

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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AN EXAMPLE

Last spring tenders were called for the construction of the hull of a new steamer for the Southport ferry, tenders to be received not later than the 25th May. On the 31st May the EXAMINER stated that the tender of Sol. Clarke, of Mount Stewart, had been accepted, and pointed out where favoritism must have been shown in the matter of awarding the contract. We also asked the Patriot for information concerning the time the various tenders were received and opened at the Public Works Office. Instead of giving this information, and admitting that the tender of Mr. Clarke had been accepted, the Patriot intimated that the contract had not been finally decided. Now what are the facts? A return concerning this matter, made over the signature of the Secretary of the Public Works Department, and read in the House of Assembly a few days ago by Mr. Shaw, shows that Mr. Clarke's tender was accepted on the 27th May, thus bearing out the contention of the EXAMINER. The return goes further, however, and shows the tender marked "refused" on June 2nd. This was several days after the EXAMINER had made the assertion concerning favoritism, and asked for the information concerning the tenders. Here is a copy of the tenders sent in, showing the contract price as well as the dates of acceptance and refusal:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries for Angus Ronald McDonald (\$6,900.00), Charles Fisher (7,000.00), John White (4,920.00), Duncan S. McLaren (4,816.00), S. C. Clarke (4,550.00), Angus McDonald (4,990.00), Robert Duncan (7,225.00), William Chaisson (9,830.00), Kenzie Coffin (6,750.00), J. Matheson, New Glasgow, N. S. (17,985.00), Angus McDonald (6,500.00).

This statement proves clearly that Sol. Clarke's tender was accepted at the time that the EXAMINER said it was, and that the conduct of the Government and its organ in this particular, as in general, has been characterized by crookedness, deception and hypocrisy.

NOTE AND COMMENTS.

—Ded. debentures and taxes! Yes! we shall have to pay for the extravagances of last fall. —By their works (not words), ye shall know them. Note their admitted addition to the debt of this Province in two years of \$170,000! How is that for high? —We have a long and very interesting letter from the EXAMINER's special correspondent at Ottawa, but we have to hold it over until tomorrow. Everything must now give way to the absorbing topics of taxation, debentures and debt. —Just think of \$1,400 a year to be paid for all time as interest on our debenture debt. Even thousand four hundred dollars expended on roads and bridges every year, would add largely to the unearned increment of town and country. —Montreal Gazette:—As a result of the Coxey craze the new dictionary maker will have to give a definition of the word hobo. A physical hobo is a Coxeyite; a moral hobo will be a man led on a fool's errand by a politician or social hunch with a big head. We have some in Canada. —A paragraph is going the rounds of the press purporting to give the details of the process, in which that of Manitoba is stated at \$295,000. The Winnipeg Western points out that this is \$3,447,739 under the true figure. The Montreal Gazette remarks that no province could be under a Liberal Government for six years without its expenditure exceeding its revenue by more than \$63,000. Liberals bear their title to their name on the freedom with which they pile up the public obligations whenever they get the chance.

LEAGUE OF THE CROSS AT ST. MARGARET'S. A temperance meeting was held in the vestry of St. Margaret's Church after noon on Sunday, April 29th, ult., and the League of the Cross organized. A large number took the pledge and were enrolled. The following are the officers appointed: Spiritual Director—Rev. A. P. McLellan, P. P. President—Clément McDonald. Vice-President—Paul McPhee. Treasurer—R. D. McDonald. Secretary—J. A. McLellan. Assistant Secretary—John J. McDonald. Executive Committee—Jas. R. McDonald, Joseph McDonald, John O'Hara, John A. McPhee, John D. Gillis, Joseph McPhee, John McAdam, Alex. D. McDonald.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

THURSDAY, May 3.

House went into committee on the Assessment Act, 1894, Mr. McWilliams in the chair.

Hon. Mr. Gordon asked why land in Charlottetown and Summerside was not to be taxed under the Act? Hon. Mr. Peters replied that he did not argue that Charlottetown should not pay to the local treasury because she already paid to her own treasury. That argument would not stand. It matters not to the country whether Charlottetown pays in the shape of land tax or other taxes. There was no land tax to be imposed in Charlottetown, because such a tax would fall heavily on many poor persons who own nothing but their homes. It might be found that the scheme under consideration was not perfect, but he believed that it was the best possible. The people of Charlottetown contributed their proportion to the Provincial revenue in the shape of the income tax.

