CITY OF GUELPH HAS COMMISSION SYSTEM the title "City Business Manager," as is given such a representative in the

Owns and Operates All Its Public Utilities—Has Been Able to Reduce Tax Rate By Eight Mills on the Dollar.

the first Canadian city to own and sucthe first Canadian city to own and succity of equal size, and even lower than cessfully operate all its public utilities, that under management by civic com- ber of inhabitants. ioners all these have been greatly reduced in cost, and that they further reduce the cost of ordinary taxation by eight mills on the dollar, are the extraeight mills on the dollar, are the extra-dends received from our various public sion government was not prepared to ordinary and encouraging statements will be reduced the tax rate of admit that government by adderment by add paper which he read—with documents the city by 8 mills on the dollar, In was necessarily a failure. This gentle support it—before the Guelph board to support it—before the Guelph board our utilities we should not only have to

Some twenty-two years ago Guelph took a rather radical departure from the regular groove and built its 15 1-2 mile steam road, under the title of the Guelph Junction raliway. This it leased on a percentage basis to the Canadian Pacific under a 99 year agreement, and, as you are all aware, on this \$193,000 investment we are now the canadian very cally dividends amounting the control of the which it would naturally be necessary. What is the only one who expressed the opinion that a change to commission government is unnecessary. Now, if the city of Guelph were to belong to a private individual, how do at 21 mills on the dollar, and the opinion that a change to commission government is unnecessary. Now, if the city of Guelph were to belong to a private individual, how do at 21 mills on the dollar, and the opinion that a change to commission government is unnecessary. Now, if the city of Guelph were to belong to a private individual, how do at 21 mills on the dollar, and the opinion that a change to commission government is unnecessary. Now, if the city of Guelph were to belong to a private individual, how do at 21 mills on the dollar, and the opinion that a change to commission government is unnecessary. receiving yearly dividends amounting water, bath and closet, net ... 10.24 vote? Would he have in addition an to about \$25.000 or at the rate of 13 12,000ft, of gas at \$1.80 21.60 advisory committee dignified with the cent. per annum. Those dividends have constantly increased, and are constantly increasing, and will unquestionably reach double their present Taxes on \$1.50 at 21 mills\$31.50 proportions in the lives of many here Water, bath and closet, net

Lighting Greatly Reduced. In the year 1903 the city purchased the gas works, and the electric light Net annual saving under preand power plants, at a cost of \$155,000, on which it subsequently spent in betterments a further sum of \$55,000, makone to which may be added the indirect ing a total investment in these utilities of \$210,000. Prior to these works being taken over our citizens had to pay \$1.80 per 1,000 feet for illuminating gas, departments cleared a gross profit of Michigan, with which many of us are \$34,179 for the twelve months, or, after familiar. paying interest on debentures, a hand-some clear profit of \$25,218. Con-sidering that out of profits alone de-authorities of each, giving them the bentures to the extent of \$17,945 had exact figures which it is my intention already been paid off at the end of to publish with reference to their vari-1908, this net profit was equal to a ous cities, so that this chart may be dividend at the rate of about 18 per relied upon. cent, on the net investment of \$192,- Cheap 054, which the city then had in these

and at the same time remainded and a city in which to locate new induspairs or overhauling. quite believe they will be, we will be tries. having the cheapest artificial gas of any city in Canada. With one single any city in Canada. With one single going is it any wonder that the envious even now, there are only three cities in the whole dominion which are being the cheapest artificial gas at a constantly considering the fore-tween the Clyde and the Tyne for the construction of warships order, and the success of the success of the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction of warships order, and the success of the construction or warships order, and the success of the construction or warships order, and the success of the construction or warships order. ing supplied with artificial gas at a being discussed? From this city the side. Messrs, Swan, Hunter, and Wig-naval yards amounting to 1,000,000 lower price than we.

