A VARIED PROGRAM IN VIEW

Many Civic Reforms For the Council to Consider.

THE ISLAND RAILWAY FIRST.

If Preparatory Work is Pushed Now Can Be Completed This Year.

Work of Laying Out the Island Property Upon a Systematic Plan to Be Proceeded With at Once—Preservation of the Old Fort as an Historical Monument—Will the Local Improvement System Be Abolished or Modified?—Equalization or Abolition of Water Rates—Effect of Proposed Changes Upon the Tax Rate—Probable Conflict With the Provincial Board of Health—Commotion Caused by Proposed Changes in the Fire Brigade.

The City Council of 1897 starts out with a larger program before it than any council in recent years. The program is varied; it deals with questions relating to almost every branch and feature of the civic government. The proposed changes are largely of a legislative character, and are in the direction of extending the franchise and the more equal distribution of the responsibilities of maintaining the fabric of civic government. There are several items on the program, however, which directly affect the pecuniary interests, the comfort and convenience of the general public. The first of these in importance from the standpoint of the benefits which it will confer upon the greatest number is the extension of the city trolley system to the Island.

THE NEXT STEP.

The Council of last year adopted the principle of accepting the Island as a part of the city service without extra charge for fare and the City Solicitor is now preparing the draft agreement which is to be entered into by the Toronto Railway Company to extend the system whenever required to do so by the city. This will be ready for the consideration of Council at the next meeting, and there should not be any delay in presenting it to the company for signature. The right of the citizens to be carried to the Island without payment of extra fare having been secured, Council can then turn its attention toward arranging for the construction of the roadbed on the Island. As the work will be somewhat different to what was required in the city special specifications will require to be prepared. In order that there may be no delay in carrying out the work, the City Engineer should receive instructions to at once prepare the specifications, which he can do much better now when there is no other work going on to distract his attention. Everything can be in readiness and tenders can be called for so that contracts may be let and the work commenced as soon as the Legislature passes the necessary amendment to the act of 1892 to enable the city to proceed with the work. The intention of that act was to enable the city to raise funds for the conversion and extension of the railway system by the issue of local improvement debentures, but it was omitted to include bridges in the works which might be constructed by this means. At the time this legislation was obtained there was no extension in immediate contemplation which would require a bridge, hence the omission.

THE PUBLIC IS THE JURY.

The proposal to submit to the property owners a bylaw to authorize the issue of debentures for the amount required to construct the extension does not meet with the approval of a majority of the Council. Neither has it the support of the great mass of the people. The other portions of the system were constructed without any such reference upon the ground that as the property owners were not called upon to bear any portion of the cost they were not interested except as citizens. The general public, and not the property owners as a class, furnish the revenue from which the street railway pays the percentage and mileage to the city. It is the general public that uses the cars, that requires the Island service, and that will use it when it is constructed. The question of who is qualified to pronounce an opinion upon street railway matters was settled by the Legislature, when it decided that the citizens and not the property owners or householders should determine whether cars should run on Sunday or not. There has been no good reason shown why this principle, which was then established, should be departed from now. The public, as represented within the confined limits of the voters' lists, emphatically endorsed the Island railway project in the municipal elections, and the course for the Council to pursue is to carry out at the earliest possible moment what is clearly and unmistakably the mandate of the people.

TO DEVELOP THE ISLAND.

In connection with the Island railway question is the important matter of the proper administration of the city's property on the island. The running of the first car from the city to the Island will mark the commencement of a new era in the progress of Toronto's summer resort. Chairman Burns has taken the initiative in the matter of getting the various departments interested together in order that a special plan for the development of the Island and the conversion of the city's vacant land into a revenue-producing property may be adopted. The great drawback in the past has been lack of continuity in the Island policy. The preparation of such a plan as advocated by Ald. Burns, if it is, as it should be, in its general lines, sufficiently broad, comprehensive and elastic to meet the requirements of the next 25 years, coupled with the increased demand for Island lots which, it is conceded, will result from a trolley service, will attract people to the Island and produce a largely increased revenue. System in the work on the Island is what is necessary.

