AFTER THE TAXPAYER.

The City Council last night gave the by-laws to incur a debt of \$225,000 for ectric light distribution system, and \$50,000 for electric pumps for the wat erworks, two readings and sent them on to be submitted to the ratepayers. One of the speakers—Ald. Sweeney—strong in his faith in the ratepayer's even when they are useless, and evident-ly laboring under the delusion that "the Government is going to help us," venturratepayers would vote "for cheaper power." They would probably vote for remission of their taxes, too; and the bythe other. Nor is the Government going to think. Hamilton taxpayers must pay thousands, if we go into duplicating the electric lighting system, and it has no assurance that our lighting will be reduced in cost thereby. As most munic pal affairs are mismanaged it is likely to be a hole in the ratepayers' pocket. Ald. McLaren affected to regard the Hydro engineer's guess or estimate of cost of street lamps as equivalent to ten-ders backed by \$10,000 guarantees, but we have no idea that in a business matter affecting his own money Aid. Mc-Laren would be so injudicious. The Hydro-Electric people have said that the npany can generate and deliver current at a cheaper rate than they can hope to do. The Council asks the ratepayers to give it \$225,000, to begin with, to build an unnecessary lighting system to duplicate the one in existence to enable it to buy Hydro power to compete against that cheaper current, And the Council could at any time ask for arbitration and secure for private users and corporation this more cheaply produced current at a price to by arbitration and without im posing a dollar of debt on the ratepayers! Why do the aldermen thus obstin ately neglect the cheap and casy means of getting the best results, and seek to place a huge debt (for \$225,000 is only part of the load) on the people to ex-periment with admittedly dearer pow-er? Is it opportunity for graft that is

pumps for waterworks purposes is also singularly ill-considered. Until the Council discovers whether the people can be induced to load up with a big debt to plunge into the Hydro power speculation it cannot tell what sort of pumps it will need! It is not even prepared to say whether they will require to be for eyele or 60-cycle power. No matter whether we have electric pumps or not we shall have to maintain the steam plant. The only one sure thing about it as it is now presented, is that it will add \$50,000 capital cost, and greatly increase the annual expenses of the waterworks. The electric pumps scheme is not only costly, but it is unnecessary. The Cataract Company long ago offered to instal electric pumps without a dollar of cost to the city; to pump for five now pumped, without costing us any more than at present for operation, and at the end of the term turn over the plant in good order free of cost to the And the aldermen have refused to even consider that offer! Instead they ask the city to give them \$50,000 for pumps, on top of \$225,000 for a duplicate lighting system, and to assume Hydro-Electric obligations of probably \$300,000 or more to enable them to go

The by-law to pay \$50,000 for electric

It may be great fun for the aldermen. may be vast opportunities for graft in it. But it is not easy to see anything in it for the burdened tax-

into a huge scheme of electric war with a company better situated to carry it on than the Hydro-Electric Commission

OUR POSTAL GROWTH.

contains some facts of interest which speak eloquently for the growth and expansion of Canada, and suggest a reason for the large increase in the income and expenditure-the business-of the country. In the nine months' period (the year's end being changed from Dec. 31 to March 31) there were established 236 new.post offices, 355 postal note offices, 115 money order offices, and 32 postal

savings bank offices.

The revenue of the department was \$6,535,093; the expenditure, \$5,452,792, sthe surplus, \$1,082,301.

There has been an increase in railway mileage on 12-months basis of 617,487

The increase in letters and post cards

carried is about 12 1-2 per cent.

The increase in money orders has been (12-months basis) \$5,524,457. The stamp issue for nine months was

proud pre-eminence of Ontario in the usiness of the nine months:

Canada, Ontario

the whole, and that we are not far from having 50 per cent, of the mailed letters

fices. The increase has been 2,186, on

24 per cent. The money order business in 1896 was \$13,081,880; on the nine months rate in 1907 it would be \$47,929,299.

It is a big business now, and the peo-ple of Canada should be glad that the day of deficits on operation is over.

FOR TORONTO ONLY.

In speaking of the course of Toront Controllers in considering a proposal by the Toronto Electric Light Company, Mayor Coatsworth, of that city, said:

Mayor Contaworth, or that city, said:
"Our duty is to Toronto. Our duty
does not lie outside Toronto. We have
made no bargains with other municipalities. I would be very sorry if any action we might be compelled to take
would affect the others, but without desiring to offend them, I think we must
consider ourselves first."

