

Start the year right by buying a new car. Do not wait until you can cash. We can sell you a desirable car with a cash payment of \$500.00. Balance in half-yearly installments. Prices are advancing. Call on us at once and buy.

H. H. WILLIAMS & CO.
Real Estate Brokers, 28 Victoria St.

PROBS—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fair and colder.

Special Advertising Room
100-110-120
SENATE P.O.

The Toronto World.

TWELVE PAGES—FRIDAY MORNING JANUARY 1, 1909—TWELVE PAGES

PHOTOGRAPHERS
We have a studio on King Street for rent, office, ground floor, studio on first floor, workrooms on second floor and printing room on roof.
H. H. WILLIAMS & CO.
Real Estate Brokers, 28 Victoria St.

29TH YEAR

LICENSE REDUCTION IS USED TO CLOAK THE TRICKS OF PARTY POLITICIANS

4-TRACK VIADUCT COMMISSION ORDERS

Toronto to Pay One-third Cost Elevated Structure From York to Cherry-streets—Victory for City.

The unexpected, but no less welcome, announcement of a decree ordering the construction of a four-track railway viaduct along the Esplanade was received yesterday from Ottawa. The city asked for a six-track viaduct. It is practically an adoption of the plan submitted by the board of trade.

The order, forwarded by the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners to the city legal department, reads:

THE ORDER.
IT IS ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. That the railway companies submit to the board, within sixty days from the date of this order, a plan showing at least four tracks of railway elevated and carried over the streets now open in the city between York and Cherry-streets, both included, at a height sufficient to give a clear headway not less than 14 feet between the present level of the street and the superstructure at each crossing; and showing John-street, Spadina-avenue and Bathurst-street carried over the railway tracks by bridges at a height sufficient to give, under each bridge, a clear headway of 22 feet 6 inches above rail level.

2. That within two years from the date of the approval of the said plan by the board, York-street be extended from its present terminus southerly to the water front.

3. That within two years from the approval of the said plan by the board, the railway companies alter and arrange their yards and sidings so that no tracks on ground level shall cross York-street, Bay-street, Yonge-street or Church-street in the said city.

4. That after two years from the date of the approval of the said plan by the board, no locomotive or car be moved on tracks at ground level between Church-street and York-street, except between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. during the season of lake navigation, and between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. during the remainder of the year, provided, however, that cars containing fruit or other perishable merchandise may be moved across streets within the limits between York-street and Church-street, and that, in such cases, the train (engine, car, or cars) to warn persons on such streets that a train is approaching.

5. That no amount be paid to the city as damages or otherwise for any city property which may be taken or used by the railway companies in the elevation of their tracks or the rearrangement of their terminals, as shown on the plan submitted by the board.

6. That the city pay one-third of the cost: (1) of the elevation of four tracks, excepting rails and track-laying; (2) of the elevation of bridges at John-street, Spadina-avenue and Bathurst-street; and (3) of the substitution of one set of necessary tracks at the proposed new Union Station, with a concourse such as that suggested in the plan submitted by the board.

7. That all claims for damages (other than those of the city and the railway companies) recoverable by reason of the elevation of the tracks of the railway companies in accordance with the plan approved by the board, be adjusted or settled by the city; and that, after settlement, two-thirds of the amount required to make such settlement be paid to the city by the railway companies.

8. That the manner and expense of removing York-street bridge, and the extension of York-street as herein ordered, be arranged between the city and the railway companies; and that, in case they fail to agree, the points at issue be referred to and settled by the board.

9. That the proportion which each railway company shall pay of the cost

Continued on Page 8.

C.P.R. TRAIN DERAILLED.

Miss Dever of Pembroke Injured at Gull Lake, Sask.

GULL LAKE, Sask., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Charles Tait, aged 40, of Omaha, Neb., traveling home by way of the coast, was killed, and Miss G. Dever, Pembroke, Ont., slightly cut and bruised as a result of the derailment of a Canadian Pacific Transcontinental No. 57, westbound, four miles west of here early this morning. The accident was due to a broken rail. Two other passengers were slightly hurt.

The dining and sleeping cars were pitched down 25-foot embankment.

