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### MAKE IT SURE.

Is it true that Mr. McNaught's fight in the legislature gives the city only the right to go to law again, and not the control of its streets?

William Mackenzie, president of the Street Railway Co., says the action of the legislature does not change the position at all.

Well, then:  
Mayor Oliver and the city council must at once order William Mackenzie to do something more to make it absolutely sure that the city controls its own streets, and that the Toronto Railway Company will never again contest this point in or out of the courts.

But, perhaps, William Mackenzie will refuse to drop litigation on this point. What then?

Just this. It is up to the Hon. J. J. Foy to hold up the \$2,500,000 guarantee until William Mackenzie gives the city unalterable assurances.

Somehow, the public believe that in view of the representations made by Mr. Mackenzie that the public ownership movement was killing his vested rights and frightening British capital from enterprises and that he was being forced to accept the bill of the City of Toronto in regard to the street railway—in view of all these things the public believe Mr. Mackenzie protested that he was entitled to some mercy from the government. And the government showed its mercy in the two and a half million guarantee. Is he to get away with these mercy millions and then defy the act of the legislature putting Toronto in control of her streets? Is he to fight public ownership in regard to the public power policy?

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known it and to have done in the committee what he was afterwards compelled to do in the House.

One of the lessons of this episode is the extraordinary difference in the ease with which acts and ordinances directed against the rights of the people manage to get thru as compared with legislation intended to protect these rights. Antagonism is the first impulse of many members of the legislature whenever a bill in the public interest is presented, but it is marvelous how complaisant they can be when some big corporation is out to exploit the people.

### SWEDEN AND SWEDENBORG.

Britain within recent years has done several gracious acts by handing over historic and personal relics and remains of inestimable interest and value to the nations with whom possibly they were more closely and intimately associated. Thus the sacred relics of Buddha were entrusted to the care of the King of Siam, the recognized head of the Buddhist religion and the log of the famous Mayflower, the tiny craft that carried the pilgrim fathers from the old to the new world, rests now in the keeping of the Government of the United States. Even more striking than these was the removal of the mortal remains of Emanuel Swedenborg, best known to the multitude as a mystic and a seer of visions, to a native and a dear of his country, to the nation which he had been a student of his wonderful anticipations of modern science and his profound and original philosophical speculations. This is he of whom Emerson said that "a colossal soul, he lies vast abroad on his times, uncomprehended by them, and requires a long local distance to be seen" and again that "one of the misadventures and misadventures of literature he is not to be measured by whole colleges of ordinary scholars."

Swedenborg, who was a great admirer of England and the English, gave them indeed high place in his visionary heresies, died in London on March 23, 1772, at the age of 85, and was laid to rest in the Swedish church in Princeps Square. There he remained until this year, when the Swedish Government formally requested the exhumation and surrender of the body for final interment in Sweden. The British authorities assented, and yielded up the ashes of Sweden's greatest son to the care of his own people. Florence has vainly asked the dust of Dante, the greatest of Italians, from the citizens of Ravenna, where the maker of the divine comedy died in poverty and exile, and they had reason in their refusal. Britain, however, by according to the wish of the Swedes has done a kindly act which will assist to dispel the irritation evoked by its support of Norwegian independence and has again evinced her friendly disposition towards the Scandinavian peoples.

### LATEST ABOUT TARIFF REFORM.

Recent political events in Great Britain have very considerably strengthened the movement in favor of tariff reform. The evident popularity of the proposal in recent electoral contests has had an immediate effect on several of the Conservatives and Unionists who have hitherto been determined in their support of the present free import policy. Lord Curzon, for example, announced in a speech the other day that he saw no reason why the tariff should not be employed to strengthen the imperial tie and he believed that Mr. Balfour's fiscal platform was one on which all sections of the Unionist party could unite. Even more significant of the extent to which the Unionist party has become permeated with the reform spirit is the pledge offered by Lord Robert Cecil, one of the most extreme of Conservative free traders, that should he be unable to support the fiscal reform proposals when these are introduced, he will at once resign and give his constituency an opportunity to express its judgment. This offer is conditional on no straight tariff reform candidates being run by the party at next election.

Mr. Balfour himself has steadily become more definite and uncompromising in his commitments to the policy of tariff reform. In the house of commons he defined himself as committed to a very wide extension of the basis of taxation and to the inter-imperial preference. It is noteworthy that the imperial aspect of the question is receiving increased attention and this has been stimulated by the emergence of various important and difficult questions in several of the British states all pointing to the necessity of enlarging and strengthening the links of empire and creating a more solid and enduring community of interest.

Tariff reform indeed occupies more of the time of public men than even the licensing issue, and the British press teems with articles attacking or defending the present economic system. Had any one when Mr. Chamberlain first broke ground ventured the prediction that in a few short years tariff reform would have attained the position it now occupies, he would have been regarded as a prophet whose wish was father to the thought. But facts cannot be answered by arguments, and tariff reform to-day is emphatically the issue of practical political issues.