The proposition for the city to obtain control of the Old Fort property from the Dominion Government is popular with the West End people, provided the cost is not too great. There are many historic associations connected with the Old Fort, which is one of the few spots in the city which the progress of time has left unchanged. The Dominion Government has allowed it to fall into decay, the embankments are crumbling away, and the palisades which formed a protection from the hostiles in the earlier days of Toronto's history are gradually disappearing. It has been neglected by the citizens, as well as by the Government, in the past, lying, as it does, in quiet seclusion from the ordinary route of travel, but with the extension of the street railway down Bathurst-street to the Queen's Wharf, it will once more be brought into prominence. The cost of restoring the palisades would not be large, and at small expense the grounds could be converted into a plasant resting place on the road to the Island.

SHIFTING THE BURDEN.

The condition of the pavements of the city is bound to become a live issue in municipal politics this year. The local improvement system, as it is in operation in Toronto, is upon trial before the bar of public opinion and the verdict, judging from the number of suggestions offered in Council, will be that in its present shape it is a failure. The whole question of paying for public works on the frontage assessment plan as against doing them at the general charge of the city will have to be thrashed out again. There are three propositions before the Council: To abolish the system altogether and do the work at the general expense of the city, which will result in an increase of the general tax rate of 4 3-4 mills on the dollar, but will wipe out the local improvement rates; to abolish the system so far as it applies to sidewalks; to charge the city with one-third of the cost of all local improvement pavements, exclusive of intersections, thereby placing streets upon which the street railway tracks are not laid upon the same basis as those where the cars run. The question is one that is full of difficulty and will require careful handling, owing to the conflicting interests which are involved. The abolition of the system involves the consideration of the question of compensation to those who have paid local improvement rates for many years.

WILL RETURN TO MUD.

The probability is that a compromise will be arranged by which the inequalities of the present system will be removed, and at the same time relief given to the over-burdened property owner. With respect to the work of repaving, there are many streets in the outskirts which were paved with cedar blocks at the time of the boom where the blocks when they become worn out should be removed. A little gravel thrown upon the sand foundation may, with the assistance of the roller, be converted into a road that will answer all the requirements of the ordinary light traffic which it will have to accommodate for many years. In other cases where long stretches of block paving run between vacant lots, and where it is not a main artery of travel, it is just a question whether the sand foundation will not answer the requirements for the present. The Council must recognize the fact that one of the great sources of heavy taxation in Toronto is the large area of paved or improved streets, in proportion to the population, as compared with other cities. Many streets that should never have been paved will lapse back into the mud-road state, from which condition there has never been any reason to emerge.

EQUALIZING WATER RATES.

For years there has been a periodical outcry against the manner in which the water rates are levied, and various methods are proposed for alleviating the grievances complained of. The chief grievance appears to be that there should be anything at all to pay for one of the essentials of life, but as long as a water works system is necessary to supply the wants of the public so long will someone have to pay for its construction and maintenance. The latest proposal that the rates be equalized has brought forward another and more radical suggestion that they be abolished altogether, which is a consummation devoutly to be wished. But if water rates be abolished, where is the money to be found to meet the annual charges on account of the works? The revenue from the water works at the present time amounts to about $450,000, inclusive of about $85,000 which is paid by the general taxpayer, for water used for civic purposes. If water rates are abolished the present revenue of $365,000 which is derived from the water takers would be lost, and would have to be raised in the general taxes, necessitating an increase of 2 3-4 mills on the dollar upon the present rate. It is true the water takers would be relieved of that amount and the burden would be unloaded upon the owners of property. The plan has its redeeming features, in that the landlords would have none of the annoyance of being called upon to pay water rates, which have been left unpaid by careless tenants. The chief difficulty in the event of the abolition of the water rates for domestic purposes will be to arrange a satisfactory tariff for water used for commercial purposes. The ordinary water-taker entertains the opinion that, while he should get water free, the parties who use the water for manufacturing purposes should pay for it, as they make a profit on it. The manufacturer, on the other hand, points out that the other fellow will have no work unless manufacturers are encouraged and that one way to encourage them is to give them free water.

The repeal of the local improvement bylaw and the abolition of the water rates are both very popular cries, because the impression is conveyed that the people will somehow or other be relieved of the payment of the sums now collected for these purposes. The amount of the local improvement rates payable in 1896 was $604,000, and the amount paid annually, as shown above, by the water consumer, is $365,000. To raise this money out of the general taxes would necessitate an increase in the rate of 7 1-2 mills for these items alone.

IS THIS ANOTHER BUNGLE?

