



## New Dress Goods AND Ladies' Suitings

Will Be Shown on Thurs-  
day, the 18th February

For this week we hold a grand clearing sale of several lines in several departments, all of which must disappear before the arrival of spring imports.

Great Values Are Shown in  
Oddment Lot of  
Blankets, Eiderdown Quilts,  
Furniture Sateens  
and Dimities.

Linea Damasks, Red Linens, Linen  
and Cotton Sheerings, and Pillow Cases.  
Hand and Turkish Bath Towels.

Remnants of  
Black and Colored Dress Fabrics, Suit-  
ings.

Silk Fabrics  
and washable goods.

50 dozen Gentlemen's Ham-  
stitched Linen Handker-  
chiefs \$2.00 and \$2.50 dozen.

Ladies' Hemstitched Linen  
Handkerchiefs \$1.50 dozen.

Grand final clearing of slightly soiled  
fine Swiss Muslin (Embroideries,  
Edgings, Insertions and Trimmings).

**JOHN CATTO & SON**

King Street—opposite the Post-Office.

ESTABLISHED 1864.

**COST OF PAVING ESPLANADE.**

G.T.R. Objects to Paying Whole  
Cost as South Side Owner.

The Court of Revision yesterday con-  
sidered the division of the cost of an  
asphalt pavement on the Esplanade  
from York to Berkeley-street, which  
was estimated at \$101,270. The city's  
share was fixed at \$28,115 for blank-  
ets, and street intersections, and  
\$33,527 was apportioned to the prop-  
erty on the north side of the street  
to be benefited.

The Grand Trunk Railway was at-  
tached for the entire cost on the south  
side of the street, amounting to \$41,625,  
but this is a collector's bluff, on the  
ground that the railway on that side  
should bear a portion of the cost.

Consideration of this question was de-  
ferred until March 1.

**Promoting Your Life.**  
Business men or active society people  
should take occasional trips to such places  
as St. Catharines, Mount Clemens, Dan-  
ville, Clifton, Niagara, etc., the restful  
quiet and excellent waters being very ben-  
eficial.

To those wishing more extended tour  
for health or pleasure, what is more deli-  
cious than a trip to Florida, Nassau or  
other places in the Sunny South, or to California,  
where oranges are now ripening?  
It takes less than two days to Florida  
and four days to California, and at the  
Grand Trunk there are regular boats  
to New York and St. Louis, and you may make  
recreational, young-folk, tickets and in-  
formation.

**Leatherworkers Organizing.**  
About 100 leather workers on horse  
goods met in Richmond Hall last night  
for the purpose of organizing a city  
union. James Simpson, secretary, and  
chairman, presided, and the meeting was  
well attended.

**Suit Against Peter Ryan.**  
The suit of M. L. Water against Peter  
Ryan, as assignee of the late E. J. Ryan,  
a lumberman of Detroit, was commenced  
before Justice Macdonell. The claim is for  
\$5000. Mr. Ryan also has a counter claim  
on the ground of a false claim.

**Infant's Death Was Natural.**  
The inquest held last night on the  
four-month-old infant, Charles Chif-  
ford, who died at Mrs. Ryan's, resulted  
in a verdict of death from natural  
causes.

**Burned by Molten Lead.**  
Daniel Mullen works at the James Robert-  
son foundry on West King-street. Yes-  
terday some molten lead fell in his face,  
inflicting some very severe burns. The  
ambulance conveyed him to the Emergency  
Hospital.

**Monkey Brand Soap Sells Kitchens.**  
The town of Port Arthur is a fair price  
for the service obtained.

**St. Lawrence Hall**  
Rates \$2.50 per day.

Most centrally located hotel in Montreal.

Grinding Lenses

OUR optician is a  
master of the op-  
tical profession, from the grind-  
ing of lenses to the intricate  
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for difficult and complicated  
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best to be obtained.

Optical consultation  
daily from 9 to 6

**RYRIE BROS.,**

Cor. Yonge and Adelaide,  
TORONTO.

## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Reply to the "Special Commissioner"  
of the Ottawa Free Press  
and His Comments.

Some time ago The Ottawa Free  
Press sent a special commissioner to  
Port Arthur and Port William to re-  
port on the condition of the municipal  
enterprises operated in these towns.

The report gave a very gloomy picture  
of municipal ownership as applied to  
Port Arthur and Port William. These  
two towns own and operate their elec-  
tric light, waterworks, telephone and  
street railway system. It appears  
that they strongly resent the article  
published in The Ottawa Free Press,  
and they have issued in the form of  
a booklet a reply signed by Mayor  
Jackson and Town Clerk McNaughton  
of Port William. Others who assisted  
in the preparation of the reply were  
Councilmen E. S. Rutledge and Wm.  
Newcombe, J. J. Wills, Walter and  
Light Commissioner, and E. Trout-  
man, editor of The Times-Journal.

These gentlemen were appointed by  
the Town Council of Port William as a  
special committee to reply to the  
article in The Free Press.

Here is the reply in part:  
It is no secret that the Bell Tele-  
phone Co. in common with all other  
monopolies that have money invested  
in street railways, electric light and  
waterworks systems, are alarmed at  
the growing inclination on the part  
of people to own and operate these  
franchises, and are endeavoring to  
prevent such a result.

Port William, being a pioneer in  
the enterprise, and being the object  
of attack, it is to the interest of  
monopolies to make it appear that  
these franchises are operated at a  
loss. We endeavor in this article to  
make it plain that the special com-  
missioner did not tell the truth. The  
facts and figures submitted are all  
taken from the books of the town,  
and the same facts and figures are open  
to any person who desires to see them.

The report was submitted to the  
Town Council, and was by it at a  
regular council meeting, and gave out  
an official document of that  
body.

The special commissioner's report  
gives the figures on receipts and main-  
tenance of light and water as follows:

**RECEIPTS.**

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