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SINGLE TAX ADVOCATE MADE FINE ADDRESS

Mr. J. R. Brown of Toronto, Spoke on His Pet Theory Under the Auspices of the Local Board of Trade--Points Out Many Defects in the Present System--Would Divide Fredericton Into Sixty-One Thousand Lots--Would Exempt Improvements

James R. Brown of New York and Toronto, delivered a very interesting address at the Board of Trade Room last night upon "Single Tax." Mr. Brown has spoken upon this subject in various places in the Maritime Provinces recently and has the reputation of being one of the best informed advocates of the land-tax upon the continent. Unfortunately, on account of the stormy weather and other causes, the attendance was not as great as had been expected.

Dr. W. C. Kierstead, professor of Political Economy at the University of New Brunswick, was present and during the course of the address questioned the speaker and discussed various points with him.

Mr. Brown's address in part was as follows:

IMPORTANT QUESTION.

"The question of taxation is the most important that can be considered by any legislative body, federal, provincial or municipal. It involves the exercise of the most important of governmental functions, the one that counts most for good or evil in the social life of the people. We can either encourage production, stimulate trade and make for progress or we can retard production, strangle trade and put an end to progress, by the wisdom or the unwisdom of our method.

UNPOPULAR SUBJECT.

"Generally speaking, taxation is the most unpleasant and unpopular of subjects. The ordinary man, if he cannot swear off his taxes, will pay them off if he can, and forget it. This is due to the stupid, absurd and inequitable methods that we employ in the levying for tax purposes. Our

present method is universally condemned, has no friends and no defenders. We still continue in the old way for lack of a better way, and there is nothing that the people would welcome so eagerly as a new method of raising public revenue that would be free from the weaknesses and the viciousness of our present method. We sometimes fancy that the present method places the burden where it can be most easily borne. This is as far from the facts as it can be. Under the present method, because of its indirection and because of our ignorance of economic law, it falls upon shoulders least able to carry the load.

MUST KNOW ECONOMIC LAW.

"In order to devise a just and equitable system of raising public revenue, we have got to understand economic law; we mean by that, those natural laws that affect the production and the distribution of wealth. If we neglect the study of these laws we will fail to see the final effect of the taxes that we levied upon the cost of living and the prosperity of our community. There are two very important economic truths that we must ever keep before us in this department of our social activities; first, any tax that falls upon a labor product restricts production, increases the cost that is paid by the final consumer and raises the cost of living; second, the only tax that will not increase the cost of living is the tax that falls upon the value of land irrespective of improvements. The tendency of this tax would be to lower land values and to make land more accessible to labor and to capital, thereby reducing the cost of living.

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LOCAL GRAFTERS ARE GETTING PANNICKY

Are Much Worried Over the Charges Preferred by Mr. Dougal

Consternation reigns in the ranks of the local grafters and heeled of the government. They spend most of their time about the legislative buildings dogging the footsteps of members of the government. The truth or falsity of the charges is of no great concern to these gentry, but like Diogenes of old, they fear that their craft is in danger and they will be separated from the easy money which they are now gathering in from the public treasury. The discomfiture of the graft element is being greatly enjoyed by those members of the party who, being in possession of inside knowledge as to how affairs were conducted, jumped over the traces during the recent byelection in York.

"I am not surprised at the turn affairs have taken," remarked a hitherto staunch Conservative to The Mail yesterday. "I made up my mind weeks ago that the whole outfit was rotten to the core. One has only to look at the class of men who compose the ring which manipulates things in York county to be convinced of this. The country will be the gainer if the government goes to smash."

This gentleman voiced the sentiments of hundreds of respectable Conservatives in this neighborhood.

TO RETURN NEXT WEEK.

Word from Montreal is to the effect that the condition of City Clerk J. W. McCready is improving steadily and that he expects to return to Fredericton on the 25th inst.

THE MARKET IS SHOWING STRENGTH

New York, April 17—The market opening was active and prices showed advances all around of about fractions. The tone of news this morning was better and underlying conditions are improving.

During the first half hour the market was active and stocks sold off sharply under the leadership of Lehigh Valley, which was under heavy pressure. U.S. Steel was in better demand, holding well around the opening price. It looks as if this issue has been thoroughly liquidated for the present.

During the last half of the first hour the market was not so active and prices held well around the opening figures. C.P.R. was strong feature, holding well around 201, while Alaska Gold again showed strength, touching a high high level at 23.

Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Fredericton, N.B.)

	Open	Noon
Copper	74 1/2	73 1/2
Smelters	67 1/2	67
C.P.R.	200 1/2	201
Brooklyn	91	91
Great Northern	122 1/2	122 1/2
Lehigh	141	139 1/2
Pennsylvania	110	110
Reading	163 1/2	163 1/2
Union Pacific	135	154 1/2
U.S. Steel	59	58 1/2

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HUERTA MAY BACK DOWN

Will Salute American Flag as Requested by Wilson

Foreign Governments Brought Pressure to Bear on Mexico's President

Washington, April 16—The United States government tonight accepted General Huerta's offer to salute the Stars and Stripes as an apology for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico a week ago today. The Huerta government salute to the American flag will be answered with a salute to the tri-color of the Mexican nation.

