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"UNFAIR" POLL TAX LEVIES ARE CRITICIZED

A method of eliminating dual taxation in cases where recent purchases of property are assessed not only property taxes but poll tax as well is being sought by city council members all of whom favor the removal of the poll tax entirely.

Complaints of dual taxation have been received by the city from persons who have bought property within the last few months. Because they own property, they must pay taxes on it. Because they did not pay property taxes last year, they must, according to provincial law, pay poll tax this year.

City Clerk H. D. Thain has been seeking some angle in the law which would permit the refunding of poll taxes collected under these conditions but, so far, has been unable to find one.

The law provides that male persons who do not pay property taxes to the value of \$5 in any one year, must pay the poll tax. Certain provisions eliminate need for payment by members of the armed forces, and pensioners.

Annually, however, there is a flood of complaints by people who have bought property within the previous year against being required to pay poll tax in addition to their property levy.

According to City Clerk Thain.

SHIPS and WATERFRONT

Union steamer Chilcotin, Capt. Harry McLean, was a full ship as she called here from 11:15 to 12:45 last night southbound from Ketchikan to Vancouver on her weekly Alaska cruise. In addition to the 76 round-trippers which she had on board, twenty-one passengers had been picked up at Ketchikan, the most of them going through to Vancouver.

The city has no option but to collect poll tax from male non-property owners. The poll tax is set by the provincial government, which allows the city to collect and keep the taxes if it wishes. If the city does not collect the taxes, the province does.

"Under those conditions, the city would be foolish not to collect the taxes, but that does not alter the fact that it is an iniquitous levy which should be eliminated," Mr. Thain said.

The city aldermen, who have sent resolutions to the Union of B.C. Municipalities advocating the removal of the poll tax, agree with him.

They also agree, however, that until some alteration is made in the provincial law, they cannot advise any rebate where the tax is collected legally, but unfairly.

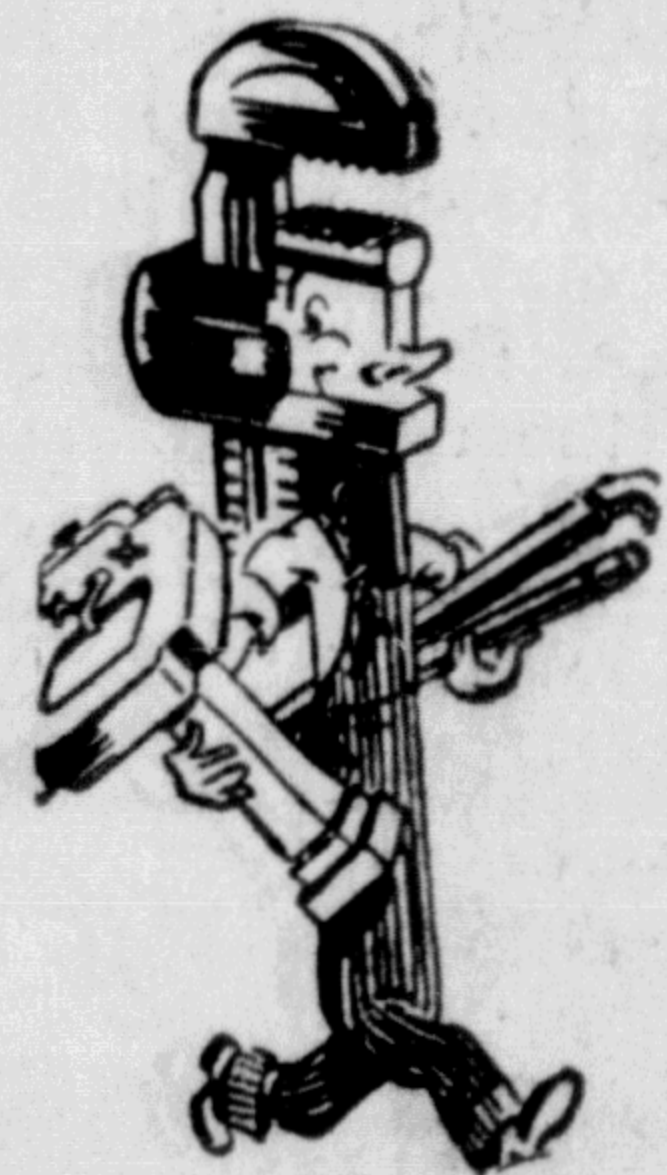
Merely removal of the poll tax, would not eliminate the entire evil, according to Mr. Thain, because it would disenfranchise everybody who use it as a requirement for voting in civic elections.