City Makes Big Profit. Since taking over the two plants, and after allowing for depreciation, the commissioners have made within the cord with a prediction of a 10-mill tax 5 1-2 years ending December 31st last rate for all purposes for the city of the new steamer. The vessel will be in a net profit of a round hundred thou- Guelph inside of five years. sand dollars, not one penny of whiceh, however, has been used for the reduction of the city tax rate, but has been sent over \$85,000, and I am glad to applied to paying off debentures, add-draw your attention to the fact that Carpathia, and Mauretania, all of ing to the sinking fund, etc., although, its assets exceed its total liabilities by which have done exceedingly well, the Park is to have its inmates increased. coruse, in time the profits made in the handsome figure of \$327,462. these departments will go towards still Neither too high praise nor too great Mauretania. This is the most important and will be placed there. Superinfurther reducing our already low tax thanks can possibly be given to the order in the way of passenger steamers tendent England is making arrange-

in cities of this size our street railway ent city utilities. One and all they ago, and it will brighten the shipbuild- enclos proved an unprofitable venture when proved as a private enterprise. Since selves men of not only the highest inthe commissioners took charge the tegrity, but of superior ability as well. road has been improved to such an Every one of our utilities is now in in- Baptist church opened their work for that rats will not stay in extent that it is now pronounced in finitely better shape in every way than the winter season by a social on Mon- where guinea fowl are. The truth of of M. J. J. Russell, late of Cedar Hill extent that it is now pronounced in finitely better shape in every way than the winter season by a social on Mon- where guinea fowl are. the official reports of the government when privately owned. one of the best railways of its kind in Ontario, In this the city has \$108,000 invested, on which last year it gas and electric light have been ma- ing. There were also three very amus- rid the park of the troublesome romade a profit of \$5,065, notwithstand-terially reduced and that we can now ing and interesting guessing contests, dents. ing the fact that one of our workmen buy 100 street car tickets for three the prizes of which were gained by Miss may purchase 100 car tickets for \$3.00, dollars, the profits in all three departant thus each day effect a saying of 8c (or \$25 a year), on the usual fare substantially, increased, while our wall enjoyable time. At the close a number of the Sound cities by the Princess (or \$25 a year), on the usual fare substantially, increased, while our wall enjoyable time. At the close a number of the Sound cities by the Princess (constant all year), while our wall enjoyable time. At the close a number of the Sound cities by the Princess (constant all year), while our wall enjoyable time. At the close a number of the Sound cities by the Princess (constant all year), while our wall enjoyable time. charged in most cities for his two rides ter rates under the commissioners have of young ladies, costumed, served very has become insane in Vancouver, was be spent. On their return they will take daily each way to and from his place been reduced 10 per cent below those appetizing refreshments which were a passenger from Liverpool on the Em- up their residence at 1819 Stanley

the hands of the city council to those cil, to say nothing whatever of the of the commissioners water rates have great improvement made in the entire been reduced by 10 per cent., while the plant itself. profits made have gone up by leaps and Now it is entirely due to the fact that bounds until last year they amounted this far we have been fortunate to the large total of \$21,139 on an in- enough to have the managem vestment of \$173,948, equivalent to a utilities in the hands of upright, car dividend of 12 per cent. The commis- able and energetic comm sioners as you are all aware, are now these successes have been achieved about completing improvements in the but it must not be lost sight of that whole plant at an outlay of \$125,000, our various commissioners will not when it is believed that we will have live forever, and that they will not, water supply second to none.

Our tax rate this year is 14 1-2 mills time without remuneration. Changes on the dollar, which is not only the are sure to come, and it is now our lowest of any city in Canada, but it is bounden duty to prepare a way in lavied on property assessed at the low- which the city's best interests will be st valuation of any city in the coun- protected when the time for this in try having a population approximate- evitable change arrives. ly the same as we. This latter is not To me it appears that perhaps an idle electronent by any means, as is have more independent commissions.