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This arouses the ire of Ald. Lyon, Guelph's leading Hydro-Electric enthusiast and he declares that such an arrangement would be "a betrayal of the rest of the municipalities in the union." He says:

"To desert us now would leave us in a very awkward shape." It would take away a very large contribution to the plan and a very large consumer of power, and would seriously imperil our plans."

"It will have the effect of reducing power in Toronto, and if Guelph and the other municipalities get Niagara power from the Commission, they can bid against Toronto for industries, whereas should Niagara power not be secured Toronto will more than ever be in a position to outbid the smaller centres and take away their present industries."

Against Ald. Lyon's view the London

Against Ald. Lyon's view the London Free Press gives this interview with Hon. Adam Beck:

"Is it true that if Toronto deserted the

"Is it true that if Toronto deserted the power scheme the whole undertaking would fall through?"

"Not at all." Mr. Beck replied. "In fact, it might be better for the other municipalities. The scheme as at present mapped out is to place Toronto and Hamilton, with some contiguous points, upon one wire, and the cities west of Hamilton upon another. If Toronto dropped out Hamilton would be placed on the same wire with the other western cities, and this would work out advantageously for them."

So there you are. What do you think of the harmony existing among the Hylro "experts"? Obviously the "Minister of Power" does not agree with Ald. Lyon, or wishes to appear not to, and he is not going to allow a little thing to stand ong as even one wire remains he preit better. But as in the case of his Brantford break, his statement is subject to revision. Of one thing, however, Ald. Lyon and all the other power enhusiasts may be sure, and that is that Toronto is looking after itself, and if the sacrifice of one or all of the other obsessed municipalities whose aldermen are diligently engaged in putling its chestnuts out of the fire will give it an ounce of advantage, to the alter they go.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Toronto cannot afford a filtration system. It will go on drinking sewage and submit a Hydro power by-law.

The remission of the charge for baths will cut off considerebla waterworks revenue that must be made up otherwise.

At press time the City Hall administration had not begun to cut down the Hamilton Electric Light Company's

ed as Laborites. There does not seen to be much "outrage" about that.

Isn't it just a trifle shabby on the Herald's part to try to lay the discovery of that Cataract Co. mare's nest in the City Hall to Clerk Kent's charge? He doesn't pose as the City Solicitor, and he will hardly care to be responsible for

It wasn't Clerk Kent who discovered that Cataract mare's nest in the City Hall. Now who could it have been

In the ten years ending March 31, 1907, our exports of home manufactures in creased from \$10,470,749 to \$26,279,049. That is a splendid showing, especially when it is remembered that the period has been one of great increase in home demands on our manufacturers.

The Council will seek to get legislation to make 2 lbs. the standard loaf of bread. If public opinion may be guaged by the press that feeling seems to be strong throughout the country. There's a chance for some Hamilton baker to make a hit by being in advance of his fellows in this matter.

The Colonial Engineering Co., of Mont-tario bulks more than 50 per cent, of that it will furnish street are lights at \$30 or less, and enable the city to sell power at 1½ to 2½ cents per kilowatt at carried.

The number of post offices on March
31 was 11,377. In 1807 we had 9,191 of should the aldermen turn down such an

the reason a creditable one or in the

The cutting off of about \$10,000 to \$15,000 waterworks revenue and asking the ratepayers to pass money by-laws that will amount, with interest, to well over \$400,000 within 20 years and commit them to more hundreds of thousands liability and involve costly operation, is

No wise man and no prudent representative body ever dreams of entering upon negotiations without being fully conversant with the facts and conditions attending the matter in debate.—
Toronto World.

the facts and figures of this Hydro-Electric scheme, for which the Council asks the ratepayers to vote \$225,000 and

In an article on "Power Development" the London "Canada" quotes the Anglo-Canadian Engineering Co. as saying:

Canadian Engineering Co. as saying:

The power plant supplying the city of Toronto already has a capacity of \$60,000 h. p., and the daily average load is 15,000 h. p., with a much higher maximum. This plant is, however, in striking contrast to the plant supplying cheap power to the city of Hamilton, which, with a population of about one-quarter of Toronto and one-half of Winnipeg, has a daily average load of 17,000 h. p., with a maximum load of 25,000 h. p.'

Hamilton is far abead of Toronto in her

Hamilton is far ahead of Toronto in her electric advantages, and much of the impetus given to our growth comes from the supply of cheap power our industries enjoy and which not even the Hydro-Electric people liope to be able to compete with.