There is every indication that the city is going to have trouble over the leasing of the building at the Western Cattle Market for the purposes of a slaughter house. The building question was formerly erected for the purpose of affording a convenience in which the cattle-dealers could slaughter animals that became injured in course of transit to or while in the market, so that they might not become a total loss. The business of the market has, it is said, fallen largely into the hands of a few large dealers, and there was a complaint that the small retailers were at the mercy of the wholesaler, because of the lack of conveniences for killing. After some agitation it was decided to lease the building to the highest bidder, provision being made in the lease for regulating the prices which should be charged by the lessee for killing cattle, sheep, hogs and calves, the intention being that small dealers would be able to purchase one or two head at the market, take them to the slaughter house and have them killed at a moderate charge. But, although the prices were fixed, there is nothing in the specifications to compel the lessee to kill for any one who may bring animals there. So that, should the lessee find it more profitable to shut up the slaughter house, he can do so. There appears also to be a fight between the dealers, some of whom threaten an injunction if the city persists in carrying out the lease. The aid of the Provincial Board of Health has also been invoked, and there is a possibility of a conflict between that body and the city corporation.

NICE LEGAL POINT.

The act of last year empowers the municipal council of every city or town by bylaw to provide for the establishment of a public slaughter house or abattoir, and the Provincial Board of Health is authorized to make rules prescribing the construction, equipment and regulation of the same. The building which the city has leased does not, it is contended, comply with the requirements of the Provincial Board of Health respecting public slaughter houses or abattoirs. Dr. Sheard, Medical Health Officer of the city, contends, however, that this building, although owned, is not operated, by the city, and is not, therefore, a municipal slaughter house, but comes under the same regulations as apply to such places when controlled by private parties. City Solicitor Caswell has endorsed the opinion given by Dr. Sheard. Should the fight come to an issue there will be a nice legal point to decide.

WHO ARE THE EMPLOYERS?

The majority of council appeared on Monday to be decidedly in favor of the proposal to order that in future all heads of departments shall report to the Board of Control for confirmation all appointments to office made by them. The bylaws give the heads of departments power to employ, hire, suspend, dismiss or reinstate officials, but subsequent legislation has, in the case of the permanent officials, placed this power in the hands of the Board of Control. The board has not exercised this power, except in the case of the tax collectors. The arguments advanced in favor of the change were that in endeavoring to prevent the civic service becoming the refuge for relatives of aldermen, Council had rushed to the other extreme of giving heads of departments supreme control, which had resulted in filling the service with relatives and friends of the officials and their wives. In order to correct this practice it is sought, while not interfering with the prerogative of selecting their staff, to make the departmental heads report their action for review by the Board of Control and Council. Another argument which will have weight with those members of Council who have not been on the "inside" is that in reality, under the present system, a few aldermen have so manipulated matters that by some means or other they have succeeded in getting what they want, while others got nothing. As the Council, in the capacity of trustees for the people, who provide the funds, are the real employers and not the departmental heads, they claim the right of review and supervision of the entire service.

QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS.

The recent heavy reduction in the assessment, especially in the outlying wards, has had the effect of depriving many people of votes who have for years exercised the franchise in municipal elections. There are three propositions before the Council for legislation to reduce the present qualification. The first is to reduce the amount of assessment necessary to entitle a person to a vote from $400 to $300. A second reduces it to $200 and a third proposes to establish a household franchise. The question is one that should receive prompt attention in order that whatever change is deemed advisable should be asked for at the coming session of the Legislature.

BRIGADE POLITICIANS.

The proposal of Chairman Hubbard to change the firemen from one station to another has caused a greater commotion in the fire brigade than any suggestion that has been made for years. It must be said, in fairness to the brigade, that many of its members abide strictly by the bylaws regulating the brigade, and these men feel keenly the reproach that has been brought upon the whole brigade by the improper conduct of a few politicians. Those who are cognizant of the inside facts relating to the operations of those officers and men who take an active part in the municipal elections expect to see a pretty fight when the chairman attempts to put his plan into operation. It is an open secret that one of the most active officers of the brigade who is a Conservative has, from the first, entrance into municipal politics of the present Mayor, been one of his most active supporters in every contest which he has had. What course the Mayor will pursue in this case is known only to His Worship, but men who are in a position to give a good guess declare that this man will not be moved to another district. A good joke is told at the expense of two candidates for the Council at the last election in a ward with its full share of fire halls. Three candidates decided to stand together, and cards were printed with their names on, and the firemen in one section were furnished with a liberal supply. But there was only one of the three whom they were really anxious to elect, and the way they got a big vote for him was something on this line: "This is our ticket," showing the three names and then deftly covering up two of them with the fingers, "but this man is the best," with a meaning wink, which generally did the work.