1908—A Retrospect

The outstanding feature of the year 1907 was the financial panic. The outstanding feature of 1908 has been a gradual recovery from that panic, aided by the tremendous crops in the west. The situation was also improved by the long fall and mild winter which kept navigation open unusually late and relieved the railways from any congestion on account of snow and inclement weather. It appeared at one time as tho the C.P.R. strike might be a disturbing factor, but this was finally settled, not entirely to the satisfaction of the men but to the great relief of the country.

The year 1908 was quite an election year on this continent. The Dominion general elections occurred on Oct. 26 and resulted in the return of the Laurier government with a somewhat reduced majority. Prior to this, the provincial general elections had indicated a marked drift toward the opposition. On March 2 the Conservatives swept New Brunswick by an unprecedented majority, and on June 8 the Whitney government scored a most convincing victory in Ontario. The Quebec elections, held on the same day as the Ontario elections, resulted in the return of the Gouin government, but the premier was personally defeated in St. James' division, Montreal, by Henri Bourassa, who, assisted by Armand Lavergne and other Nationalists, will act with the strategic Conservatives in opposition. In Saskatchewan, the Scott government obtained a snap verdict. Prince Edward Island was almost a tie election, and in our sister state of Newfoundland the parties broke precisely even.

The year had its full share of fatalities. The recent earthquake in Italy, if all reports are true, is the most tremendous calamity in the matter of loss of life that has occurred in the Christian era. On April 23 a landslide at the village of Notre Dame de la Salette, Que., resulted in the death of a number of people, and there were other casualties in Canada, especially railway wrecks, but no one of them of an especially startling character. Great damage was done by forest fires, especially in the western districts of British Columbia, where enormous loss was inflicted and some lives lost. A fire at Three Rivers, Que., destroyed many historic landmarks, but in the end it will no doubt benefit the city.

The picturesque feature of the year was the tercentenary held at Quebec in July, which was graced by the presence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Field Marshal Roberts, Vice-president, Fairbanks and a number of distinguished visitors. Largely owing to the generous aid of the city of Quebec, some \$50,000 was raised by voluntary contribution to purchase for the city the site of a new park, to be held and dedicated for a national park. A great deal of the success of the celebration was due to the commission appointed by the government, which included Sir Denison and Byron E. Walker, C.Y.O.

During the year a number of well-known Canadians passed away. Judge A. C. Killam, who had virtually organized and directed the Dominion Railway Commission, weakened by overwork, died suddenly from an acute attack of pneumonia on March 1. Hon. James G. Macdonald, as premier of Manitoba, appointed later in the year to the railway commission, died before assuming the duties of his office. Sir Adolphe P. Caron and Sir H. D. Joly de Lotbiniere are among the well-known Canadians who died in 1908. To this list should be added our own Ned Harkin, who died Jan. 1.

Who in his time was perhaps known to more people than the world than any other Canadian. During this year, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman died, and among the royalties dead and the crown prince were assassinated at Lisbon, and the Emperor and Dowager Empress of China died recently at Peking.

The visit of the American battle fleet to British possessions beyond the seas was one of the outstanding features of the year. It is still a matter of some what conflicting gossip as to why the fleet was not invited to touch at any Canadian port.

In this city and province not many events of a startling character have occurred, but there has been general and satisfactory progress. Perhaps no event of a power transmission line from Niagara Falls to Toronto. Another big event of the year was the purchase of the Bell Telephone System in the Province of Manitoba by the provincial government and the successful operation of the state-owned telephone business by the Roblin government.

On New Year's Day, 1909, the royal mint was formally opened at Ottawa.

SON'S ACT WILFUL.
Killing of Elijah Thompson Investigated by Coroner.

WINDSOR, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—An inquest into the death of Elijah Thompson was held at Amherstburg to-day before Coroner Hazard of Harrow, and a verdict was returned that deceased came to his death as the result of bullet wounds from a rifle fired by his son, with intent to kill.

The widow of the victim testified to the shooting of her husband, and said the son tried to brain his father by clubbing him with a rifle.

The prisoner was brought before Magistrate Meade and charged with wilful murder. Only the mother's evidence was taken. Prisoner was committed for trial and will appear at the spring assizes.

Shot in Celebration.
While celebrating the advent of the new year at 12:15 this morning Ella Lazaroff, a Roumanian laborer, living at 40 Berkeley-street, shot himself thru the right thigh.

