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A QUEER THING IS THIS!

People Found to Object to Taxation.

The Dog Tax Not All Popular.—And Opponents are Talking.—But it is Rather Late in The Day For Doing Much.—Rifle Shooting.

There is a tremendous commotion in certain sections of the city over the sad hardships inflicted on the dogs by the imposition of a tax on those venerable and highly appreciated citizens of this thoroughly prosperous but decidedly warlike town. The dogs have their advocates on the one hand, and their detractors on the other. And it must rejoice their canine souls as they pass into that paradise which a certain English poet has said awaits them to find that their death agonies were the cause of such an expression of popular feeling. Has not Pope told us that the Indian hunter hopes with a fervent hope, that his faithful dog will keep him company, in the new land that he sighs after, along with his cultured white brother? But the dog tax must be enforced, and it makes no difference whether in this peculiar case, the question of popular prejudice is against it or no. Popular prejudice must be always considered, but, sometimes, it must be nipped in the bud, because popular prejudice like all prejudice is a pre-judging, a pre-formation of opinion. Moreover the public of this town as of all towns must come to criticize before it comes to sit in judgment. It must either qualify for the place of a judge, or yet, not usurp a place for which it is not qualified. But, here, is the newspaper man—a moralizing, when he should be dealing with the simple question of the advisability or non-advisability of placing a tax on dogs. There are two classes, those who like dogs and those who do not. Those who like them will not be deterred from keeping them, by the fact that a small tax is demanded every year. Those who do not like dogs, will simply be sorry that others who do like them are put out that the dogs must be the sufferers in the interests of humanity. But it has ever been thus. The weaker go before the stronger, and it is not quite as bad as if we had the simple purpose of vivi section in view.

Why did not the objectors to the dog tax, make their objections known? They had ample opportunity. THE DISPATCH announces now, as it has announced on every occasion, that it will publish anything unless it be of a libellous nature that the public have to say with regard to town or any other affairs. The question is raised that the tax is a personal tax and cannot therefore be enforced. Well! let that point be argued at full length and then decided. It is a question for argument, not for declamation, or even, for indignation. Taxation is never popular, and unless the complexion of the world changes it will never be popular. And, in speaking on this subject this must be borne in mind, that only those who are perfectly willing to go to a court of justice and with all the terror of a oath upon them, swear to the truth regarding their property, have reason to feel grieved at the imposition of additional taxes. And this state of affairs will not be arrived at until we have our assessment made the equal of our property no more or no less. When that state of affairs comes about, people will begin to look at the taxes they must pay and whether it be dog tax, poll tax, or any other tax, they will continue to grumble, no doubt, but at the same time give some reason for their grumbling.

The question the farmers must consider is whether if all the licenses are paid anything can be done in the way of prosecution on the offenders who have too tender a fancy for mutton. There must be some dogs who are heartily sick of eating mutton, by the way. They must feel like quoting the old adage, Mutton hot, mutton cold, mutton young, mutton old; mutton tender, mutton tough, thank the Lord I've had enough.

When the sheep and lambs get all eaten up, what will come next? They say, Robbie White found a number of dogs in consultation as to what diet they would go in for when the lamb season was over, but his sudden appearance caused a breaking up of the conference before a decision was arrived at.

Crop Reports.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—Advices to the agricultural department confirm the predictions of a considerable deficiency in the European wheat crop, while rye, which is the chief bread grain of eastern Europe, is also short. This fact, as well as the wheat deficiency, will tend to restrict the exportation of the latter from those European countries, which usually have surplus of that

grain. As to non-European countries other than United States their aggregate contribution to European supply will be materially affected by the fact that India, denuded by the famine, will have practically no wheat to export. United States Consul O'Connor, at Yarmouth, N. S., reports that early crops in southwestern parts of that province were much injured by wet weather during the first half of June, which also prevented planting of the usual potato area. Plums are a failure. Apples are a short crop. Unofficial reports from Ontario show an unfavorable change in fruit prospects, with probable small apple crops. In Western Ontario the fruit outlook is better, but there will be a poor crop around Quebec, while in Manitoba the wheat crop exceeds the reduced acreage of last year by 25 per cent, and is 14 per cent greater than the 1895 acreage, until now the year of the largest acreage.

