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THE SINGLE TAX AND THE ASSESSMENT

A workingman reader of the News has written to inquire what Twelve Tables is the meaning of the term single tax. The occasion is a timely one to give more than a paragraphic explanation. At the present moment the question of whether the city revenues are to be raised by a single tax or not is of unusual importance.

A city requires revenue to pay public officers, and carry out public works. It raises these revenues almost entirely by taxation. Even license fees for the privilege of running liquor bars, theatres, circus and moving picture shows are an indirect way of taxing the citizens. The question of the best and fairest way of raising revenue by taxation is one of the most important considerations for a members of a city or town council to decide.

The two chief means of raising revenue have been the taxation of privately owned lands and privately owned improvements on the land. The improvements are usually houses and shops and other kinds of buildings. At a superficial glance it seemed the fairest and most equitable form of civic taxation, taxing every man according to his wealth.

But it has been observed by modern observers, that this system did not always work out either fairly or in the best interests of the city. Improvements on land never grow in value. They deteriorate from the moment of their completion. Land is different. Within the city limits, it almost invariably keeps on growing in value. Speculators who were shrewd enough, realised that so long as their neighbors were at work improving their lands by erecting buildings, it paid them better to keep their own property idle, until the other men had built up the neighborhood. The taxes on idle land being usually small, it was easy to hold their land idle.

The result was that the men who improved the district had to pay nearly all the taxes and not only a small benefit; the man who retarded the progress of the district by keeping his land idle, paid very small taxes, and reaped a bigger benefit than his neighbors. It did The New Knox Hotel is run on the European not work out fairly.

One rich family, who owned a block in the heart of the city of FIRST AVENUE. PRINCE RUPERT Liverpool, by keeping it idle for nearly sixty years, saw it grow in value from twelve pounds to over two hundred thousand pounds. The taxes on it were more than paid by the rents of the ugly hoardings ... Grand Hotel... which enclosed it. The tremendous increment was their reward for Spring Beds, clean White Sheets 25c keeping the block an eyesore for generations.

The single tax proposal is a proposal to abolish every other tax, and have one single tax on land. This tax would be so adjusted as to take as nearly as may be the whole of the economic rent—that is the higher price which one piece of land brings over another owing to its desirable site—sometimes styled "the unearned increment of land values."

By placing taxes equally on improved and unimproved lands several good results are achieved:

(1) It simplifies and economises the work of taxation.

(2) It makes land more available for industry, since it makes it more difficult for owners who do not wish to use the land themselves to keep it idle for larger future prices.

(3) It makes for stability by destroying in large degree specu-

lative land values. (4) It helps industry, by removing a repressive tax from the products of labor, and makes the tax a force compelling owners

of idle land to place improvements on them. (5) It tends to equalise the distribution of riches, because it is usually the rich who own idle land. The poor man's lot usually has his cottage on it.

Opponents of the single tax idea professed to fear that in any city in which it were put in force, it would at once cause a slump in real estate values, and drive investors away. But when it was adopted in Vancouver, real estate leaped in value. The benefits the single IN BOTH PRIVATE AND BUSINESS HOUSES tax brought to the community, reacted to develop the real estate market.

The first council of Prince Rupert accepted the philosophy of the single tax idea, and exempted improvements. Some of the present council announced themselves as favoring the single tax idea during the last election. While the Mayor has declined to express himself as to the council's policy this year, it is improbable that a reversion to the effete custom of penalising the men who improve the city and favoring those who retard its progress by keeping their lands unimproved would be thought of for one moment.

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...\$1,915 RUBBISH MUST BE CLEARED

Not Only the Foreign Immigr-Aldermen who Should Know Dirt Accumulate.

Unless the citizens of Prince Prince Rupert, B.C. Rupert, the householders, the business men, and yes, even the alder- \$700 Buys Rooming House on 3rd Ave. Nine furnished rooms, men get busy pretty soon and all rented. A snap. clean up their back and front yards, there is going to be trouble for them. Sanitary Inspector McFarlane \$250 Buys store and House on the main street at Kitselas.

to be by the residents themselves, and unless some sign of improvment is shown from today onwards the Sanitary Inspector will take the matter into his hands a employ men to clean up the 1/40 lease of Rooming House untidy and insanitary places at section 1. Rent \$45 per month. the expense of the delinquents.

