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## Collecting Taxes.

One of the most absurd customs prevailing in Canada is the manner of collecting the municipal taxes, by which the honest citizen is placed at a disadvantage, and the dishonest one is paid a bonus. It is in this way:—a collector is appointed whose duty is to go to the citizens and ask them for their taxes. The Council tells the collector that the whole of the taxes must be collected by a certain fixed date. The collector accordingly goes around and the honest citizen pays the taxes demanded. The dishonest citizen does not do so. He declines to pay. The Collector gives him no trouble, and the council extends the date for a couple of months. The collector calls again on the dishonest citizen, who again refuses to pay, the council extends the time for the collection. This process goes just as long as the council has power to "extend the time," and the consequence is that whilst the honest citizen is made to pay up at first, the dishonest citizen has twelve months' credit. Speaking advisedly we say that it would be the wisest course for all persons to refuse to pay taxes until refusal is no longer possible, for the present system is unjust. It is moreover a monstrous absurdity. Why should the Council pay a collector to do what each citizen can or ought to do himself. If John Jones owes a fellow citizen a debt, he calls on that citizen and pays it. But in the matter of municipal taxes he doesn't do anything of the kind, he waits until a corporate officer who receives a high salary, calls on him for the money he owes. Thus the honest citizen is paying his share of an official's salary whose duty to wait on the dishonest citizen and ask him for the money he owes. Our cousins on the other side of the lake manage things much better. They have no collector of municipal taxes nor any similar absurdity. The council fixes a date for the payment of the taxes. The tax bill is posted to each tax payer and it is the duty of the tax payer to call on the Treasurer and pay his taxes before the date affixed. If he does not do so, he pays interest on the amount, and if it is not paid within a given time, a distress warrant is issued by the proper officer, whose mileage and fees are paid by the person whose property is seized, thus those who give trouble have the privilege of paying the expenses. There is no fuss about the matter, each citizen is treated justly, the law applies to each alike, the collector's salary is saved, and the taxes are collected in good time. Compare the two systems, and who will not laugh at the monstrous absurdity of the Canadian plan. We recommend this matter to the careful consideration of Municipal Councils.—EX.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of The WOODVILLE ADVOCATE:

DEAR SIR,—Although you have in your last issue intimated your columns closed on this subject, still I am sure your readers will excuse you for publishing this explanation. Many people here are asking the question not only why Mr. McRae refers specially to me in connection with Miss Angus' examination, but why at the first he refers to me in such language. I did not go to Mr. McRae's examination, he also says he does not believe I had anything to do with your correspondent's first letter, why does Mr. McRae refer to me, one perfectly disinterested, as he does? The public such as "Reader" are also asking why all this difficulty? The following is the explanation of the whole trouble: After being settled in Kirkfield I was frequently requested by Mr. McRae to visit his school, but because of my own work I was a number of weeks here before I could comply with the request. After a time I told Mr. McRae that I was prepared to arrange a day, but Mr. McRae said if it would suit me he would like me to go during the day of his examination. Between this time and the examination Mr. McRae changed the day from Thursday to Wednesday, and neither Mr. McRae nor any one else told me that such a change had been made, and when the day came I went from home, and having returned in the evening found that the examination of Mr. McRae's room was over. On the following day I met Mr. McRae and explained to him why I did not attend his examination as promised, and pointed out to him that the fault was his own as he had not told me of the change, and that I did not know his school was to be examined on Wednesday. I wish to call special attention to the fact of having made this explanation as this is the cause of the whole trouble between Mr. McRae and myself. Despite my explanation Mr. McRae has still held the opinion that I did know when his school was to be examined, and he believing that I had done more against him than merely evading his examination has been inspired to attack me as he has done. From these facts it will be seen that the difficulty between Mr. McRae and me has not been a misunderstanding but purely the result of his own conjecture and that too in the face of a proper explanation. Both the cause of Mr. McRae's attack upon me and the spirit of my defence are sufficiently accounted for by these facts, and as to the existence of the difficulty I was not aware till only a few days since, even at the very beginning that it existed. Mr. McRae's first letter was being published before I knew that he had any ill feelings against me. In explaining

why he sends me to school law Mr. McRae calls to my remembrance the fact that on a previous occasion he did treat me as a proper visitor, but I do not require to remind Mr. McRae that whether or not he treated me as a proper visitor is not the point. Here I wish to say that when acting in an official capacity I never go to any public or private place beyond my own people and work without a special invitation. Mr. McRae has been with me the most insinuating to take me into school work that I have ever experienced. I enjoy visiting public schools, but I cannot say that I am much flattered by Mr. McRae's style of thanks. Hoping Mr. Editor that this explanation will settle the difficulty as far as I am concerned. I am,  
Yours Most Thankfully,  
A. CUTHBERTSON.

## KIRKFIELD.

In last week's issue of the ADVOCATE we noticed a communication over the name "Reader" censuring rather severely the parties engaged in this village in newspaper controversy. We wonder if it occurred to this very amicably inclined but censorious individual that he himself is thereby showing his hand as the fourth combatant in the "disagreeable contest". If "Reader" would only take the trouble of looking again at our correspondents article that appeared in the ADVOCATE of the 14th ult. which unfortunately caused the stirring up of that cess-pool of vituperation whose vile odor appeared in the issue of the following week, and show us where we erred he would certainly oblige us very much. In writing the communication above referred to, we did nothing more than our duty as a faithful correspondent, and after all that has been since written in the matter we fail to find therein a single word that we could in the public interest and in the interest of truth, retract. The matter to which exception was taken, was put in as mild a form as possible—much milder—in fact, than the language employed by our gratuitous censor. Let "Reader" then, revert to that most scandalous and libellous letter which appeared in reply—in which the truthful and honest statements of your correspondent were characterized as "mendacious," "falsehoods," etc. What course, we wonder, would "Reader" have us to pursue under these circumstances? Lie under those scandalous and libellous charges wit out any attempt at refutation, and stand convicted of those heinous charges before the public? Surely not. If our character is worth anything it is worth being defended when unjustly assailed, and what more have we done? But "Reader" says, "It would certainly command more respect were they to settle their feud privately." Does he mean to insinuate that the "paper warfare" alluded to was the result of some private feud previously existing? If so he is very far mistaken indeed. Let us assure him there was no private feud to settle. It was all the result of a fair and honest criticism of a school exhibition and nothing more in so far as we are aware. And we have no doubt that had Mr. Cuthbertson known of any evil designs having been entertained against him, or had he been aware of giving the slightest cause of offence previous to those grievous charges against him appearing in public print, he would have at least endeavored to settle the difficulty by a private and friendly conference. He had not, however, the remotest idea that any such difficulty existed, when, under these circumstances, he is so promotorily and slanderously assailed—not privately but publicly in the columns of THE ADVOCATE, there was no other course open to him than to make his defence through the same medium. Hence if our reputations have been in any degree 'stained' in Reader's eyes in defending ourselves, the stain we have would be much more apparent had we declined to reply; and we very much mistake the character of "Reader" were he so ruthlessly assailed, no matter how vile his antagonist, if he would not make some show of self-defence, even at the risk of soiling his spotless garments. And now that he has taken his position among the 'goats'—lest he too share their ignominious fate another luminous by summarily subsided, and another 'important essential for ameliorating the tone of Society' forever lost to the world. We would in all sincerity advise "Reader" to start out on a 'plank' of his own.

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