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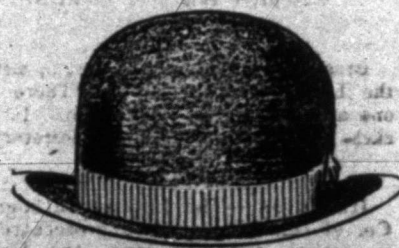
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D. A. Cary ..... President.  
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Are Hon. Messrs. Foy and Pyne?Ald. Church's motion for the repeal  
of the new Assessment Act should be  
strongly supported.The new Ontario Assessment Act ex-  
empts wealth and taxes comparative  
poverty. The following just completed  
assessment returns for next year show  
it:—

	1905.	1906.
New Act. Old Act.		
Christie, Brown & Co.	\$140,000	\$84,315
Gendron Co.	38,000	19,950
Dominion Brewery	175,000	74,756
Reinhardt Brewery	100,000	26,397
Warwick Bros. & Co.	32,500	31,000
Gordon, Mackay & Co.	175,000	82,387
W. R. Brock & Co.	130,000	30,338
H. S. Howland & Co.	75,000	50,992
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Gooderham & Worts	600,000	534,896

While the Act exempts wealth as  
aforesaid, the reductions aforesaid are  
added to the wage earner, great and  
small. There is no escape. The girl  
who gets over \$8 a week even is taxed.  
The child, the widow, the frugal folks  
with a small income, the wage earner,  
the factory hand, the aged man with  
a little means to live on, the young  
man receiving a small sum, all have  
their income taxed, no matter how small,  
even though they are not making enough  
to make ends meet. Householders are  
exempt to \$1,000, but those who through  
no fault of their own can't find a place  
to rent, pay income tax over \$400. The  
small storekeeper is taxed on the value  
of the premises he occupies, and not  
on the business he does, and lots of  
poor storekeepers thus get the worst of  
it.The new Government cannot allow  
such an unjust raid on the wage earnersto remain. The income provisions must  
be repealed outright. The cry of, "Oh,  
wait and see how the Act works a few  
years," should not be listened to a  
minute. The income provisions must  
go. Better go back to the old law,  
which was more just, and exempted  
everybody up to \$700.It is hoped the Civic Legislation Com-  
mittee will get busy and aid in having  
the Act repealed. Controller Hubbard's  
Ontario Municipal Association, princi-  
pally bossed by assessors and municipal  
officers, decided it would be better to  
wait and give the new Act a chance;  
but, then, the assessors present at that  
meeting helped draw the Act and received  
from the Government fat sums in  
fees. This accounts for their conduct and  
action.

The Evening Telegram says:

"The first duty of the Ontario Legis-  
lature at its next session should be to  
mend or end the new Assessment Act.""There never was the slightest ex-  
cuse for such a monstrosity as the legis-  
lation jammed through by a Government  
that spent 98 per cent. of its time trying  
to hold office, and the other two per  
cent. in the transaction of public busi-  
ness.""The Ontario Legislature was warned  
that the Gibson Bill would create more  
evils than it would cure.""The bill went through all its stages  
and has proved to be utterly unjust in  
its tendency to exempt wealth and to tax  
comparative poverty."The World and Mail and Empire and  
other papers are equally condemnatory.  
The labor organizations must unite and  
see the Government and get the Act re-  
pealed.What does Mayor Urquhart think of  
the Act?Hon. Messrs. Foy and Pyne represent  
factory ridings. Will they back up the  
wage earners or not?**Bakers' strike still on.****HOLIDAYS FOR CIVIC EMPLOYEES.**On 10th July the City Council, on mo-  
tion of Ald. Jones, passed the follow-  
ing resolution:"That the heads of the various civic  
departments be instructed to forthwith  
report to the Board of Control their  
views, together with a recommendation  
as to the advisability of giving each  
regular civic employee in the respective  
departments one half-holiday during  
each week in the year, and two weeks'  
holidays during the summer months."This was a step in the right direction.  
At the present time the higher officials  
in the City Hall receive their Saturday  
half-holiday throughout the year, and  
two weeks' holidays in summer. There  
is no reason why all the employees should  
not be treated alike in this respect. It  
is to be sincerely hoped that the Board  
of Control will not delay in putting the  
matter into effect.The wage earners of Toronto are not,  
as a rule, blessed with any too many  
holidays, and if Ald. Jones' proposal  
were adopted generally by employers of  
labor it would be a great blessing to  
the toilers of this city.Some of the so-called improvements  
of the streets department under Dr.  
Sheard are nothing less than retrograde  
movements. The flushing of the streets  
was instituted by Street Commissioner  
Jones for cleanliness. Dr. Sheard has  
gone back to the old-fashioned sprink-  
ling, which makes mud of the dust and  
leaves it on the pavement to dry and  
become dust again. But, then, "Bob"  
Fleming must be given a job by his  
successor in bossism, so the street rail-  
way sprinklers are called into action,  
and the wretched old system is re-intro-  
duced. Dr. Orr, manager of the Exhi-  
bition, stated that the dust nuisance had  
been more obnoxious this year than ever  
before.There seems to be a craze at present  
for buying parks. Why don't the al-dermen spend a little money and im-  
prove the lake front park at the Island,  
near the Sick Children's Hospital, before  
they spend thousands of dollars in buy-  
ing new parks?Since the Board of Control voted  
themselves more salary there seems to  
be an amusing jealousy among the Con-  
trollers lest the aldermen should get any  
more prominence than is necessary in  
civic matters. It is certainly remarkable  
that this year the custom of the alder-  
men acting in turn as Mayor in His  
Worship's absence has been abolished by  
the Board. None but Controllers have  
this year been asked to act as Mayor.Why doesn't the Board of Control  
push on the construction of the ear line  
through Garrison Park to the Exhi-  
bition? At their present rate of moving  
there will be little chance of this very  
much needed extension being completed  
in time for next year's Exhibition.Speaking of the Exhibition, why so  
much delay in getting the new buildings  
started? The fall is the time to com-  
mence the work, not the spring. Will  
somebody please poke up the Controll-  
ers?The Labor Temple Company will give  
one of the best concerts ever offered to  
the public on Oct. 28th in the Massey  
Hall. Tickets may be secured from any  
of the committee. Rally all together and  
make the effort a bumper success.The proposal that the members of the  
Board of Education shall receive a sal-  
ary is again to the front. It is to be  
hoped that those who will seek re-elec-  
tion are not among those who seek  
pay. It is quite in line with general  
prevailing order of raising the school  
tax for no general benefit.At the request of the local Street  
Railway Men's Union the Board of Con-  
trol to-day telegraphed an invitation to  
the Aemigamated Street and Electric  
Railway Employees' Association, now in  
convention at Chicago, to meet here for  
their biennial convention in 1907.A well attended meeting of the Ex-  
ecutive Board of the Temple Company  
was held on Tuesday night in the  
Temple, the coming concert being the  
principal business carried on.Secure tickets early for the concert,  
as the rush will be great.Mr. I. H. Sanderson left on a tour of  
inspection through the Eastern and  
Southern States.**Bakers' strike still on.**Be sure that the firm you order your  
coal from has the union label on their  
delivery wagons.**DON'T KNOW YOUR WEAKNESS.**When a trade union thinks it has  
grown so strong that it can get along  
without the central body, it is mighty  
near the verge of a backset. Study the  
history of organized labor.If the 75,000 mouths controlled by  
organized labor, with their sympathizers,  
ate union-made bread, there would be  
no bakers' strike on. Lend a hand.  
Now is the time.The trades union movement does not  
need apologists. The time will come  
when it will not need defenders.The shorter workday is the most im-  
portant question before the labor move-  
ment, and will continue to be such, be-  
cause it is the simplest and most direct  
way of adjusting the problem of distri-  
bution.Be sure that the label is on the wagon  
when ordering your coal.**PATRONIZE OUR OWN FRIENDS.**Be very careful of the patronage you  
bestow upon merchants who advertise  
liberally in the daily papers, but who  
refuse to advertise in your labor paper.  
This is also true of the merchant who  
will tell you that he believes in union  
labor and wants the union man's trade,  
yet persistently refuses to advertise in a  
labor paper. There is a common un-  
derstanding among many of the larger  
merchants that they will not patronize  
the labor papers, and hope by thus with-  
holding their business from such papers  
to force their suspension, or at least  
weaken their influence.Without advertising, the paper could  
not exist at the price it is now being  
sold to the unions, but if each union man  
and his wife and daughter do their part,  
there will be no danger of the paper  
suspending.**Subscribe to the Tribune.**The success of any civilization is to be  
measured by the comfort of its workers,  
not by the affluence of its drones.**THE COST OF LIVING.**According to Dun, the cost of living  
has risen 37 per cent. in the last seven  
years. With the exception of a few  
workers in some of the highly organ-  
ized trades, this increase is much great-  
er than the increase in wages for the  
same period.**IRON MOULDERS, ATTENTION!**We unfortunately lost the copy of  
subscribers' names on list given last  
week, and would like it repeated at  
once. This is the reason you did not  
get your paper last issue.Mr. Jno. A. Flett has organized the  
warehousemen of Toronto.**Bakers' strike still on.****PERPETUAL MOTION.**Rags make paper.  
Paper makes title deeds.  
Title deeds make landlords.  
Landlords collect rents.  
Rents make poverty.  
Poverty makes rags.  
N.B.—Ground rents are values pro-  
duced by the community growth, there-  
fore should be used for community ex-  
penses, not pocketed by land companies  
and speculators.In other words, take the taxation off  
labor products and tax land values only.  
This will cheapen land, reduce rents,  
raise wages and cheapen necessities of  
life. The \$700 exemption off dwellings  
(labor products) is a first step.January 1st, 1906, is drawing near.  
Tribune readers will in due time be  
reminded of the names of our autocratic  
municipal rulers, who temporarily shelved  
this proposition. A word to the wise  
will be sufficient. G. C.**DINEEN'S  
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HATS**It is not worth while to go  
past a good union hatter to  
save a dime on the price of  
a hat.DINEEN'S \$2.00  
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