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UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL.

Our Liberal friends have derived some morbid satisfaction from the severe criticisms heaped upon their acts, the satisfaction of at least squirming when trodden upon, and not only in squirming but in even trying to hit back but even this melancholy satisfaction is about to be denied them by some of their friends.

WHAT HAPPENED IT?

What action has the government taken with respect to the bill passed at the last session of the legislature providing for boring and otherwise exploring for oil, coal, minerals and such other articles of vertu as might be hidden in the bowels of the earth in this province.

WORST FEATURE OF A BAD ACT.

In yesterday's Guardian a "Working Man" expressed the indignation of himself and fellow-workmen over one of the meanest features of the new taxation act, that which compels employers to pay the poll taxes of their employees.

144 (1) Every employer of labor shall, on demand of the collector, pay the annual poll tax for every person in his employ, not only at the time when the said demand is made but also from time to time for every person in his employ during the year for which the said tax is payable.

This is the first time in the history of this province that the workmen have been treated as chattels or slaves who are not to be depended upon or trusted with the payment of their own taxes.

In its unholly greed for the gathering in of taxes the government was no doubt actuated by its craze to get the taxes in the quickest and easiest manner possible and using employers as tax collectors was the shortest cut to the desired goal.

The 1920 poll tax was due on June 1, 1920 because the taxing machinery had not been put in operation. Hereafter it will fall due "on the second day of January in each and every year and shall be payable in advance"

CURRENT COMMENT

The retirement of Superintendent Campbell from our Department of Education will be a distinct loss to the province. We have had in the past, and may again, have his equal in educational attainment to preside over this department.

In the matter of our public roads the province has embarked upon a programme which will bear much careful watching and the most careful consideration. Enormous sums of money will be borrowed, adding very materially to the already heavy debt of the province.

At the Tryon meeting, speaking upon this Highways Grant, the Hon. Mr. Lea said: "This province has obtained greater concessions in connection with the Dominion Road Grant than any other Province in Canada."

Daily Selections Guardian Readers

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WHEN SORROW COMES

(Harriet Prescott Spofford)

When Sorrow comes, the blessed way To make life easier to bear Is to immerse our very selves In care for others everywhere.

cluding our own Mr. Arsenault, would ask for such a concession. This is the nature of the work apparently being done by the Government, and they are boasting of it, and it is because of this that we advise the country to be on the alert, lest an uncontrollable debt be created for moneys to be buried in sand heaps.

Ponzi, the Boston "Wizard of Finance," had nothing on the Hon. W. M. Lea, whose maximum profit did not exceed fifty per cent., in promise. What a trifle in comparison with the building of roads and bridges to the extent of \$400,000, and doing it "without adding a dollar to the province."

Monday's Patriot put up some further stunts in squirming over the transactions at Tryon. It dismisses the income tax notice incident with its usual flippancy, calling it a mis-print and a mistake; that the man never would be asked to pay it.

And the Patriot waxes eloquent in insisting upon it that the meeting "was at least seventy-five per cent. Liberal. Why this fighting with shadows? Of course, if not three fourths, it was abundantly composed of Liberals.

POTATO PRICES DROP TO \$1.50 A BUSHEL

HALIFAX, August 24.—Potatoes have taken another drop. On Saturday they were selling at \$1.50 a bushel at the city market and elsewhere, and a considerable quantity was sold at this figure.

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Others' View Points

THE EFFECT OF VACATION.

(New York Globe.)

Vacations are not always the success literature makes them out to be. When a man comes back from fishing in mountain brooks or swimming in the salt sea he is healthier, to be sure, full of new life, and vigor, keyed up to concert pitch.

THE MYSTERY OF HUMAN MOTIVE.

(Toronto Globe.)

Life is full of mystery. The newspapers, both in Canada and the United States, continue to speculate upon the strange case of Dr. Harry Campbell, who died the other day.

GAME NOT WORTH THE CANDLE.

(London Morning Post.)

"It took me an hour yesterday to convince my wife that I was right." "You succeeded, then?" "Oh yes, but she hasn't spoken to me since."

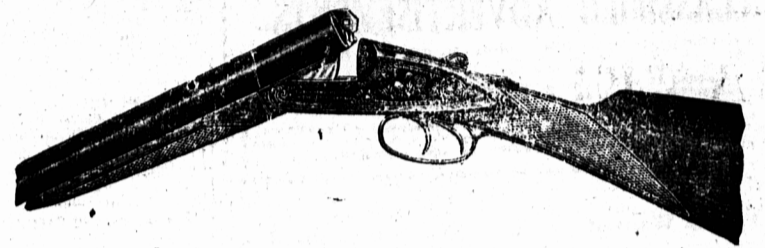


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WANTED, A UNION

Sir,—I read with much interest your article of this morning entitled "Wanted, a Union." I think the idea of a representative body for the thinkers and intellectual classes a capital one.

are as helpless as the ordinary individual.

In the search for real motives humanity everywhere is a good deal in the dark. As often as not the accepted motives are not the real ones. It may be that the man himself is in the dark as to his own motives.

QUITE ALL RIGHT.

(Life.)

"Rector, that is an amazingly comprehensive book of prayers you have. There is a prayer for almost every condition of men and institutions. But there is one glaring omission—there's no prayer for politicians."

itors, lawyers and doctors of the city as a provisional organization with power to add to their numbers by a majority, or unanimous vote.

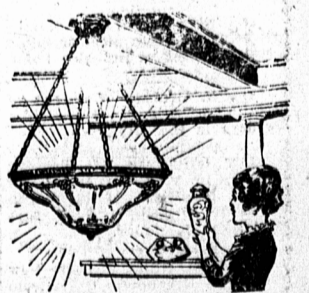
Let it be understood that sectarian and political questions shall be barred from discussion and all other matters of public interest be open for consideration.

RESIGNATIONS

Sir,—During the last Administration the Public heard a good deal said about resignations and dismissals in connection with a certain institution in this Province. Today what is going on under present rule? Resignations. Early in the spring Jas. Landrigan, one of our leading citizens and teachers, dropped out as manager of School Supply, a Dept. connected with Education. Was his place filled by a teacher or a man interested in Education? The people and teachers of this Province can answer this question for themselves.

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