It may be necessary to have before the Magitsreate over the x 70. Accommodates 30 people. business, and the Sanitary Indetermination to do his duty even ridge Landing, (mile 85.) to this length if need be.

all the blame for untidiness and insanitary conditions on the foreign \$50 Per Acre. Just a nice little Pub May Skeen element," he says. "Some of the farm buildings included in acre price. business men are quite as careless | 1-4 mile from railway. and some of the aldermen are as "ASK UNCLE JERRY" bad as anyone else. The hot weather is coming in, when sani- \$17,500 Buys live, going hotel. Five years lease. Cash tataion must be strictly attended \$7,500, balance in one and two years. to, and everyone ought to attend to this for the sake of the whole \$ 2 5 0 0 Buys 5 room House

BEDS 50c UP the Sanitary Inspector mentioned can be arranged. that it has taken five men about a week merely to cart away the \$5500 Buys Nine Room House with basement, hot and brated avenue. Sanitary Inspec- Time payments arranged. tor McFarlane has at least the \$5180 Buys elegant eight room Bungalow; four fire-places satisfaction of knowing that his efforts at a clean-up in this particular direction have been effec- \$300 Buys five room House on Reserve. tive. Matter is more easily dealt with than morals.

CAPT. ROBERTSON APPOIN-

Is Made Agent for the Marine Department for B. C.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Ottawa, May 13.-Capt. Robertson of Victoria, was this morning appointed to the post of agent for the Department of Marine and

Hints to Investors No. 6

Investigate some advertised real estate on your next outing. The most profitable "little journeys" that are made, in and about this city, are those made in answering The Daily News classified ads.

set before us will be the Wolgast- \$3750 Burns mill, which Promoter Jim Croffroth has down for decision at Blot's open air arena on the after moon of May 27.

President George Shreeder o the Tacoma Club is hollering for \$400 Buys lot in section 6. Price \$850 a milder sentence in the case of for the rest of the season for THERE is an increasing demand for B. C. occupation carpenter later to Coast Range 5 chains south, thence 40 chains taking a punch at Umpire Jack Ward.

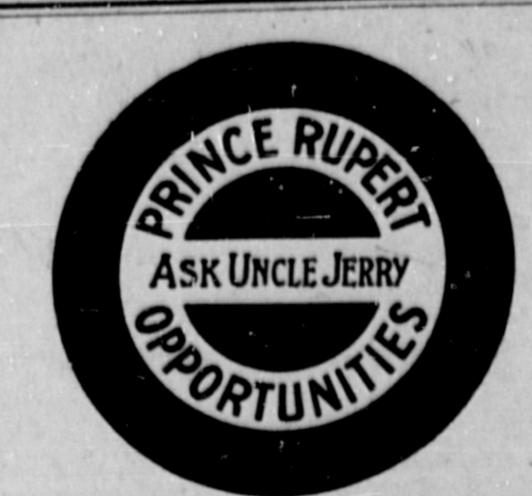
JAPS WANT COMPENSATION

Are Afraid International Conference Will Stop Sealing-

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Victoria, May 13.—Petitions have been prepared by the owners of Japanese sealing schooners en- ous of taking advantage of "snaps" to Dated Apr I 14, 1911. J. HAROLD McKEAN gaged in the North Pacific, calling invest only where offerings are made at upon the Tokio government to much below present market quotations. insist upon compensation for the WE are able to pick up for our clients to apply for permission to purchase the following loss of their industry in the event of the international conference at Washington stopping sealing.

The modern store aims to make vestment and are looking for real barthe housewife's shopping hour rest- gains call in and talk it over. I can * ful and interesting to her-not show you how to make quick profits. strenuous and nerve-wrecking. If * the shopper is an ad-reader, this * is easy to do.



Aldermen who Should Know \$3200 Buys 160 acres of Fruit Rupert, apply for Aldermen who Should Know \$3200 and Vegetable land at Kit-described Better, Have Been Letting selas. Half mile from Railway. Fine

\$1875 Buys 75 1-8 acres of Fruit Pub. May 18. mile from the Railway.

"ASK UNCLE JERRY"

declares that the city is not pron Buys Furniture and Lease nearly as tidily kept as it ought \$500 for two years of Ten Room House. Toilet and bath.

> \$800 Cash—First payment on \$4,-200 Rooming House, 25 x 100, 2 story and basement. Balance pay Dated April 18, 1911. able \$100 monthly.

TOE Buys Furniture and 31-2 year

"ASK UNCLE JERRY" some of them summoned to appear \$1900 Cash buys 2 story Rooming House at Kitselas, 47

spector is prepared to carry his \$50 Per Acre. 155 1-4 acres, with spector is prepared to carry his buildings included at Brecken-

"It's not good enough to throw \$18 Per Acre. 422 acres in the famous Lakelse Valley.

of payment can be arranged. As an instance of how rubbish accumulates during the winter, \$6000 Buys Double Apartment House in section 6. Terms

accumulation from a certain cele- cold water, and modern conveniences.

bath, all modern conveniences.

