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TAXATION COMMISSION REPORT IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 6.—The report of the civic tax commission appointed under authority obtained at the last session of the legislature was laid before the city council this evening.

Under the existing assessment law income is taxed on a five to one basis in proportion to real estate and two members of the commission, Sheriff Sterling and John Palmer, favor the continuance of the system with a slight modification.

Chairman Allen, in his minority report, points out that the system of taxing real estate at one-fifth its value in comparison with incomes was abolished by other municipalities of the province in 1875 and it exists nowhere now but Fredericton.

Some argue that it is bad to tax income at all and if that is so Mr. Allen argues that it is much worse to tax it at four times the rate on real estate.

Continuing the chairman says: "While I recognize that it would not be prudent and would not meet with the approval of the ratepayers generally to adopt a revolutionary change and abolish all taxes on incomes and intangible personal property, however correct such a method may be in theory, I am fully convinced that a movement should be made along this line and one important step in this direction would be to modify our present system of assessing income and adopt a level rate."

The chairman believes that the effect of the present excessive taxation of income is to deter commercial travelers and others whose business does not require them to reside in any particular place from making their homes here and he favored the exemption altogether of income not derived in the city.

The commission recommends that corporations established outside of the city but doing business in the city shall be taxed as at present with the addition of a minimum clause and that insurance companies be appraised at forty per cent of the premiums and monies received.

The commission recommends the abolition of the present system of exemption on personal property to cover the extent of the owner's indebtedness and that the incomes of merchants and manufacturers

morning to put the matter in the hands of the police.

"Ah! this lady visited you late last night, Lord Francis!"

"She came to warn me of a plot to murder me. It seems that I was seen coming from your house in Fimbley Road, and this fact, added to my intimacy with Madame, made you enemies anxious. They determined to get rid of me, and concocted a plan. They took the very same house which you must have vacated and forged a summons to get me there, intending to assassinate me on my arrival."

"I see. She must be a sticky girl."

"Cressingham's eyes flashed. "Pinky, yes—but, great heavens, it seems that she's come to learn through me. Where is she?"

"Softly, my lord," said Perigord, "one thing at a time please. Was Madame Viyella here when Miss Elliott called?"

"No, she arrived while we were talking, and Miss Elliott, not caring to meet her, waited in my dressing room until she had gone."

"Ha, it was a clear mistake; true, their heights are similar, and the abduction was probably innocent for the first instance and let their proper quarry slip."

"Why should they want to kidnap Madame?" gasped Cressingham.

"Your fault, my Lord; you kept her dangling too long. You should have got her secret from her the first day. Delays are ever dangerous, your delay was fatal. The circle having their suspicions weakened on hearing that you had visited my house, tried to get Madame away from England, for they are quite aware of her attachment to you, and they feared lest you should exert your influence to worm some of the secret from her. But Madame refused to leave you—and they got panic-stricken. Therefore they determined to cause your assassination, and at the same time spirit Madame off to the Continent, where they might keep her in confinement until she became more amenable to reason. Their plot failed. You were warned in time, and their agents kidnaped Miss Elliott instead of Madame. On discovering these mistakes they adopted the final expedient of abducting Madame some moment, which must be of some moment, for immediately on receipt of it she telegraphed to Kaprusky, the chief of the second circle in Vienna, that she would set off tomorrow, or rather (he glanced at the clock) "this morning for the continent. What the message they sent her was, I cannot tell, for although I hold a copy, it is in a cipher which I cannot read. Perhaps, however, Madame told you something, my lord?"

"That her father was ill, doing, she said, I think," said Cressingham. "But for heaven's sake, sir, tell me where they have got Miss Elliott. Is she in any danger? Do they contemplate—"

"To be continued."

WEDDINGS A very pretty wedding took place last night at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, the principals being Henry Talbot and Miss Frances Laird, daughter of George Laird, of St. Martins.

Miss Dolly Garnett and W. Edgar Campbell were the attendants. The bride was handsomely costumed in white silk with overlay, with hat to match. The bridesmaid was dressed in white muslin with lace and silk trimmings. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the future home of the newly married couple in Frederick street, where a dainty luncheon was served. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents, among which was a dinner set from D. W. McCormick, of the Victoria Hotel.

AMHERST AGAINST SEPERATE SCHOOLS Amherst, N. S., Nov. 6.—A meeting of the board of school commissioners of the town was held this evening to consider the taking over as a town school the building built for school purposes by the Catholics of the town last year. The request of the congregation was that it be taken over as a town school similar to those of Halifax and Sydney. The question has aroused much discussion and much opposition and many citizens were at the meeting.

The board by a vote of 3 to 1 passed a resolution stating that as a majority of the citizens of the town seemed opposed to the scheme, therefore their duty was to act in accordance with the wishes of this majority. While they realized the

magnitude of the congregation's self-imposed burden in the erection of the building and conscious of the need of the class they desired to benefit and the thoroughness of the work done, still they must recognize the fact that public feeling was directly opposed to the granting of public funds for separate schools. If the Catholics wished it, however, the board would be willing to submit the scheme to the citizens for a vote but under the existing circumstances they could not promise any aid.

Mr. Grigg arrived about 4.30 and the chairman at once introduced him to the meeting. During his remarks Mr. Schofield said although it is desired to promote the commercial relations between Canada and the mother country the feelings of loyalty and patriotism here would be the same if there were not a dollar's worth of trade carried on.

Mr. Grigg said he was in this country to listen, not to talk, to learn not to

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(Continued.) But he was master now. "Marry me at once then, sweetheart—it can be done. I know a clergyman, a good fellow, who won't mind being knocked up—and then we can go off on our honeymoon together."

she was had, you at once discover that she is to be despised, and—pouf, she is to you in future a beautiful creature indeed, but to be in your hearts despised. With us Germans, it is so different. We love the same woman, but once we have given our hearts to her we do not recall the gift. I am not plain perhaps, for I cannot quite express all that I mean. For myself, I love Madame knowing what she is too well, but still I love her. You know how little hope I have, but still I love her. What are her faults, her crimes to me? I love her. When she dies, if I survive her I shall love her still, and sometimes go to muse and weep upon her tomb."

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THE BOARD OF TRADE PASS IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

At the monthly meeting of the board of trade in their rooms yesterday afternoon Richard Grigg, commissioner to this country from his majesty's board of trade, explained his mission here. A resolution was passed.

The meeting was a large and representative one. Among those present were the president, H. B. Schofield; George Robertson, M. P., W. F. Hatheway, W. M. Jarvis, James Pender, Judge Wilfrid U. S. counsel; D. J. Purdy, W. S. Fisher, R. B. Emerson, W. H. Thorne, James F. Robertson, A. Wetmore, C. E. L. Jarvis, Aid. Rowan, John Edgecombe and J. Hunter White.

Whereas, the security and need of skilled labor throughout Canada is becoming more and more marked and is proving a very serious handicap to the country along industrial and other lines; and believing that it is the duty of the federal government to take such steps within their power as may be necessary to overcome this difficulty; therefore Resolved, that this board heartily approves of the proposition made by Mr. Grigg to appoint commercial agents in the different provinces of the dominion to gather such information as shall promote closer business relations between the mother country and the Dominion of Canada.

W. H. Thorne, in seconding the resolution, said he hoped the time would come when free trade within the empire would come. A vote of thanks to Mr. Grigg was then moved by W. S. Fisher and seconded by J. H. McRobbie and the meeting adjourned.

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