The total immigration into the United States for the ten months of this year is 1,029,168, breaking all previous records. On the other hand, the statistics for August last (the latest official date) show that 22,266 immigrants returned me in that month. Of this number 8,-886 returned to Italy, 4.711 to Austria. 2,867 to Hungary and the remainder to other countries of Europe whence they Since then a large number of foreigners have left the United States. amounting to several hundreds of thousands. The shutting down of mines and factories have driven them away. From in the way of puffing the scheme. As Canada many such visitors have also departed, The approach of winter, the close of outdoor labor and other causes have sent them across the Atlantic, Numbers of them will return next spring-Italians especially, but not a few will no doubt remain at home for good, not meeting with much success in this new land.

> Referring to the statement of Hon Mr. Hendrie the other evening that Mr. Whitney had found it to be not an easy matter to upset the arrangements of the Ross Government, and the contracts entered into, regarding Central prison labor, the Brantford Expositor asks, What are the facts? and says:

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When the Whitney Government assumed power it found that the woodenware department of the Central Prison was being operated on the "public account" system—in other words, by the Province, in such a manner as to satisfy both outside manufacturers of the same lines of goods and Organized Labor. It changed this system, and returned to the contract system, which the old Government had abolished as regards woodenware, and, in face of a rising labor market, hired out prison labor to a private contractor at from three to three-and-a-balf cents an hour.

Mr. Hendrie's connection with the la-

Could you guess, Mr. Waddell? Because it would be a pity to let such a brilliant piece of work go unrewarded with a K. C., a leather medal or something of the sort.

In the ten years ending March 31, 1907,

Hallax Chronicle: It used to be the "oll flag—with an appropriation" that was the inspiration of the Tories, but now it is to be the muck-rake first, last and all the time, according to that eminent practitioner Mr. J. J. Ritchie. So much the worse for the Tory

Our Exchanges

It's No Preventive (Toronto Telegram.)
Toronto water, boiled or unboiled, is a beverage that does not seem to produce an undue prevalence of ty-

(Kingston Whig.) Some children are represented as curious to know whether Santa Claus is coming this year. Why not send him a wireless message? Getting Ready.

Our younger readers will rejoice to hear that at last accounts Santa Claus was having his reindeer shod and will soon start on his long journey from the North Pole.

They Opposed Forestry Work.
(Brockville Recorder.)

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The Hamilton Spectator would like to see the Canadian forest wealth conserved. So would we all, but when the Government of Sir Oliver Mowat appointed a special officer in charge of the department, whose appointment was for the particular purpose of advancing the cause of reforestration, the Spec. did not see it that way at all.

A Clay Idol Broken.

(Kingston Whig.)

Mr. Beck has sadly disappointed his friends in falling into errors with regard to the act which created the Hydro-Electric commission, He spoke so freely, so fairly, so fluently in our city hall that business men regarded him as one of clear head and large capacity.

A Decaying Party.

(Halifax Chronicle.)
The "grand old party" of the Macdonalds and Tuppers and Thompsons surely has fallen far when it has to present to the electors of Colchester such leaders as the Fowler-Ritchie-Butts outfit who performed in Truro yesterday. Such a spectacle has never been witnessed in the history of the Conservative Party of Nova Scotia before. No wonder the organs of the Opposition are wailing about the "dearth of leaders." (Halifax Chronicle.)

Leaders eShould Agree.

(Nelson News).

According to The Toronto Mail and Empire, Hon, George E. Foster, at a recent Conservative meeting in Toronto, expressed the hope that the day would never come when Canada would shut her doors to desirable citizens because their hair was of a certain color, or because they held certain beliefs, or had certain blood in their veins. These remarks certainly apply and apparently were meant to apply to Orientals of all races—Hindus and Chinese, as well au races—Hindus and Chinese, as well as Japanese, Mr. Foster's frank state-ment will probably prove decidedly em-barrassing to Mr. Borden, judging from some of the statements of the leader of the Opposition during his recent tour of the west.

An Effective Denial.

Three tired citizens a lawyer, a doc In the tired citizens—a lawyer, a doc-tor, and a newspaper man—sat in a back room recently in the cold gray light of the early dawn. On the table were many empty bottles and a couple of packs of cards. As they sat in sit-ence a rat scurried across the hearth ence a rat scurried across the heartlinto the darkness beyond. The three men shifted their feet and looked at each other uneasily. After a long pause the lawyer spoke. "I know what you fellows are think-

ing," he said, "you think I saw a rat, but I didn't."