"To get to the root of the matter, you would have to have a revision of the Elections Act that requires that in order to vote, male persons must pay the minimum of \$5 to the city. In that regard, the Poll Tax Act is tied to the Elections Act and the latter would have to be revised first in order to allow non-property owners to retain their vote."

WOMEN OF THE FUTURE
MELBOURNE, Australia. A 14-year old girl here has anticipated evolution by about 10,000 years by failing to grow four of the normal bicuspid teeth, her dentist says. Scientists say that the human jaw is growing smaller and bicuspid teeth will eventually be non-existent.

NOT ACTS OF GOD
SHREWSBURY, Eng. Unveiling of a war memorial at Shrewsbury School, Gen. Sir Bernard Paget said: "Let us be honest and admit that wars are not inevitable and not acts of God. They are caused by the folly and gross materialism of men. It is no good saying we can do nothing about it."

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Native Fisherman Succumbs Here

Henry Dangel, a native fisherman, of Kincolith, died in hospital here last night after being seized by a sudden illness. He was 48 years old and a widower. One son, Reginald, lives at Kincolith.

NO WATER

Sunday, August 22, 1948

There's water in the tumbled hills, there's water in the lakes, There's water in the heavens when Thor's great hammer shakes, The Skeena and its feeders are brimming with its flow And the harbor of Prince Rupert is just full of H₂O.

We go into a restaurant and order that and this. We're told we cannot have them as there's something much amiss. We may have this, we may have that, but no coffee and no tea, Because there is "no water save in the river and in the sea.

There's water here there's water there, but somewhere in the main Some little thing has gone awry and there's dearth of it again; We cannot wash, we cannot shave, we cannot brush our teeth; There's plenty of water on the earth—but the main is underneath!

It was an Ancient Mariner, when parched and faint with thirst, Who voiced his bitter feelings (though no water-pipe had burst), And we should count our blessings though most ruefully we think, "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink!"

—AQUA

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p.m.

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p.m.

August 28—ss. Prince George,

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From Vancouver

Sunday—ss. Camosun, p.m.

Monday—ss. Princess Adelaide

p.m.

Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert,

11 a.m.

Friday—ss. Catala, 5 p.m.

August 27—ss. Princess Louise

a.m.

August 30—ss. Princess Norah

a.m.

For Alice Arm, Stewart, Port Simpson

Sunday—ss. Camosun, mid-

night.

From Alice Arm, Stewart, Port Simpson

Tuesday—ss. Camosun, a.m.

From Ocean Falls

Monday—ss. Princess Adelaide

Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert,

10 a.m.

For Ocean Falls

Monday—ss. Princess Adelaide,

11 p.m.

Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert,

12:15 p.m.

August 28—ss. Prince

George, 12:15 midnight.

From Alaska

Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert,

p.m.

August 25—ss. Princess Norah

p.m.

August 28—ss. Prince George,

8 p.m.

For Alaska

Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert,

midnight.

August 27—ss. Princess Louise

a.m.

August 30—ss. Princess Norah

a.m.