NEAME GETS HIS DIVORCE.

Ellison, the Co-Respondent in the Case, Was Not Represented.

London, Jan. 15.—The trial of the action brought by Douglas J. Neame to obtain a divorce from his wife, Leila Olyve Neame, of New York, naming Frank Ellison of New York as co-respondent, was concluded in the divorce division of the High Court of Justice to-day, the court granting Neame a decree nisi. Ellison, as co-respondent with Mrs. Neame, was not represented in court. The judge, in granting the decree, said he would impose the payment of costs upon Ellison, in view of the fact that he was not within the jurisdiction of the court, being domiciled in the United States. Mrs. Neame obtained a divorce from her husband in the New York courts more than three years ago, but Neame refused to recognize the American decree and sought a separation in the London courts. Ellison, the co-respondent, was only a few weeks ago pardoned from the New York State Prison, where he had been serving a term for assaulting Mrs. Neame's father.

William Roe Hanged.

Napa, Cal., Jan. 15.—William Roe was hanged here to-day for the murder of Mrs. John Q. Greenwood of Napa.

Another Week's Plans.....

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Fancy Striped Pure White Muslins, reg. price 15c, sale price 8c
Striped and Spotted Nainsooks, reg. price 35c, sale price 15c
Extra Quality Victoria Lawn, 42 in., reg. price 15c, sale price 12c
30-in. Dotted Swiss Muslin, small, close spot, reg. price 30c, sale price 19c
All-over Embroidered Swiss Muslin, reg. price 35c and 40c, sale price... 17c

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The big selling of silks at this store during the past season has been phenomenal. We hardly knew ourselves how large had been business until we commenced to count the remnants on the shelves. There can only be lots of remnants after there has been lots of selling. But the remnants must go now, and, commencing Monday, we make a remnant silk sale for the purpose of clearing 3,000 remnants. Price is absolutely no consideration. The lines embrace many high-class novelties, among them blouse patterns, skirt patterns and trimming silks The best go first, as a rule, and you cannot get here too soon to receive the widest choice.

EARLY WEEK SPECIALS IN OTHER LINES

RIBBONS.

Fancy Black and White Ribbon, in flowered, striped and plaids, 3½ and 4½ in. wide, reg. price 50c, 60c, 65c and 75c a yard, clearing at 50
Colored Shot Ribbon, in heavy grosgrains, with satin edge, 4½ in. wide, reg. price 45c a yard, for... 25
Colored Moire Ribbon, with colored satin stripe, 3¾ in. wide, reg. 20c, for 10
Colored Moire and Ombrey Ribbon, in light shades, 3½ in. wide, reg. price, 45c a yard, for 35
Colored Moire Ribbon, with colored edge, 3 in. wide, reg. 12½c a yd., for 5
Colored Moire Sash Ribbon, with striped satin edge, all pure silk, latest New York style, 12 in. wide, at 1.75
Colored Shot Taffeta Ribbon, 4 and 5 in. wide, reg. price 35c and 45c a yard, for 25

JACKETS AND CAPES.

A Rack of Beautiful Jackets, were $10, for 7.50
Jackets, in newest designs, were $9, for 6.50
Jackets, this year's goods, were $7.50, for 4.25
Jackets, newest styles, were $15, for 10.00
Jackets, handsome goods, were $16.50, for 11.50
Capes, new goods, were $7, for 5.50
Capes, this season's lines, worth $5.75, for 3.00

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FOR THE SPORTING CARNIVAL.

College Teams From Across the Line Expected to Participate in Next Summer's Celebration.

The sports committee of the 1897 celebration met at the City Hall yesterday. There was a large attendance of delegates from the various sporting organizations of the city. The following delegates were present: Osgoode A.A.A., T L Church, J G Merrick; Osgoode Lacrosse Club, C W Cross and T Rigney; Varsity A.A.A., T A Gibson; Parkdale Collegiate, W W Nugent and H T Crawford; Jarvis Collegiate, Maj Manly; Tecumseh Lacrosse Club, J A Ross; Lorne Football Club, H Groade; Elm Lacross Club, J D Bailey; Queen City Bicycle Club, J J Ward and W L Argue; Varsity Baseball and Rugby Clubs, J L Counsell.

