

## COUNCIL DISCUSS TAX REFORMS

Proposed Percentage Assessment on Houses Defeated by Substantial Majority.

The ticklish question of percentage assessment on dwelling houses, by which a new act of the Ontario legislature authorized any city council not to tax any dwelling house assessed at more than \$2,000 above 50 per cent. of its assessed value and proportionately up to \$4,000 caused a lengthy and at times heated debate.

Controller Cameron said he would vote for the "idea" to go to the people in January if he was assured the people understood the subject. His opinion, however, was that if such an act was adopted it would cause the building of a lot of cheap houses and would boost the land market. It also meant the shifting of the "relieved" taxation on to the shoulders of the manufacturer, who in his turn would put the extra cost he was called upon to meet onto the price of his goods. The public would pay, not the manufacturer. Such shifting of all these extra taxes onto the manufacturer was one of the reasons for the high cost of living. Builders could not erect small houses today owing to cost but the removal of the assessment would not further the matter in any way. The idea of the lowered assessment was a good thought but the council ought to be able to demonstrate it was a good sound one.

**Commissioners' Ideas.**  
On the proposition of Aldermen Whetter and Baker, Commissioners Forman and Bradshaw were sent for to give their views on the subject. Commissioner Forman said the legislation for reduction in assessment was the dying effort of the late government and the city had no chance to oppose it. The only effect of the act was to shift taxation from one class to another. The "idea" would take \$999,000 from one class of property and put it on to another. On thinking it well out the proposition was not one appealing to any reasonable person. In Mr. Forman's opinion it was a bad advertisement for a city like Toronto to adopt such a scheme.

Mr. Bradshaw, the finance commissioner, said 73-1-2 per cent. of the houses in Toronto were not held by owners but let for profit. The effect of the measure if it had been adopted this year would have been to bonus landlords to the amount of \$472,000. If, however, the idea was applied to owners of houses it would in the commissioner's opinion, be a distinct benefit. He contemplated, however, if the act was adopted it would stimulate the building of houses by speculators. Ownership of houses was desirable but this new act would in no way help them towards that end. To adopt the act would mean an increase of the tax rate 1-4 mills, to be raised by taxation which the small holders would have to pay. It was a serious matter for a city to bonus landlords, and to adopt the act would create a debt of \$5,000,000 in favor of the landlords. Mr. Bradshaw said he would ask the council to put the question to the people if they would favor the percentage on houses only owned by those living in them. This would only mean 1-4 mill extra in comparison with the existing rate. Eventually, said Mr. Bradshaw, he was in sympathy with assessment reform but he should only do so to those who owned their own houses.

**Single Taxer in Favor.**  
Alderman Honeyford, who is in favor of a single tax, was strongly in favor of applying the act and quoted Ald. Smith and John Stuart Mill as supporting his idea of the single tax. The two commissioners, he said, did not understand political economy or they would be in favor of the percentage assessment.

A long discussion here took place as to whether an alderman voting for the matter going to the people, registered himself as being in favor of the act. The chairman ruled it did.  
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Monday, Nov. 17th:  
4,746 Applications for \$ 662,050

Grand Total:  
20,926 Applications for \$2,677,100

take made ever since Toronto was Toronto. "Tax us and the other millionaires," said the controller amidst laughter, "and let us help the little fellow."

**Matter of Seats.**  
Alderman McMulkin doubted if the members of the council understood the subject before them. He was very sure the public did not and he was against them being asked to vote on something they did not understand. He said he quite understood the political life of many members of the council depended on the question.

Controller Maguire was for leaving it to the people.

Alderman Ramsden moved an amendment that the exemption be made on houses owned by the tenants.

Alderman Baker said all the houses he possessed were in the favored class but all the same he was in favor of the amendment as it was just putting the matter off for a year or so. The public were, he declared, better informed on the subject than the council.

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## Berkeley Street Sunday School Celebrates Eighty-Second Year

Berkeley street Methodist Sunday school last night celebrated its eighty-second anniversary and more than 500 people attended to hear the entertainment program put on by the pupils of the school. Music, recitations, dialogues and a number of drills were excellently done by the children, a number of whom were only tots in the primary class.

A feature of the evening was a little sketch entitled "Music in the Cabbage Patch," which was arranged and portrayed by Mrs. Emma Thompson and Miss Mabel Wilkinson. Another very interesting item in the program was the cantata, "Peace and Victory," arranged by Mrs. Thompson and R. H. Sloan, in which Private Fred Ruhl, a former soldier, recited "In Flanders Fields."

Presentation of bouquets to the three oldest members of the school was made on Friday, Nov. 23, in the Jenkins Gallery, at 8:30 o'clock. The school were W. C. Wilkinson, a member for seventy-six years; Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, who has been at the anniversary of the school—that is, a continuous member for eighty-two years, and S. S. Martin, sr., the first superintendent.

Mrs. Ralph Bridges has issued invitations to the Sunday school, 29th inst., at her house, 612 Jarvis street, in honor of her niece, Miss Margaret, who is leaving for London, Ont.