CENTENARY CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Whiting occupied the pulpit of Centenary Church at both services on Sunday last. His theme in the evening was, "Lessons From Jonah." The book is sermonic rather than historic, al-though Jonah is a character in history whip Taylor made a great grand stand play. But would he be so eager to take the stand in a real inquiry where he could be forced to submit to cross-examination as to his election do ings?

Ald. Evans has given notice of a motion toward introducing the Torrens system of land titles. It may cost some trouble to introduce it, but it would be a boon to the people and a permanent great economy.

The rturning officers' list about which the Spectator has been complaining so much contains the names of 30 Conservatives, 30 Liberals and two class, ed as Laborites. There does not seem of Montreal Herald: The all-night bank was, "Lessons From Jonah." The book is sermonic rather than historic, all though Jonah is a character in history and lived about 600 B. C. in the reign of Jeroboam, Those who wrote the book of Jonah, however, as internal evidence shows, lived probably a lundred and lifty years later. The purpose of the book in its sermonic nature was o bring forward apologizing for this retrograde act of Mr. Whitney's, but he might refrain from misrepresenting the attitude of the late Government on the question.

HERE AND THERE.

Peterboro Examiner: What Toronto needs more than anything else is pure water, not a decoction of dead cats and dogs, not diluted sewage.

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Montreal Herald: The all-night bank is not to open in Canada. The reason doubtless is that the hours from nine to four are quite as long as any banker can stand listening to the language of customers who want to run the bank. stand listening to the language of customers who want to run the bank.

Goderich Signal: Is the appointment of IH A. E. Kent an evidence of any leaning towards civil service reform on the part of the Whitney Government?

Montreal Star: The artificial Christmas tree has been devised, but the Thanksgiving turkey is still required to be real.

Ottawa Free Press: A western woman with a knack for figures has discovered that she walks over seven miles a day wnile performing her ordinary household duties. We would like to see her estimate of the miles covered while trying to match a bit of ribbon.

Halifax Chronicle: It used to be the "oll flag—with an appropriation" that was the inspiration of the Tories, but now it is to be the muck-rake first, last and all the time, according to that eminent practitioner Mr. J. J. Ritchne. So much the worse for the Tory party. that eminent practitioner Mr. J. J.
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Brantford Courier: The shricking sistemed that as Nineveh eventually went down, and as Rome and other ancient cities went down. There is no need that a stift which contained more or less misrepresentation. Either as a coincidence or as a joke it ran an epigram at the foot of the article to the effect that a lie, to be believed, has to be a good one.

Feel Confident.

Of winning and you will win. You can place your confidence in our goods and win. Reefers, shoes, askins, umbrellas, rubbers, etc. Everything, for the workingman.—M.

Kennedy, 240 James north.

Big Clearing Sale of Children's lackets and Ulsters

51 in all this season's nobby styles in Children's Jackets and Ulsters, rked at a big reduction in order to make a speedy clearance

\$5.00 Jackets \$3.49

\$6.50 Jackets \$4.99

\$10.00 Stoles \$5.00

\$3.50 Cony Stoles \$1.75

Brown Long Stoles, trimmed with the henille fringe and cord ornaments, regularly \$3.50, for\$1.75

\$4.99 Stoles \$2.50

Marmot Mink Stoles, trimmed with fancy cord ornaments and tails, satin lined, regularly \$4.99, for ... \$2.50

\$35.00 Stoles \$22.99

Long Natural Lynx Stole, wide over shoulder, military collar, regular re-tail price \$35.00, sale price . \$22.99

\$15.00 Stoles \$7.50

\$11.00 Children's Ulsters \$6.99

Everything Trimmed in Our Millinery Dept. Will Go Out at Reduced Prices Wednesday

Great Fur Sale Continues Successfully

We have still a big showing of those half-price Furs, Muffs, Coats, Stoler Collarettes, at just one-half the ordinary price.