A large number of other clubs are expected to be represented at the next meeting of the committee, to be held at the City Hall on Friday next at 4 p.m.

Mr. O. A. Howland, M.L.A., chairman of the General Committee, presided and explained the object of the meeting. The meeting then chose Mr. J. J. Ward, president of the Toronto Baseball League, as chairman of the Sports Committee and Mr. T. L. Church of the Osgoode A.A.A. was chosen secretary.

The sporting carnival will last three or four days and there will be inter-collegiate contests at lacrosse, baseball and other sports. It is possible some American college teams will visit Toronto, as the sporting carnival is to have a Pan-American and Pan-British side to it in the way of English, American and Canadian games. The program will be drawn up at the next meeting, and in the meantime the different sporting organizations will be notified by circular.

At Home of Canada Lodge.

A very pleasant time was spent at the hall, Yonge and College-streets, last evening by the Canada Lodge, No. 49, I.O.O.F., on the occasion of their twenty-ninth annual "at home." There was a large attendance of members and ladies, who enjoyed the splendid program of music and dancing. The decorations of the hall were very artistic and were under the supervision of Bro. D. Pike. The walls were draped with flags and bunting and a magnificent array of palms was placed along the front of the platform. The musical part of the program consisted of songs by Ed Piggot and Bert Harvey; Alf E Harding presided at the piano. The dances consisted of 22 numbers and the music was supplied by Alf E Harding's orchestra. Among those present were: J Hornbrook, P.G.M.; H White, G.M.; W B Dack, R.D.G.M.; W J Graham, D.D.G.P., and J B King, G.S. The success of the gathering reflects great credit on the committee of management, which was composed as follows: W C Tait (chairman), John Anderson (secretary), Frank Smith, W B Dack, E E Pike, W J Smith, J H Lumsden, D Pike, Burnside Robinson, Alf Covell, Thomas Ray, George Henry, H E Terry, T S Scully, A De Laporte, A E Harding, G A Porter, E G Richardson, B E Taylor, A E Bourne and J Bell.

It Was Gowanlock Bluff.

Chairman Saunders made enquiries at the Engineer's Department yesterday respecting the construction of manholes during the winter in order to give work to favored employes, as alleged by Ald. Gowanlock on Thursday. He was informed by the Engineer that the work to which reference was made was the reconstruction of manholes which had been found to be defective, and on Sackville-street a manhole had been constructed to ventilate the sewer and enable it to be properly flushed. The Engineer also reports that within a few days he had been urged by Ald. Gowanlock to proceed with the construction of the sewer on Dominion-street, although it would cost more to do the work at this season of the year.

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Ontario Fruit Experiments.

A number of members of the Board of Control of the Ontario Fruit Experimental Station waited upon Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, yesterday to ask for an increased appropriation for the station in the estimates. In the deputation were Messrs. L. Wolverton, Grimsby; Dr. Mills, Guelph; A. H. Pettit, Grimsby; A. M. Smith, St. Catharines, and W. E. Wellington, Toronto.

Death of Minister Willis.

Honolulu, Jan. 7, via San Francisco, Jan. 15.—United States Minister Willis died yesterday morning of pneumonia. His family expected to start for the United States with the remains on the 13th.

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Canadian Power Co'y.

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KINGSMILL, SAUNDERS & TORRANCE, Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated at Toronto, the 31st day of December, A.D. 1896. 6

MEETINGS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company will be held at the office of the company, No. 35 Front-street east, Toronto, on Wednesday, January, the 20th, 1897, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors and such other business as may come before the meeting.

(Sgd.) ROBERT JENKINS, Secretary.

66 Dated the 7th day of January, 1897.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of The Niagara Falls Park & River Railway Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18 King-street west, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

R. A. Smith, Secretary.

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Toronto Athletic Club, LIMITED.

Take notice that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Toronto Athletic Club, Limited, will be held at the head office of the club, College-street, Toronto, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1897, at the hour of 4 o'clock p.m., to receive the report and financial statement of the directors for the past year, to elect directors for the ensuing year, and for all other general or special purposes relating to the management of the club's affairs.

