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WHEN TAXES TAKE THE HOUSE AND LOT

Nobody will wonder that Mr. Geo. Thomas appeared with a protest before the recent Court of Revision, nor find fault with his opposition to the Kent street sewer. The share of its cost demanded of Mr. Thomas is considerably more than his property is worth. At least that is his opinion, and most of those who know the property and that he is asked to pay \$324 for the sewer, will agree with it. And there is nothing irregular in Mr. Thomas' case. It is simply an extreme instance of a principle that is operating the same everywhere, but is not everywhere brought into such unfavorable prominence.

It is the principle that adopts frontage as the basis upon which the cost of local improvements is charged against adjacent property. It is clearly a wrong principle, and works a manifest injustice. It adopts as a basis the one thing about a property that is no basis, and ignores very things that really determine the relative obligations of property holders, to public works. There was a time when the waterworks management charged for lawn services on that basis, but its iniquity was instantly perceived and corrected when the commissioners took control. Now area determines the charge. Area is an eminently fair basis for a lawn service; but, while much more so than frontage, for sewers and walks, would not be nearly so equitable for them as for the water service; because the lawn service is a private benefit, while a walk, at all events, is chiefly a public one.

But the present method of distributing the cost of local improvements does not consider even area, much less value, which is the only basis upon which levies to meet the needs of an organized community can be equitably founded. "From every man according to his ability." That was the good old method under which these communities were instituted and prospered, and this departure from it appears to be a modern experiment in municipal economy that, let us hope, will be as short-lived as it is unfair. Not very long will see either its finish or that of the small property-holder. A system which takes a man's house and lot to put improvements past it on the road has its drawbacks. When the house and lot pay only 60 per cent. of the cost of these improvements the situation is still more serious for the freeholder, and he may well be disturbed lest he be sent to jail in default of paying his share of the other 40 per cent. To take all a man's property at one levy is certainly to adopt the single tax idea with a vengeance. It is likely a development of that theory not contemplated by its most ardent advocates. Neither will it encourage those who have no property to invest in it, nor tend to the composure of those who have.

THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE

Under the circumstances it is likely that Newton Smale is the strongest candidate the Liberals could have put into the field. This does not say that there are not men in the party of equal qualifications. From such a proposition the first three words of this article constitute a saving clause.

Unless the best testimony is wholly misleading, the ut-

FENELON FALLS JOTTINGS

The News of the Week, as Gathered by Our Correspondents

Dr. Neelands, dentist, Lindsay, will be at the McArthur House, Fenelon Falls, on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 1901, at 10 o'clock.

Mr. H. Webster of Kirkfield spent last Friday at the Falls.

Messrs. H. and J. Robson went up to Toronto on Monday to participate in the interesting events taking place in the Queen's City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webster returned from their wedding tour on Friday last.

Mr. Wm. McKeown returned last week from a trip to Manitoba, in which province he has purchased valuable land.

Miss Savanagh of Peterboro is the guest of her friend Miss Borland.

The Messrs. Bryson and Gardiner of Cameron spent last Thursday at the Falls.

Mr. E. M. Horton spent a few days with his parents in Bobcaygeon last week.

Mr. J. Robson returned to the Falls last week after spending the summer clerking for a lumber company at French River.

Col. S. Hughes and his two daughters and Miss Allan, came to the Falls last Saturday. The young ladies wheeled back and the Colonel and his little daughter returned by the afternoon train.

The following guests registered at the Brooks House during the last week: J. W. Devitt, Bobcaygeon; Wm. Thompson, Orillia; Thos. Kelly, Red Rock; Wm. McDonald, London; Danial Morrow, Niagara; Richard Rich, Oakwood; W. J. Conroy and G. S. Ryerson, M. D. Toronto; R. G. Cornell, Capt. Jack McKay, and R. Bradshaw, Lindsay; Thomas J. Tilly and Wm. Overend, Peterboro; Alf. Karkins, Lindsay.

At the Mansion House were: Jas. Marshall, Robt. Campbell, W. Wildess, Wm. Muselman, Judge Harding and D. R. Anderson, Lindsay; P. D. McDonald, Orillia; R. McHarris, Peterboro; Geo. Cumerford and C. Gibson Brantford; Wm. Cameron, Guelph; J. F. Whiting, Berlin; W. J. Muller, Barrie; Neil McCaig, Oshawa; A. H. Power and H. C. Malsness, Longford; C. F. Crutchon and P. J. Mason, Montreal; Jas. Jacques, Jas. Cooper, A. R. Purland, Jas. Hodge, J. Moore, J. B. Watson, M. A. McRae, Wm. Glover, and B. Strange, Toronto.

We regret to state that Mr. F. J. Kerr, our popular postmaster is confined to the house with illness, and that Mrs. Kerr is also very ill.