\$35 Storm Collar \$15

\$10.00 Stoles \$5.00 Dyed Sable Stoles, satin lined, good ength, trimmed with six tails and ord ornaments, \$10.00, for ...\$5.00

\$11.00 Ruffs \$5.50

\$50.00 Rufts \$20.00

\$33.00 Stoles \$20.00

Dyed Sable Stoles, wide shoulder piece, long fronts, finished with tails, satin lined, steel buckles, regularly \$15.00 value, for\$7.50 Big Values in Men's and Women's Underwear

50 and 65c Ladies' Vests

75c Fleeced Underwear

Men's Heavy Wool Fleeced Underwear, some with double back and front, regularly 15c, for 49e

\$1.25 Elastic Rib 79c

Tiger Brand Heavy All-wool Under vests and Drawers, value for \$1.25,

Great Sale of Black

Black Peau de Soie

Black Louisine Silk

Black Pailette Silk

43c Black Pailette Silk 29c 59c Black Pailette Silk 42c 82.40 inch Black Taffeta Silk \$1.59

45-inch Taffeta Silk

\$1.75 44 inch Black Taffeta .. \$1.39 \$2.75 45 inch Black Taffeta .. \$1.99 \$3.25 45 inch Black Taffeta ... \$2.49

Black Tafteta Silk

\$15 Jackets \$10

THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

as missionaries.
At the evening service the choir sang with splendid effect Mendlssohn's "Hear My Prayer," Miss Adda Smith taking the solo part with fine voice and expression. The organ recital was omitted owing to the lateness of the hour,

BAIL FOR STEVE ADAMS.

May be Rearrested for Murder of Arthur Collins.

Collins.

Rathdrum, Idaho, Nov. 25.—Steve Adams, the jury in whose trial for the murder of Fred. Tyler reported a disagreement, was fixed at \$20,00. Attorney Darrow, for the defence, announced the bond would be provided within a few days. It is expected that as soon as Adams is released on this bond, he will be re-arrested on a warrant charging him with the murder of Arthur Collins, at Telluride, Colorado, in 1902.

Attorneys Darrow and Hawley leave at once for Boise to attend the Pettibone case.

BEARER SECTION.

Work Finished and Supper Given at Capt. Carter's.

Last evening the proficiency class of the Thirteenth Regiment Bearer Section which has been working for the past few weeks, met at the home of Capt. Carter for final examination. After the hard work was finished the captain led themen into the dining-room, where a table was well laden with good things, and started right in to show them that he can be an excellent host as well as a respected oficer. He was assisted in this by Mrs. Carter, who did the honors of hostess to perfection. Lieut. Comon, of the Thirteenth, who is an old Bearer Section boy, and who has been assisting Capt. Carter in the examinations, was also present.

Needless to say, all enjoyed themselves well into the small hours, as the host was check full of good stories and interesting adventures, which kept the work was finished the captain led the

ompany on the Qui vive all evenin hat of having the hard work

the fun after.

Before leaving for home the boys thanked Capt. and Mrs. Carter for the very pleasant evening, which was the more pleasant because it was entirely unexpected.

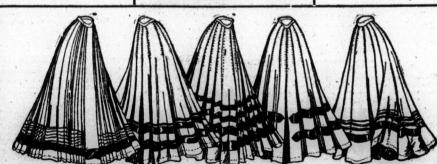
given out at a later date. Tuesday, Nov. 26.—There were Tuesday, Nov. 26.—There were no changes in prices on the general market this morning, but the hide market was in a sort of slump. Hides dropped one cent all around, and the sale was poor. Butter and eggs have not taken the promised fall yet, but sales have dropped off. Vegetables and meats were selling well, with no change. Pork looks like a further drop, as the sale is rather poor. The store prices have not kept time with the wig drop on the market, and no reason is given for it. "Hogs are a good proposition even a cent lower than now per pound," said one dealer. On the grain market the only change noted was a fall in the price of barley.

Fools grow without watering.—Italian.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27th, 1907

SHEA'S

Big Bargains in Dress Goods



The Biggest Showing of Dress Skirts Yet

Skirts by the thousand, all bought at less than the cost of materials in them and on sale for less than wholesale prices. Women's Skirts, Misses' Skirts and Children's Skirts, every fashionable and every wanted material, in sizes to fit everybody. See display tonight and to-morrow.

Women's Skirts \$1.95, Worth \$3.00

Women's Skirts \$2.95, Worth \$4.00

Women's Skirts \$3.95, Worth \$5.00

Women's Skirts \$4.95. Worth \$7.00

Navys, greens, reds, browns, plaids, etc., tweeds and plain colors, made in the most stylish manner, with tucks and folds, also some handsome Black Voile Skirts, worth up to \$7.00, on sale for, each

Women's Skirts \$5.95. Worth \$8.50

Hundreds of Women's Beautiful Voile, Panama, Venetian and Broadcloth Skirts, in every wanted color, every body's size, newest styles of pleatings and cluster folds, all cut in the most perfect fitting models, worth \$8.50 to \$9.00, on sale for, each

Women's Skirts \$7.50. Worth \$10