"ASK UNCLE JERRY" \$2700 Buys 4 room House in sec-

iences including bath. \$3000 Buys 7 room House in sec- Pub. May 13.

\$50 Per month will rent a 50-foot store on Second Avenue.

"ASK UNCLE JERRY" \$100 Per month. We are offering for rent a fine Store on Sec-

ond Avenue, 25 x 47. \$1000 Buys fine Storehouse on Third Avenue.

ent Per month rents Store an Living Room on Fulton St. Offices for Rent in the Banking District

"ASK UNCLE JERRY"

The next attractive dish to be \$800 Buys lot in section 1.

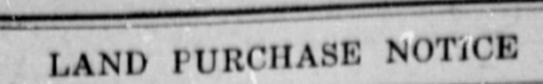
\$840 Buys lot in section 5. This is a snap for cash. \$550 Buys two lots in section b Easy terms.

Buys lot in section 6. Price \$1025. Good terms on bal.

dwelling houses and apartments. B. C. occupation carpenter, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described Anyone having houses and apartments for rent to be vacant at any time in the near future should list them with us at once as we have many demands by mail from parties who desire to secure quarters by the time they arrive here.

AM daily asked my opinion as to the permanent values of real estate in such enquiries I honestly state that any Prince Rupert properties, at present valuations, are a good investment. 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 but I advise my clients who are desir- chains, thence north 80

who have ready cash for investments good properiies at from 20 to 40 watching of fluctuations and chances by our staff. If you have cash for in- Pub. May 13.



of Lot 1116, Harvey's Survey, Coast District, following described lands: Dated May 8, 1911.

Francis S. Preston, Agent

of White and Flat rivers, thence 80 chains south Pub. March 4.

thence 80 chains east

Dated April 20, 1911. CHARLES M. KNOUSE

Francis S. Preston, Agent

Dated April 18, 1911.

Francis S. Preston, Agen, Skeena Land District-District of Cassiar B. C., occupation bookkeeper, intend to

Dated April 18, 1911.

Pub. May 13. Take notice that I, Alfred Kyte of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation electrician, intend to Dated Feb. 14, apply for permission to purchase the fellowing Pub. March 4.

Commencing at a post planted about (3) three miles south of the forks of the White and Flat Dated April 18, 1911. ALFRED KYTE

Francis S. Preston, Agent Skeena Land District—District of Cassiar Take notice that I, John Robert Pacey of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation cook, intend to apply

Easy White and Flat rivers, thence south 80 chains Dated Apr | 20, 1911 JOHN ROBERT PACEY | intends to apply for pern

Take not ce that I, Martha Leek, of Frince chains south, thence Commencing at a post planted about three and pne-half miles distant in a southwesterly direction Pub. May 6 rom a blind slough from Observatory Inlet where

MARTHA LEEK Dated Apr l 14, 1911.

one-half miles distant in a south westerly direction from a blind slough from Observatory Inlet where the same touches the Indian Reserve the where mencement, containing 640 acres more or 1 Dated April 14, 1911.

Pub. May 13. Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5
Take notice that I, J. Harold McKean of Prince
Rupert, B. C., occupat on blacksm th, intend to south, thence 80 chains east Prince Rupert for investment. To all apply for perm ssion to purchase the following Commencing at a post planted about three and ne-half miles d stant in a south westerly direction Dated May 2, 1911.

Skeena Land District—District of Cassiar Take notice that I, Alice M. Knouse of Prince

commencing at a post planted about two miles | thence 80 chains per cent. below the market by careful east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence Pub. May 6. Dated April 20, 1911. ALICE M. KNOUGE

Take notice that I, Sydney Fitzgerald of Stewart.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

Skeena Land District - District of Cassiar
Take notice that I, John McDonald of Prince

Dated March 7, 1911

Skeena Land District - District of Coast. Take notice that I. Leslie E. Walter, of Vancon

Take notice that Mrs. L. C. Putnam

Take notice that Goorge Levick of 1

Dated Feb. 14, 1911.

Dated April 17, 1911.

Take notice that I. Lauchlan Joh

keena Land District-District of Coast Range Take notice that Lettie McTavish from a blind slough from Observatory Inlet where Pub. May 6.

Francis S. Preston, Agent Pub. May 6. Fred W. Bohler, Age

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