### WESTERN BANK OF CANADA.

The effect of conservative, yet at the same time progressive, banking is attested by the twenty-sixth annual statement of the Western Bank of Canada, the annual meeting of which institution was held at the head office, Ottawa, on Wednesday last. During a

## The Cannon That Modernized Japan

Business is no longer a man-to-man contact, in which the merchant and the patron establish a personal bond, any more than battle is a hand-to-hand grapple where bone and muscle and sinew decide the outcome. Trade as well as war has changed in its aspect—both are now fought at long range.

Just as a present day army of heroes would have no opportunity to display the individual valor of its members, just so a merchant who counts upon his personal acquaintanceship for success is a relic of the past—a business dodo.

Japan changed her policy of exclusion to foreigners after a fleet of warships battered down the Satsuma fortifications. The Samurai, who had hitherto considered their blades and bows good enough, discovered that one cannon was mightier than all the swords in creation if they could not get near enough to use them. Japan profited by the lesson. She did not wait until further ramparts were battered to pieces, but was satisfied with her one experience and proceeded to modernize her methods.

The merchant who doesn't advertise is pretty much in the same position as that in which Japan stood when her eyes were opened to the fact that times had changed. The long-range publicity of a competitor will as surely destroy your business as the cannon of the foreigners crumbled the walls of Satsuma. Unless you take the lesson to heart, unless you realize the importance of advertising, not only as a means of extending your business, but for defending it as well, you must be prepared to face the consequences of a folly as great as that of a duelist who expects to survive in a contest in which his adversary bears a sword twice the length of his own.

Don't think that it's too late to begin because there are so many stores which have had the advantage of years of cumulative advertising. The city is growing. It will grow even more this year. It needs increased trading facilities just as it is hungry for new neighborhoods.

But it will never again give large support to neighborhood stores. Newspaper advertising has eliminated the strength of being locally prominent, and five-cent street car fares have cut out the advantage of being "around the corner." A store five miles away can reach out thru the columns of the daily newspaper and draw your neighbor to its aisles, while you sit by and see the people on your own block enticed away without your being able to retaliate or supply new customers to take their place.

It is not a question of your ability to stand the cost of advertising, but of being able to survive without it. The thing you have to consider is not only an extension of your business, but holding what you already have.

Advertising is an investment, the cost of which is in the same proportion to its returns as seeds are to the harvest. And it is just as preposterous for you to consider publicity as an expense as it would be for a farmer to hesitate over purchasing a fertilizer if he discovered that he could profitably increase his crops by employing it.

year of somewhat disturbed financial conditions, it must have been gratifying to the shareholders to learn that the bank's earnings were \$3,754,423, against \$3,841,000 the previous year, an amount equal to 16 per cent. on the paid-up capital. From the profit and loss account, which now stands \$850,000, or 63 per cent. of the capital, there has been exercised in maintaining a strong position in readily available assets, as compared with liabilities to the public, the statement showing a ratio in this regard of upwards of 44 per cent., or in amounts, \$2,110,522, against \$4,844,238. The Western Bank of Canada is gradually extending its area of operations, and now has twenty-five branches scattered thru the province.

### THEATRES IN THE DARK.

Twice during the theatre performances on Saturday and for the third time in the week the electric lights failed for several minutes on account of a hitch in the Niagara power transmission lines. The show houses were crowded, and many people were startled to see candles and oil lamps brought into commission and placed on radiators, stairways, railings and distributed about the stage.

There were many possibilities for a fire to break out, and with the exit lights out and the auditorium dark, a catastrophe would have been inevitable.

The city council was petitioned by the electrical contractors' association regarding just such a circumstance a little over a year ago, and exhorted to make it a law that each theatre be equipped with an emergency storage battery plant, so that when the regular electric current should fail an automatic switch would throw the storage current into commission.

Certainly, some emergency auxiliary system or plant should be installed without delay, but with instances of the past week as a lesson the management can be counted upon to act without compulsion to take due precautions for an occurrence which may be repeated at any time. It speaks well for the cool-headedness and good common sense of Toronto audiences that no excitement or undue remark occurred to start a panic, the consequences of which would have been harrowing in the extreme.

### MUCH OR LITTLE?

Wm. Mackenzie, president of the Toronto Railway Co., does not think the action of the legislature in Toronto's bill means much. In Saturday's edition of his own paper, The Star, he says:

"It does not think it changes the position."

Crushed in a Snowplow.

William G. Rigby, a section foreman on the C.P.R., while operating a snowplow near Agincourt on the 18th of February last was crushed in a collision between two engines and seriously injured. He has now issued a writ against the company claiming \$10,000 damages.

### American Judgment.

To recover \$174,222 in respect of a certain judgment recovered by one Henry Rice against John E. and Alice C. Hart, of the State of New York, a writ has now been issued by J. Henry Radford of Port Erie, to whom the judgment has been assigned.