Our volunteers, to the number of about 40, left on Tuesday morning to take part in the review at Toronto during the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. They

most harmony has not prevailed in the party of late. This is not an invidious inference; for when the last candidate for both houses, in the bitterness of defeat, stands on the convention platform and openly charges his followers with treachery, the foregoing conclusion seems well founded. Rejected by the party because they knew he could not carry the riding, Dr. McKay seems to have still been able to issue an ultimatum that had to be considered by the party when his substitute was chosen. Therefore the town array of talent and ambition had to stand aside in behalf of a man against whom the doctor had no grudge. Hence it is that the convention had to take counsel of expediency, be governed by circumstances, and select the man, who, under those circumstances, would make the strongest candidate. It did so. How far the party will be cemented by this concession to the wrath of a rejected standard-bearer remains to be seen.

In saying all this, we in no degree aim to detract from the merits of Mr. Smale. He is a young man of excellent qualities. Well-informed, conscientious, of sound judgment and high ideals, Mr. Smale is personally beyond objection. We welcome him into the political arena; he is a worthy antagonist, and a man who will seek to elevate the standards of political conflict. We shall oppose him, and, we trust successfully, but only by such means as he himself will approve.

Mr. Smale is in the unhappy position of a good man standing for a bad cause. He will likely be defeated. In his speech he referred to the superiority of the Liberal policy. That sounds well, but it is only a sound. Moreover, the fact is that this province will strive, at next election, not so much to choose a policy as to punish the guilty. It will take vengeance on a government, that, emboldened by long tenure of office, has connived at political wickedness by which Ontario has been brought to shame. What this province now needs is not brilliance so much as integrity; without that what measures?

So much for his party; then there is his opponent. Against a weak man, an unpopular man, or a man who had failed to meet the expectations of his constituents, or to look after their interests with diligence and skill, Mr. Smale would win an easy victory; but against a man, who by straightforwardness, personal integrity, and capable, untiring devotion to the interests of the people of this riding, has, since the day of his nomination, grown steadily and steadily in popular favor, Mr. Smale's prospects are excellent for coming out second best. Mr. Smale is a young man; that makes no difference. He is without experience; that is against him. But he will have both age and experience before he beats Sam Fox for the legislature.

EDITORIAL NOTES

DR. HERRIMAN might give his tip about the clenched fist to Mr. Tarte, for use in his set-to with Mayor Prefontaine.

THAT WAS A war-like delivery in which Dr. Herriman advocated using the clenched fist on political opponents. The doctor must have had in mind the old days when open voting was in vogue.

THE FAITH that comes by hearing will get little assistance in the new town hall. Likely a false ceiling put in at the top of the perpendicular walls would be the easiest remedy for its atrocious acoustics.

ONE SPEAKER at the Liberal convention advocated a club to bring the young men of this riding into the party's ranks. That is about the only way they can be got into that party in sufficient numbers.

OAKWOOD.

Mr. John Prouse of Woodville was in town on Sunday.

Mr. William Brandon, tailor has removed to Midland.

Mr. G. Adair is visiting at his sister's, Mrs. E. Prouse.

The Misses Jackett will remove their dressmaking shop into one of the divisions of Mrs. Hughson's house.

Mr. Richard Rilance of Beaverton, was in town Friday.

The farmers are engaged harvesting their mangel and potato crop.

Miss Chambers is visiting at the doctor's.

A number intend going up to the city to see the Duke.

On Monday evening, Sept. 26th, a number of the young people of Mariposa Station assembled at the residence of Mr. Thos. H. Foster to bid his son, Dr. Foster, farewell on the eve of his departure for Wisconsin. A very pleasant evening was spent in music, singing, games, etc.

The doctor was one of our most popular young men and all wish him abundant success in his new home.

Early Friday morning a frame house just east of the village at the creek and belonging to an old lady, Mrs. James, was destroyed by fire. How the fire originated is a complete mystery. It seems that it started in some cedar shavings in the woodshed and how they took fire is unknown. Nearly all the contents were destroyed. We understand there was no insurance.

Early Wednesday morning the outlook for our fair seemed a very blue one, but despite the threatening appearance of the weather, the hustling directors worked with no less enthusiasm. Soon after dinner the lowering clouds broke and once in a while Old Sol looked through with reassuring smiles. By three o'clock a large crowd had gathered on the grounds and the careworn look passed from President Channon's face. In the live stock the showing was as usual, good, while in the vegetable shed the display was a fine one. The hall possessed a scantier appearance than of other years, there not being as much competition. In the evening a first-class concert was given in the town hall whose seating capacity was taxed to the utmost. The efforts of the talent secured was well appreciated, it being their first appearance in Oakwood. At a late hour the national anthem was played by the Lindsay Citizen Band which rendered excellent services throughout the day thus bringing to a close another of the banner townships' fairs.

PLOW FOR SALE—A first-class second-hand iron plow is for sale at Sylvester's showroom. It is suitable for use at the plowing match. Price \$10.

TRICK PHOTOGRAPHY

SOME LIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE TRUTHFUL CAMERA.

Simple Mechanism or Juggling With Perspective Brings Odd Results. The Man in the Bottle—Making a Fat Woman Thin.

