

THEY FAVOR TAX REFORM.

Fabian League Hears Ald. A. W. MacRae on This Point.

PASS RESOLUTIONS

Single Tax System For Real Estate Advocated as Solution of Problem...

The fortnightly meeting of the Fabian League was held last evening in Berryman's Hall.

He referred to Francois Tenier, who lived in France in the reign of Louis XIV. as the practical founder of the system of the single tax on land.

Taxes were the revenue raised in a city for carrying on of public necessities and today all economists adopt the canons of Ricardo.

Monopolies should be taxed to the utmost. The great railroads had excessive capital amounting to from two to ten times the cost value.

The community was hampered by the tax on stock and the alderman instanced a Montreal firm with a branch in St. John.

Benefits received was the best system and banks and mortgage companies should pay a fair but not exorbitant license.

Civic taxation required, concluded the alderman, the genius of statesmanship to bring it to a system of fairness for the people.

John Montgomery thought St. John ought to go along with less taxes. The men in the council did not seem to see what the people wanted in many departments.

Charles Jones regarded the present system of taxing teamsters on their stock and also requiring them to pay a license as unfair and complained of the big firms and corporations being exempt.

Peter Sharkey thought the poor man was overtaxed. He agreed that the product of labor should not be taxed as it tended to retard progress.

Resolved, that this league urge the common council to ask for legislation that will so amend the present St. John assessment act.

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LIBERALS WIN IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Won All By-Elections Yesterday—Labor Candidate in Cape Breton Defeated.

Halifax, Dec. 16.—Yesterday was election day in this province for the local house. The counties in which contests took place were Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Cape Breton, and Richmond.

Returns so far received show another liberal sweep not a conservative being elected. In Pictou R. M. McGregor will have 200 majority over A. C. Bell.

In Cumberland E. B. Paul's majority over J. W. Day is about 600 and in Colchester the majority for H. T. Laurence over John Suckling is 105.

In two other counties the government candidates were not opposed. The candidates are: Cape Breton—Dr. A. S. Kendall, liberal; James Boyd, independent labor; returns so far gave Kendall a majority of 2,066.

Richmond—A. J. Boyd, liberal; Dr. C. P. Bissett, liberal. Bissett elected by 400 majority. In Lunenburg C. U. Maher was elected by acclamation.

The crushing defeat of Boyd in Cape Breton dealt a death blow to the labor party.

ANNAPOLIS. The Temperance Crusade—Wants More Apples—Ralph Messenger Missing.

Annapolis, Dec. 15.—The death of Henry W. Balcomb, a native of Cleveport, a few miles distant from town, occurred at Salem, Mass., on the 7th inst., after a protracted illness. He was 78 years old.

Under an arrangement with the County Association and Municipal Councils, exhibitions were to be held alternately in Annapolis and Kings counties, but it now transpires that Hants county wishes to be a third party in the agreement.

A despatch has been received from a Boston paper asking for information regarding one Ralph Messenger, of Boston, a son of Elias Messenger of Hampton, who has been missing during the past three weeks. Foul play is suspected.

Rev. W. H. Langville, of Brunswick street church, Halifax, has accepted an invitation to succeed Rev. Benjamin Hills, as pastor of the Bridgetown circuit at the conference of 1905.

J. H. Longmire & Son's schooner, Temple Bar, reached this port the first of the week from St. John with a cargo for Bridgetown, which was unloaded here and forwarded by train, owing to the ice in the river. The schooner Packet, also brought over a cargo of salt to Digby, and will lay up there for the winter.

Run-laying on the Middleton and Victoria Beach railway, was begun on Monday. A gang of sixty men are employed handling the rails, and it is intended to lay a mile and a half of track a day. It is expected that by the end of January the road will be completed.

LAYING NEW STREETS. At the present time the improvement of the streets in maritime province towns is receiving much attention. During the past summer many miles of new streets have been laid at Glace Bay, C. B., and Halifax is also turning her attention to permanent thoroughfares.

A new system of laying asphalt roads is being adopted in London. Instead of paving the road with one homogeneous mass of the paving materials, which means the closing of the thoroughfare for a prolonged period, the asphalt is laid in slabs in the same manner as paving stones, says the Scientific American.

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PEACE WAS BUT BRIEF. Buda Pest, Dec. 15.—The parliamentary truce has been short lived. The session of the lower house today witnessed a repetition of the turbulence which has marked most of the recent sittings.

A KINGLY GIFT. New York, Dec. 15.—A Milan, Italy, despatch to the Herald says King Edward has just presented to the monks of the great St. Bernard monastery a magnificent new piano to replace one given by Queen Victoria half a century ago.

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