

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1911.

AS TO TAXPAYERS AND VOTERS.

Many cities in Canada and elsewhere make the right to vote dependent upon the payment of taxes. In consequence of this practice we read from time to time of five thousand, ten thousand or more citizens here or there in some Canadian city who are not permitted to vote in a civic election because their taxes are not paid. Just now, according to The Star, some 20,000 citizens of Montreal are under this disability—an army of the adult masculine population deprived of any voice in civic affairs. This condition of things naturally raises the question whether the taking away of the right to vote because of unpaid taxes is either politic or just.

In civic life it is the duty of the ordinary citizen to pay taxes and also to vote. If he neglects or refuses to pay his lawful taxes there are legal remedies for the correction of his fault. The tax can be collected with costs in the courts, and it is the clear duty of the civic authorities to so collect the taxes where the persons in default are able but unwilling to pay. If such taxes are not collected it argues not only a neglect on the part of the ratepayer, but also a neglect on the part of the authorities. Why then deprive the citizen of the right to vote because of a fault which is in part the fault of the city itself?

If it is contended that the production of a tax receipt as a preliminary to voting is productive of good in stimulating the payment of taxes,

it would appear that there is reason to doubt the accuracy of this contention. There are those 20,000 now disfranchised in Montreal and the other thousands who were disqualified in St. John and Halifax at the last civic elections in those cities. And we all know very well that in the years of civic elections many of the delinquent taxpayers count with no small degree of confidence on getting their taxes paid, either as a loan, or a gift, or a bribe, by some ambitious and not too scrupulous candidate.

From these conditions and considerations it appears that it is neither politic nor just to disfranchise a citizen because his taxes are not paid. By all means let the taxes be collected. Probably there is no outlay by the individual citizen for which he gets better value than for the taxes he pays. But in the interest of good government and general public interest in civic affairs the citizen should be encouraged to vote as well as to pay taxes. It seems too much that non-payment of taxes on time should render the defaulter not only liable to seizure of his goods and chattels but also to this disfranchisement.

A more rational conception of the duties of citizenship would make the payment of taxes and voting both compulsory and insist upon both. As it now is most citizens suffer much more from the lack of interest in civic affairs than they could possibly suffer from every qualified voter depositing his ballot when the election comes round.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The London Standard of Empire quotes the following lines from a late English newspaper as illustrating the notions and stories that are still current in England with regard to Canada—

"Preparation for the endurance of extreme cold forms part of the education of the natives of Northern Canada. The boys when very young are first whipped in order to make their flesh tingle, and then sent to bathe in the half-frozen rivers. As they grow older they are made to lie out of doors at night with no clothes on, sometimes for a week or so at a stretch. The consequence is that either they die or become so hardened as to be able to go naked in any weather without the slightest discomfort."

Mark Twain, on reading the story of his own death, remarked that it was much exaggerated. As much might be said of the above account of Canadian methods of rearing and hardening children. Our readers will agree with us in declaring it inaccurate. The whipping of young boys before their compulsory bath in the icy waters is pretty much out of fashion in recent years. It cannot be said to be at all extensively practised now, however much in vogue it might have been a quarter of a century ago.

The same inaccuracy is to be noted in regard to the older boys being made to lie out of doors with no clothes on "for a week at a stretch." This statement betrays its own absurdity. The boy in such case would usually lie more or less "huddled up," so to speak, so that the phrase "at a stretch" gives an altogether erroneous impression. No boy of proper discretion would stretch himself out at full length when lying naked in the snow, with the thermometer at 40 below zero.

If some of our more or less hardened boys could get hold of the English editor who wrote and printed such things about them and their country it is safe to say he would be greeted with "no minstrel raptures." He might even be consigned to the fate of those who will not vote for our favorite candidate, and perish "unwept, unhonored and unsung."

EMPEROR OF MANY MILLIONS.

King George has just now been proclaimed Emperor of the teeming millions of India. It is a great and populous Empire. When the census was taken in 1901 the people of India numbered over 296 millions. The census of the present year shows nearly 317 millions, an increase of almost 21 millions during the past ten years. This increase alone is very nearly three times the present number of the people of Canada and it is being swelled at the rate of about two millions a year.

Excepting China alone, there is no Empire or Kingdom in the world which has half so many people as the subjects of the Emperor of India. The

Czar of Russia, mighty potentate as he is, can number in his broad domain less than half so many, and Germany has in the Fatherland only one-fifth part of the numbers which acknowledge the sway of the King Emperor within his eastern Empire.

