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It is rumored that the City Council intend to force a tax sale. That is to say all lots on which taxes are unpaid for over two years will be sold at auction in order to satisfy the city for taxes due. This, of course, can legally be done, although a clear title cannot be given for another two years during which period the lots can be regained by paying the rates in question together with a high rate of interest and the cost of the sale. Those lots would hardly be bought with the hope of ultimately securing them. Everybody has confidence enough in Prince Rupert to know that before two years the lots will be in big demand. They would therefore be bought simply by people who would like to secure the high rate of interest. Consequently the lots would sell cheap. There would be very little competition. It would soon get noised about outside that lots in Prince Rupert were sold at sacrifice prices, hardly enough to pay the taxes and knockers would not take the trouble to tell the circumstances. As a result Prince Rupert would receive a black eye. The amount due, too, is only a trifle and the overdue taxes bear twelve per cent so that the city can very well afford to let them slide for a time. The Council should seriously consider this side of the case before any such action is taken.

In an article dealing with the Ritchie sewer case it is un-

derstood that Mr. Beveridge was offended at referring to him as an "outsider." That is because he misunderstood the use of the term which perhaps was a little loosely used. The term was used as a contrast between "Mr. Ritchie and his associates" and those "outside" that organization. There was no intention at all of referring to Mr. Beveridge as an outsider in the sense that he is not a citizen. Mr. Beveridge has lived here long enough and has sufficient at stake to make him a very desirable citizen.

The News, however, has no "bone to pick" with Mr. Beveridge. The question at issue was the foolishness of the City Council rushing into the law courts with every trivial matter. The Ritchie sewer passes over city property. Why didn't the Council go ahead and connect Mr. Beveridge with that sewer and pay what they thought was right? In this way the onus of disconnecting the sewer would be thrown on the other party which of course the law would prevent. There is always a right way and a right way and a wrong way of doing things and the Council seems to have the happy faculty of always getting in wrong.

The facts of the sewer case are that while Mr. Ritchie and his associates have had a temporary sewer for a number of years and a new one was recently installed which is said to have cost only \$150, Mr. Beveridge naturally thought that \$100 from him was more



Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C.

A new picture of the "Abolish the Bar" leader in Ontario, speaking in Toronto.

than his share. It should be pointed out, however, that both the cost of the old and new sewer should be considered. When this is considered perhaps \$100 was only a reasonable share considering the fact that money has been worth considerable in Rupert in the last few years. At any rate, the Council certainly took the wrong course in the matter and they should go no further with it. As a solution of the matter, why doesn't the city even now tie up the sewer and assess a reasonable cost?

Visitors to Ketchikan were surprised to find Kitsumkalum strawberries for sale in the stores there. The Wilson tariff made this possible. Reciprocity would have done the same all around without the evils of the present one-sided system. Free duty on Canadian products mean a big demand from the States and hence high prices. Under reciprocity this would be equalized by a similar demand for other American products and trade would be stimulated all around.

A great many people think it costs nothing to turn out a newspaper. At any rate they seem to forget that the publicity given to a cause or individual is part of the goods in trade with which a newspaper makes a living. This is apparently the way celebration committees do their work in this city. It is quite right to buy prizes from the local dealers and music service, etc., from the neighboring brass bands, but publicity—the very medium which makes a celebration possible—is expected free of cost. This, too, in spite of the fact that after the celebration is over there is enough money left to give bonuses to the local clubs. It's about time that conditions like these should be remedied.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

CANADIAN

Parliament closed before the Senate was able to get its anti-tipping bill through both Houses. While the object of the bill, to prevent tipping, was popular, it is generally felt that such a measure would be very difficult to enforce.

A gang of burglars who have been operating in Montreal for the past six months and who quieted down about a month ago after committing several daring burglaries, have once more begun their activities, and a number of stores have been broken into.

The Annapolis farmers visited the Provincial Agricultural College, Truro, last week and were shown the various departments of the institution. Brief lectures and descriptions of stock, etc., were given by Principal Cumming and the other professors, and the farmers put in an enjoyable as well as profitable day.

The Halifax Ladies College held its closing convocation on Wednesday of last week. In the absence, through sickness, of the President, Rev. Dr. John MacMillan, presided, and presented the diplomas and prizes. Dr. John Forrest gave a most practical and inspiring address to the young ladies. An excellent musical programme was rendered by the students.

Rev. G. W. F. Glendening, of Halifax, was unanimously chosen as President of the Methodist Conference, at Lunenburg, last week. Rev. E. B. Moore was presented with a gold-headed cane on the completion of the 50th year of his ministry in the Methodist Church in Nova Scotia. The presentation was made by Rev. Dr. Chown, Assistant Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Canadian Association for the prevention of tuberculosis will be held in the Technical College, Halifax on the 13th and 14th of July. The various aspects of the tuberculosis problem and its relation to the State will be dealt with by specialists from our own, and other provinces of the Dominion. A lecture will also be given by Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf, of New York.

The closing exercises of the Halifax County Academy were held on Friday morning of last week. Principal Morton presented an interesting report showing a year of faithful and successful work. Controller Harris, Chairman of the School Board occupied the chair and opened the proceedings by appropriate remarks. An admirable address was given by Canon Powell, President of Kings' College, Windsor. Vocal and instrumental music by the students and the presentation of diplomas and prizes were the other features of one of the most interesting closing days of this splendid institution.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

The Norwegian Government has issued an order that no liquor shall be allowed on the ships of its navy.

While attempting to drown a cat at Dunoon, Scotland, a boy fell into a burn and was drowned. The cat escaped.

A Cardiff man aged seventy-three died from shock in a tramcar on reading the news of the Empress of Ireland disaster.

Lord Kitchener of Khartoum has been made an Earl. The honor was among the birthday

distinctions conferred by the King.

It is reported that the militant suffragettes plan to befool the sources from which London obtains its water supply, thus polluting the water to be drunk by 8,000,000 men, women and children.

Two robins have built their nest in the beams of the Nursing (Southampton) England Infant School, and one bird takes part in the morning singing session. When the piano ceases the bird stops singing, too.

American missionaries in Southern Kan-Su, China, have appealed to the Chinese Government for protection against the notorious bandit, "White Wolf," who has burned and plundered several missions.

Another of the Zeppelin airships of the German army, the "Z1," was wrecked near Diedenhofen, Germany, on the 13th ult., when trying to effect an emergency landing. An army lieutenant was injured.

Sir Sidney Lee is preparing a life of King Edward. Papers from the Royal archives and correspondence, to which access has not hitherto been available, have been placed at his disposal, and in the preparation of his work he is receiving assistance from Ministerial and other sources.

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