By order. R. W. P. MATTHEWS, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dated 16th January, 1897.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL - MEETING —OF THE— Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit - Society WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JAN. 16, 1897, AT 8 P.M., In the Rooms of the Commercial Travelers' Association,

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Failure in New York

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ESTATE NOTICES.

NOTICE to Creditors. In the Matter of the Estate of Noah Elbert Haug of the City of Toronto in the County of York, Jeweller.

The insolvent has made an assignment to me for the benefit of creditors. A meeting of creditors will be held at my office, 18 Wellington-street east, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 20th day of January, 1897, at 3 o'clock p.m. The creditors must file their claims with the undersigned on or before the 13th day of March, 1897, after which date I will proceed to distribute the estate. HENRY BARBER.

SAMUEL KING, Trustee. Solicitor for the Trustee.

Toronto, Jan. 13, 1897.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS—IN THE matter of N N Munro of the City of Toronto in the County of York, Grocer, trading as "N. Munro & Co."

The insolvent has made an assignment to me for the benefit of creditors. A meeting of creditors will be held at my office, 17 Yonge-street Arcade, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1897, at 3 o'clock p.m. The creditors must file their claims with the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1897, after which date I will proceed to distribute the estate. GEORGE CLAY, Trustee.

NOTICE to Creditors. In the Matter of the Estate of "John Bland."

Notice is hereby given that William J. and Frank S. Bland, trading and doing business under the name of "John Bland," as merchant tailors, at the City of Toronto, have made an assignment under R.S.O., 124, and amending acts, of all their estate, credits and effects, to Duncan O. Cameron, for the general benefit of their creditors.

A meeting of the creditors to appoint inspectors and give instructions for the disposal of the estate will be held at the offices of Willoughby, Cameron & Lee, 24 Adelaide-street east, on Thursday, the 21st day of January, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Creditors are requested to file their claims with the assignee, with the proofof their respective debts verified on oath, on or before the said date.

And notice is further given that after the 25th day of February, 1897, the assignee will proceed to distribute the assets of the debtors amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.

D. O. CAMERON, Assignee. WILLOUGHBY, CAMERON & LEE, His Solicitors.

46 Dated this 13th day of January, A.D. 1897.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session by the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada for an Act to increase the power now possessed by the association under the various Acts relating thereto, of insuring its members and for other purposes.

KINGSMILL, SAUNDERS & TORRANCE, Solicitors for the Applicants.

Toronto, December 3, 1896. 6

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an application will be made by the Municipal Corporation of the Town of North Toronto to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario at its next session for an Act: 1. To confirm bylaw number 321 of the Corporation of the Town of North Toronto, passed on the 7th day of June, 1896, for the reduction in the number of representatives in the Municipal Council of said Town. 2. To make provision for the receiving by the Corporation of the Town of North Toronto from the Corporation of the County of York of aid towards the maintenance of that part of Yonge-street situate within said Town of North Toronto. 4. To provide for the extension of the waterworks system of said Town and for the employment and investment of sinking funds towards payment of the cost of such extension; and, 5. To enable said corporation to assist any street railway company in order to obtain a cheaper and more efficient street car service into and from the City of Toronto.

Dated 13th January, 1897.

BULL & WERRETT, Solicitors for Applicants.

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Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate, by steam or electricity, a line or lines of railway from a point in or near the City of Toronto, northerly, keeping to the east of Lake Simcoe, to a point in or near the Town of Gravenhurst, thence still northerly, keeping to the west of the Muskoka Lakes, to a point in or near the town of Parry Sound, with all the powers conferred by the Railway Act; also to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines, docks, wharves, piers, harbors, storehouses and elevators, dams and water powers, and the necessary works to utilize water power for electrical and other purposes; also with power to connect or amalgamate with, lease to or make such running and other arrangements with any other railway company or companies as may be found convenient and necessary to effect the purposes of the company.

WM. G. MACDONALD, Solicitor for Applicants.