For Queen Charlotte Islands

August 21 and 31

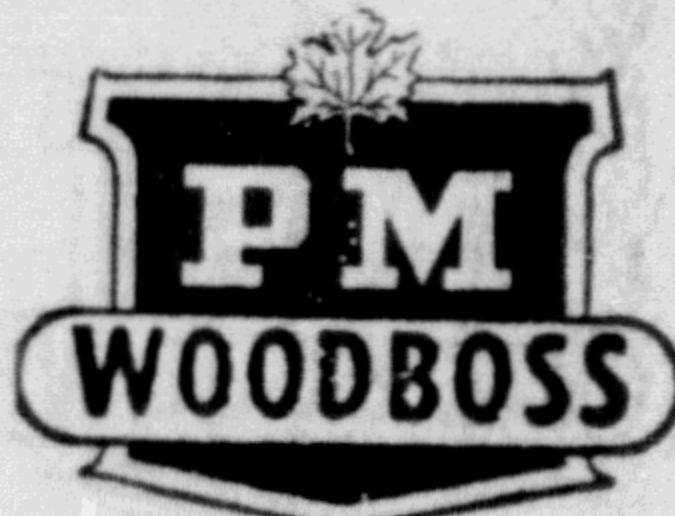
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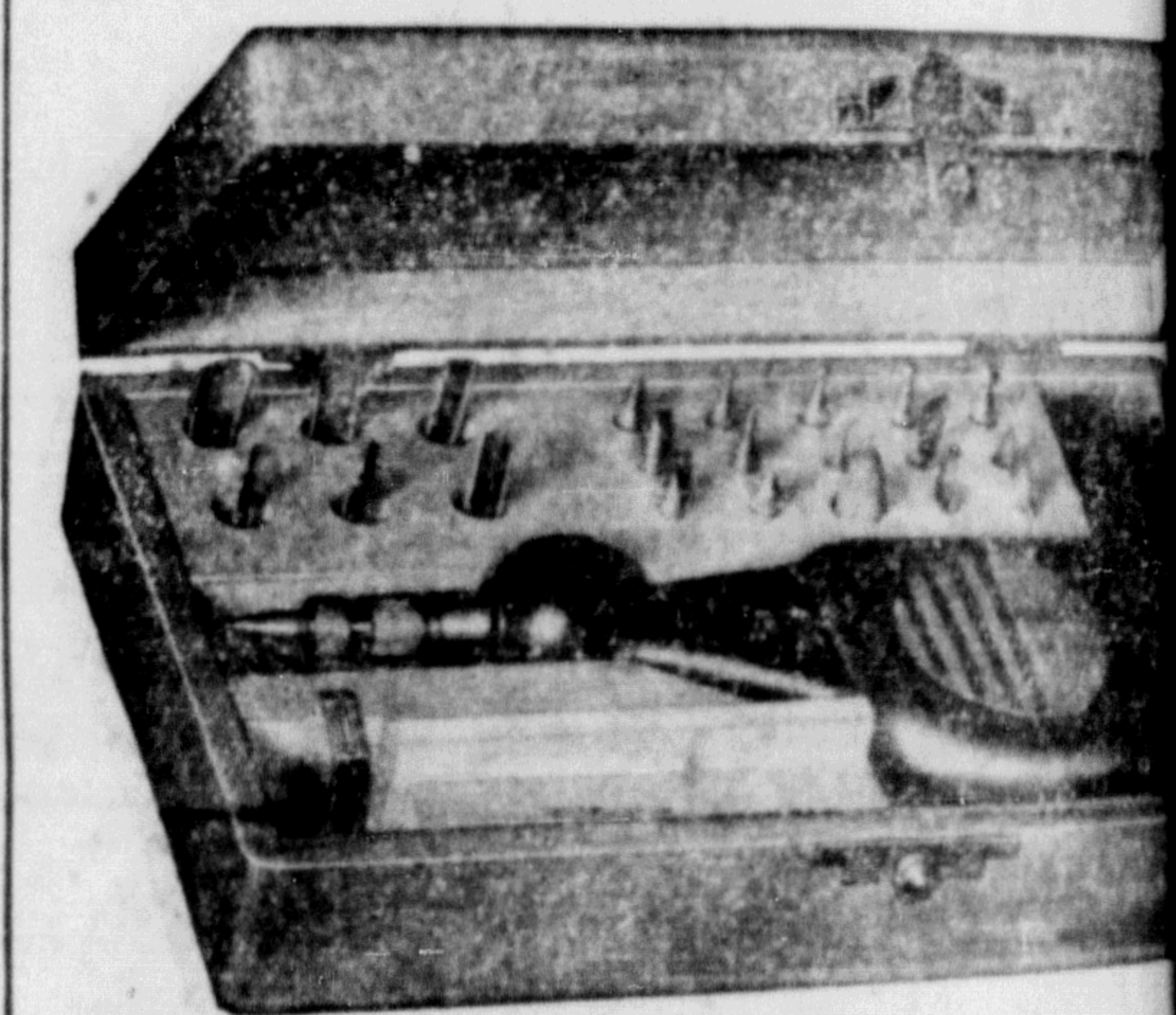
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