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FRIDAY, MAY 19

The Danger of a Speculative-Value Assessment

A visitor to the News office who frankly confessed that until recent events had showed him the value of independent criticism, he had entertained anything but kindly feelings for this paper, informed us that his assessment has been raised from \$300 to \$2,000, an increase of 566 per cent.

But an assessment paper in which we are more particularly interested lies on our desk, showing that a certain unimproved lot, which last year was assessed at \$300 is now assessed at \$600, an increase of exactly 100 per cent.

We do not suggest that everyone is going to meet with a jump of 100 per cent on their tax bill. The assessment record issued by the city council shows that on the average the public will only have its assessment raised a fraction over 66 per cent.

The most serious aspect of the question however is not the increased taxes most of us will pay, nor the fear that the council may be contemplating the taxation of improvements, and thus retard the development of industry.

Cities like other corporations need capital. Like other corporations this capital is borrowed in the money markets, security for the loans being given.

To safeguard the interests of investors is one of the duties which devolve upon the large banking houses who negotiate the loans, and in this connection, Mr. F. W. Taylor, London manager of the Bank of Montreal on December 23rd last stated to the Monetary Times in reply to the question: "Is there any danger of Western Canadian municipalities borrowing too heavily?"

"The Bank of Montreal would be the first to avoid becoming the medium for a public issue of any municipality which, in its opinion was borrowing excessively, as we have too great respect for our own prestige as an issuing house, and for the credit of Canada as a whole, to do otherwise."

It needs no special expertness in economics and finance to perceive that borrowing on an assessment based on speculative values is an exceedingly risky thing even to attempt.

A tradesman who wanted to increase his borrowings from the bank from \$1,500 to \$3,000 would not hope to succeed by merely marking up the selling price of his goods 200 per cent.

The illustration expresses in an exaggerated degree one of the dangers which confronts the city if it attempts any finance of the thimble-rigging kind, based on a speculative value assessment.

The wounds of a friend are more to be desired than the kisses of an enemy. It is kindness to point out that the policy of increasing the taxes of the citizens by 66 per cent will not deceive the financial world into believing that the security offered by the city has been enhanced in value by that enormous sum.

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THE COSY CORNER

DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN

This is a little section of the paper, which from day to day will be devoted to subjects of special interest to women. Any and all of the ladies of Prince Rupert are invited to contribute to its columns, and to take part in its discussions.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Bridge Tournament arranged by the members of the Wanderers' Club last evening, was quite the most delightful social event of the Post-Lenten season.

Mrs. Pillsbury acted as hostess and was ably assisted by Messrs. Simpson and Foster, who were indefatigable in looking after the comfort of the guests.

The following is a list of the players and their total scores: Mrs. McMordie and Mrs. Johnston, 1228.

Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Spain, 1052. Mrs. Morris and Miss Martin, 1050.

Mrs. Tremayne and Mrs. McLennan, 1140.

Miss Milligan and Miss Johnston, 997.

Mr. Simpson and Mr. Tobie, 1974.

Mr. McMordie and Mr. Sawle, 1590.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Aldous, 1044.

Mr. Foster and Mr. Pettigrew, 1028.

the same cross stitch. The ribbon about the waist was the exact color of the deep blue in the embroidery cotton.

PLANS INVASION OF CALIFORNIA

Jim Hill Will Fight Harriman Lines in That State

Los Angeles, Cal., May 18.—James J. Hill, the railway magnate, who has been carrying on a nationwide war with the Harriman interests, is about to shift the seat of war to California by entering this state from the north-west, where he is strongly entrenched, according to the statement today of Robert E. Strahern, vice-president and general manager of the North Coast branch of the Oregon & Washington railroad & Navigation Co.

Strahern says that the Hill interest will not invade California from Denver, but that a great double track line will be laid from Seattle south through the vast lumber areas of northern California down to San Francisco and eventually on to Los Angeles.

WILL HOLD PARADE

Vancouver Decides on Its Coronation Day Programme

(Canadian Press Despatch) Vancouver, May 18. It was decided this afternoon by the City Council to celebrate Coronation Day by holding a monster parade through the city emblematic of the occasion.

Advertisement for Groceries, Provisions, Fruits, Vegetables, Biscuits, and STALKER & WELLS.

Mr. Pillsbury and Mr. Morgan, 850.

After the game a delicious supper was served which was followed by dancing until an early hour.

PRETTY SEWING APRON

How to Make it for Yourself or for a Gift

An attractive contribution for a fair is one of the new designs in sewing aprons. Nothing could be less expensive to make or simpler of construction than one of these aprons, which consists of a straight piece of sheer dimity about a half by three-quarters of a yard in dimensions.

To trim this apron—which would be too plain without any adornment—a row of cross-bar stitching in a simple but pretty design worked at the top of the hem and perhaps bordering it down each side will be extremely effective, provided the design is worked out in artistic coloring.

SAYS SEHELDT WAS ALL RIGHT

Inspector of Hulls Would Give Her Another Certificate

(Canadian Press Despatch) Victoria, May 18.—That he considered the lost steamer Seheldt a seaworthy vessel and suitable for the route on which she was engaged, and that he would give the vessel another certificate today if she were still afloat, was the evidence given by Inspector of Hulls Kinghorn at the investigation before Judge Martin this morning.

GREAT FIRE IN CHINA

Forty Thousand Homeless—Damage Exceeds \$20,000,000

(Canadian Press Despatch) Harbin, China, May 18.—Fire of an appalling nature has now followed the terrors of plague and famine in China. Reports from the province of Kirin, say that 40,000 people are homeless as the result of a terrible conflagration which has done \$20,000,000 damage.

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