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INCREASED TAXATION

The Richibucto Review, one of the brightest of our North Shore exchanges, takes the local government to task for increasing the taxation of the people. The Review refers to the new highway act, and also to the recent action of the executive in increasing the rate of stumpage on hemlock, fir, hardwood and railway ties. Here is what the Review has to say:

"The electors of Kent who voted against the Robinson government at the late election under the belief that they were thereby voting for reduced taxation, have since received more than one rude shock. First came the new Highway Act doubling the rate of taxation for highway purposes. The act has not yet been brought into force, but next year when the rate-payers are asked to put their hands in their pockets and contribute twice the amount they have heretofore been giving towards the support of the roads and bridges, they will begin to do some hard thinking. The latest burden that the Hazen government has laid on the shoulders of the poor man is the increase of stumpage dues. The rate paid on hemlock lumber has been forty cents per thousand; last week an order-in-council was issued increasing this rate to a dollar and a quarter per thousand. Owing to the depression in the lumber trade, this measure comes at a very inopportune time; besides, the rate is altogether too high and will drive many small operators out of business. It must be remembered that the larger lumbering concerns confine their operations almost exclusively to spruce, leaving the hemlock to the smaller mills. With the rate of stumpage at forty cents it was claimed that the profit on hemlock was very small; at a dollar and a quarter the profit will be wiped out altogether unless the market improves very materially, and there is small prospect of any such improvement in the near future. The men who peel hemlock bark with the idea of making a small margin on the lumber will have to look elsewhere for their profits. But that is not the worst feature of the new stumpage tariff. Dues on railway ties have been increased from two and a half cents to five cents. This increase will bear hard on the poor man for the reason that the manufacture of ties is left largely to the laboring man. Many poor families are dependent on this industry for their living. These ties are made in most cases on ungranted lands and the people who make them can ill afford to pay an extra two and a half cents on each tie. And the increase is imposed by men who promised to reduce taxation."

People who voted for Mr. Hazen's party on the strength of his promise that taxation would be reduced, have one consolation—they need not spend much time worrying over the prospect of future punishment by the brimstone method. Should they happen to bring up in the wrong department in the next world, they are certain of receiving the same treatment that was meted out to the farmer who voted for the national policy under the impression that it would increase the price of farm produce—they will be excused on the ground that they are too green to burn.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Liberals of Carleton county will meet in convention at Woodstock on Saturday, August 8th, to nominate a candidate for the House of Commons of Canada. Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., who has represented the fine old county at Ottawa for the past four years, with singular ability, is certain of a unanimous nomination. Mr. Carvell's re-election by an increased majority seems to be a foregone conclusion.

BLOOMFIELD RIDGE.

July 22.—Miss Annie E. Boies was visiting Miss Aggie J. McLellan on Wednesday July 22.

A number of our young boys nearly met a watery grave last Sunday while out swimming. One of the young men, named Dow MacLellan, was going down the second time, when two of his companions went out to him with a boat and rescued him.

Mr. Alex. MacLellan and Sons are making an addition to their house.

Mr. Frank E. Boies left on Tuesday morning by the P.E.I. for Fredericton on business.

Mr. Saunders' office of Doaktown, is laying at his old farm at Bloomfield Ridge.

Mr. John Moore of Fredericton, passed through here, enroute to Boiestown, accompanied by his daughter.

Sammy MacDonald is making great improvements to his residence.

Mr. James C. Spencer was the guest of Miss Mary M. Ford on Sunday evening.

Mr. James MacLellan has purchased a new horse from a gentleman of Doaktown, for \$100.

Mr. Sandy S. Cammish has purchased a new house & wood house from Frank E. Boies, agent at Bloomfield Ridge.

Mr. Percy M. Calhoun has purchased a heavy draught horse from John O'Keefe of Average Cottage.

Mr. Samuel Hinchey is making a great improvement to his place, by building a up-to-date house.

Mr. Justice F. Morse entertained a number of his friends to music Saturday evening.

Richard W. Snow is spending his vacation at home. Mr. Snow is watching camp on Taxis for the Miramichi Lumber Co.

Dr. D. R. Moore of Stanley, had another call to this place Friday evening.

On Sunday morning Dr. Moore was called to Ludlow to see Mrs. George Price, who is very low at present.

Dr. L. Chapman of Boiestown, was called to Bloomfield Ridge on Monday, July 20.

Mr. Percy Hovey of Ludlow, was the guest of Miss Addie M. McLellan on Sunday.

Mr. William A. Brown met with a serious accident while sawing shingles in B. J. Thibadeau's mill.

Mr. Camels L. Calhoun, of Bancor, Maine, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. William Spencer, of Bloomfield Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peacock, of Williamsburg, are visiting their old home at Bloomfield Ridge.

Mrs. Samuel Greear and her son John, were visiting friends at Aversy Portage, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Hewett, of Boston, is visiting her mother, Mrs. William Hinchey, of Goldenvale, and friends at Bloomfield Ridge.

