. The justification for this disparity probably is that the job of electing Mr. Blaine will prove sixty times bigger than that of electing Lincoln.

Claiming Comradeship.

As a train pulled out of Kansas City recently, bound West, a fine looking old gentleman, who occupied a seat in the smoking car, was accosted by a rank looking specimen of western humanity. "Goin' far West, stranger?" he asked. "Yes, sir," replied the old gentleman, politely. "I am going to Denver."

"Business or pleasure?" "Chiefly for my health."

"Ah, yes, I see. From the East, ain't yer?" "Yes; I am president of the Twenty-fifth National Bank of New York."

"You don't say so?" "I exclaimed the westerner. Then he added in a whisper: "Gin us yer hand, old pard; I'm right glad to meet yer. I'm a Missouri train robber."—*Drake's Travellers Magazine.*

The Supply Equal to the Demand.

"What," asks a very tender writer, "what can take the place of babies?" "Sh! Bend your ear a little lower and we'll tell you. Other babies. You didn't suppose this year's crop lasted forever, did you? Goodness, man, it will be clear out of style in eighteen months."—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

A mischievous youngster who lives at the west end was mildly reproved by a maiden aunt for slitting down the banisters. "I didn't think mother likes to have you do so, Johnny," she said. The future statesman and contributor to the *Boston Globe*, engrossed in his sport, paid no attention to her.

"Come, Johnny, dear," she persisted, "I wouldn't do that." Johnny looked up with stern composure and remarked, seriously: "No, I shouldn't think you would want to. I wouldn't if I was an old maid."—*Chicago News.*

"Harrat" yelled a Chicago street boy the other night, "here comes a torchlight procession!" "Get out!" said a companion, contemptuously, "that's the Tammany Hall delegates going home to bed!"—*Burlington Free Press.*

'Twas ever thus from childhood's hours I've seen my fondest hopes decay; I never tried to save an hour but what I wasted half a day. I never took a girl to church, the longest way back home to plan, but that she left me in the lurch, and walked back with another man. I never had a fond gazelle to glad me with its dark blue eye; I had a goat, which knocked me out my wits, and was as tame as a lamb. The two eyes which constitute the rhyme in this closing stanza, you will observe, are like General Butler's, they are not mates; they are just similar enough to spoil the rhyme and diverse enough to mar their harmony."—*A. J. Burdette.*

GLEANINGS.

A Good Budget of News from all Parts of the Province.

The fall meeting will be held in the Woodstock Driving Park on the 3rd Sept.

Westmorland County Rifle Association competition takes place to-day.

There are four American detectives in St. John looking out for the New York forger Scovill.

It is rumored in Ottawa that Archbishop Taschereau, of Quebec, is to be made a cardinal.

The new postal authorities will move into the new post office at Woodstock on the 1st October.

A girl named May Seaman was drowned at Parrsboro, on Wednesday last, while bathing.

The St. John City Cornet Band will have an excursion and picnic to Point du Chene on Monday.

Thursday, the 21st inst. is the date for the Mimich Regatta on the river between Chatham and Newcastle.

Messrs. Ridout & McLeod, of Calais, have a handsome three-masted schooner on the stocks ready for launching.

It is expected that fifteen or twenty of the best yachts on the St. Croix river will compete in the race announced for next week.

On Saturday last about 1200 excursionists arrived at Newcastle by special trains from Moncton, it being the yearly picnic of the I. C. R. employees.

Last Friday night, Stanley Treadwell, a little colored lad, was run over by a team at Newcastle. He was badly cut about the head, but will recover.

Bears are over-abundant at St. Croix and Vanceboro. In that neighborhood fifteen sheep have been taken by them this season, in spite of all precautions.

There will, it is expected, be upwards of 200 delegates in attendance at the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, which meets in Moncton next week.

An excursion from St. John to Gibson by steamer is being arranged for the 26th inst. The proceeds will be applied to supplying the Methodist parsonage at Gibson with furniture.

The young man named Pelletier, of St. Basil, who was struck by the tender of the engine attached to a special train on the N. B. R., is yet alive. He is not a mute, as was first reported.

The parish of St. Boniface, in Westmorland county, is excited over the case of a clergyman who is not a British subject, and who has solemnized marriage between some ten or twelve couples.

Mr. J. E. B. McCready, of the St. John Telegraph, was elected High Chief Ranger at the annual session of the Provincial High Court Independent Order of Foresters, recently convened at Moncton.

The body of Nelson Caird, who was drowned last Friday night, by his boat colliding with the woodboat Forest Queen in the Reach, has not yet been recovered, though grappled for constantly.

Large quantities of raspberries are being shipped from Madawaska and Aroostook counties via N. B. Railway to Boston.

There were twenty tons, or two full car loads, shipped from Port Fairfield on Saturday last.

Tuesday night a girl of 22 years was arrested in a semi-intoxicated state on Albert street, Halifax, dressed in a complete suit of man-of-war sailor's uniform. On the following morning she was fined \$30 for the offence.