BETTER OUTLOOK WITH DAWN OF 1909

A Glance Back Over Past Year Shows Toronto to Have Made Some Progress Despite General Depression.

With the dawn of a new year, a glance back over the progress or otherwise made by the city in 1908 is of no small interest.

The past twelve months, while they do not show the advancement which would no doubt have been recorded had general business conditions been as good as during 1907, are far from being discouraging. While the securities market was seized with a violent panic early in 1907 it was not until late in that year that the depression extended into the general-commercial world. A severe business reaction had its effect on all branches of industry in 1908, and Toronto suffered in common, but within the past few months a noticeable revival of activity has occurred and 1909 opens with bright prospects for a renewal of this city's growth.

While a decrease of nearly \$1,800,000 is shown in the value of building permits issued by the city architect during the year just closed as compared with 1907, the falling off was attributable to the money stringency early in the year, substantial gains having been recorded during the closing months of the year. The total value of the 1908 permits was \$12,433,467, as against \$14,233,800 for 1907.

The showing is:

	1908	1907
Permits	2968	3572
Buildings	6271	5051
Value of permits	\$12,433,467	\$14,233,800
Value, pris. (Dec.)	\$7,700	\$7,015

There were 238 permits issued during December while the erection of 231 buildings was completed. A substantial lift was given to the building industry by the issue of a permit for \$80,000 for the enlargement of Osgood Hall. The new year will begin well with a permit for the extension of the parliament buildings at a cost of about \$500,000.

The city's population, as shown by the police census, is 301,530, not including East Toronto and Deer Park, which are now part of the city. The former adding 4800 to the population and the latter 2200, making a total of 308,530.

The assessment returns show a total assessment of \$22,207,472, or an increase of \$16,522,160, land assessment being \$38,388,451 and property \$103,723,445.

There is a decrease of about \$2,000,000 in customs duties at this port for the past year. For 1907 they totalled \$11,113,265, for the year just ended about \$9,515,000. This is explained by general contraction in business early in the year.

Cattle Market Receipts.
The receipts at the city cattle market for the year show a falling off of 47,738 head as compared with 1907. The figures are:

	1908	1907
Cattle	168,953	216,691
Sheep	154,054	158,547
Hogs	89,829	117,587
Calves	26,598	27,205

For December alone the comparison is:

	1908	1907
Cattle	13,754	15,575
Sheep	16,156	14,423
Hogs	6,321	8,442
Calves	729	825

Increase for month, 1909:
Property Commissioner Harris points out that the decrease for the year is largely in hogs, the falling off being 27,738. He says the reason is that competition for hogs has been exceptionally keen all over the country, and that they have been largely shipped directly to packers instead of to the market. The West Toronto yards also suffering severely. The other decreases, he attributes to the fact that there has not been a good grazing year for several years, with a consequent reduction in stock raising. As grazing conditions improved last year, he contemplates an increase in this year's receipts.

The circumstance that the tender of \$48,750 for feed privileges at the city market in 1909 is \$2500 higher than last year's, indicates this belief.

City's Bill of Health.
An increase is shown in the number of diphtheria cases for 1908 was 1294 as against 918 the previous year, an increase of 186. In 1907, the record was unusually low, as shown by the fact that in 1905 there were 1084 cases and in 1904 1316.

Scarlet fever also shows an increase. In 1908 there were 1418 cases, corresponding to 1316 in 1907.

Continued on Page 8.



MR. SPENCE (who is booked for Steamer "Reduction"); I wonder if she's been canceled?

7000 EMPLOYEES HONOR HEAD OF GREAT INDUSTRY

Big Assembly in Armouries Presents a Striking Spectacle—Gave Illuminated Address.

An event almost unique in the commercial history of Toronto, occurred at the Armouries yesterday, when the 7000 employees of the T. Eaton Co., the giant industry which has grown up with the city, and of which all citizens feel proud, gathered together with one common impulse to pay tribute to the sterling qualities of J. C. Eaton, president of the company.

The spectacle of the animated but entirely orderly and attentive throng, spreading out in a great sea of humanity, with all eyes turned toward the south gallery, which was to be the centre of interest, while the galleries on the remaining three sides showed tier upon tier of ladies, was one which, impressiveness, was wonderfully striking.