Hon. Mr. Gordon quoted from the Premier's speech at Mount Stewart, wherein he stated that "Charlottetown must be taxed, or some compromise must be effected with the city," and further that the people should trust him (Mr. Peters) "to make Charlottetown pay her share." Mr. Gordon thought that the Premier should keep his promise.

Mr. Rogers (Alberton) claimed that it was the duty of the Government to provide for the needs peculiar to itself, such as police and fire protection, water works, etc., all of which the country did not need and could not enjoy. He submitted that the maintenance of city streets should be paid for out of the Provincial treasury, and that the city and the country should be put on the same footing. He contended that the income tax and the taxes on institutions would not offset the tax which the farmers had to pay on their land. Especially he submitted that the tax on the villages as compared with that on Charlottetown and Summerside was unfair, because the farmers would have to pay on their incomes, etc., as well as on their land. In view of this, he thought a small tax should be placed on the people of the towns to equalize matters.

Mr. Rogers pointed out that in taxing real estate in Charlottetown at one-fifth of one per cent. according to the assessed value as shown in the City Assessor's report, the city would have to pay on \$2,400,000 odd, would be a little over \$50,000. If this value is correct the city should contribute this amount. Or if expenditures in the city are not made out of the Provincial revenue to the extent that city tax would be unnecessary. The representatives of the city should make an explicit statement of the basis upon which exemption is claimed for Charlottetown, as it would be well to have it plainly put. He thought it was not advisable to appoint assessors to collect Provincial taxes from the city. The machinery is there already, and all he desires is that a fair share be assumed by the city. We must not overlook the fact that Charlottetown already contributes towards our \$200,000 item of revenue a share proportional to its population and that the city is maintaining its own streets and other public works.

Mr. Bell pointed out that we had to raise \$50,000 for Provincial purposes. Of that amount Charlottetown should contribute, say, \$9,000 as its proportion. Now, what does the town contribute? First, we should regard the reduction in the supplements as a contribution by the city. That means a tax of \$2500 retained by the Government out of the school grant. We expect to raise \$9000 by income tax. In view of the reduction of the exemption clause to \$300 and the abolition of the exemption on income as respects non-residents, it is probable that a sum largely in excess of \$9000, will be raised. Of that amount Charlottetown will contribute at least one-half, or \$4500. Here then is the total equivalent for the share of the city. But this is not all. Charlottetown would be entitled to a share of the road grants, say, \$1500, wharves, say, \$1000, and roads or streets \$1000 more. Under the provisions of the bill they receive nothing. He could not, however, state definitely at this juncture what income will be derived from the town. After the experience of a year we can then definitely adjust the burden of taxation between town and country.

Mr. Rogers contended that Mr. Bell's argument fell to the ground because the income tax and supplementary clause applied to the country as well as to the city. The villages and other places will all lose by the reduction of supplements, so that the loss in the city in this regard cannot be said to be similar to a tax on the city. The same is true of the income. Perhaps one man in fifty in the city will pay an income tax, while in the village it will strike nearly every man.

Mr. Aresnauld thought that the people of the cities should pay as well as the people of the country. The cost of education was very large, and all should contribute towards the revenue to be raised for that purpose. The people of the city had children to educate as well as the people of the country.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald thought that the remarks of Mr. Rogers were fair—the only fair arguments that were advanced from that side. He could see no force in the argument that Charlottetown should be exempt because the people had to pay the income tax. If this argument was to apply to Charlottetown and Summerside it should also apply to Georgetown and other places in the country. The greater portion of the money that keeps up Charlottetown comes from the country, and the producer, and it was therefore unfair that this tax should be made to apply to the producer only. The land tax should be either done away with entirely or the tax should be imposed on all the towns and villages alike.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson said the main question that comes up, does Charlottetown pay her fair proportion into the Provincial Treasury. He thought that the income tax was imposed solely to catch Charlottetown, and that the city should be made to contribute her fair proportion to the Provincial revenue under that tax. If in the future it was found that the city was not paying her fair share, he would go for amending the bill so as to provide for this. Let her levy a tax that will be for the general benefit of the people.

