

KAY'S NEW DEPARTMENT

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WORK OF ASSESSMENT DEPT.

Assessment Commissioner Forman, in his annual report issued yesterday, announced a number of real estate transfers up to Dec. 1 was \$878, as against \$610 in 1904.

The increase in the assessment is \$20,376,248, made up as follows: Land increased \$2,450,555; buildings, \$7,256,774; business assessment over personality assessment, \$6,387,915; income assessment, \$4,287,773.

There is a 10 per cent. due to changes in the Assessment Act. Of the total increase \$10,800,000 is credited to Ward Three.

The number of buildings is 47,938, of which 15,096 are occupied by owners and

The following increases in comparing assessments are noted: Toronto Railway Co., \$482,660; Consumers' Gas Co., \$410,682; Electric Light Co., \$221,532; C.P.R. Telegraph Co., \$59,832; G.N.W. Telegraph Co., \$53,881; Grand Trunk, \$433,877; C.P.R., \$355,666. The assess-

was \$250,142 less this year, owing to the special legislation.

The amount collected for local improvement in 1904 was \$516,237, as against \$520,237 for this year.

Twenty-three leasehold properties were dealt with, seventeen leases on city property were renewed, and five taken over by the city and one property sold.

The parcels of tax sale property disposed of up to Dec. 16 numbered 107, the prices realized totaling \$67,304. The taxes against them amounted to \$37,353. In 1904 seventy-three parcels were disposed of, the sum realized being \$43,379, being \$21,957 in excess of the taxes.

The department sent out 5566 communications during the year. The commissioner was asked to report on the

value of property to the amount of \$850,000.

ALBANY MOTHER SURPRISES DOCTORS

Gives Birth to Two Children Within Space of Four Months.

Albany, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Frederick Wiltz, this city, is the mother of a three days' old daughter, who she insists was born 116 days, or less than four months, after she had given birth to a son. Her story is partially vouch-

ed for Dr. George T. Mosten, a reputable physician, who attended her. The father is employed in the New York Central car shops at West Albany.

and both parents are a few lions on over 20 years ago, he said.

Dr. Weston said to-night that he believed the woman's story, altho such an occurrence was, so far as he knew, unprecedented in authentic medical annals.

"The child is normal," he said, "and I am the other child, who is evidently not more than four months old, showing as yet no sign of a tooth."

Mrs. Wilt's mother and family all vouch for the truth of her story. Personally I am satisfied that they are telling the truth."

Other physicians are sceptical, tho none would say that the occurrence was impossible.

The interest in the expected arrival of Messrs. Torrey and Alexander, the evangelists, now of world-wide reputation, in this city, is not by any means confined to the religious world. The doings of these men in their journey around the world has been writ large in the page of secular history.

some might suppose. However much we may be able to account for it, there have come times in all the centuries of the Christian era when great waves of thought or sentiment, have it what you will, have swept over communities, and this is especially true of the peoples of the active brain and restless energy that characterize the Anglo-Saxon race. Such a wave commencing in the Antipodes, recently reached the shores of England, has swept over the British Isles, and is approaching our own land or Canada. It is said that prophets have no honor in their own country. It

remains, therefore, to be seen whether these men, hailing from the Western States, will, when their mission in Canada will have been accomplished, excite as much interest in their own land as they have done in more conservative countries. Why these great waves come, or whence they arise, we must leave to the theologians to discuss.

Interest, and possibly for the benefit of those who will shortly have an opportunity of judging for themselves. There are many who, like the Athenians of old, will be curious to know "what this new doctrine whereof thou speakest is, for thou bringest certain strange things to our ears."

One remarkable feature of the phenomenal gatherings at the Torrey-Alexander meetings, as well as of those where things have recently been turned

upside down in Wales, has been that the wave has swept into the meeting largely those who might be supposed to have the least interest in such matters. Explain this as you may, it is a fact. There is a strange power accompanying these men which it is impossible to account for by ordinary modes of reasoning. Men who have gone (as thousands

have done) to these meetings out of mere curiosity are the most surprised of all, and many of them have become the most interested, for new vistas of thought have opened up to them, and their lives and their inspirations have been changed. And yet the instruments seem entirely inadequate. Mr. Alexander is certainly a master of song, and Mr.

force, tho' not eloquent. He, however, tells the truth, as he understands it, in a plain, practical way. As one business man would talk to another. But all this is not sufficient to account for the extraordinary results that have followed.

Another feature to be remarked upon is that these men are not after money

or personal ease or aggrandizement. Entirely some other, and we may suppose some high, motive actuates them in their self-imposed labor. We can only suggest that those whose curiosity has been aroused should go and hear them and then judge for themselves.

Canse, N. S., Dec. 26—(Special).—While fishing in Chedabucto Bay today, William Rogers and his brother, who were fishing from a dory, were run down by a fishing boat, Hilda Morley, the dory upset and William was drowned.

A Day Late.

Washington, Dec. 26.—A son was born to Secretary and Mrs. Loeb to-day.



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