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WHO PAYS THE TAXES?

The Telegram does not agree with Donlands Democracy, which preaches that the man who pays taxes ought to have a vote.

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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.

In some quarters misconception still exists regarding the character and object of the brotherhood of boy scouts. Certain labor circles in particular appear to be thoroly obsessed with the notion that it has been initiated, and is being conducted, in support of "militarism," a word that is supposed to convey an idea of ill omen to international peace.

In the Canadian edition of the Christmas number of The Windsor Magazine the chief of the boy scouts again seeks to dispel the two prevalent misconceptions of the organization.

General Baden-Powell makes it perfectly plain that far from encouraging "militarism," the boy scouts have been established to destroy racial animosity.

General Baden-Powell says emphatically to those who see in the boy scout movement only a form of military cadet service, made attractive under another name and with a sporting uniform, that if they would look into the methods they would see that military training is particularly avoided.

the splendid achievements of the boy scouts, as noted by General Baden-Powell, to recognize how valuable is the spirit of heroism, self-sacrifice and self-reliance with which they have been instilled.

SUPPORT THE COMMISSIONER.

Onslaughts from the board of control upon Commissioner Harris are quite wrong. The city council has been accustomed to treat the city officials as enemies to be fought, instead of friends to be assisted.

The action taken in rejecting his recommendation to purchase a gravel pit must be reconsidered, whatever private interests may have to say to Controller Maguire.

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At Osgoode Hall ANNOUNCEMENTS. Dec. 19, 1912. Judge's chambers, will be held on Friday, 20th inst, at 10 a.m.

December sittings of divisional court closed. The first sittings of the appellate division of the supreme court of Ontario will begin on Jan. 15, 1913.

Master's Chambers. Before J. S. Cartwright, K.C. Master. St. Clair v. Stair—J. Hales for plaintiff. A. R. Hassard for defendant. Motion by defendant for an order for security for costs in a libel action.

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CITY WITHOUT PLANT

Merely Trying to Prevent Exactions, Commissioner Harris Tells the Retailers.

The board of control did an unlimited amount of wobbling yesterday over the proposal to give Commissioner Harris a sufficient plant to carry on the work he is supposed to do for the city.

Hitherto the board has been practically unanimous in supporting, after some investigation, many of the commissioner's recommendations, and this appropriation of \$187,429, which is the only means of giving satisfaction to the many deputations which have already called at the works department requesting work already started to be completed, as well as work which it is essential should be undertaken has received the approval of the board of works, which specializes on these matters, on three different occasions.

Different contractors have been seen hovering around the entrance to committee room No. 2, and the climax was reached yesterday when Secretary Trotter of the Retail Merchants' Association appeared before the board, backed by a deputation, to ask that the commissioner be not given the opportunity of purchasing extra plant.

"How far is the city going to trespass on the private trade interests of the city?" asked Mr. Trotter. "Are we going to have the city compete with our own people? The elections are hovering around and we want to know how far this is going to go. Because a little evil has existed, that is no reason you should go into the contracting business and put these men out of business."

Commissioner Harris said that it was not the intention of the city to go into the contracting business, "but the city is going to regulate the prices," he declared. "The works department is willing to submit tenders on all civil works, and when the contractors cannot conform with our estimates, the city will do the work itself. We have contracts for \$4,000,000 worth of sewers, and these contractors are not going to charge just what they like. Another thing we are at present trying to do with a pick and shovel just what the contractors are doing with an up-to-date plant, and these men are perfectly content to let the contractors do the work, but they are not going to charge more than we can do it."

"We can't deny him a plant," put in the mayor to Mr. Trotter. "If he is to regulate the prices in a proper manner," added Controller Foster. Immediate action.

The question of referring the matter back came up, but the commissioner fought for his plant. "Gentlemen, if you refer this matter back, it will be another year before we can go ahead. It is a question of immediate action. There is work which must be looked after forthwith, and it is perfectly willing to all that is reasonable, but the city's interests are paramount."

Several stone and gravel contractors appeared, and voiced their views. It was divulged that the commissioner had previously had a private conference with the contractor, which was the result of the good results obtained by the conference with the asphalt men.

Mr. Pearson of the Paving and Contracting Company stated that he could supply the city with asphalt at \$1.28 a batch in large quantities, and \$1.53 in small quantities, and that what it costs the city. This means that the city saves approximately \$1.20 and \$1.53 per load from what the people are now charging us, so that I am content that the appropriations for an asphalt plant be struck out."

Controller Maguire said that St. Clair avenue would have been completed much cheaper had it been let to a contractor, but the commissioner says: "I don't know anything about that, but when contractors take over our tenders for asphalt at our price, and make ample profits, there is no real cause for complaint."

Portrait Given to President

F. J. Glackmeyer Was Honored for His Services by the Members of Victoria Club.

One of the most pleasing events which have taken place at the Victoria Club was that of last night, when Fred J. Glackmeyer, president of the club, was presented with a handsome portrait of himself as a mark of the appreciation of the work he has done for the club.

Among those who were present were Sir John Gibson, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. J. J. Fox, Sir William Meredith, Judge Garraw and scores of other men prominent in the business and social life of Toronto.

The portrait was specially painted at the instance of the Victoria Club members by the distinguished portrait painter, J. Colin Forbes, R.C.A., who is well-known in Toronto, the has been absent in England for 28 years. Mr. Forbes has painted portraits of the late King Edward, of the Queen-Mother, Alexandra, of British nobility and premiers.

The portrait, from the art point of view, is notable for its simplicity. The subject is painted in three-quarter length, sitting as if reflecting on the pleasant ways of life. The background is opaque and undisturbed. The figure is dressed in a quiet gray suit. A subdued quality of tone obtains throughout.

The portrait gives the spectator a vivid impression of a man who is kindly and sincere—a genuine "life-like likeness" by everybody who frequents the Ontario legislative galleries when parliament is assembled.

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