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THE TAX COMMISSION.

What has become of the Fredericton Tax Commission which some weeks ago was sitting occasionally and taking evidence. The commission seems to have dissolved or disappeared from public view after the income men were heard.

Is it the intention of the commission to follow up its enquiry, or is all the evidence in? If the work in that connection is finished, when may the public expect the commissioners' report. The matter seems to have been winked out of sight, or did it die a natural death with the demise of the late city council?

It was apparently the council's intention to have the commission's report in time to ask for legislative enactment, or amendment of the tax law at the present session of the legislature, but it is too late now. Why the delay, and what is the present status of the enquiry and the intentions of the commissioners.

These are questions the public are asking, and perhaps the matter will be looked into by the new city council.

ELECTORAL CORRUPTION.

The House of Commons has appointed a special committee to overhaul the federal election law and make desirable amendments in that measure with a view to securing purer elections, and the change can come none too soon.

We sometimes boast about the purity of public life in Canada, but a stream that is foul at its source, cannot be clean and wholesome throughout its course.

We have to confess in the language of Mr. Tarte, that "elections in Canada are not made with prayers," but are more often bought with cash and other disbursements.

There are sections of the law to punish bribe givers, and they are sometimes enforced, but the bribe takers generally go free. It is lamentable on election day to see intelligent and professedly moral and religious men declining to exercise the franchise—their birthright, until some party healer has greased their palms with a \$2 or \$5 bill.

If there were no men willing to spend money to corrupt the electorate, the bribe seekers would find their occupation gone, so the politicians in a measure have the remedy in their own hands. Ah, but they say, a large percentage of the electors would decline to vote, but that could be speedily remedied by making the exercise of franchise compulsory. Let every man be compelled to vote and if he accepts a bribe, let him and the bribe giver share a common cell in the county jail.

The enormous cost of running elections deters many suitable men from entering public life. They realize that under present conditions, the first question is with the election managers, how much can A. B. or C. who is seeking a nomination, put in to the bribery fund, and so often the man who has little but his "barrel" to recommend him is put up for parliament, while one with an aptitude for political life, with strong intellectual capacity and generous education is set aside for money bags.

Elections in too many cases result, not from the predominance of the worthy candidate or the policy he represents, but from the manipulation of the electorate by the man who has the money to spend and is willing to regard the electors as so much merchandise, which can be bought as he would go into the market and purchase cattle.

The present conditions are a stigma and a disgrace to Canada, and it is the solemn duty of parliament to seek a drastic enactment that will relegate the bribers and the bribable to the rear, or to the jail, if they persist in corrupting the source of constitutional government, the voters of the people of Canada.

USEFUL LEGISLATION.

Some most important measures have been before the legislature this session, and others of equal importance are yet to be dealt with by that body.

Chief among these is the compulsory school bill, which passed in committee Monday, the crown lands bill, partially agreed to, and the judiciary act remodelling the courts of the province.

The presentation of these and other useful measures, marks the government of the province as progressing

sive and with the best interests of the country at heart. All of these measures are recognized as most valuable, and commend even the support of the opposition, which is not generally tumbling over itself to support government bills.

DISGRACEFUL.

Two old gentlemen of the senate made things very lively last night at Ottawa, but it is fair to say that he of the Tory persuasion was the real aggressor, and had a monopoly of the violent language employed. Senator Ross of Halifax, is a mild mannered, estimable old gentleman, but the other—well let the language he used indicate his temperament and manners.

Senator Miller seems to be at war with almost everybody. Recently he repudiated the Tory leaders, flaying Mr. Foster with strong language, and the senate promises some lively scenes if the Archaic man continues in his present frame of mind. Perhaps some day there will be an age limit for senators as well as judges, and the public will be spared the exhibitions of senile rage.

There seems to be quite a number of gentlemen willing to accept the governorship of Nova Scotia. Senators, newspaper editors, M. P.'s and others are mentioned in connection with the vacancy, but it is believed that Mr. George Mitchell, M. P. of Halifax, can have the place if he wants it. Attorney General Drysdale of Nova Scotia, is a brother-in-law of Mr. Mitchell, and could make quite a pull for his kinsman. In the meantime the legislative machinery at Halifax is stopped pending an appointment, both Houses adjourned for a week.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson is receiving much well deserved praise from the independent press for his very able presentation of the Intercolonial railway case in parliament. The Toronto News referring to Mr. Emmerson's address, says that as an analysis of Intercolonial railway affairs in grasp of fact, in close-knit presentation of conditions, in avoidance of the detail which encumbers general features it was the best statement put before the House by a minister for many a long day.