A Good Old Man.

Thomas Watt died at his home, Kintore, V. Co., on Tuesday last week at the age of eighty-one years. He leaves a wife, four daughters and five sons, one of whom is John Watt, of Woodstock, of the Railway Postal Service. Mr. Watt was born in Kintore, Scotland, where for years he was a druggist and post master. He early in life took a great interest in New Brunswick and he greatly helped Rev. Gordon Glass in his work of founding Glassville. Mr. Watt came to this country about 25 years ago and was one of the early settlers at Kintore, his late home. For years he was the only man near there who had any knowledge of medicine and he was the only physician of the settlers. He ministered to them in sickness and devoted his time to them freely. There was no hour of the night, no matter how stormy, that he would not leave his bed and go to the bedside of a sufferer. He was, in fact, a veritable Doctor McClure. He was, all his life, an earnest temperance man and did much for the cause in Scotland and New Brunswick. His remains were interred on Thursday afternoon in the cemetery beside the Kirk. Rev. Gordon Pringle held a service at the residence. The entire settlement turned out to pay their last respects to a man who had been so well known and respected. The family feel more than kindly towards Dr. Moffat, who gave more than ordinary professional attention to Mr. Watt in his last illness. Though there was almost no hope for his recovery, Dr. Moffat refused to leave him, doing all in his power to prolong his life and make his last days comfortable.

The Rifle.

The following is a list of the prizes won and scores made by the Carleton County riflemen at the Provincial Rifle Association meeting at Sussex, N. B.

NURSERY AND MAIDEN MATCH.	
Pte W Crandlemire, \$8.....	45
Pte Geo Frupp, \$4.....	41
Pte R Crandlemire, \$3.....	39
Pte E S Kirkpatrick, \$2.....	35
ALL COMERS MATCH.	
Pte E S Kirkpatrick, \$6.....	33
Pte W Crandlemire, \$5.....	32
A J Raymond, \$3.....	30
Pte R Crandlemire, \$2.....	29
PRINCE OF WALES MATCH.	
Pte W Crandlemire, \$4.....	56
Pte E S Kirkpatrick, \$2.....	64
ASSOCIATION CUP MATCH.	
Capt A J Raymond, \$4.....	83
Pte Crandlemire, \$2.....	76

The maiden aggregate for prizes awarded the highest aggregate scores in the Nursery, All Comers, Domville and Association matches resulted as follows:

Pte W Crandlemire, \$5.....	205
Sergt J B McGowan, \$4.....	201
Pte Kirkpatrick, \$2.....	200
Mr B Werrell, \$2.....	192
Mr B Freeze, \$2.....	187
Tyro prizes in the Association matches were awarded to:	
Pte W Crandlemire, \$2.....	72
Pte G Frupp, \$2.....	72
Lt W H Watt, \$2.....	70
Lt R Crandlemire, \$2.....	69
Sergt P Arnold, \$2.....	60

Woodstock Markets.

The market is not very rushing. Beef on foot is worth 5cts., lambs \$2 to \$2.50, chickens 8cts. to 10cts. per lb., oats 25cts., new loose hay \$8, potatoes 50cts. per bus., butter 13cts. to 15cts., cheese 9cts. to 9½cts. This has been a fine season for the dairy farmer. The pastures have been good. In other years the milk supply commenced to shrink about the first week in July, while this year it has not commenced to shrink yet. Last year milk was worth at the factories about 68cts. per 200; this year it is worth 72cts.

One Reason.

