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A By-law for levying and specifying the rate of assessment on Real Estate and Personal Property in the City of Charlottetown for general civic purposes under Statute 51 Victoria, Chapter 12.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown as follows:—
1st. The rate of assessment on Real Estate for general civic purposes under said Statute, for the year commencing the first day of January, A. D. 1900, is hereby specified and fixed at the rate of one per cent on every dollar of the value of Real Estate, as assessed by the assessors of the said City of Charlottetown in the General Assessment Book and Valuation Roll of all Real Estate and Personal Property liable to taxation in said City, and of all persons liable to pay Poll Tax therein, made and duly returned by them on the twelfth day of April, A. D. 1900.

2nd. The rate of assessment on Personal Property for such general civic purposes, for the year commencing the first day of January, A. D. 1900, and ending the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1900, is hereby specified and fixed at the rate of seven-eighths of one per cent on every dollar of the value of Personal Property as assessed by the Assessors of the said City in the General Assessment Book and Valuation Roll made and duly returned by them as aforesaid.

JAMES WARBURTON, Mayor.
H. M. DAVIDSON, City Clerk.

A By-law for allowing a Rate of Discount on the Assessments on Real Estate and Personal Property in the City of Charlottetown for general civic purposes for the current year ending the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1900.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown as follows:—
1st. A discount at the rate of Two and One-half Per Cent shall be allowed to all taxpayers who shall, on or before the sixteenth day of July next, A. D. 1900, pay to the City Clerk, at his office, the taxes severally due by them for the current year on Real Estate and Personal Property for civic purposes.

JAMES WARBURTON, Mayor.
H. M. DAVIDSON, City Clerk.

A By-Law for Levying and Specifying the Rate of Assessment on Real Estate and Personal Property and Poll in the City of Charlottetown for a Waterworks Fund, under Statute 50 Victoria, Chapter 8.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown as follows:—
1st. The rate of Assessment on Real Estate for a Waterworks Fund under said Statute for the year commencing the first day of January, A. D. 1900, and ending the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1900, is hereby specified and fixed at the rate of one-eighth of one per cent on every dollar of the value of Real Estate as assessed by the Assessors of the said City of Charlottetown in the general Assessment Book and Valuation Roll of all Real Estate and Personal Property liable to taxation in said City, and all persons liable to pay Poll Tax therein, made and duly returned by them on the twelfth day of April, A. D. 1900.

2nd. The rate of Assessment on Personal Property for such Water Works Fund for the year commencing the first day of January, A. D. 1900, and ending the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1900, is hereby specified and fixed at the rate of one-eighth of one per cent on every dollar of the value of Personal Property as assessed by the Assessors of the said City in the said City in the General Assessment Book and Valuation Roll made and duly returned by them as aforesaid.

3rd. The amount of Poll Tax to be paid by every person returned by the said Assessors in said General Assessment Book and Valuation Roll as liable thereto for such Water Works Fund under said Statute, for the year commencing the first day of January, A. D. 1900, and ending the 31st day of December, A. D. 1900, is hereby specified and fixed at the sum of Ten Cents (10c) on the poll of every person so assessed and returned as aforesaid.

JAMES WARBURTON, Mayor.
H. M. DAVIDSON, City Clerk.

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Ch'town, May 12th, 1900.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF QUEEN'S COUNTY.

(Continued from page 1.)

sented to resign my seat on one condition, that an election should be held before the meeting of the Legislature, so that you should not be unrepresented when the House met for business. We met Mr. Farquharson and he consented to this condition and signed a writing that effect. The resignation and written promise were left with him, and they were put together. This was on February 28th, last. A few days afterward, on March 3rd, Mr. Farquharson told me that my resignation wasn't right, that there was a word omitted from it and he desired another. I consented, and in Mr. Newbery's office, in the Provincial Building, a new resignation was written out which I signed. The premier's written promise was spoken of at this time, and I understood the premier intended to destroy it. I objected, and insisted that they must go together, and Mr. Farquharson consented, and they were both left with Mr. Newbery. What followed? Although I had not before this the highest opinion of Mr. Farquharson. Still I never doubted that a promise in writing from anyone who had the least pretensions to honor and truth, would be observed. A few days after the 3rd of March, about a week, my resignation was sent to the Speaker, Mr. Cummiskey, and the Premier's written promise was taken by him from Mr. Newbery, and he now holds it from the light of day, when it does not belong to him—a reproach to him for his broken faith and unkept word. Mr. Cummiskey promptly notified the Lieutenant Governor, and the latter about the 12th of March last, ordered a writ for the election to be issued, and this order was promptly received at the proper office and a writ was duly made out leaving certain blanks to be filled up; and from that day to this, although two months have elapsed, nothing further has been done. Who is responsible for this outrageous and flagrant violation of law? It is quite clear what the law requires, outside of any demands of honor and good faith arising out of the agreement made with me. The election law has been openly and contemptuously violated, and that by the premier; for in the absence any explanation he must accept the responsibility. A violation of a statute is a criminal offence and punishable as such. Why are not the criminals punished? The leader of the government can stamp the laws under his feet, and act as if they never had any existence, and there is not enough of manhood among his supporters to call him to an account.

