

TAXATION.

We are far from satisfied that Mr. Davies and his colleagues required \$35,000 to carry on the Government of the Province during the current year.

But the Government chose to inflict upon the country the "Assessment Act, 1877" with its attendant army of Assessors and Collectors—with its unfair valuations and no appeal.

I. The subjects of every state ought to contribute towards the support of the government, as nearly as possible in proportion to their respective abilities; that is, in proportion to the revenue which they respectively enjoy under the protection of the state.

II. The tax which each individual is bound to pay ought to be certain, and not arbitrary. The time of payment, the manner of payment, the quantity to be paid, ought all to be clear and plain to the contributor, and to every other person.

III. Every tax ought to be levied at the time, or in the manner in which it is most likely to be convenient for the contributor to pay it.

IV. Every tax ought to be so contrived as both to take out and to keep out of the pockets of the people as little as possible over and above what it brings into the public treasury of the state.

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It will readily be noticed that these maxims are, with one exception, entirely ignored in the working of the "Assessment Act, 1877."

(a.) Everyone is not taxed according to his ability, although Mr. Davies and his apologists pretend that to do so is the intention of the Act.

(b.) The tax levied is not certain, and it is arbitrary. This year it is so much—next year it will, in all likelihood, be quite a different sum; and so long as the appraisers are made annually, by different Governments—this must continue so.

(c.) The time of year at which the tax is collected is most convenient; but the year in which it is first levied is most unfortunate.

(d.) The tax is so contrived as both to take out and keep out of the pockets of the people as much as possible over and above what it brings into the public treasury.

With the money erects mills and starts manufactures which benefit the whole country round about; the other remains quiescent. When the Assessors come to value the two properties they value the first with its mortgaged farm and its debts (of which they know nothing) at it may be five or ten times the amount of the farm of the man who made no improvements; and the enterprising man—though really not so able as his neighbor—is compelled to pay five or ten times as much tax.

It is clear, then, that the "Assessment Act 1877" is contrary to nearly every maxim of political economy and fundamentally wrong. Therefore it must be repealed. Mr. Davies—autoerotic and stubborn as he is—must submit or resign. The act must be repealed.

In the meantime—admitting for the nonce that extra taxation is necessary—the country can fall back upon the old Land Tax Act, levying \$3.50 per hundred acres—and while thousands will be relieved, none will be more highly taxed than at present.

Indignation Meetings. A very large political meeting was held at Graham's Road Schoolhouse on the 11th inst. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Campbell, M. P. P., H. Lawson, Esq., of the Patriot, Dr. McNeill, and Kenneth McKay.

Whereas, The Legislature, at its last session, imposed on the people of this Island, an Assessment Act, unjust in its principle, and expensive in its working; Therefore Resolved, That this meeting, disapprove of the Legislation of last session, and would call for an immediate session of the Legislature, and have the Assessment Act revised and amended.

Moved by James Mayhew, and seconded by George Mallet:— Be it Resolved, That this meeting have all confidence in our representative, William Campbell, Esq., and highly approve of the stand he took on the floor of the House at its last session in reference to the Assessment Act.

A large meeting was also held at Stanley Hall, New London, on Thursday last. Resolutions were moved condemning the action of the Government, after which Messrs. W. D. Stewart, Wm. Campbell, W. W. Sullivan, Dr. McNeill, and J. R. Clarke addressed the meeting at length.

A Recent Decision Regarding Marriage. A very remarkable decision as to the legality of certain marriages has just been given in the English Court of Appeal, in the case of Sottomayor vs. DeBarros.

Verbatim Et Literatim. To the Editor of the Daily Ex. MR. EDITOR.—Is there nev a st p going to be put to dog-driving & skating on the sidewalk.

Died. On Dec. 12th, at Long Creek, Lot 65, Archibald McPhee, Postmaster, in the 45th year of his age, after four years' lingering illness of consumption, which he bore with great resignation.

Stipendiary Magistrate's Court. Dec. 20.—Daniel McDonald, was fined \$3 or 14 days, for vagrancy; W. Carroll, on complaint of Mrs. Currie, was fined \$1, or 4 days.

WELLINGTON McLEOD, R. Sec'y.

Souris Reform Club.

This Club is in a flourishing condition, there being 238 members in good standing on its list of membership. The Club Room is being rapidly fitted up in good style; a shooting gallery is in full blast, and the eating saloon was opened last week.

Vaccination in Montreal.

