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REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION.

The demand for exemption from taxation or something approaching to that seems to be on the increase in this city. There is hardly a new industry spoken of by the promoters of which do not propose that the city shall grant them exemption from taxation. These seem to be remarkable requests to those citizens who have lived all their life here and have year by year contributed their portion to the revenue of the city. They have always proceeded on the principle that their business, whatever it may be, manufacturing or mercantile, should always pay its share of taxation, and that is the only proper principle. If the pulp business or any other branch of industry is unable to pay its proportion of taxes, then it cannot be a bonanza to the city in which it is located. Manufacturers no doubt want all they can get and they present in glowing terms the advantages that will follow the introduction of a new industry. But the city must be careful and regard the interests of those who live in the city as well as those who propose to live here. Tax men who have borne the burden of taxation for so long a time should be considered. If exemption is to be the policy of the city these manufacturers who have asked for nothing in the past may think they are just as much entitled to consideration in the future as those who come forward with large propositions and greater assurance. Not for a moment would we seek to discourage the introduction of other industries into the city of St. John but we like the sound and the sentiment of that old saying "Let every tub stand upon its own bottom."

Another feature of this reduction of taxation are the requests to limit the assessment upon certain industries. To the credit of the local men it can be said that they have never asked that the rate of taxation should be stationary but in certain cases they do not wish the valuation for purposes of taxation to exceed a certain figure. The lone case in point is the petition of the Portland Rolling mills who have had their assessment increased because they improved their machinery. They think this unfair and are trying to impress the council with their view of the matter. Perhaps they are right, at any rate it would not be just to discuss the matter until the committee appointed to inquire into the matter presents its report.

Is there a bunco syndicate? It begins to look that way. One of the king bees among bunco steerers and confidence men was recently arrested in Massachusetts on a variety of charges. His anonymous friends put up \$28,000 in cash as bail for him in the various courts in which he was arraigned. The man has skipped and it is doubtful whether he will appear for trial. The police of several cities believe that there is a regular syndicate of these confidence schemers, who take care of each other when in trouble and divide their ill-gotten gains when in luck. A surprising number of complaints against this form of swindle have come to light in connection with this arrest and it is believed that the various forms of the gold brick swindle and other confidence games are worked more than is supposed, in towns and cities as well as in country districts.

In view of the growing importance of Argentina as a farming country, it is interesting to note her increasing immigration. During 1891 the arrivals were 28,266, increasing steadily to 102,763 in 1896, chiefly from Italy, Spain and France in the order named. Other countries are represented to some extent. The

main stay of agricultural immigration and the most vigorous arrivals are Italians. Of course some of the immigrants eventually leave, so the figures named are not entirely net gain to the country.

The terrific competition of modern life in the great cities is after all, not the only cause of insanity. There is something worse than rush and worry and struggle. Solitude and inaction produce even worse effects. In Switzerland, where the people are forced to live alone a great deal there is much more insanity than in the crowded centres. There are two more insane to the 100 inhabitants in Switzerland than in the largest cities of the world. Evidently a golden mean between the two extremes produces the ideal life.

The young girl out alone in the evening has become very numerous out in New Zealand cities and the government has drafted a bill for the appointment of "discreet women" as inspectors, with extensive powers to stop and interrogate the girl who is out at a late hour. They are also authorized to escort her home and see her safely deposited on the parental bosom, or if the late girl is a hard case, to take her to an establishment specially provided and leave her in charge of the matron, pending inquiry.

Referring to a paragraph about a beech tree twelve feet in height growing on the tower of an English church the Albany (N. Y.) Argus says: "One doesn't have to cross the ocean to see this more than duplicated. Growing out of the wall in one of the towers of a stone building in this city the traveller may see another tree, which has reached a growth of about twenty-five feet."

Gold deposits have been discovered in Labrador which are said to be scarcely less rich than those of the Klondike.

PEN AND PRESS.

The Boston Times of January 23 comes to this office much improved in appearance and with much more original matter than it formerly contained. The friends of Mr. R. G. Larsen, formerly of PROGRESS, but more recently of the Boston Herald will be pleased to note that he is now publisher of the Times. No doubt it will respond to his energy and enthusiasm. Mr. Rice is associated with him as editor. The best wishes of PROGRESS and Mr. Larsen's many friends attend him in his venture.