The rapid growth of population in India is largely the result of British rule in that country, as in former times the frequent wars, the plague, cholera and recurring famines had destroyed much of the natural increase. But at the same time in a country already so populous, and where the numbers of people press closely upon the means of subsistence, the future becomes a grave problem which must be solved by the wisdom of the statesmen who must guide their destiny in the generations to come.

NOTES

The good old-fashioned plan that he shall take who has the power and he shall keep who can, was perhaps never more strikingly illustrated among the lawless nations than in these days in which we live. First Austria seized upon Herzegovina and Bosnia, then Italy made a swoop on Tripoli, and now Russia is occupying northern Persia. And no one stays the hand of these spoilers. It seems to be high time that a combination was formed among those Christian nations which stand for justice and righteousness, if there are any such, to put a stop to this notorious theft and robbery. No one nation is strong enough to effectually say, "Thou shalt not," but we feel a little ashamed to think that Britain is made to seem a consenting party in the case of Tripoli and Persia.

Hon. John Richards has been chosen leader of the Liberal party in our provincial affairs. The Guardian was not aware of this choice having been made when a paragraph which appeared in yesterday's issue of this journal was written. Mr. Richards comes to his new duties well accredited as a public man of undoubted integrity, closely identified with the chief industry of the Province, having the full confidence of his party, and accepted on both sides of the House as a courteous and gentlemanly public man. We heartily congratulate him upon his elevation to the leadership. He succeeds Hon. H. J. Palmer, whose brief term at the head of the party did not afford anything like a fair test of his capacity to lead. But it is understood that Mr. Palmer desired to withdraw, and also that in retiring as he has done he retains the confidence and respect of his colleagues in the Liberal party.

SAVE YOUR HAIR! Baldness is a progressive disease due to microbial infection of the hair bulbs. Rexall's Hair Tonic destroys this microbe, gives new vitality to the bulbs and softens the hair follicles. It is a pleasure to use it, if only as a dressing. Don't put off attending to your hair—get a bottle today 50c. and \$1. Sold only by The MacKinnon Drug Co., Cor. Gt. Geo. and Kent Sts. dtf.

Latest Arrival—The Christmas Number of the Toronto Globe, the only Canadian Christmas Number issued this year is now on sale at Carter's Bookstore. Orders are now being filled. Telephone for your copy, the supply will run out in a few days. This is a beautiful number; the best yet issued. Several large colored pictures go with the magazine. A number of views of Prince Edward Island from the camera of Mr. W. S. Lounsbury. Price 50c. in tubes for mailing. Send one to your friend abroad, it will be appreciated. 12-14dlf.

Hot Water bottles that won't leak. That is what people demand now—they have grown tired of paying money for substitutes that go to pieces in a short time. Our big business in water bottles and fountain springs has been built up by handling high grade goods which we guarantee. Come in and see ours and get our prices. The MacKinnon Drug Co., Cor. Gt. George and Kent Sts. dtf.

Harem Slippers make a suitable Xmas gift. They are pretty and comfortable. All sizes and shades.

See our window. 69c Goff Bros

Handkerchiefs made in Ireland embroidered in France—Amenia in the Canary and Azores Islands returned to Ireland—washed, finished bleached there—then sent out to Charlottetown for Prince Edward Island Women. That's quite a Journey for a dainty bit of linen and lace isn't it?—Moore & McLeod 12-24dtf

Our showing of fancy linens, cushions, etc., is greater than ever before. Just the thing for mailing to friends abroad. make your selection now while our stock is complete—Doyley's, centers, cushions, drapes, handkerchiefs, etc., etc., Beer & Weeks. 12-12drff.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY.

18 Genuine Sable Muffs. In Barrel, Rug and Empire Shapes.

Mammoth Sale of Muffs In Time For Christmas Rare Genuine Sable Muffs.



not Isabella sable, nor American coon, but genuine undyed, only 18 in the lot and every one a bargain.

Two barrel muffs showing individual skins and full pillowed with long clean fur and very rich \$30.00 and \$33.00 each.

CHRISTMAS PRICE.....\$25 00

Rug muff trimmed with tails very rich, would make a handsome Christmas present \$25.50.

CHRISTMAS PRICE..... \$20.00

10 Empire sable muffs No. 1 undyed \$25 50.

CHRISTMAS PRICES.....\$19.75

5 only Emoire muffs extra value \$22.50 CHRISTMAS PRICES 17 50

1 only genuine sable muff \$18.00 CHRISTMAS PRICE..... 12.00

Now is the chance for the lady to purchase a real genuine muff to match the piece she owns at a saving of many dollars. This lot is on the front counter as you enter the door. Now is your chance, come quick and get the first pick.