Even the opposition press condemns the local opposition for the mess they made of it in the Central railway question. The Chatham World says, "The attitude of the opposition on this question is inexplicable, inconsistent and indefensible."

Mr. John Morrissey, M. P., is to establish a newspaper organ at Newcastle.

THE WORLD IN MOTION.

T. R. Stock's Wonderful Moving Pictures at the Opera House Tonight.

Those who desire to witness one of the best and most interesting moving picture shows that has ever visited Fredericton should secure seats at once for Stock's famous moving picture show, which begins a two right engagement at the opera house tonight. Among the best subjects to be shown will be the great Diamond Robbery, where the crackmen learn of a shipment of diamonds and other precious gems over a certain railway. They, in order to get possession of the gems, build a coffin, into which one of the crooks plays the part of a dead man and is shipped in the express car, along with the express package of jewels. When the opportunity arrives the crook emerges from his coffin, kills the express messenger, secures the plunder and resumes his place within the coffin. Upon the arrival of the train at its destination, accomplices, acting the part of mourners, meet the bogus corpse and drive to a secluded spot where the detectives finally locate them and arrest all just as a division of the spoils has been made. Other subjects equally as interesting will be shown, such as the Tragedy of the Sea, Sherlock Holmes, La Protea and many others.—L.

NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNORSHIP.

Number of Names Mentioned in Connection with the Vacancy.

Halifax, March 20.—The race for the governorship of Nova Scotia is still on.

Yesterday it was believed that the two chief competitors were William Roche, M. P., and Charles C. Blackadar, proprietor of the Acadia Recorder. Towards evening however, a new man was introduced into the running, George J. Troop, a member of the legislative council. A telegram was sent to the government signed by eight members of the legislature and Liberal politicians, asking for his appointment.

Mr. Blackadar will say nothing for publication. Mr. Roche says that if he were offered the position his business interests would demand that he take time for consideration. The legislature yesterday adjourned for a week pending the appointment.

The name of George Mitchell, M. P., is also prominently mentioned for the vacancy.

AFTER A SUBSIDY.

Tobique Valley Railway to be Extended to the Forks.

Messrs. Tweeddale and Burgess, M. P.'s for Victoria, and T. M. Burns, M. P. for Gloucester, accompanied by Messrs. N. H. Mulchic, James McNair, J. E. Stewart and others, will leave for Ottawa in the course of a few days to interview the minister of railways in reference to a subsidy in aid of the Tobique and Campbellton Railway Company. The Company propose extending the Tobique Valley Railway from Plaster Rock to the forks of the Tobique, a distance of twenty-eight miles. Ultimately they expect to continue the road until it connects with the International Railway now being constructed between Campbellton and L. Leonard.

The proposed railway will open up a magnificent country and the promoters are confident that a Dominion subsidy will be obtained.

WILL BREAK UP "LINE STORES"

United States to Take Action With Canada.

St. Stephen, March 19.—The customs department in Washington have signified their willingness to send a representative to Boston or some other convenient point to meet a representative from the customs department, Ottawa, to confer on matters connected with the "line stores" and to bring up the same at the present session of the United States congress and Dominion parliament.

There are more than fifty "line stores" between Cornwall, Ont., and Calais, Me. These places of business are erected on the boundary line with one portion of the building in Canada and the other in the United States. Goods are purchased in the cheapest markets and are being continually smuggled from one country to the other.

The joint conference will endeavour to be the means of putting these law breakers out of business within the next few months.

Another thing which is receiving the attention of the Canadian customs department at present is the sardine business. Boats convey these fish from New Brunswick weirs to

Eastport without reporting at the customs house. The law will be strictly enforced in the future.

Large seizures of immoral stationery cards and French magazines are being almost daily seized in the Canadian post offices. A lot of this work also comes under the notice of the customs department and considerable detective work is going on constantly to capture the offending parties.

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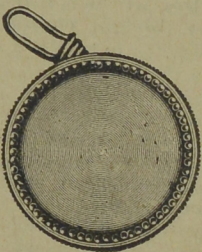
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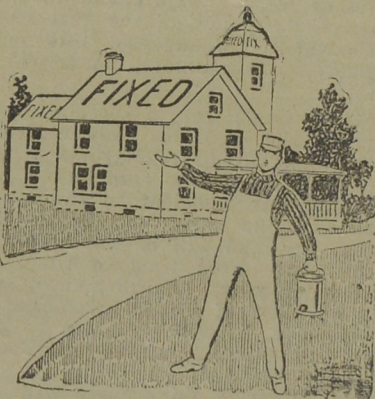
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