"Cream" is the suggestive name of a monthly publication that is issued in Belfast, Maine. It is the same size of the Ladies Home Journal and has an attractive cover. But what is more attractive still are the contents—admirably chosen and carefully edited. Rarely has such an interesting magazine of this character reached the exchange table of PROGRESS.

Facts for Business Men.

Business men in need of competent bookkeepers, stenographers and typewriters will find it to their advantage to communicate with Messrs. S. Kerr & Son whose students are in greater demand than ever. Last year they were hardly through their College course till they were placed in good positions. This fact goes to show that the training received by the students of the St. John Business College is liked by the business community as it fits them for any position of trust. In this college is obtained the knowledge, that, put into practise it bound to come out right every time. Learn by doing is a very good rule as far as it goes, but the student who learns by doing only, will find that he can only do what he has learned. Thorough knowledge such as Messrs. Kerr give, completes the business education.

Home Journal.

The Canadian Home Journal for February is especially interesting. The Canada Club is again to the fore with a description of how a retail store handle Canadian goods. There are three competition stories to be voted upon, and Secnarf writes an interesting tale of "An Unwelcome Guest." Music and poetry are present in plenty, and the various departments of The Journal are so complete that it is no wonder that it is becoming popular. Every family should be a subscriber to this distinctively Canadian periodical, The Canadian Journal, McKinnon Building, Toronto.

John Edgecombe & Sons.

Particular attention is called to the advertisement of Messrs John Edgecombe and Sons, the pioneer carriage manufacturers of the Maritime Provinces. The Messrs Edgecombe are this season turning out some beautiful designs in sleighs; and their famous Gladstone is in as big a demand as ever. It is well worth a visitor's time when in Fredericton, to call at their factory, York street and inspect their elegant display in sleighs and carriages there made; also at their warehouse corner Brussels and Union streets St. John.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Trust Him and Nothing Fear. The cloud will rise the storm will beat, The dark night moan and cry; The way seem long to weary feet, The gloom o'er-spread the sky, The shadows in lone silence creep, Where once the light was clear, Lie still, the keeper will not sleep, Trust Him and nothing fear.

The mountain seas of sorrow swell, When great gales o'er them rise; And mystic forms of fate foretell, The blackness of the skies. The good ship keeps her proud head to, When wrecking storms are near; Keep faith He still can all things do, Trust Him, and nothing fear.

When in the old home dark and chill The fire in ashes lies; When every sound is hushed and still, And death makes no replies, When weeping there you watch alone, And midnight whispers drear; Like spectres haunt the bare hearth stone, Trust Him and nothing fear.

When down where flowers love to grow, And broad pine branches wave; And all the love of long ago, Is in a grass grown grave, Your spirit mourns the vacant place, Of one to you most dear; Sufficient is the Master's grace, Trust Him and nothing fear.

Ah, should you find that to your sight, When silence reigns supreme; Fond faces still come back at night, In some disturbing dream, When cold hands touch your wistful face, And listening you hear; The voice no time can e'er efface, Trust Him and nothing fear.

When that dear little babe so sweet, No longer hears your song; And out from other homes you meet, Your lost one in the throng, When in your grief, consuming pain, Shall pierce you like a spear; For days that ne'er will come again, Trust Him and nothing fear.

Jan., 1898. CYRUS GOLDB.

The New Year's Answer. Oh, speed there, happy New Year Speed swiftly on the way, And tell us of the wonders Beyond the gates of day, Lift up the mystic curtain That screens from mortal view The portals of the future, Which none may wander through

Oh, tell us, happy New Year, What gifts thou hast in store? Will plenty be our portion, Pressed down and running o'er? Will every hope we cherish Meet with fruition sweet, And every cup be honeyed, Which to our lips is pressed, Will springtime bring her garlands To wreath the woodlands fair, Without a single blighted bud Among the blossoms rare? Will summer send her roses, Her pinks and geranium blue, Nor drop among the posies One single sprig of rue?