That the city of Guelph, Ont., was able property is assessed at but \$6,091,many with a distinctly smaller num-

Dividends Reduce Taxation, The city of Guelph, says Mr. Bell, may justly and proudly claim to have been the first Canadian municipality to own and successfully operate all of its

Whereas at present they are: 8.96 12,000 ft. of gas at \$1.00 12.00

sent conditions of \$20.63

improved city-owned street car line. I have compiled and submit herewith comparative statistics of the expendiand 14c per 1,000 watts for commercial, ture for taxes, water and gas for both and 14c per 1,000 watts for commercial, ture for taxes, water and gas for both and operating all public utilities. Will and 12c for private electric current. We a mechanics' dwelling in the larger it also be the first to place its entire are now charged but \$1.00 per 1.000 for cities and for a six-roomed house with gas, and 10c all round for electric bathroom and closet in all of the lighting, and on the amounts of these smaller Ontario municipalities having a two commodities consumed by our peo- population of not less than 9,000 people last year a net saving of over \$15,- ple. I have also obtained similar par- TWO CUNARDERS TO 500 was made by the public, in addition ticulars from the nearest American to which, the commissioners of these city of the smaller class: Port Huron,

Cheapest City in Canada. Notwithstanding that we are not

and if I am not greatly mistaken we which holds the Atlantic records east borne by the department is 5,000,000

As has been generally the experience acted as commissioners of our differ- Mauretania was booked over four years to the permanent inhabitants of the

Utilities Admirably Managed Since the water works passed from controlled by a committee of the coun-sented.

nor can they be expected to, act for all

To me it appears that perhaps we proven by the fact that our total tax- than are necessary. Could not the

whole be amalgamated, and, together with all of the other affairs of the city, be left in the hands of a general manager at an adequate salary, with similar sized city of Stauton, Virginia? Such a man could act under the advice and direction of one single commission of say three members, who in turn should be properly compensated for the time and ability which they would devote to the interests of the city. All Mayors Favor Centralized Govern-

ment. In order to be possessed of reliable data for the writing of this paper I put myself in communication with the Mayors of about forty different cities and from these I asked an expression of opinion as to the merits and demerits of government by comm The replies received have varied in the amount of enthusiasm shown, but generally speaking all favored the idea, some of them emphatically so, with the exception of the Mayor of Kansas I find from actual calculations made City, who, while owning that all posour utilities we should not only have to and the showing of his own city under

own and successfully operate all of its public utilities.

From the earliest times almost all our towns have controlled their water works systems, but to this day the majority of them have been satisfied to let it go at that.

Some twenty-two years ago Guelph took a rather radical departure from the earliest times almost all that we are assessed we would have to pay an additional \$8 per year in taxes, and to property assessed at but one-half of its actual value, while the net debt of the city is under \$4,000,000, as against a net debt of six times that amount owed by the city of Toronto, which it equals in both population and wealth, and much exceeds in commerce. This which it would naturally be necessary

"board of control," with Total total \$63.34 very little power to "control" anything, as in Toronto? Would he have manage each and every public utility as we have in Guelph, or would he men and pay them adequate salaries to devote their time and energies to the proper conduct of the city on business principles? The American cities adopted the latter plan. How long saving made in street car fares on an will we be in following their seemingly CHINESE WILL excellent example

Guelph was the first Canadian city to fully adopt the principle of owning business affairs in the hands of Municipal commissioners?

BE BUILT ON TYNE

Important Contracts Taken in Last Four Years.

The Cunard company has placed the blessed with cheap natural gas like a order for their new liner with Messrs. nese government to commence naval bia, running for the Dominion House The light and heat commissioners pay the same taxes on their plant as were paid by the private company, and supply the city with arc lights for street illumination at \$5 per year less than their predecessors. Truly this is a wonderful record, but the end is not the foundation of the local legislature. Which has just arrived from Chinese by will be of the intermediate class, but is nevertheless another very important the departure of the steamer stating that an appropriation had been sancyet if the present anticipations of the and gas, Guelph is shown conclusively undertaking for Tyneside. She will be that an appropriation had been sanccommissioners are to be realized.