Mrs. Jas. Hamling and her daughter Antiel is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Alexander Pond and Mrs. Jas. A. Pond.

Mr. John Hurley, of Green Hill, who is a Fire and Game Warden for York County, passed through here on Tuesday and returned home on Wednesday July 22. Mr. Hurley registered at Boies Hotel.

Messrs. Clarence and L. B. Boies were calling on Mrs. Frank A. Denison at Pugh's Crossing, on Tuesday. Mrs. William Greear, of Boston, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. F. Moir, of Bloomfield Ridge.

Some Superstitions.

When starting for the river, says a writer in London Field, if you have to turn back and get something that you have forgotten, you are sure to catch little or nothing that day. This is an article of Devon folklore, and I am inclined to think the west country folk right herein. The disappointment, the hurry and the bringing of wrong things always act prejudicially upon what ought to be the unruffled, even temper of a successful angler. He becomes hasty and rash, most often with ill results to his basket. In the western highlands it is currently believed that if you see a colt with its back to you when starting in the morning on a fishing excursion it is the worst of luck, only to be exceeded should you hear a cuckoo before breakfast.

Thackeray and Archdeke.

Thackeray got into trouble by copying some of the characters too closely from life, notably when he put his friend, Arthur Archdeke, into "Pendennis" as the ever delightful Harry Foker. Although Thackeray meant no unkindness, Archdeke never quite forgave him. One night, just after Thackeray had delivered his first lecture on "The English Humorists," Archdeke met him at the Cider Cellar club, surrounded by a coterie who were offering their congratulations. "How are you, Thack?" cried Archie. "I was at your show to-day at Willis'. What a lot of swells you had there—yes! But I thought it was dull—devilish dull! I will tell you what it is, Thack—you want a piano."

Counting a Billion.

Suppose you undertook to count a billion. How long do you think it would take you to do it? A billion, according to the French notation, which we follow, is a thousand millions. If you had before you a pile of silver dollars containing a million and could count one very second for eight hours every day it would take you thirty-five days to complete the task. But suppose you undertook to count a thousand of those million dollar piles. You would be at work eight hours a day for 35,000 days, or about 100 years.

He Knew.

It was afternoon, and thus spoke the teacher of the village school: "Now boys, the word 'stan' at the end of a word means 'place of.' Thus we have Afghanistan, the place of the Afghans; also Hindustan, the place of the Hindoos. Now, can any one give me another instance?" "Yes, sir," said the smallest boy proudly, "I can—umbrellastan, the place for umbrellas!"

Vulgarity in manner defiles fine garments more than mud.—Plautus.

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Nell—Yes; C. O. D.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Sort of a Souffle Sound.



"Sh-s-s-s! They're eating dinner now."

"Are you sure?"

"Yes, I hear father eating soup."

Leslie's Weekly.

Patient and Hopeful.

"Is your husband of a patient, hopeful disposition?"

"Yes, indeed," answered young Mrs. Torkins. "You just ought to see how hard it is to discourage him when he decides to win money on the races."—Washington Star.

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The Englishman's Letter.

"Whenever I get a letter with a string of unnecessary instructions for delivery on the envelope I know it is from an Englishman," said the tall girl. "He is so used to covering every scrap of space with the complex directions that prevail in his own country that he cannot understand how the simple address 'Miss Smith, 39 Blank Street, City,' will ever take a letter to its destination. In order to insure safe and expeditious delivery he adds 'East Side' or 'West Side' or 'Manhattan' or 'United States' or something else equally superfluous. The only really happy Englishman I have met in a long while was one who made the acquaintance of a girl who lives over on Staten Island. He was tickled to death when he gained permission to write to her and found she had a long address. He made it a good deal longer than it need be. He wrote 'Avenue, Stapleton, Staten Island, Richmond County, New York, N. Y.' with irrepressible glee. He said that address was the first thing he had seen in America that made him feel at home."

Bunyan's Sharp Answer.

John Bunyan wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress" in Bedford jail, where he was confined for his religion. A Quaker came to the prison and thus addressed him:

"Friend Bunyan, the Lord hath sent me to seek for thee, and I have been through several counties in search of thee, and now I am glad I have found thee."

Bunyan replied, "Friend, thou dost not speak truth in saying the Lord sent thee to seek for me, for the Lord well knows that I have been in this jail for some years, and if he had sent thee he would have sent thee here directly."

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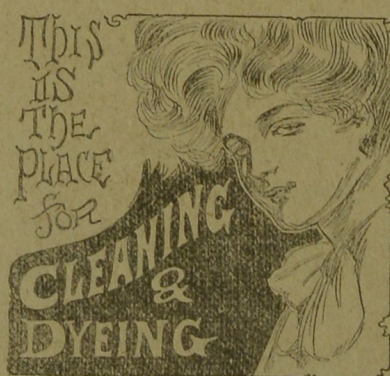
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