Oh, will fair Ceres bless us, In basket and in store, And into granary and bin Her golden treasures pour? Will glad Pomona greet us, With free-will offerings meet, And shake from bending orchard trees Rich trophies at our feet? Will every eye be smiling, And every heart be light, And every household happy, And every hearth-fire bright? Will every no longer rankle, And care no more annoy, Nor friendship's gold be mingled With falsehood's base alloy?

"Alas," the New Year answered, "Such was Lot Nature's plan; The wonders of the future, No mortal eye may see; But let us each remember,— Life cannot all be play; And clouds must follow sunshine, As darkness follows day, "For joy would lose its savor Unmixed with grief or sin, And hope would cease to cheer us, If dreams were never vain The cup of honeyed sweetness Upon our taste would pall, If the sweet was mingled No bitter drop of gall.

"No lot, however tranquil, Can be misfortune-proof, And life for each is weaving A varied warp and woof. "Twice I mar thy wondrous pattern By Nature's hand prepared, If but one tiny sprig of rue Or blighted bud were spared!" —HELEN WHITNEY CLARK.

New Music—Liberal Offer.

To introduce our new monthly publication, American Popular Music, we make the following liberal offer: Send us the names of three or more performers on the piano or organ and fifteen cents in money or postage, and we will mail you sixteen pages of the latest popular songs, two steps etc., full sheet music arranged for piano or organ, and American Popular Music for three months. Address Popular Music Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Will Have Another Exhibition.

York county Agricultural Social No. 34 has decided upon another exhibition in the fall of 1898. The great exhibition veteran horse-breeder, antiquarian claim-fighter and would-be Mayor says an exhibition must be held and that settles it.

Too Late.

Dorchester items received too late for publication in this issue of PROGRESS. In order to ensure publication such correspondence must be mailed not later than Wednesday afternoon.

Tuttle's Elixir.

All who have used Tuttle's Elixir for horses or family use say it is the best Liniment they have ever used and will do all that is claimed for it.

What a Wonderful Difference

In my linen line since I have been sending my laundry to you—remarked a gentleman to us the other day, anybody will notice this if they patronize us. Ungar's Laundry & Dye works.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY.

St. Davids Y. P. A. Celebrate the Tenth Year of Their Organization.

The celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the organization of the association which took place on Tuesday last was an event of unusual interest. The continuous and unbroken existence of such a society for such a period is unusual. In the case of this association the history has been one of steady and unchecked development and growth. It stands today stronger and more vigorous with a deeper hold upon the interest and loyalty of its members than ever before.

This was very clearly shown by the meeting of Tuesday night. The exact date of the anniversary was the 24th of October, 1887, but the celebration was fixed for a date farther on in the season for convenience. The celebration took the form of a reception and entertainment given to the members of the congregation by the association. The spacious lecture room was crowded by an assemblage thoroughly representative of the congrega-



DR. GEORGE BRUCE.

tion. The room was beautifully and tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, Chinese lanterns and plants and the parlors in which Harrison's Orchestra were engaged presented a very fine appearance. The programme was very simple. After the opening service Mr. Bruce stated that a member of the association, Miss Alice Thomson, had presented the society with a souvenir which she had designed and had printed. Copies of the souvenir were then distributed.

Dr. Bruce next explained a Monogram which he had designed, and which had been enlarged by Mr. John T. McGowan the secretary of the association. The design consists of the letters Y. P. A. incorporated with the harp and the shepherd's crook, for St. Davids. These are so combined with an anchor as to form with it the St. Andrews Cross. While the Lion of Scotland is represented on the harp. Dr. Bruce said it was his intention to have the monogram cut as a crest for the society so that the society or members might use it on paper. The monogram was the subject of a great deal of interest. The remainder and principal part of the address was, according to the programme, on the society, its growth and work.

So long ago as 1888 the present pastor of St. Davids, Dr. Bruce, called the congregation together and placed the idea of an association before them, the objects of



Y. P. A. MONOGRAM

which were rather the improving of the minds of the members than providing for their amusement. The success that attended the efforts of the association was such, that the meetings became regular and a programme of them was issued. And this step fairly led to the organization of the Y. P. Association ten years ago on the same basis on which it stands today.

