## CANAL WATER POWERS SHOULD BE UTILIZED FOR PEOPLE'S BENEFIT

G.T. Somers, President of the Board of Trade, Deals With Many Matters of Great Importance to City and Province in His Comprehensive Address.

That the government might well consider the possibilities of power production in the enlargement of the Welland Canal, and that the big scheme mooted by capitalists for the utilization of the immense powers on the St. Lawrence waterways showed what great profits in similar undertakings could be had to benefit the people generally, was pointed out by G. T. Somers, presidentelect of the board of trade, in his inaugural address yesterday.

He dealt with many subjects of great importance to Toronto's advancement and the welfare of citizens. The planning by cities of the land beyond their borders, the attracting of industries, the prevention of accidents, the establishment of a Dominion department to build and improve highways, and the need of immediate and energetic action to prevent fire waste, were some of the topics taken up.

Mr. Somers' address follows: Mr. Somers' address follows:

Gentlemen of the Council of the Board wish to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by the members in electing me as the president of this board for the year 1912 It is no mean compliment to any man to place him at the head of an organization so widely known, not only in Canada, but thru out the empire, representing as it does struction of a main artery in the Timthe leading men in the financial, com-iskaming region, and proposes to begin mercial, industrial and professional ac-opening a road 110 miles long in Abitibi

prominently as one of the greatest municipalities in North America, and one which is likely, during the coming year, northern portions of Ontario, locating to gather a very large share of the fruits of the anticipated industrial and obtaining considerable business there, general increase in the prosperity of an additional reason for practical work the Dominion. There are many subject the Dominion. There are many subject to the part of southern Ontario.

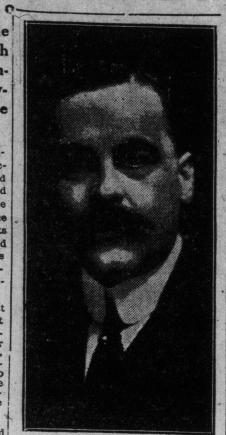
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Tonto is the very centre of an excellent agricultural section; it is in advance of the great loss of life and the large numany other city in the matter of rail ber of accidents in Toronto last year, transportation, except in the way of caused, we are told, to a great extent, radials; it possesses a good harbor with by carelessness. I would ask the hearty considerable possibilities unexploited, co-operation of the board to encourage legislation seeking to influence corporations. Labor conditions are good, for Toronto stands in the centre of a greater respect for life and property. great and active manufacturing district, and the engagement of certain classes of skilled labor is comparatively more easy than in other centres. Customs, postal, excise and other public revenues are interesting and property. A recent article in Monetary Times pointed out that in four years, 36,710 canada in accidents on steam and electric railways, at fires, and by industrial accidents. This is at the reaction of the standard property.

parks and playgrounds. Seventeen gested areas, and in many other ways ago the population was 167,653. easily apparent and last year 374,667, an increase of 207,014, or 123 per cent. The assessment value in the past 11 years has increased from \$124,992,090 to \$306,634,000 for 1911,

The attendance a gain of 144.8 per cent. The attendance necessary work were then given, and at Toronto's Canadian National Exhiit is hoped that early and serious conbition in 1879 was 101,794, and in 1911, sideration will be given by the govern-962,000, a gain of 809 per cent. The value ment to this matter and a beginning of buildings for which permits were is-made upon the actual work in the near sued in 1910 was \$21,127,000, and last future. Our neighbors to the south are year \$24,250,000. In 1900 the tax rate hastening the completion of the Eric was 19 1-2 mills, and last year 18 mills. barge canal in order to divert still fur-Our pre-eminent position in the mat- ther traffic from the great lakes via ter of chartered banks has already Buffalo to New York, much of which been referred to in the retiring presi- traffic should properly go thru Candent's address, and therefore I need say adian waterways. Governor Dix of no more, other than regarding insurance New York, State, in his recent message companies. Fifteen of our prominent to the state legislature, considers that life insurance companies have their the most important work under the jurhead offices in Toronto, and four of isdiction of the state engineer, at prethem have their head offices in Mont-sent is that of the construction of the real. This will give you but a slight barge canal. "During the past year,"

prospects. In the exhaustive report on this subject, which has been prepared on behalf of the board, it is conservatively estimated that the purchasing power of the present population between North Bay and Cochrane is \$45,000,000 the state for their consideration. North Bay and Cochrane is \$45,000,000 the state approved of the benefits of that business, but should have a still larger share. Further, it is not difficult to imagine the tremend-



President of the Board of Trade, whose inaugural address yesterday was complete, exhaustive and

tivities of this metropolitan city. opening a road 110 miles long in Abitibi In assuming the office, I assure you during the coming spring. A line with that I will discharge its duties to the its terminus at James Bay, it was addest of my ability.

ed, would greatly promote the developMay I draw your attention to the imment of farming and industries, at the portance of this city and some of its same time aiding the transportation of The City of Toronto still stands out western provinces. While planning the prominently, as one of the greatest mu- opening of the northern part of its own

toms, postal, excise and other public accidents. This is at the rate of 9177 revenues are increasing rapidly. The commercial pulse of the city is healthy, during that period 25 persons have been and the outlook is splendid. killed or injured. I think the board can You are familiar with the remarkable growth of Toronto, the present area of sisting to improve traffic rules, autohelp to minimize this appalling record, which is 28 square miles, and which mobile speed regulations, the abolition miles of streets, and 51 public of level street railway crossings in con-

idea of the growth and importance of he says, "the construction work on the

For several years past considerable never before equaled, as is shown by publicity has been given to the question the amount of work done and included



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of the development of Northern Onta- in the estimates for the various con- rio. The board of trade, under the re- tracts. During 1909, there was ap- and its consultation with the harbor board of trade, under the re- tracts. During 1909, there was ap- and its consulting engineer. It has and its consulting engineer. It has consultation with the harbor board evil. tiring president, has done practical proximately \$7,000,000 worth of work along these lines. There has yet work completed: during 1910 to come the initiation of an actual mevement for the immediate settlement is a conservative statement to say that during 1911 to December 1 over \$14,000,000. It is a conservative statement to say that during 1911 the contract work expects. In the exhaustive report on ceeded that done in any precision of the flow from provincial government, to appoint a fire prospects. In the exhaustive report on ceeded that done in any previous year this subject, which has been prepared by more than \$60 per cent.

