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ISLAND LEASES AND WATER LOTS.

The application of the Royal Canadian
Yacht Club for a renewal of the lease
of their premises on the Island is a re-
minder of the fact that a large number
of island leases expire next year. The
yacht club's lease does not expire for 7
years, and it is not very evident why
they are filling their application for
renewal at so early a date. In order
to determine just what the renewal
of the yacht club's premises should be,
it will be necessary to ascertain
many facts, which will be equally applic-
able to the lease of the other islands.
In view of this, the club's application
should be left over till next year, for the
question of the renewal of all the ex-
piring leases should be gone into.
In any case, the determination
of the values of the various properties
ought to be undertaken at the same
time. Such a course will be more satis-
factory to all parties, and will afford less
excuse for invidious comparisons.
Reference was made at the
committee yesterday as to a dis-
puted ownership in some 80 acres of
water lots. The city ought to offer a
vigorous opposition to any attempt to
seize possession of water lots, which
appear to many to be valuable. As a
matter of fact, these water lots around
the city are of great value. When pro-
prietors are used, and the work is
done on a large scale, the lots in
question can be filled in at a compara-
tively small cost. As has already been
said, the Toronto Ferry Co. to fill in five
acres, so it will pay the city by-and-by
to fill in the water lots it may retain in
possession and add them to the park.
No more water lots should be parted
with, and if the city's title to any of
them is uncertain the municipality should
be removed.

AN EXTENDED POSTAL DISTRICT.

In another column Mr. Frank Johnston
writes on a topic that The World has
frequently referred to. It is the forma-
tion of an extended postal district, in-
cluding the City of Toronto and its sub-
urbs. As it is, the postal district has ju-
isdiction only within the city limits. On
all sides of the city there are districts
as fully populated, or even more so, than
many sections of the city. The postoffice
is a Government concern, and the limits
of a municipality ought to cut no figure
in limiting its usefulness. We understand
Postmaster Pattison approves of the
formation of a metropolitan postal district,
whereby the suburbs would receive the same
attention as any part of the city
proper. The district would include West
Toronto, Eglinton, North Toronto, East
Toronto, Little York, Toronto, Don-
mills, and other localities. If the mat-
ter were properly represented to the
Postmaster-General we think there would
be little difficulty in getting the reform
through. A more frequent interchange
of postal matter between the city and
the suburbs would benefit both the for-
mer and the latter. The Postoffice De-
partment is effective in keeping down
the delivery of postal matter as the
newspapers and big retail stores are in
their lines. These latter have a regular
delivery system over to large parts of a territory
as that which would be comprised in the
metropolitan postal district.

WHERE COMPETITION FAILS.

That the rates for gas and electric
lighting in Toronto are altogether too
high is the universal verdict of all who
have looked into the matter. But what
more directly concerns everyone is the
question of what should be done to bring
down prices to their proper level. There
is competition in the matter of keeping
the price of most articles of everyday
use at a minimum, but in the case of gas
and electricity that are expensive com-
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as it is in the case of commodities like
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