With the stroke of 5 the doors of the big departmental store were thrown open, and the great throng of people, dressed in their best, began to file into the hall. The galleries were reserved for the ladies, but the accommodation was inadequate and hundreds mingled with the throng on the ground floor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Eaton, with Mrs. Timothy Eaton and Mrs. J. Burkhart, appeared about 6 p.m. on the south gallery, where they were assembled at a banquet of directors and department managers. They were greeted with hearty cheers and applause, and Fred Armstrong, one of the oldest employees, read the following address to Mr. Eaton.

The Address.
We, the employees of this great company in the year of our Lord, Dec. 31, 1908, desire to express to you our heartfelt appreciation of your great kindness to us all in granting us favors unheard of in mercantile life.

Your name, which is a household word in every hamlet in this glorious country of Canada, is only enhanced

Continued on Page 7.

J. C. EATON

British Arms With Abbott Block Consumed—Barrie Man the Victim.

COLDWATER, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—In the destruction of the British Arms Hotel at 2 o'clock this morning a commercial traveler Wm. J. Atkinson, representing the Singer Sewing Machine Co., was burned to death, and several other guests and employees of the hotel narrowly escaped with their lives.

The Abbott block of three stories was also completely destroyed. The stores were George T. Tipping & Co., general merchants; Mrs. Abbott, millinery; George Abbott, barber shop.

Two families lived over the stores, and they had time to escape, but with few of their belongings.

On the hotel and Abbott block the insurance carried amounted to about \$25,000.

The fire originated in the British Arms and had made considerable headway before it was discovered. One of the guests being awakened by the smoke. He aroused the others and all got into the street in their night clothes except Mr. Atkinson, whose charred body was found in the ruins this morning. He leaves a wife and three children in Hamilton. Two or three other travelers slept in the hotel last night, besides a number of regular boarders and the hotel help.

The wind saved the main street from being wiped out. The flames communicated with the Abbott block, but next to that there is a vacant lot, and the wind drove the flames to the rear. The hand-engine was entirely unable to cope with the fire, tho the stables in rear of the hotel were saved. The front of the Denison House, on the opposite side of the street, was blistered by the heat.

Injured in Fire.
CLINTON, Dec. 31.—Early this afternoon D. A. Forrester's fine residence on his stock farm was totally destroyed by fire, caused by the explosion of the acetylene plant in the basement, used for lighting purposes. Mr. Forrester, who was fixing the plant at the time of the explosion, was badly burned about the face and hands and was taken to the hospital. His wife and daughter, who were in the room above, were slightly injured.

WOLFE'S ANNIVERSARY.
National Memorial to Be Organized in

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)
LONDON, Dec. 31.—A national memorial to Wolfe at his birthplace is to be organized in 1909, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the hero's birth.

LIPARI ISLANDS DISAPPEAR.
ROME, Dec. 31.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the Strait of Messina reports that the Lipari Islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean near the coast of Sicily, have disappeared.

The total population of the group numbers 28,000, and must inevitably have perished.

The minister of marine has rushed a torpedo boat to ascertain the facts.

TRAVELER CREMATED IN COLDWATER HOTEL FIRE

Continued on Page 7.

A LIBERAL HUSB.
What about the municipal election? asked The World of a prominent Conservative yesterday. He replied, "Our friends the Liberals are at their old game of introducing a moral campaign, in order to try and in some way capture Toronto for a mayor who is Liberal in politics, and to get a majority of the board of control if possible."

"It is the old thing, the two Liberal newspapers, The Globe and The Star, supporting license reduction, and supporting Controller Spence. They'd do the same thing in 1906 when they supported Mr. Spence for mayor and raised a moral question about gambling in Toronto."

"I have no objection to Mayor Oliver, I wish to see him elected, and I don't know that he is in any way interested in the license reduction position as a Liberal move, but I certainly am convinced that Robert Fleming of the street railway, and Controller Spence, acting with the Liberal chiefs of Toronto, are using license reduction for political and street railway purposes."