These gentlemen assure me that with the advent of Niagara power next year they expect to supply gas at 90c per 1,000 feet, and electric light at 6c per 1,000 watts. Please note these figures

To be the cheapest city in Canada in which a workman can live, while his wealthier neighbor, with a higher assessment, will find it correspondingly advantageous to reside with us.

These pleasing facts should prove the will be to be the cheapest city in Canada in which a workman can live, while his be propelled; it is stated, by reciprocal tioned by the Prince Regent amounting in all to about 18,000,000 taels. This in Canadian currency would be about the place of the wrecked Slavonia, and will be capable of acting as a substitute cording to the price of silver. The place of the wrecked Slavonia, and will be capable of acting as a substitute cording to the price of silver. The place of the wrecked Slavonia, and will be capable of acting as a substitute cording to the price of silver. The place of the wrecked Slavonia, and will be capable of acting as a substitute cording to the price of silver. The place of the wrecked Slavonia, and will be capable of acting as a substitute cording to the price of silver. The place of the wrecked Slavonia, and will be capable of acting as a substitute cording to the price of silver. The place of the wrecked Slavonia in the cording to the price of silver. The place of the wrecked Slavonia in the cording to the price of silver. The place of the wrecked Slavonia in all to about 18,000,000 taels. This is the that an appropriation had been sanctioned by the Prince Regent amounting to the 1,000 vatts. Please note these figures
1,000 watts. Please note these pleasing facts should prove attractive to manufacturers looking for either the Mauretania or the Lusian the same time remember that attractive to manufacturers looking for the larger Canadian newspapers. At tania when they are taken off for re-

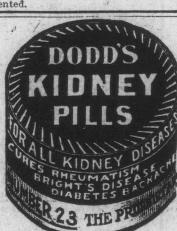
> word on the subject is expected, ham Richardson built the Mauretania, taels, next year. The amount to be every way a handsome addition to a The city's annually increasing pro- famous line. There have been already Two Does Have Been Received From most successful being, of course, the Two deer have arrived from Spokane

day evening last. The singing of Mr. this will be tested, and it is hoped by was united in marriage to George Utilities Admirably Managed.

Traver and the recitation of Miss Ollie

Superintendent England that it is well Allison, late of Scarborough, Eng. Only

Notwithstanding that the rates for Sherwood greatly pleased the gather
founded as he hopes by this means to members of the family were present at charged when the water works were associated with the country they repre- press of Britain which arrived in Que- avenue.



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casion of a determination of the Chito be in addition to the ordinary ex- to have put up half a million dollars There has been keen competition be- penditure of \$2,000,000. The appropria-

NEW DEER FOR PARK

Spokane for Beacon Hill.

The deer enclosure in Beacon Hill In addition to the deer there have

been several guinea fowls sent from -The young people of Emmanuel Spokane also. It is commonly believed 1413 Milne street on the 13th inst., when

bec on the 9th. Several were fellow passengers of Mr. Wilson. and state that his strange actions compelled Capt. Murray to place him u der surveillance. He was a great sufferer from insomnia, and informed some of the passengers that he had difficulty in restraining himself from jumping overboard. At the ship's conperts and in ordinary conversation his manner was that of an overwrought man whose nervous condition wa alarming. He was booked to sail on the Makura a few evenings ago fo Australia on his voyage round the world.

