

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1902.

THE PROPOSED EXEMPTION.

The proposed exemption of the plant, real and personal property of the Dominion Packing Company from civic taxation for a term of twenty years, as resolved upon by the City Council has surprised the great body of the tax-payers. We feel assured that if it had been submitted to the people instead of to the Council the proposal would have met with a less hospitable reception. Fortunately, as was pointed out by the Recorder, the Council is quite powerless in the matter, and until the Legislature confers additional powers, the resolution stands merely as a recommendation upon which there was an equal division for and against among the Councillors, with the Mayor's casting vote to turn the scale.

While upon that point it may be observed that in many legislative bodies when a tie vote occurs the motion is decided in the negative. In others the presiding officer may decide the tie, but custom and sound judgment direct him in such case to decide against any motion which is calculated to increase the public burdens or to confer special privileges. Why His Worship decided contrary to the usual practice in such cases we do not know, but it is clear enough that the motion was one which ought not to have been decided in the affirmative by the casting vote of the presiding officer. No doubt the Legislature when it comes to consider the question will seek to ascertain in some other manner than from the resolution thus improperly passed, what are the real sentiments of the people of Charlottetown on the subject of tax exemption.

We wish to treat the Dominion Packing Company with fairness and justice, whether they come to us as a syndicate of millionaires as they were first introduced to our notice, or as a clique of Montreal lawyers and lawyers' clerks as now asserted by Premier Peters. Their factory is here in our midst and they are doing business with our people. Let them have a fair field but no special favors that are not open to all. The fact that one or two local lawyers have become suddenly and intensely interested in their behalf affords the best possible reason why the City Council and the citizens generally should take special pains to guard our own interests. Taxes must be paid and citizens must pay them if the civic Government is to be carried on. Exemptions must be made good from some quarter. Those who pay must pay more if exemptions are to be multiplied or extended. Why should the tax-payers of Charlottetown be called upon to pay the taxes of the Packing Company?

It is all very well to exempt from taxes for a limited time a large new industry which promises to give employment and be of public benefit. The Legislature recognised this fact when it gave the Council power to grant such exemption for a term of five years. The profits of an industry are less and the expenditures larger in its initial stages than after it becomes established. It was therefore not without reason that the industry established by the Messrs. Rattenbury five years ago was exempted down to the present time. But the industry is no longer new; it is five years old and well-established. It has passed the infantile stage. If the original proprietors were still in possession they would have no such claim to an extension at the present time as they had to the exemption in the first place. The transfer to the Packing Company cannot possibly establish a new claim. It is therefore an audacious proposal that the new concern shall be for twenty years to come pay-free at the cost of the citizens and taxpayers of the City.

Mr. Paton's motion was a rational and a fair one, and was within the chartered powers of the Council to grant. He would give exemption on additions to the company's present plant—to so much of the industry as would be new. Further than this and the large expenditure already incurred in macadamizing the street leading to the factory the city ought not to go. We doubt not that Messrs McKinnon and Whear do not serve the Company without reward or hope of reward. Of that we know nothing, but if their fees are at all proportionate to the rapacity of the demands made on behalf of the company for guarantees and exemption they must be large. We care little as to that side of the question. But we do care that the taxpayers shall not be trapped into holding up a well-filled feeding bottle to the Packing Company for twenty years without some better reason than has yet been given.

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