"If they can get this moral reform proposition going now in Toronto they will organize the whole province on similar lines, with a view of securing political control in provincial affairs at the next election, and thereby aiding the electric ring. The Liberals made a desperate move on the liquor question at the provincial elections in North Toronto in order to injure Premier Whitney, you remember. Spence and Fleming never started a campaign yet that hadn't something similar on the side. They'll not fool me; that's all I've got to say."

Shareholders Oppose Sale to Standard Bank, but President Sticks to Deal—Jarvis Offers \$165 Per Share.

A battle for control of the Western Bank will culminate at the shareholders' meeting on Jan. 6. The fight is between a portion of the shareholders who desire the bank to be continued, and the proportion who wish to sell out to the Standard Bank.

The Trusts and Guarantee Company of this city, which holds an interest in the Western, is issuing a circular to the shareholders asking for their proxies to oppose the sale to the Standard.

The Standard made an offer of \$160 and accrued interest per share. A second offer on behalf of shareholders opposed to the absorption of the Western by the Standard was made by Amelius Jarvis at \$165, and accrued interest. This offer President Cowan of the Western Bank has refused to recognize as regular.

It is in consequence of the refusal of the Western management to recognize the Jarvis offer that the circular to the shareholders is being issued by the Trust and Guarantee Company.

There are 5500 shares involved, which at \$165 aggregate \$907,500, and accrued interest.

The Jarvis Offer.
The following letter is from Amelius Jarvis & Co. to John Cowan, president of the Western Bank of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.:

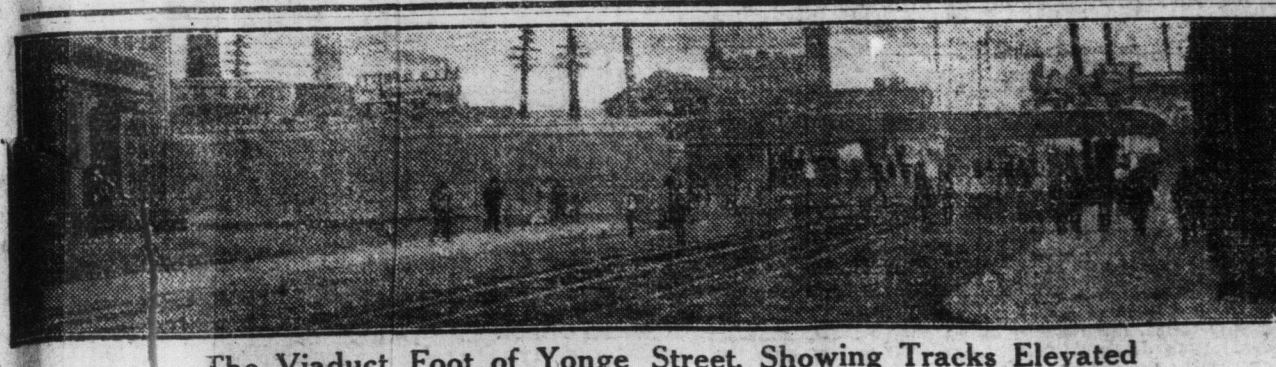
"Dear Sir:—When it became known that negotiations to sell the assets of your bank to the Standard Bank were in progress, we were approached by some shareholders of your bank who were not desirous of leaving their investment, and we were asked if we could gather together a group of capitalists who would purchase the stock of any shareholders of the Western Bank who were desirous of selling, thereby themselves making it possible to remain shareholders and to preserve the integrity of the bank as a going concern under its present name."

"Being convinced, with the goodwill of the bank is considered, that its shares are worth more than \$160 per share and accrued interest, and that it is not in the interests of the financial community as a whole that the number of bank charters should be diminished, particularly a bank that has already a firm hold of the Canadian public, we undertook the business, and we now wish to offer \$165 per share, plus 5 per cent. interest since Oct. 1 for the holdings of any shareholders who wish to sell up till Feb. 15, provided the aggregate number of shares be not less than 3500 shares."

"We are authorized to say that in the event of the acceptance of our offer, the Standard Bank will be the owner of the Western Bank of Canada."

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
Another era of prosperity is coming upon Canada. Its predecessors have made all other lands envious.

The W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, sincerely hope that all may share in the blessings of this glad new year.



The Viaduct, Foot of Yonge Street, Showing Tracks Elevated