The notion that the camera cannot lie has become one of the few fixed tenets of popular belief; but, while this opinion is true in the strictest interpretation of the phrase, yet the man behind the lens or he who has charge of the developing process can so manipulate the unsuspecting instrument or the equally innocent negative that were a camera endowed with the sense of perception it would never recognize its own handiwork.

Of late years trick photography and fake photographs have become distinct features of the photographer's art, and effects are easily produced which belie the subjects at which the camera is aimed. But the question naturally arises, How can this be done when the camera has to record the impression of things as they are? It is by juggling with the perspective or by simple mechanism only that these apparent phenomena in the photographic line are produced.

In the first place it is necessary to understand that there is a difference between trick photography and so-called "fake" photography. The term "fake" photography is applied to the transposition of subjects from the original background to a new one in which the person or group taken may never have been. It is "trick" photography which is the more interesting, as it calls for a certain amount of cleverness and ingenuity on the part of the operator.

One of the best examples of this sort of picture taking is the photographing of a person in a bottle. Now of course no person is possessed of a glass bottle large enough to hold a human being, and the dullest beholder must suspect a trick. The explanation, however, of the manner in which it is done is surprisingly simple. In this instance a single plate is used. The subject to be taken in the bottle is first placed in front of a carefully timed exposure of just enough duration to bring out the object distinctly. Then the empty bottle is placed against a dark background, and, after carefully adjusting the focus so that the object first taken may be well within the lines of the neck, bottom and sides of the bottle, a picture of this bottle is taken on the same plate at just twice the exposure of the first object photographed. When the plate is developed, the bottle naturally comes up first, with the first impression neatly inside, as it appears.

Some few years ago photographers were puzzled and members of the theatrical profession amused by the publication of a series of photographs of popular actresses who are noted for their ample proportions as much as for their ability to entertain large audiences. But in the pictures they were shown with sylphlike forms, although shown with the unmistakable photographs. At first it was claimed that the deception was caused by the employment of mirrors, but in reality it was merely taking advantage of one of the elementary laws of perspective.

A certain corpulent actress was posing for her picture in the studio of a theatrical publication. The photographer had placed her at a dressing table in a dressing room he found the illusion of a second picture. This he did and in choosing one took a screen on which was the lithograph of a weighty burlesque queen. Greatly to his surprise when the plate was developed the picture of the actress came out all right, but the woman on the poster was shown as having a tall and extremely thin figure. It then occurred to the experimenter that the camera had caught the refracted rays from the screen at an angle and the surface, being consequently showed its horizontal lines considerably narrowed.

He then conceived the idea of reproducing in a similar manner the photographs of celebrities of ample girth, which made a decided hit.

Another mystifying spectacle is that of a person or group shown twice on one plate. This is done by covering half the plate for the first exposure and then utilizing the unused half for a second picture while the first is kept carefully screened from the light. By the employment of mirrors, many queer effects may be introduced, but that savors a little stronger of charlatanism.

The fake photograph is mainly the product of the exigencies of the modern illustrated daily and the general "cussedness" of celebrities when they ought to be together instead of straying far enough apart to be out of common focus. The fake photograph ought only to be used as a last resort, but they are so easily made that they are resorted to on the slightest provocation.

These photographs come into play mainly when group pictures are wanted, and the shears and pastepot go far to their making. For instance, suppose an ocean liner is to sail on which are booked a few senators, a duke, a party of jockeys and a popular actress. To get the picture of the pier and ship is no easy matter, but to be fortunate enough to obtain at the same time those of the well known passengers is a different matter. This difficulty is got around by the photographer first getting the picture of the surrounding as a background and then taking on separate plates those of such of the voyagers required of whom they happen not to have a photo in stock. After these are developed the pictures of the individuals are cut out, after first being reduced to the necessary size, pasted on the desired background, and the whole is reproduced, generally in half tone. In this way are taken the pictures of the high divers who are cleverly transported to the top of photographs of high poles or spring boards. As may be inferred by this "unprofessional" method, a subject may be placed in any background.

Then there are the freak photographs, a combination of fortuitous circumstances for which the amateur is generally responsible. But that is another story.

Echoes of Bankruptcy.
The Bankrupt (sighing)—I still have my flowers. Fresh and sparkling in the morning sun, they'll still console me.
Sympathetic Friend—That's strange. They ought to remind you of your trouble.
The Bankrupt—Why?
Sympathetic Friend—Because, like your bills, they are all over dew.—New York Times.

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CAMERON

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Perrin, Mrs. Wm. Ferguson and Miss L. Eyes went to see the beauties of the Pan-American this week.

Almost every one in this locality is busy with either mangolds or potatoes. Potatoes are but a moderate crop, but mangolds are generally good.

Miss M. Switzer is paying a brief visit to eastern friends.

Mr. E. Fee is doing quite a stroke of business pressing hay in this locality.

Apples and fruit generally, are a short crop.

Quite a number of the boys of this community have gone soldiering to Toronto and to see the Duke and Duchess. Mr. J. S. Martin went to make the broth.

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