Some idea can be gained of the interest in the Y. P. A. when it is stated that 250 papers on various subjects have been prepared and read before the association since its formation. Many of them were of much value and the result of careful effort and study. Two hundred members have taken part in the different programmes in which readings and music had a prominent part. The committees and affiliated societies of course continue in active work during the year, the society as a whole only during the winter months as the programme shows. The constitution is extremely simple, in fact

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there is scarcely a written constitution at all. There is not even a roll of membership, all being welcome. Inclusive of all, Exclusive of none, being practically the motto of the association.

The great object of the association is the training of its members. Of course in doing this a great deal of good work is done but the training in reading, thought and expression is the great end present. Not doing but becoming, the doing will follow naturally. The result is shown in the solid, healthful growth of the society. The meetings are not a series of entertainments or amusements; their attractive power consists in the presentation of themes of real value. Of course religion is ever present not as a feature but as an object of every theme and the grand end of the association.

The following poem by Dr. Bruce was read at the anniversary meeting.

Ten times the crystal bridge Has spanned our peerless stream, Ten times from source to mouth, From Sagamook to the sea, Have onward sweep and flow And rippling tide congealed Since we, membra disiecta Were happily made one.

So oft, the shortening ray, Blunt angled and direct, Smote winter's adamant Into a molten flood, And from ten thousand hills Which ran "among the hills," One current deep and wide Swept grandly ocean ward.

So oft the smiling world In fitting garniture Emerald and gold and brown— Brought to us sweet surprise— Buds pink as infant's lips— Petals blood splashed and stern Moss glade and forest shade Odds like Araby.

Through all as best we might, We've held our onward way Each clearly integrate All strongly concentrate, Varied in form and raim Ours in desire and aim Held by the vital bond Of willing servitude.

The Word our chart and guide Gleaming in many a field Finding God every where— In sunshine and in shade In stars and silent glade— "In Whom we live and move And all our being have."

The following is the list of officers since the organization of the Y. P. A.

- 1887 T. H. Sommerville, Pres. Miss Maggie R. Willett, Vice Pres. Miss L. G. Corbett, Sec. 1888 Alex. Watson, Pres. Miss Eunice Kerr, Vice Pres. Miss L. G. Corbett, Sec. 1889 John Willett, Pres. Miss Mary Crookshank, Vice Pres. F. Fowler, Sec. Treas. Miss Jessie Milligan, Ass't Sec. 1890 Andrew Dodds, Pres. Miss Jessie Milligan, Vice Pres. C. J. Milligan, Sec. Treas. Miss Eliza Turnbull, Ass't Sec. 1891 Andrew Dodds, Pres. Miss Upton, Vice Pres. Miss E. Turnbull, Sec. Treas. Miss H. Adams, Ass't Sec. 1892 Alex. Watson, Pres. Miss E. Turnbull, Vice Pres. Miss Helen Ewing, Sec. Treas. Miss A. Turner, Ass't Sec. 1893 Alex. Watson, Pres. Fred Fowler, Vice Pres. Miss Livingston, Sec. Treas. Miss Grace Jamieson, Ass't Sec. 1894 Fred Fowler, Pres. Miss Grace Jamieson, Vice Pres. Andrew W. Robb, Sec. Treas. Miss Annie M. Milligan, Sec. Treas. 1895 Geo. R. Ewing, Pres. Miss E. Corbett, Vice Pres. C. J. Milligan, M. A. Sec. Treas. Harry Binning, Ass't Sec. 1896 C. J. Milligan, M. A. Pres. Mrs. A. R. Melrose, Vice Pres. Isaac Burpee, B. A. Sec. Treas. Miss A. P. Young, Ass't Sec. 1897 Rev. Geo. Bruce, B. A., D. D., Hon. Pres. Mr. C. J. Milligan, M. A., President. Miss Livingston, 1st Vice Pres. Mr. Andrew Robb, 2nd Vice Pres. Mr. J. T. McGowan, Sec. Treas. Miss Helen Adams, Ass't Sec'y.

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