-Sister Superior and the sisters in charge of the St. Joseph's hospital wish to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a conation from Jas. Fletcher the form of a Singer sewing ma

JOHN McKANE IS

LEAVING FOR JAPAN

Interesting Personality to Be Passenger on Empress This Evening.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Among the dozen passengers who will join the white liner Empress of Japan when she leaves here this evening will John McKane, one of the

picturesque characters in Canada and McKane has had a varied career. A few years ago he espoused the Conser-The terest in, if not the control of, several for the purpose of defeating Sir Wilfrid Mr. McKane is now on his way to

SAYS CLIENT IS INSANE

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 15.—The trial of James Cunningham, the laborer who is charged with having murdered Carol rupted to-day and the judge ordered that the self-confessed murdere be taken be-fore the examining board this afternoon. and examined for his sanity. Cameron King, jr., Cunningham's attorney, took the stand and swore that he believes his client to be insane, basing his belief o the fact that Cunningham can give no eral days left this morning for St. Paul. venient and commodious than formerly coherent story of the shooting and that he Last night the visitors were tendered. The carpenters have a similar big re thanks can possibly be given to the public-spirited gentlemen who have that the Tyne has secured since the acted as commissioners of our differ
Mauretania, This is the most important and will be placed there. Superintent and will be placed there. Superintent are will be placed there are will be placed there. Superintent are will be placed the will be placed there. Superintent are will be placed there. Superintent are will be placed the will be

> -A quiet wedding was solemnized at the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. J. S. McCoy, Miss Marian Russell, sister of the bride, made a charm

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STEEL CAR PLANT

Men Claim Strikebreakers Are Being Promoted by Company.

entire 5,000 striking employees of the with her husband at their home. He Pressed Steel Car Company, who re- came after her but she refused to re turned to work last week after tying night he asked her to take a walk with There has been keen competition behaving the cheapest artificial gas of having the cheapest artificial gas of the cheapest a quit in a body this afternoon. The the man pulled a revolver from his men claimed that instead of the strike- pocket. Begging for mercy the won breakers being discharged as had been promised, many of them had been promoted to be bosses. The employees are indignant, and a repetition of the indignant, and a repetition of the quick succession. One shot furrowed bloody rioting during the first days of the side of her head, the second tore the strike is feared, unless the strike- through her body and the third pierced breakers are discharged.

JAPANESE TRADE ENVOYS.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 1.-The Japanes trade envoys who have been the guests cupied the remodelled offices at the of the business men of this city for sev-

The city assessor on Wednesday is cadet corps are requested to be present sued a permit to R. A. McGaffen for at a rifle practice to be held on Saturthe erection of dwelling in Oaklands day morning at 9 o'clock at the Clover

McFarlane were interred in Ross Bay cemetery on Wednesday. The funeral left the Victoria Undertaking Parlors at 2.30 o'clock.

-E. E. Blackwood, Atlantic steamship agent, has been advised that the Cunard liner Ivernia arrived at Boston Tuesday from Liverpool with 1,493 passengers.

Steamer Cascade was ashore Wednesday in the neighborhood of Trial Island, Steamer Salvor went out to her and hauled her off.

-The Vancouver Island Development from the Hon, W. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, promising that the mat ter concerning the advantages of Esquimalt for the location of a new graving dock would receive his careful onsideration.

-The following resolution was passed Tuesday by the board of the Metropolitan Methodist church: "Resolved that this board enter its protest against the action of the Agricultural Associa tion, in allowing bookmaking at the fair, and that a copy be sent to the local papers and the secretary of the association.

TRIES TO KILL WIFE.

Wounds-Would-Be Murderer a

Fugitive.

ANOTHER STRIKE AT Woman Will Probably Die From

> Ukiah, Cal., Sept. 15.-A posse is no searching for Stewart Faundree, Forestville, Sonoma county, who is al-

leged to have shot and probably fa street of Ukiah last night. Mrs. Faudree, it is said, was visiting Pittsburg, Sept. 15 .- Practically the friends here following some trouble turn to Forestville with him. Last fell on her knees before him. Accord ing to her story told to-day the e revolver at her and fired three shots in

> -The city treasurer and sfaff and the city hall and find them much more con modelling fob in hand at the head quarters of the fire department.

ground and Faundree escaped.

All members of the High school cadet corps are requested to be present



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EX-PREM Melbourne, A ince of Victor