Mrs. George Baines, Beaufort Apartments, gave a tea last week for Miss Margaret, London, Ont.

Charles Dyer, of Hamilton, last week for her daughter (Mrs. Leather's) first reception since going there to live.

Mr. Bernard Preston has issued invitations to a program of original interpretative dancing by Miss Lois London on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., at 8:30 o'clock at the Jenkins Galleries.

Word has been received in Ottawa of the safe arrival at Cairo, Egypt, of Capt. Eric Charles C.M.G. D.S.O., commanding the Royal Engineers at Cairo, and Mrs. Charles and their children.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Notices of future events, not intended to raise money, to be per word, minimum \$1.00; if held to raise money, per word, minimum \$1.00; if held to raise money, per word, minimum \$1.00.

**WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB—Central Technical School, Wednesday, November nineteenth, at 8 p.m. Members of the Battalion, and their lady friends cordially invited. Association orchestra in attendance. Good time assured.**

**47th BATTALION OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION** will hold an open meeting at C.Y.M.C.A., Wednesday night, Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Members of the Battalion and their lady friends cordially invited. Association orchestra in attendance. Good time assured.

**KLM, or money for same, urgently needed for war orphan babies of France.** Donations of same, please, to the Franco-Canadian Orphanage Society, c/o the center of the Franco-Canadian Orphanage Society, c/o the center of the Franco-Canadian Orphanage Society, c/o the center of the Franco-Canadian Orphanage Society.

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## SOCIETY

Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips.

The Alhambra, the beautiful new theatre at the corner of Bathurst and Bloor streets, was opened last night with some delightful pictures of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' tour in British Columbia, which brought down the house every time they appeared. A magnificent basket of exquisite creamy chrysanthemums adorned the entrance, and the outside was round the block six deep before the theatre opened, and each woman received a carnation on entering. A few of the well-known people in the capacity audience included Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Matheson, Mr. J. P. Bickle and a party, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Locke, Miss N. L. Matheson, Mrs. A. J. Gough, the Misses Gough and a party, the Misses Jacobs, Mr. W. A. Back, Mr. J. R. Jeffrey, Mr. W. B. Nichols of Vancouver.

Mrs. Ponton gave a very smart dance of 200 at the Jenkins Galleries last night for her two daughters, when she was very handsome in black, and she sat in the front row with her two daughters, and she carried an armful of Richmond roses. Miss Ponton wore black with drapery of black georgette crepe brocade with silver on the skirt and over one arm the other strapped with silver, and she wore and carried Russell roses, violets and sweetheart. Mrs. Ponton was in peach taffeta, paniers over a lace and satin petticoat, and carried pink roses and orchids, both good wearing pieces, the latter her father, Mr. and Mrs. Ponton and their two lovely daughters received at the entrance to the ballroom. Their guests, Miss Armstrong, both Mrs. S. Simpson and White & Co. Limited, having cars.

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to \$10 per bushel; Ontario boxed, \$1.60 to \$2.25 per box.  
Bananas—\$2.50 per bushel.  
Cranberries—\$12 to \$12.50 per bushel; \$6 to \$6.25 per bushel.  
Grapes—Emperors, \$7.50 to \$8 per bushel; or dr. fruit, \$4 to \$4.50 per bushel; Spanish Malaga, \$10 to \$15 per bushel.  
Grapefruit—Florida, \$4 to \$5 per case; Jamaican, \$3 to \$3.50 per case.  
Lemons—California, \$4.75 to \$7 per case; Messina, \$6 per case.  
Melons—Honeydew, \$3.25 per bushel; cantaloupes, \$2.50 to \$3 per bushel.  
Pears—Imported, \$3 to \$6 per bushel; domestic, \$2.50 to \$3 per bushel.  
Potatoes—Kaffir, 25c to 50c per bushel; better varieties, 75c to \$1 per bushel.  
Tomatoes—Hot-house, No. 1's, 35c per bushel; No. 2's, 30c per bushel.  
Wholesale Vegetables.

Artichokes—French, \$2 per dozen; Jerusalem, 50c per 11-quart.  
Beans—New green, \$2.50 per hamper.  
Beets—New, \$2.50 per bushel.  
Cabbage—\$1 to \$1.25 per dozen; \$2.25 to \$3 per bushel.  
Carrots—\$1 to \$1.25 per bushel.  
Cauliflower—\$1 to \$1.25 per bushel.  
Cucumbers—\$2.75 to \$3 per dozen; \$2.75 to \$3 per bushel.  
Cucumbers—Hothouse, \$3 per dozen, \$6 per bushel.  
Lettuce—Cal. Iceberg, \$5.50 per case; Canadian head, 90c per doz.; leaf, 30c per doz.  
Mushrooms—Imported, \$2 to \$3 per bushel.  
Onions—\$1.50 to \$2.50 per sack; No. 2's, \$5 per sack; Ontario, \$4 to \$5.25 per 75 lb.; Spanish, \$7 to \$7.50 per case.  
Pumpkins—\$1.50 to \$2 per 11-quart basket; \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bag.  
Peppers—Imported, \$3 per case; \$1 per dozen.  
Potatoes—\$2.25 to \$2.50 per bag.  
Sweet potatoes—\$2.75 to \$3 per hamper.  
Shallots—50c to 75c per bushel.  
Spinach—\$2.50 to \$3 per bushel.  
Turnips—\$1.50 to \$2 per bushel.