Mr. Shaw felt that a mistake was made in exempting Charlottetown and Summerside from the provisions of this act. The one system should apply to the whole Province. The interests of the city and the country were identical. The harbor of Charlottetown was created by the hand of nature and not by the people of the city or the people of the Province. As this harbor was in the centre of the Province, therefore the city owned the trade and commerce of the city is maintained. But by the people of the whole Province, the people of the country are the patrons and this helps to maintain the large hotel and places of business in the city, all of which contribute to the funds of the city in the shape of taxes, which help to maintain the city Government.

and the improvements made in the city. Again, the officials of the public service live in the city in good houses and have good furniture. They all contribute to the city's fund. The railway men in the city also receive good pay, and are taxed accordingly. The railway and other branches of the public service are not kept up by the people of the city, but by the people of the whole province. The railway is used to carry the goods of the province. The central station is in the city, and, as he already stated, the city is the natural outcome of its geographical position. Because Charlottetown is situated where it is, it becomes the centre of trade, and the business of the whole province gravitates in that direction. In this way the money of the people of the country goes to assist in the maintenance of the institutions of the city, and the city, to see, therefore, why the city should be exempt from a tax which is to be imposed on all the rest of the Province. Regarding the school supplements, he thought the city was on the same basis as the rest of the Province. The reduction applied to both the city and the country. The city, however, had greater educational advantages than the country. In the city were situated the colleges, and other children of country people had to go to the city to finish their education. In this way also the people of the country contributed indirectly to the revenues of the city.

After recess Mr. Shaw resumed the debate. Taking up the matter of the school supplements, he pointed out how city and country were alike affected by them, the city people wanted better teachers, they would have to increase the supplements, as they had to do in the country. He would not admit that the shoulders of the people just a suitable tax, but a tax which would exempt thrift and industry. He did not believe in the principle of taxing the honest and industrious man to the advantage of the lazy and indolent man to escape. To tax the buildings that advanced the price of land was to tax poverty. Labor had no right to pay tribute to the revenue of the province.

Mr. Rogers said that the last speaker had voted against the interests of the country to exempt Charlottetown from the taxes to be imposed by the bill. He thought we should not admit that the shoulders of the people just a suitable tax, but a tax which would exempt thrift and industry. He did not believe in the principle of taxing the honest and industrious man to the advantage of the lazy and indolent man to escape. To tax the buildings that advanced the price of land was to tax poverty. Labor had no right to pay tribute to the revenue of the province.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald expressed himself as being favorable to the amendment. The result would be to exempt one man out of a hundred of poor land and builds on it a fine house worth \$1,000, and another man owns 100 acres of good land and has no house worth only \$100. What is the first-mentioned land going to be worth after the value of the house is added to it? Will not the man owning the poor land and the fine house have to pay more than the man owning the good land and the poor house? The man owning the good land postpones building until next year, when he puts up a \$2,000 house, which is exempt under the law. As a result, the man owning the poor land is taxed highly, while the rich man practically escapes. He did not think this was fair. The tax should be put on the land alone, and the buildings should be exempt. Mr. Robertson thought the bill would meet with the approval of the people. Thrift and industry would have to be taxed to raise a revenue.

Mr. Bell said there were some features of the bill that he did not thoroughly understand. He thought that the improvements referred to in the bill included buildings, fences and clearings. This was inconsistent with the principle expressed when framing the measure. A good building on a 100 acre farm added \$1 per acre to the value of the land. Did he exempt such improvements from the tax? If future improvements were to be exempt, past improvements should be similarly dealt with. There was a strong feeling amongst the people that buildings should not be taxed. But those who asked for this exemption argued against their own interests. If we exempt improvements in the village, the apparent inconsistency in the section under discussion and the public feeling to which he had already made reference, he thought that only the land should be taxed—that the buildings should be exempt. Valued at the present value apart from the value of the buildings.

Hon. Mr. Peters said the idea of the bill was to tax property as it stood at the present time, and to assess the value to stand. There was to be no renewal of the assessment under the Davies Act. It was not intended to tax future improvements. We had as far as we could encourage the people to improve their property. The feeling said to exist amongst the people concerning the exemption of buildings he knew nothing about. He did not think such an impression was prevalent. Buildings are not taxed we shall have to raise the tax on land from 6 to 9 or 10 per cent. The loss in villages are practically without the buildings thereon. The man who asks us to take away the tax on buildings asks us to take away one half the tax.

Messrs. A. Peters, B. Rogers (Alberton) and Shaw continued the debate. House adjourned at 11 p. m.

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