The war against small-pox in Montreal appears to be much more successfully conducted than it was some time ago. The number of deaths there from that dreadful disease seems to be diminishing, and the benefit resulting from effective vaccination is being realized on a large scale.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of Correspondents.

City Taxes and Idle Laborers.

To the Editor of the Examiner: Sir—Allow me to suggest before any increased taxation is imposed upon us in the city, even for the very necessary purpose of keeping our sidewalks free from snow, that a much better class of laborers or overseers be employed to do the work or see that it is done.

NEVER in the history of the "LONDON HOUSE" have we been selling DRY GOODS so LOW as at present, and we would invite those in Town and country, who have not participated in the EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS we are giving, to call at once.

GET I. THE NEW AUTOGRAPH ALBUM, CONTAINING Fac-Simile Signatures of all Prominent Persons, AMONG WHOM MAY BE FOUND CORRECT AUTOGRAPHS OF Queen Victoria, Prince Albert, President Hayes, Abraham Lincoln, Boss Tweed, Victor Hugo, J. C. Whittier, H. W. Longfellow, A. Tennyson, Wm. Carleton, etc., etc.

GROCERIES! Of all kinds, Cheap, TO BE FOUND AT W. W. CLARKE'S, Water St., Ch'town, Dec. 1—cod tf

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1877 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. 1878 FRESH RAISINS, CURRANTS, ALMONDS, PURE SPICES, NUTS, GENUINE ESSENCES, HERBS, CANDIED PEELS, GELATINE, MARMALADE, JELLIES, DRY SWEET GINGER, MACCARONI, VERMICELLI, PICKLES AND SAUCES, PURE PORT & SHERRY WINES, HENNESSY'S BRANDY, &c., &c. W. R. WATSON. Dec. 20, 1877.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS! THE VERY LATEST, RECEIVED THIS DAY, HARVIE'S BOOKSTORE. Dec. 20, 1877.

A FANCY TABLE OF ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR Christmas Presents, WILL BE SHOWN AT THE LONDON HOUSE, ON SATURDAY NEXT, AT EXCITING PRICES. Dec. 20, 1877.

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WE only ask a personal inspection to show that we are, in good faith, SELLING OFF at the LOW PRICES advertised. GEO. DAVIES & CO. Dec. 13th, 1877.—cod2w

P. E. ISLAND Steam Navigation Co'y. A SPECIAL MEETING of the Share holders of the above Company will be held at their Office, cor. Great George and Lower Water Street, on FRIDAY, the 21st inst., at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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Codfish Sounds. KITS of CODFISH SOUNDS (choice), for sale by F. S. HANFORD & CO. Dec. 20, 1877.

Tea. Tea. A FEW CHESTS of good YONGOU, very cheap. F. S. HANFORD & CO. Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1877—2i

SPECIAL INDUCEMENT. IN ORDER to obviate the crush which must take place on MONDAY NEXT A LIBERAL DISCOUNT WILL BE ALLOWED TO ALL PURCHASERS AT

Haszard's Bookstore THIS WEEK. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND NEW YEAR'S GIFTS! IN GREAT ABUNDANCE, AT HARVIE'S BOOKSTORE. Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1877.

TOYS! (IN GREAT VARIETY.) ALBUMS, All Prices. CHSISTMAS CARDS! &c., &c. Cheapest and Best in Town. HAZARD'S BOOKSTORE, West Side Queen Square, Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1877.

Labrador Herring! JUST RECEIVED, 230 BBL'S LABRADOR and Boone Bay HERRING. 24 HL Bbls. do. B. WILSON HIGGS. Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1877.

TEA. TEA. 80 Chests and half chests CONGOU TEA B. WILSON HIGGS. Ch'town, Dec. 17, 1877—3i

FLOUR. 600 BBL'S FLOUR, in Fancy, Spring Extra and Superfine. B. WILSON HIGGS. Dec. 19, 1877—3i

International Hotel! (FORMERLY RANKIN HOUSE) Corner of Pownal & Sydney Streets, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. Private and permanent Boarders can be accommodated on very moderate terms, during the winter season, at the International. D. MCISAAC, Proprietor. Dec. 10, 1877—2m

ANTHRACITE COAL I A FEW TONS ANTHRACITE COAL For sale at reduced prices, to clear out the shed. F. S. HANFORD & CO. Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1877—2i

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ONE DOLLAR EACH. Theo. L. Chappelle, Diamond Bookstore, 85 North Side Queen Square, Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1877—3i