When I found that no election would be held before the meeting of the Legislature, and that a whole constituency would remain unrepresented by arbitrary conduct of the premier while the House would be in session transacting the business of the country, and feeling that I had been deceived and tricked by an unprincipled act as ever disgraced a public man, I determined to take my seat the first day of the session. My resignation was procured by unblushing fraud on the part of Mr. Farquharson, for purposes base and dishonorable; and when I discovered that fraud, I at once repudiated the act which the fraud procured. I made no secret of my intention to take my seat, and Mr. Farquharson and his followers knew it well. When I took my seat on the first day, the government intended to expel me. Then, fearing to do so in broad daylight, because their deeds were evil, they turned all spectators out; but so conscious were they of wrong-doing that, at the last moment, their courage failed them, and recoiling from their unworthy purpose they adjourned the House without doing anything.

Something, however, had to be done. Some one opposed to them had to go if they were to keep their offices and feed any longer at the public crib. It mattered little who; but as I was the victim of the Premier's fraud and deception, there appeared less risk in forcibly ejecting me than anyone else. And so I am told they met together in caucus and harangued the speaker, harangued each other, and threatened the officers, and deter-

mined, come what would, that I must be dragged from my seat. I proceeded next day to the House and took my seat. After routine, the galleries and standing room were again cleared of spectators. The doors were closed and bolted. Mr. Cummiskey, seated in the Speaker's chair, ordered me to leave. I politely declined, and attempted to speak. I wished to make a statement about my resignation, and the means employed to obtain it. I thought there might be enough fair-play among my old friends on the Government side to at least appoint a committee of the House which could take evidence on oath and deal with the whole matter. I was not permitted to speak. Mr. Cummiskey ordered the officers of the House to seize me. Mr. Farquharson sprang to his feet, pulled his watch and chain off, put them in his desk, and came over shaking his fists in the faces of Opposition members to frighten and overawe them so that there should be no mistake about the job this time. I was pulled, dragged, forced, and carried into the Speaker's room and kept there in prison, guarded and watched, with an official standing over me for upwards of an hour, when on the adjournment of the House I was given my liberty. And this is responsible government in Prince Edward Island, under the benign ægis of Farquharson leadership.

It will be for you, gentlemen, electors, as well as for those of the whole province, if representative government is to continue among us, to pass in judgment upon these and other doings of this Government.

I have every confidence that, when the opportunity of doing so arrives, you will not be slow to condemn conduct such as I have described and relegate into oblivion the men and party guilty of it. I have the honor to be gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
JOSEPH WISE.
Milton May 12th, 1900.

KOORN SPRUIT DISASTER.

Eagerly England has waited a month for the details of the disaster at Koorn spruit. It will be remembered that it was there on March 31st that the British forces in the Free State lost 518 men, seven guns, and some 80 waggons full of stores. The arrival of the latest mails from South Africa has once more brought the matter into public discussion. The London papers within the last few days have columns and columns of detailed descriptions of Koorn Spruit from their correspondents. Private letters upon the same topic have arrived and been printed. Yet the only mention of the Duke of Teck is one reporting an instance of hopeful bravery. This is told by Lord Cecil Manners, the correspondent of the Morning Post, and is as follows:—Owing to their (the Household Cavalry) having been in the rear of the convoy covering the retreat from the only force of the enemy known to exist when the firing began (from the other side of the river), their losses, apart from their baggage and servants, who were all, or nearly all, captured with the convoy, being wounded, unfortunately, in two places—in the hand and the thigh—Lieut. Meade probably owed his safety from capture to the gallantry of Prince

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Adolphus of Teck, who was one of officers in charge of the convoy, and who gave him up his horse, remaining himself unmounted for a considerable time. The phrase "one of the officers in charge" is ambiguous, though the personal bravery is pronounced.

Mr. Spenser Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in The Morning Post of London says:—"The Boers are now approaching their final agony. Lord Roberts has 40,000 men beyond the Zand River. With General Buller there are 30,000, and with General Hunter 10,000. Against the pressure of these various columns the Boers can make no effective resistance. A collapse must follow the first battle in which the Boers make a determined stand and are well beaten. The interest in the question is whether the Transvaal Government will then submit, or will encourage the burghers to continue a hopeless struggle to the point of their general ruin. The latter alternative is by no means improbable."

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