Wholesale Nuts.  
Brazil nuts, lb. 30c; 25c; 20c.  
Filberts, lb. 30c; 25c; 20c.  
Walnuts, lb. 30c; 25c; 20c.  
Almonds, lb. 30c; 25c; 20c.  
Peanuts—Green, 15c per lb.; roasted, 20c per lb.  
Hickory nuts—10c per lb.  
Wholesale Dates.  
Dromedary, \$1.75 per case.  
Excelsior—\$4.50 to \$5 per case.

**FARM PRODUCE.**  
Grain farmers' market board of trade quotations:  
Hay and Straw—  
Hay, No. 1, per ton, \$20 to \$21;  
Hay, No. 2, per ton, \$19 to \$20;  
Straw, rye, per ton, 25c;  
Straw, clover, per ton, 15c;  
Straw, oat, bundled, per ton, 18c;  
Eggs, new, per doz., 10c to 12c;  
Bulk going at, 1.00;  
Butter, farmers' dairy, 0.63 to 0.75;  
Spring chickens, lb., 0.25 to 0.30;  
Spring ducks, lb., 0.25 to 0.30;  
Selling fowl, lb., 0.25 to 0.30;  
Geese, per lb., 0.25 to 0.30;  
Turkey, per lb., 0.45 to 0.50.  
Farm Produce, Wholesale.  
Butter, creamery, fresh, made, lb. squares, 0.64 to 0.65;  
do. cut solids, 0.62 to 0.63;  
Butter, choice dairy, lb., 0.55 to 0.58;  
Oleomargarine, lb., 0.35 to 0.38;  
Eggs, select, per doz., 0.63 to 0.65;  
Butter, new, per doz., 0.63 to 0.65;  
Eggs, No. 1, doz., 0.69 to 0.70;  
Cheese, new, lb., 0.24 to 0.25;  
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Honey, comb, doz., 5.00 to 5.25;  
Pure lard—  
Tallow, lb., 0.25 to 0.26;  
10-lb. prints, 0.23 to 0.24.

Greatly to the surprise of everyone in the council chamber the bylaw authorizing an agreement between the Hydro-Electric and the city for the construction of an electric railway and that it be submitted to the people in January was passed without discussion. When the council assembled after dinner there was just a little over a quorum present. It was decided to drop for the moment the percentage assessment act and take up the question of the electric railway. The mayor gave short explanation of the act and then before anyone could say a word Controller Cameron proposed its acceptance, and, despite the effort of Ald. McGraw, the bill was passed. Ald. McGraw down went the mayor's hammer, and the bill was read a first time. Ald. McGraw protested against the second and third readings but the mayor either did not hear him or did not want to, and proceeded to pass the bill, the alderman reading the while protesting against its reading. Between the mayor's hammer and the alderman's voice, the bill slipped thru its third reading, and the Hydro agreement, the mayor expected long debate on this question was one of those little things that did not "come off."

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Beef, medium, cwt., 14.00 to 16.00.  
Beef, common, cwt., 11.00 to 12.00.  
Spring lamb, per lb., 0.20 to 0.22.  
Mutton, cwt., 10.00 to 11.00.  
Veal, No. 1, cwt., 14.00 to 15.00.  
Hogs, 120 to 150 lbs., cwt., 23.00 to 24.00.  
Hogs, heavy, cwt., 18.00 to 20.00.  
Poultry Prices Being Paid to Producers.  
Live-Weight Prices—  
Chickens, spring, lb., 30c to 32c.  
Ducklings, lb., 0.20 to 0.22.  
Ducks, old, lb., 0.15 to 0.16.  
Hens, under 4 lbs., lb., 0.16 to 0.17.  
Hens, over 4 lbs., lb., 0.16 to 0.17.  
Hens, over 5 lbs., lb., 0.16 to 0.17.  
Roosters, lb., 0.15 to 0.16.  
Turkeys, lb., 0.15 to 0.16.  
Dressed—  
Chickens, spring, lb., 30c to 32c.  
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**WORLD'S DAILY BRAIN TESTS**  
By SAM LOYD  
5 Minutes to Answer This.  
No. 41.  
"How far is it to Calcutta?" asked a wayfarer of an intelligent Hindoo who was sunning himself at the door of his tent.  
"The elephant knows but we gals," replied the name, "as it is brother walks his beat at the rate of six miles an hour, he will be an hour for the foot, while if he trot him at the rate of 12 miles an hour there will be an hour to spare for devotions and refreshments."  
How far was the pilgrim from Calcutta?

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