The annual meeting of the St. Croix Cotton Mills, which was to be held on the 13th, was postponed owing to a death. It is proposed to ask the stockholders to approve of a proposition to issue new stock to the amount of \$10,000.

On Sunday morning the 9th inst., Mrs. Mary Logan, of Lot 63, P. R. 1, was missing from her bed when the family got up. They searched for some time and then finding the well house door open they dragged the well and found the body.

Edward Jack is appointed a Juror in the Practical Forestry Department of the Exhibition at Balmora. Mr. Jack's name appears among the list of guests at the dinner of the Edinburgh Merchant Company's school on the 20th July.

A young man named Barry, a native of Kent Co., was drowned at Campbellton on Tuesday evening last while bathing. It is supposed he took to cramps and sank before assistance could be rendered. He was an employee of Richard O'Leary, near whose mill he lost his life.

On Tuesday morning of last week, a male child two or three weeks old was found on the steps of Edgar Hanson's house at Hewitt's siding, N. B. R., in Charlotte Co. It was terribly emaciated and in a dying condition. On Wednesday, the child died, and three or four hours after its decease, the body was buried.

Ferdinand A. Wyman, trustee of the Shaw Bros' Estate, is making poor progress in settling with creditors. During his visit to Calais a few days ago, says the *Calais Times*, several creditors accepted 33 1/3 per cent. in full for their claims. The St. Stephen's Bank was paid in part on the basis of settlement previously arranged.

The magnitude of the lobster canning industry of New Brunswick appears from a recent interview of a *Telegraph* reporter with Mr. D. W. Hoegg of Messrs. D. W. Hoegg & Co. About 35,000 cases of 70 lbs each have been turned out this year, the principal factories being those of Henry O'Leary and Hoegg & Co., who canned 10,000, and 6,000 cases respectively.

It is recently reported that a few evenings ago, after the shades of night had fallen, a new born babe was left at the door of a resident of Rollingdam, that the babe was taken into the house and died during the night, that the following morning a neighbor put the baby corpse into a box and interred it.

A large number of men are employed now in sturgeon-fishing, at Oromocto and vicinity in August. The fishing is best there in the latter part of the season. At Perry's Flats,

Kennebecasis, the sturgeon-fishing is also being quite extensively carried on this season. The men who hire out the nets receive, a uniform figure—\$1 per head—for all the sturgeons they may catch. In New York sturgeon are quoted at 9c. per lb.

A Mrs. Chase from Cornwallis, N. S. visiting at her father's, Chipman Chase, Woodpoint, attempted suicide a few mornings ago. While the family were at breakfast she ascended to the room over the hall, made a rope fast to a bedstead, passed out of the window and lowered herself down. In her struggle her feet came in contact with the upper part of the front door, leading her mother to think some one was knocking. Stepping out she was shocked to see the form of her daughter hanging at full length motionless. She was at once taken down and after some time restored to consciousness, much to the joy of the family.—*Transcript.*

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., which met at Halifax this week, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

Ben. Brenner, Charlottetown, Grand Master; Dr. Jas. Christie, St. John, Deputy Grand Master; Dr. Graham Waddell, Antigonish, Grand Warden; J. C. P. Frazee, Halifax, Grand Secretary; H. S. Taylor, Halifax, Grand Treasurer; Andre Cushing, St. John, Grand Representative (re-elected); Joseph Wilson, St. John, Grand Marshal; Samuel Watts, Woodstock, Grand Chaplain; W. H. Weatherpoon, Annapolis, Grand Conductor; J. R. McKee, Charlottetown, Grand Guardian; John McDonald, Vale Colliery, Grand Herald; Gilbert Murdoch, W. A. Moore, Samuel Watts, Trustees.

Considerable annoyance and disorder was caused in a certain Mimich community last week by bad whiskey, and a lot of men employed in a certain establishment there were being demoralized. On Monday afternoon a blackguard divested himself of a good deal of his clothing and was shouting bad language in the street in front of the resident clergyman's house. The latter, unable to bear the outrage any longer, proceeded to where the offender was and gave him such a lashing with a horse-whip as made him dance with pain and put an end to his offensive language and antics. If more people who are able to do so would follow the Rev. gentleman's example, under similar circumstances, it would have a good moral effect. That clergyman is a good practical christian—a terror to evil doers.—*Chatham Advance.*

New Advertisements.

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I, FREDERICK P. THOMPSON, of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, Merchant, have by the last Will and Testament of the late JOHN PICKARD, Esquire, deceased, been appointed Sole Executor, and have duly proved the said Will. All persons indebted to the Estate of the late JOHN PICKARD are hereby required to make immediate payment to me at my office in Fredericton, and all persons having claims against the said Estate, are requested to present the same to me duly attested, within two months from this date. Dated this 26th day of March, A. D. 1884.

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