### Guaranteed the Account.

The Sovereign Bank of Canada has begun proceedings against W. W. Farson, W. Jackson, W. Gunn and D. A. Forrester, all of Clinton, to recover \$29,000, being the amount of a written guarantee of the account of the Clinton Thrasher Co.

### Alleged Wrongful Misrepresentation.

An action has been begun by E. E. Carby, J. H. Hall and C. W. Bongard against J. S. King of Toronto, claiming \$3000 damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of wrongful representations and omissions.

### Overdue Note.

J. Pickering of the Town of Brimpton has begun an action against Lizzie Maxwell of the Town of Orangeville to recover \$440 on an overdue promissory note.

## ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE NUMBER ONE HUNDRED

List of the Various Measures Which Passed the Crucial Third Reading.

Subject to correction, the following list of just 100 acts of the legislature represent the labors of the government and members of the house during the past two months. The official list of third readings is read during the prorogation ceremonies which take place to-morrow at 8 o'clock, when the lieutenant-governor will give the assent of the crown to the legislation and it becomes law.

Respecting the executive council.—Mr. Foy.

Respecting enquiries concerning public matters.—Mr. Foy.

To amend the Public Lands Act.—Mr. Cochrane.

To preserve the forests from destruction by fire.—Mr. Cochrane.

To amend the Forest Reserves Act.—Mr. Cochrane.

Respecting free grants and homesteads in the Rainy River districts.—Mr. Cochrane.

Respecting free grants and homesteads to actual settlers on public lands.—Mr. Cochrane.

Respecting the raising of loans authorized by the legislature.—Mr. Matheson.

Respecting the consolidated revenue fund.—Mr. Matheson.

Respecting the registration of births, marriages and deaths.—Mr. Hanna.

To supplement the revenues of the crown in the Province of Ontario.—Mr. Matheson.

To amend the Supplementary Revenue Act.—Mr. Cochrane.

Respecting municipal securities.—Mr. Matheson.

Respecting the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham.—Mr. Preston (Durham).

Respecting contested elections of members of the legislative assembly.—Mr. Foy.

Respecting the legislative assembly.—Mr. Foy.

To amend the Shops Act.—Mr. Monteth.

To amend the Factories Act.—Mr. Monteth.

Respecting the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company.—Mr. Fraser.

To confirm by-law No. 770 of the Town of Niagara.—Mr. Carleton.

To confirm by-law No. 12 for the year 1907 of the Township of Crowland.—Mr. Fraser.

Respecting the County of Wellington and the Town of Mount Forest.—Mr. Downey.

To confirm by-laws Nos. 123 and 128 of the Town of Thorold.—Mr. Fraser.

To amend the Horticultural Societies Act.—Mr. Monteth.

Respecting the renewal of certain debentures of the Town of Port Hope and the Port Hope harbor.—Mr. Preston (Durham).

Respecting the Town of Listowel.—Mr. Torrance.

To amend the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act.—Mr. Foy.

Respecting an agreement between the commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park and the Electrical Development Company of Ontario, Limited.—Mr. Foy.

Respecting the Town of Perth.—Mr. Preston (Lanark).

Respecting the division of the surplus income of the city of St. James's, Toronto.—Mr. Hoyle.

To amend the act incorporating Alma College at St. Thomas.—Mr. Macdormid.

Respecting the Township of York.—Mr. Godfrey.

Respecting the Town of Collingwood and the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company, Limited.—Mr. Duff.

To amend the act to provide for the appropriation of certain lands for the volunteers who served in South Africa and the volunteer militia who served on the frontier in 1885.—Mr. Cochrane.

Respecting the Southwestern Traction Company, Limited.—Mr. Duff.

To confirm by-law No. 401 of the Township of Crowland.—Mr. Fraser.

Respecting by-laws No. 228 of the Township of Crowland.—Mr. Fraser.

Respecting the Town of Meaford and the Seaman, Kent Company, Limited.—Mr. MacKay.

To vest certain lands in the trustees of the Penetanguishene Methodist Church and to enable them to sell the same.—Mr. Thompson (Simcoe).

Respecting the Young Women's Christian Association at St. Thomas.—Mr. Macdormid.

Respecting the Railroad and City Young Men's Christian Association of St. Thomas.—Mr. Macdormid.

Respecting the City of Port Arthur.—Mr. Preston (Port Arthur).

To confirm by-law No. 228 of the United Townships of McLean and Ridout.—Mr. Mahaffy.

Respecting by-laws Nos. 26, 21 and 22 of 1907 of the Town of Goderich.—Mr. Downey.

Respecting the Township of Osgoode, in the County of Carleton.—Mr. McElroy.

Respecting the Town of Toronto and to incorporate it as the City of West Toronto.—Mr. Godfrey.

Respecting the floating debt of the County of Frontenac.—Mr. Gallagher.

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