This arrangement, the details of which were being finally arranged tonight in an exchange of official messages between Washington and Mexico City, ended, in view of all high administration officials, the crisis that had arisen in the last few days resulting in the dispatch of American war fleets to Mexican waters. Executive quarters and congressional circles breathed a sigh of relief that the tension had passed.

No time has been set for the firing of the salute, and until the details are arranged no further orders will be sent to the American fleets now proceeding south. It is practically certain, however, that while many of the vessels will be turned back, others will continue south and a substantially increased naval force will be maintained in Mexican waters.

Inquiry as to the character of pressure which has been brought on General Huerta to yield brought out the fact that foreign government had an active interest in the events of the last twenty-four hours. Both the French and German ambassadors, after conferences at the state department, were in communication, it is understood, with their representatives in Mexico City.

Another phase of the situation was a well authenticated report that the last instalment of a loan due Huerta was about to be held up by foreign bankers if he did not comply with the American demands.

BILL TO AMEND THE JUDICATURE ACT INTRODUCED

Action of Judges of Supreme Court in not Charging Places of Residence Confirmed

A bill to amend the Judicature Act, in so far as the place of residence of the judge is concerned has been introduced in the House of Assembly. The bill is for the purpose of confirming the action of certain of the judges in ignoring provisions of the act which concerned their place of residence.

The bill in amendment introduced yesterday is in accordance with the general opinion of the bar of the province that the legislature though having power to direct where a judge shall perform, his duties, has not the power to direct where he shall make his residence. It is held by many that the only way in which the place of residence of a judge could be fixed would be by the Dominion Government stating in his commission where he should reside.

By the amendment of the Judicature Act passed in 1913 under which an additional judge was appointed, and the Supreme Court divided into the King's Bench Division and the Court of Appeal, the judges were required to reside on certain places. Of the three Appeal judges who comprise the Chancery Division all were to reside in St. John. Of the four King's Bench judges two were to reside in St. John, one in Fredericton and one elsewhere. Under this Act, either Judge Barry or Judge Crockett would have had to remove to St. John from Fredericton and Judge White would have to remove to St. John from Sussex. None made any step toward changing his place of residence, however, and their course of action is now approved. Judge Grimmer, however is to remove from St. Stephen to St. John.

MOTOR TRUCK BILL AGREED TO

Fredericton Measure Before Committee of the House Yesterday

A Two Thirds Vote of the Council is Necessary Before the Purchase Can be Made

The bill to enable the City of Fredericton to purchase a motor truck was discussed in the Legislature, Thursday afternoon. Mr. Pinder presented a largely signed petition from the citizens against the purchase, and intimated that he would move an amendment to provide for a referendum.

It was finally decided the bill read such a way that the purchase could be made on a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BILL.

Mr. Guthrie explained that the bill gave the City Council authority to issue debentures to the extent of ten thousand dollars for the purchase of a motor combination fire truck, or whatever apparatus was found necessary. The bill was entirely permissive legislation, and he thought that the matter was one that might well be left left for the City Council to deal with.

MR. PINDER OBJECTS.

Mr. Pinder said that he had petitions presented to him to be laid before the Committee, and he intended to move an amendment in the way of a provision for a referendum of the property holders before any debentures could be issued to pay for a motor truck. The petitioners urged that it was questionable whether a motor truck was needed in Fredericton, and whether one would be practicable in the winter season. He moved his amendment for a vote by the property holders, who, he said, would be the people who have to pay the increased taxation, before a motor truck could be purchased.

Mr. Guthrie said that he was not going to say whether Fredericton needed a motor truck or not, or whether one should be purchased. This bill put that question up to the City Council to decide and in his opinion the City Council was competent to, and were also the proper persons to decide such a question. He read the petition which the hon. member for York, (Mr. Pinder) had presented, and said that the amendment which had been

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MCKENZIE & MANN LEAVE THE CAPITAL

Ottawa, April 17—Messrs. MacKenzie and Mann and other Canadian Northern officials left last evening for Toronto on a special trip. It is stated here that the government is awaiting examination of the company's books.

KANSAS SEEKS TO PREVENT FIRES

Topeka, Kas., April 17—Practically every city, town and hamlet in the state of Kansas observed today as Fire Prevention Day. In compliance with a proclamation of Governor Hodges and the city and town authorities, women's clubs, merchants' associations, Boy Scouts and numerous other organizations joined in a general clean-up and a removal of waste and rubbish with a view to reducing the fire hazards.

PERSONAL

Mr. Fred M. Sproule ex-M. P., registrar of deeds for Kings, is among the visitors to the city, among the guests at the Queen. Senator Baird of Andover is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. J. S. Ackhurst, of Halifax, is stopping at the Queen.

Mr. M. E. Grass of St. John registered at the Queen last evening.