Dated at Toronto, this 13th day of January, 1897.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under "The Companies Act," letters patent have been issued under the great seal of Canada bearing date the 27th day of November, 1896, incorporating Henry Abram Lozier, of the city of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, one of the United States of America, manufacturer, Edwin Ross Thomas, of the city of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, manufacturer, Robert Edwin Van Dyke, of the same place, manufacturer, Charles Crosbie Going, of the same place, Esquire, Allan Henry Royce, of the same place, Esquire, for the following purposes, viz:—

a. To carry on throughout Canada and elsewhere the business of producing, manufacturing, buying, selling, exchanging, trading, dealing in and renting motor vehicles, bicycles, tricycles, cycle package deliveries, cycle rims, rubber tires and tubing for frames, typewriting machines and cycle and typewriter accessories and parts, and all patent rights and processes of every kind in connection with the said business.

b. Also to purchase or otherwise acquire from any individual any business within the objects of the Company, and any lands, property, privileges, rights, contracts and liabilities appertaining to the same, and particularly, if deemed advisable, to purchase, take over or otherwise acquire all or any of the business now being carried on by the firm of H. A. Lozier & Company, at the town of Toronto Junction, and elsewhere in the Dominion of Canada, and the whole or any part of the good will, stock in trade, assets and property real and personal, movable and immovable, of the said firm, subject to the obligation, if any, affecting the same, by the name of "The Thomas Manufacturing Company (Limited)" with a total capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars, divided into ten thousand shares of fifty dollars.

Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 4th day of December, 1896.

R. W. SCOTT, Secretary of State.

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Auction Sale Tuesday Next, January 19th. At 11 O'Clock.

30 HORSES ALL CLASSES Entry Book Still Open.

The sale will be attended by two Philadelphia and two Old Country buyers who want four carloads of good-sized drivers and heavy draught horses.

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APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made at the ensuing session of the Ontario Legislature for an Act ratifying and confirming certain agreements entered into between the corporation of the County of York and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, dated respectively April 18th, 1891, February 7th, 1896, and November 17th, 1896; also ratifying and confirming certain first mortgage bonds issued by the Company and a mortgage securing the same on its railway undertaking, assets and property; also changing the name of the Company to "The Metropolitan Railway Company"; also empowering the Company (a) by bylaw to increase the number of its directors from time to time; (b) To extend, equip and operate the line of railway within the County of Simcoe, and build, equip and operate branches within the Counties of York and Simcoe; (c) To exercise the powers existing as to issuing bonds, in respect of such extensions and branches; (d) To dispense with the registration under the provisions of the Act respecting mortgages and sales of personal property of any mortgage securing the Company's bonds; (e) From time to time for advances as money may be required, to issue and pledge its bonds; (f) To hold the property released from any such mortgage under the terms thereof freed therefrom; (g) To make payments in paid-up stock or in bonds for right of way, material, plant, rolling stock or other services furthering the undertaking or the Company, whether the work has been performed by persons who were contractors or not; (h) To make contracts with other Companies for the use of rolling stock and for the purchase, leasing or hiring of electric power; (i) To grant to the Toronto Railway Company power to run cars over the tracks of the Metropolitan Railway Company to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Yonge-street and such other points as may be agreed upon, on terms to be arranged between the companies, or in case they differ, to be settled by arbitration; (j) To run its cars over the tracks of the Toronto Railway Company to the Union Station, and water front, the City Markets, the Toronto Post-office, and such other points as may be agreed upon on terms to be arranged between the companies, or in case they differ, to be settled by arbitration; (k) To acquire the assets and franchises and to operate the railway of the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited; (l) To enter into agreements with other companies for the interchange of traffic and cars; (m) To sell and lease electricity to any person or corporation along any part of its railway; (n) to operate its entire main line and branches by electricity or other motive power; also empowering trustees to invest in the Company's bonds; also defining the provisions of the Railway Act applicable to the Company and its undertaking.

R. JENKINS, Secretary.

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DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The Dominion Bank

Notice is hereby given that a DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT. upon the Capital Stock of this Institution has this day been declared for the current quarter, and that the same will be payable at the Banking House, in this city, on and after MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to the 31st of January next, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

R. D. GAMBLE, General Manager.

Toronto, 22nd December, 1896. 26

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WHITE QUILTS
Choice, large size, at 90c, $1, $1.10, $1.25.
Marseilles, new patterns, large size, at $2.50, $2.75, $3, $3.50 to $8.

EIDER DOWN QUILTS
A Choice New Lot of Pretty Sateen Coverings, filled with pure down, at $5, $6, $7.
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Fine Wool, full bed size, special finish, at $2.50, $2.75 and $3 per pair.
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