Lake Superior, the board of American marshay for the province. The fire

still larger share. Further, it necessary freight handling facilities Huron has been greatly increased and the drafting of civic building bylaws etus which would be given trade considerable imports.

large number of small locks on the time seems to me to be out of all proposent canal, the waste water from portion to the price paid the producer ways, we undoubtedly lose many inthe country. This lessening of prices dustries which either locate in neighbor of the city, therefore, it is not unreally lose many into the country. these locks might well become an important source of revenue to the government if utilized for power production.

Keep Lake Levels Normal.

In connection with the fourth suggestion, it is found that sometimes a two-lock time is consumer, and the fourth suggestion of the city, therefore, it is not unreated to consumer, I am satisfied, would also boring cities or in western Canada, which are conducting an aggressive campaign for new industries. We have certain districts in Canada a few real consumer, I am satisfied, would also boring cities or in western Canada, which are conducting an aggressive campaign for new industries. We have certain districts in Canada a few real consumer, I am satisfied, would also boring cities or in western Canada, which are conducting an aggressive campaign for new industries. We have certain districts in Canada a few real consumer, I am satisfied, would also boring cities or in western Canada, which are conducting an aggressive campaign for new industries. We have certain districts in Canada a few real consumer, I am satisfied, would also boring cities or in western Canada, which are conducting an aggressive campaign for new industries. We have certain districts in Canada a few real consumers and the consumers of the city, therefore, it is not unreated to consumer. he says, "the construction work on the barge canal has progressed at a rate to the shipping and business interests. This has a bad effect on the wear of serious consideration to this question, some instances the rate business. The same instances the rate of the universe to the shipping and business interests. This has a bad effect on the wear of serious consideration to this question, some instances the rate business. The suggested commission looking to the appointment of a pro- has savored too much of speculation as been brought to my attention in might draft legislation to remedy the Perly qualified industrial commissioner. Tather than investment. Conditions in It would seem of great advantage for Toronto are, however, in my judg-

remunerative opportunities awaiting have a still larger share. Further, it is not difficult to imagine the tremend out impetus which would be given trade conditions in Togotot and other Ontario cities, were an aggressive development policy inaugurated in connection with the northern part of the province.

Advance North Country.

We must remember that British Combibia is fast becoming an industrial province; that Manitoba has more than four hundred industrial; and that Alberta and Saskatchewan are establishing industries wherever local conditions, are favorable. This industrial movement in western Canada will gain strength from year to year. While the eartest should appear in manufacturing, it would appear in manufacturing to take the content of the legislation and interest of the content of the legislation and interest of the content of the legislation and interest of the content the enterprise of market gardeners around Toronto. Only a comparative-

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sessed by all modern cities of its size sidered the educational centre of the and importance, solely thru want of Dominion. In this connection I would sufficient suburban transportation. I urge that the board look for the early cubmit, therefore, that the encourage-publication of the report of the royal of trade, and its conference committee, ment of radial railroads from the sub-urbs to the city's centre, and the im-Many problems around this question giving their discussion full rublicity. provement of the suburban service of remain unsolved, and in their solution giving their discussion full publicity.

around Toronto. Only a comparativeof Civic Art have attracted considerly understood. Were such work conable attention, and the incoming counducted along proper lines, the approval cil will be glad to help carry on such or otherwise of the board of trade, with important work in this connection as reference to proposals to be subr may meet with their approval. In to the electors, would have considerable due time it is hoped that the many vital civic improvements so much to be desired, and so comparatively easy of sections, so as to make this commitof accomplishment in a city of Toron-to's importance, size and geographical The publication of The Board of position, will be made. The federal Frade News has proved of considera buildings for Toronto, respecting which value and interest. I would like to a deputation waited upon the Dominion Government last year, are a necestion of the great improvement which has been made in its form and news in long ago. I would like also to emphasize the importance of trunk line diagenal streets for the city, a question which has been before us previously.

Last year three cities. Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton, applied to the legislature for the right to regulate plotting of lands outside the corporations been highly gratifying. The present only by Toronto, but also by the whole of southern Ontario, and it seems to me that every effort must be made to find the province, and the different municipalities of the province, to urge strongly upon the findered and provinced authorities the meeters and the different municipalities of the province, to urge strongly upon the findered and provinced authorities the meeters and the different municipalities of the province of the province to urge strongly upon the findered and provinced authorities the meeters and the different municipalities of the provinced authorities the made in the people of Canada instead of a heavy for the immediate development and peopling of this vast heritage.

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beauty of the cities in the future would be greatly bettered.

Get More Closely to Public. The conference committee of 100 the board to give its support to the bringing of all radial railways to the heart of the city. Undoubtedly Toronto lacks the suburban facilities postate lacks the suburban facilities p brought up. The experiences at the recent Toronto municipal elections tend provement of the suburban service of remain unsolved, and in their solution the steam railroads, are matters for this report and its advice is eagerly on Jan. 1, less than one-fourth of these our earnest attention.

City Should Plan for Future.

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