TORY FALSEHOODS PROVED A BOOMERANG

Acting Premier Clarke Compelled to Administer a Rebuke to the St. John Standard, Which Misrepresented Mr. Dugal's Position--Graft Charges to be Dealt With by the House This Afternoon--Conference of the Inner Circle Held Last Night

The Dugal graft charges against Premier Flemming and the Government, stood over from Wednesday, are to be taken up in the House this afternoon. There is some doubt as to whether they will be referred to a committee of the House or whether a Royal Commission composed of Judges of the Supreme Court will be appointed. Many members of the House, including those classified as tame followers of the government, favor the reference of the charges to a committee in which case the House would remain in session until the investigation is completed. Mr. Titus Carter is one of those keen for a committee and he has already nominated himself for the position of chairman. He is one of the bitterest partisans in the Legislature, and can be counted on to do his level best to limit the scope of the enquiry or turn it into a farce. In case a commission of judges is appointed the House will finish up the business and prorogue tomorrow morning.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., who is acting as counsel for Mr. Dugal, returned to the city last evening and is a guest at the Queen. The member for Carleton is not much concerned about the vile personal attacks being made upon him by the reptile Tory press. He is in possession of ample evidence to sustain the charges and is confident that he can prove them right up to the hilt.

A delegation of Carleton Tories, composed of Postmaster J. N. W. Winslow, B. Franklin Smith, and Edgar R. Teed, were in the city with members of the government, yesterday and were in conference. They are close personal friends of Premier Flemming, and are naturally much interested in maintaining honest government in this province, as at present carried on.

Members of the government and several supporters who belong to the inner circle, including Mr. Baxter, held a lengthy conference at the Barker House last night. The graft charges was the theme for discussion and it is understood that a plan of action was finally agreed upon.

The desperate expedient of wilful misrepresentation of the reason why the Dugal charges were not made in the House last evening, as practised by the partisan correspondent for the government press, has proved a complete boomerang.

The attorney general and acting premier, George J. Clarke, rose in his place after the reading of the journals yesterday, with The Standard newspaper in his hand, and regretted the false impression that must have been created in the public mind by the article as it appeared in that journal.

Mr. explained how he had first approached Mr. Dugal, asked for delay until today, and of that gentleman's courteous assent to his proposal and afterward how Mr. Dugal informed him that his counsel, F. B. Carvell, could not be present Thursday and suggesting Friday, to which he, (Clarke) agreed.

Mr. Dugal followed the attorney general and said:

"I did not approach first the attorney general in the matter. He approached me and asked for postponement until Thursday. I consented, after some talk, but, a few minutes later discovering that my legal adviser would not be here on Thursday, I went to the attorney general and so advised him. He then agreed that the postponement asked for by him should be extended to Friday.

"These are the facts of the case as I understood them at the time. I was ready to go on when the House met Wednesday night and am only too anxious to proceed when my legal adviser arrives tonight.

The members sat amazed during these explanations. Many of them had buoyed themselves up with the hope that The Globe and Standard were right in their estimate of the position of the Liberal opposition

but their hopes were dashed to the ground as they listened to the acting leader.

There is some talk that the decision of the government to appoint a royal commission may be overruled by the caucus. There are some who are afraid of the developments before a royal commission. They want to choke off the truth and to this end prefer a committee of the House. There could only be one opposition member, Mr. Pelletier, upon this committee, and with his limited acquaintance with English he would be at a great disadvantage. To such men as Pinder, Price, Titus Carter and Munro, who are a favor of the partisan board, the disadvantage of Mr. Pelletier would be their advantage; but the people will not stand for any such inquiry and the men who endorse it must answer when the time comes.

Wrong has triumphed too long. It is the turn of right today. The men who are clean should show by some decisive action that they are clean. Such politics as have been practised by the Tory party under Flemming cannot be tolerated by those who are above suspicion. They will stand for an independent tribunal of inquiry, and the men who want merely a committee of the House will bear watching.

There will evidently be an attempt to make W. H. Berry the scape-goat. That is shown by an editorial in The Gleaner, but will Berry stand for taking the blame that should fall properly upon the shoulders of more prominent men? Berry was, undoubtedly, too willing to obey orders, and if that is a fault in an official, he was very guilty; but the man behind the man who gave the orders, the man who got the money—he is on trial more than the collector or the purse-bearer.

Let nothing cloud the issue. The leader of the government of New Brunswick is on trial and those members of his government who have been associated with him must also be on trial and suffer with him if they do not hold their heads high, declare their innocence and retire from an administration that has been so corrupt as to cast shame upon this fair province. Public opinion and public favor will stand behind the men who take this course just as public opinion will condemn those who do not.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF MAYOR OF N. Y.

A despatch received by J. M. Robinson & Sons this afternoon from New York says:

"An attempt was made to assassinate Mayor Mitchell of New York this afternoon. An unidentified man fired the shot but the bullet hit Corporation Council Polk, who was with the mayor at the time. Polk is said to be severely injured."

TO VISIT YORK-TOWN BATTLEFIELD

Washington, D.C., April 17—The many delegates who have been in Washington this week for the triennial meeting of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution left the City today for an excursion to Yorktown, where a visit will be paid to the battlefield and other points of interest.

Margaret Anglin has revived "Lady Windemere's Fan" in New York, with Arthur Byron, Sarah Cowell Le Moyne and a number of other well known players in the cast.