"Why do you keep so many dogs?" asked a stranger of a Kentucky mountaineer.
"Hey!"
"I asked why you kept so many dogs. It seems to me that you are rather a poor man and can scarcely afford to keep so many."
"I haven't many dogs, stranger—only eighteen. An' the reason I keep 'em is because they kain't keep me, 'cause they are poorer than I am."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Why does the washing come home on a Saturday? Because it is the close (clothes) of the week.

END CAME AT LAST.

And The Grafton Mill People are Found in the Wrong.

Nominal Fine Imposed.—Would call Broadway the "Narrow Way."—A Council that Adjourns on the Twinkling of the Eye. Bonny Woodstock.

The vexed case of the commissioner of roads in Northampton against the owners, or proprietors, or necessarily responsible parties in connection with the mill, at present, conducted by Mr. McElroy, for placing obstructions on the public highway was continued from day to day, and while it has been a case of considerable interest to the philanthropic gentlemen who run the law business of the town it had become a decided chestnut to the general public, who are not inclined to care much about the affair one way or the other. However, to the people of Grafton it was an all-absorbing topic of conversation and of the deepest interest, and the question of the dog tax which has so deeply moved the good citizens of Woodstock has cut no figure at all with them during this trial. They had one distinct advantage in having an M. P. on the stand, which was only equalled in the solemnity of the occasion, when the police magistrate having got through his business, crossed over to give evidence in the court presided over by Mr. George Anderson.

The magistrate gave his decision yesterday morning, making a conviction against Mr. McElroy for obstructing the sidewalk. A nominal fine was imposed.

Bonny Woodstock.

A recent issue of the Boston Herald contains a flattering notice of Woodstock. After complimenting the town and country the writer has this to say of the Carlisle Hotel:—It is equal to the best houses in St. John. Quite recently Mr. Tabor bought out this stand, and he had worked wonders in its improvement since he took the management. It is a large house built within recent years for the purposes of a hotel, and situated on a rising hill in the centre of the town. The house will accommodate 50 or 60 guests. All the modern improvements are here—electric lights and bells, hot and cold baths, and particular attention is paid to the cuisine, which has won the open admiration of visitors from the large cities of the United States and Canada. This year the Carlisle has been visited by a number of Americans, who have expressed themselves as delighted with the accommodations afforded, and of with beautiful scenery that they have met with in their drives around the neighborhood. In view of this, Mr. Tabor is making provisions for the entertainment of a large number of guests during the remainder of the season.

Sharp Work.

THE DISPATCH thinks this town council does business pretty promptly, but it sometimes shuts off discussion. Friday evening there was a meeting, and THE DISPATCH and other members of the fourth estate filed in. The clerk duly read the minutes, some trifling matters were dealt with and, then, one councillor moved and another seconded a resolution to adjourn, which was declared carried. Now another councillor arsest and asked if the street committee, had given a report, but he was told that the council had adjourned. This is third time the council has adjourned with a promptness that a military company might envy in doing the right about face movement. But it's business under certain circumstances.

What is The Matter With The Mayor and Councillors?

The full Board including his worship, were seen on Tuesday morning last patrolling that portion of Broadway near the entrance to the Methodist cemetery. A number of them have been interviewed but mum seems to be the word. One rate payer who was near by thought they were intending to change the name of the street. He overheard one councillor, say, "Better call it Narrow Way," also heard another say, "Is this not a fitting responsibility?" What is up!

The Health Inspector's Charge.

Health Inspector J. M. Jacques says that the condition of the sewers between Dickenson's tannery and the entrance at the river is simply atrocious and the bad stench is most unpleasant. Some of the man holes on Sucker flat actually, he tells THE DISPATCH, had to be corked up. Over other places mats were put and covered with dirt, to keep away the smell. On Sunday people on the flat were obliged to leave their homes and come up town. The inspector says something should be done at once.

Assistant Engineer.

Tyler C. Burpee C. E., who is so well known in Woodstock and New Brunswick generally, has been appointed assistant engineer on the Intercolonial Railway. Mr. Burpee is a good man and will perform the duties of his office well.

POKIOK PICNIC TOMORROW.