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Many so-called investments are merely expectancies. A Canada Life Policy is sure to be profitable.

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A rich, wholesome and delicious loaf—delivered fresh each day to these grocers

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The policies we issue are the best in the market and for the least money. Our Company is most reliable and very liberal in its settlements. Look into the matter without loss of time and take a policy.

D. B. Stewart Charlottetown, General Agent for the Londo Guarantee and Accident Co. n London, England

American market as they want large quantities as will be seen by their ad which appears elsewhere in this issue. They assure highest prices and will give personal attention to all orders sent them and will make prompt returns.

I. Goodman Co., Fulton Market, New York, are well equipped to handle large quantities of smelts and eels from this Province and have every facility for disposing of same to the best possible advantage. They have been seventeen years on Fulton Market and a trial shipment will convince the most skeptical that their business methods are the best on record. Their ad appears elsewhere in this issue.

Smelts, eels, lobsters, clams and bass are the specialties handled by M.L. Sullivan & Co., Fulton Market, New York, whose ad appears elsewhere in this issue. Their up-to-date business methods ensures their customers of ready sale for their shipments and the highest prices the market affords. Shippers are asked to write the firm for any particulars they may want and as their references are given in their ad satisfaction is guaranteed. They handle smelts in carload lots.

THE FOLLOWING WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM YESTERDAY'S ISSUE

NATIONAL NEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—In a spherical balloon, without a motor Lieutenant Hans Gericke, a German ballist, who won the international balloon trophy recently, plans to fly across the Atlantic ocean to Europe starting from the vicinity of New York in January. He announced his purpose in the course of lectures at the Hotel Astor.

"In flying from America to Europe," said Lieutenant Gericke, "it is my purpose to start out in the early part of January plan to get away from the vicinity of New York. I will start when the moon shines full. I propose to wait until the weather maps show me that the prevailing air movement is steadily eastward. Then I will swing up and move rapidly across the Atlantic with the current. I estimate that I will be able to make the crossing in four days."

"The balloon will be of special construction and will carry enough food to last three men enough food to last two assistants with me on the expedition."

"Magnificent line of new oak dresses just opened at Beer & Weeks. Your wife would like one. Beer & Weeks. 12-12drff.

Handkerchief sale—opening Friday December 1st, really marks the beginning of Christmas shopping. Come and see the splendid showing.—Moore & McLeod. 12-24dtf

10K. Baby Rings. 60c. up. Signet Rings, initialed, \$1.25 up Ladies' Set Rings, \$1.25 to \$135.00. A very large assortment at W. N. Tanton's. 12-14dlf.

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Boys' Convertible College Coats. We have just rec'd a large shipment of Boys' college coats in the very Irish Tweed assorted Patterns; reg 6 50 for \$4.90.

Boys' D.B. Reefers Reg 4.00 to 5 00 for 2.75.

Boys' 3 pc Suits 3 Piece D.B. Suits in Hewson's oxford and English mixtures. Reg 5.00 to 7.00 for \$4.25.

Men's English Ulsters sto m collars D B Heavy Sco ch tweed and Irish Freezes Reg. 10.00 and 12.00 for \$6 40

50 College Coats in Progress brand the reputation of the makers is a nuf said in Exclusive Patterns hand made silk, serge linings Reg \$12 to \$18, while they last for \$9.00.

25 doz men's dress shirts sizes 14 17 1-2 49c.

50 doz Rev collar shirts, sizes 14 to 18, reg 75c for 50c.

Hewson's Unshrinkable underwear all sizes and Reg 1.25 for 83c.

Excelsa handkerchiefs 3 for 25c, tasteful, rich, elegant. Our neckwear is made from silk of our own selection. Our displays is now at its best. Ties 25c, 35c and 50c National Clo Co.

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"Butter Puffs, Cracknels, Polo and Cream Crackers at Beer & Goff's. 12-14d2l.

WHERE TO SHIP SMELTS AND EELS

Shippers of smelts and eels in this Province should arrange without delay to have John W. Rich & Co., 176 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, handle their consignments when they arrive on the

Gift Perfumes should be the choicest procurable You make sure of choice perfumes if you select from our stock Our goods are all of standard make and we have the most exquisite odors in dainty packages for Christmas giving. All prices 25, 50, 75, 85, 1.00 up. Have over three dozen half pint bottles of perfume for you to select from. J.G. Jamieson Druggist The Medical Hall

We have an extra large stock of signet rings in 10 and 14k gold from \$1 50 to \$11.00 which we engrave in best style without extra charge.

G. H. Taylor

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