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**THE PROBLEM OF TAXATION.**

The movement having for its object the readjustment of the civic taxes on a more equitable basis is a move in the right direction, and is no doubt an honest endeavor on the part of most of its promoters towards lessening the grievous burden so long borne by those least able to carry it—the day laborer, and poor tenant; but bound down by the existing conditions which give the men with property and influence the controlling power, leave him absolutely at their mercy and deny him a seat in the Council Chamber, it is hard to see from what quarter he is likely to get any relief.

When the proposal to increase the tax on real estate was made the property-owners were very much excited, and were loud in their sympathy for the poor tenant, notwithstanding the fact that they have been gradually raising their rents for the past seven or eight years, until now they are nearly double what they were at that time. If they honestly sympathized with the poor man in his severe and almost hopeless struggle why did they raise the rents this spring from 50 cts. to \$1.00 per month?

At this rate the little crumb thrown to the poor man in the shape of a reduction of poll tax will be swallowed by the greedy and conscienceless monster Rent, and he will be lucky if himself and all his little effects are not taken down with it. The recently published table of real estate values and rents payable is altogether misleading at the present time and more in accordance with the price of rents 20 years ago.

Instead of \$32.00 per year for a

house valued at \$400 the tenant pays from \$60 to \$72. Ten years ago these houses could be had for \$3.00 to \$4.00 per month. What additional benefit does the tenant get for the extra cost? What does the landlord do to earn it? It is pure graft—conscienceless greed. Are the living expenses of the poor man lower, or does he get more wages to enable him to pay it? On the contrary the cost of living is much higher and the wages about the same. At the best the average working man with steady wages earns little over \$300.00 per annum, and many, who do not have work during the greater part of the winter months do not earn \$200. How would you like to live on that amount, Mr. Landlord? It is pretty hard for a man to pay \$72 out of a \$300 salary and keep a family. And the worst of it is that even \$6.00 a month houses are hard to be got. The new houses that have gone up within the past three and four years are altogether beyond the means of the laborer, rarely renting for less than \$120.00 per year. So it will be seen that instead of charging 8 per cent on capital invested the landlord gets nearer 16 and 20 per cent.

In the interests of fair play and common justice there ought to be some way of getting at these land sharks. The city could make a good investment by erecting four to five roomed houses and renting them at \$3.00 and \$3.50 per month or they could do as they propose to do in St. John, tax real estate owners on rental value, and whenever they tuck it onto the tenants tuck it onto them.

In Marysville, where there is twenty times the chance to make a living for the laboring man than here according to the population, good 16 roomed double tenements in commodious and up-to-date brick houses rent for \$8.00 per month or \$4.00 for each family and the rents have never gone up in these days of high finance.

So after paying their attentions to the banks, telephone companies and income men it is up to the city council to at least not lower the tax on real estate without a pledge from the landlords of a substantial reduction in rentals.

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Partridge from this world to the Great Unknown on Wednesday last brought sorrow to all hearts, for among all our citizens, none were more universally beloved and respected. Setting for himself a high standard of duty he followed it unwaveringly to the last. He not only preached but acted the principles of truth, righteousness and brotherly love in all the walks of life. In a quiet and unobtrusive way he spent of his means, which were not large to succor the needy and suffering and was foremost in every good work, and by his kind counsels cheered and encouraged the hopeless and despondent. Humble and unassuming he beheld in every man a brother and sought not for himself wealth or preferment. In times of distress we have ourselves been gladdened by encouraging words and letters written by him, which we treasure as a sacred memory, and he did not stop at words for he subscribed for ten copies of THE JOURNAL for some years past and often sent us a Christmas testimonial, but he would never even accept thanks or allow any acknowledgement in the paper. By his blameless life and truly Christian example he edified and uplifted all with whom he came in contact and his broad-minded humanity could embrace all classes, no matter what the difference of status or opinions. The community sincerely feels his loss and the world is poorer today in losing one of its best men.

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