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NO MORE COMPROMISE.

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The administration which terminated on the election of Mayor Urquhart may have been inspired by good intentions. Good intentions are a fine weapon in warfare upon the powers of corporations that Toronto has to deal with. Let us go slowly and cautiously. The watchword of the retiring Mayor, from the standpoint of the city's interests, the guiding principle might as well have been, Let us do nothing at all. Weak compromise was totally ineffective. It encouraged the continuance of the evils that it pretended to be anxious to eradicate. The result is that Toronto is to-day as far from the achievement of necessary and urgent reforms as we were when the policy of compromise began.

The ratifiers of Toronto told Ald. Urquhart at his word to secure the city's rights by a policy of courage and directness. That pledge the city expects Mayor Urquhart to fulfill or to place clearly and distinctly the responsibility for their non-fulfillment on the men who have the temerity to thwart his efforts.

There is no need of a referendum to determine the course to be pursued towards the evils that are of most immediate concern to the city. Mayor Urquhart knows that the city wants from the Street Railway Company all that is entitled to under the agreement. The city wants a conclusion of the controversy with the Consumers' Gas Co. Compromise has been tried. Compromise has failed. Mayor Urquhart has promised action, and it is action that the city demands.

Mayor Urquhart's platform, as indicated in his inaugural address, seems to be an evidence of good faith. He was elected to the office of Mayor on very distinct issues. Those issues he has brought within the scope of practical policy, and he will find a solid and powerful sentiment behind him in every honest effort he may make to carry that policy into effect.

ALL FOR THE COMPANIES.

A report from the American consul at Niagara Falls, Ontario, shows what important interests have been established in the development of Niagara power. The expense of producing electrical power from Niagara Falls has been heavy, but the prospects of revenue more than justify the outlay. Seven million dollars a year is the estimate of the revenue which the developing companies will jointly earn. It is in the interest of the wide range of territory to which electrical power from Niagara Falls may be communicated that the fullest development should be encouraged. What concerns the people is the price which they are to pay for electrical energy so developed. Large powers have been conferred upon the companies by the Dominion parliament, and by the Ontario legislature. What precautions were taken to ensure the people against extortionate rates for energy developed from Niagara Falls?

The companies have fought among themselves. They have engaged the attention of the Ontario government for hours in argument upon their respective rights. The government has really spent its time in determining the rights of private interests. It has spent no time in protecting from those interests the undoubted rights of the public.

With the developing and transmitting companies now solidly entrenched, the people must tamely submit to whatever rates the companies demand. The companies are not to be imposed. The companies, according to the American consul's estimate, can look forward to a revenue of \$7,000,000 a year, and purchasers of Niagara Falls power can look forward to the stiffest rates that the traffic will stand.

JUST DEMAND FROM B. C.

British Columbia has not far surpassed the bounty of the Federal government. The province has been disappointed in some of its most fervent expectations, and compelled to abandon what seemed to be definite provincial rights. British Columbia is now asking encouragement for its silver lead industry. The silver lead industry is an enterprise naturally suited to the province, but the staidity of United States interests is too much for it in the days of its infancy. Something has already been done for the silver lead industry of British Columbia, and there is no reason why the Dominion government should not do more. The law of compensation may be conceded some slight deference to the encouragement of the industry can be encouraged on its merits.

Encouragement which does not enable the silver lead industry to compete with American interests is no encouragement at all. The assistance which has been given does not fulfill the expectations, and a more effective plan should be devised.

British Columbia naturally regards Federal assistance to the iron and steel industries of Nova Scotia as complete justification for its appeal on behalf of its silver lead industry. But

THE IMPERIAL LIFE.

The annual report, which we publish to-day, of the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada, shows that the year 1902 has been marked by steady growth. The following points gathered from the report presented by the directors at the annual meeting will be of interest not only to the company's policyholders, but also to everyone concerned in life insurance. (1) The new assurance company and its assets as of January 1, 1903, amounted to \$1,127,642, being \$300,142 more than those of 1902. (2) The total assets in force aggregated \$14,037,444, a net gain of \$2,800,744. (3) The total cash receipts were \$1,000,000, an increase of \$114,822.58. (4) The assets amounted to \$1,000,000, being \$200,000 more than in 1902. (5) The reserves for assurances and annuities amounted to \$1,102,331, an increase of \$200,000. (6) The company's policyholders, not only of a year of earnest effort, but also of the progress of policy which has characterized the company since its commencement. The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada, which has placed its entire policy reserves upon a 3-1/2 per cent. interest basis, and has always maintained a policy of deposit five times as large as that required by the Dominion government. The quality of the investments is evidenced by the statement made by the first vice-president, a detailed review of the assets: "I am able to say unreservedly that there is not a single investment in the portfolio of the company which is not sound and safe, and that the selection of risks is indicated by the fact that the company's policyholders for the year amount to only \$30,000, a sum well within the limits of the company's resources. It is evident that the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada is a company of first and paramount importance."

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Special Notice About White Goods.

Traveling Cases

Some genuine Alligator, also very fine German cases in this lot. A January sale snap that should cause a commotion at the leather goods counter on Wednesday morning:

Ladies' or Gents' Traveling Cases; solid leather; stitched edges; separate compartments, containing hair and clothes brush having good strong bristles, soap box, tooth and nail brush bottles, scissors, mirror, comb and place for razor; the ladies' case contains similar fittings, with spirit lamp and curling tongs, etc.; regular price \$25.50 to \$35; Wednesday 3.85

Graniteware at 15c

Three hundred pieces of Graniteware oddments, many worth a quarter each, grouped for quick selling Wednesday morning; your choice for Fifteen Cents. These lines to choose from at eight o'clock:

300 pieces Graniteware; all first quality; including Shk Strainers, Tea Stoppers, Preserving Kettles and Sauce Pans; regular prices 18c to 25c each; Wednesday 15

Wall Papers at 4c

Our January Sale offers unusual opportunities for economical home improvements. This fractional price wall paper offering on Wednesday morning, for instance:

1800 rolls Choice Glimmer Wall Paper; with match ceilings; pretty floral and conventional designs in green, blue and cream colors; for dining rooms, bedrooms and sitting-rooms; regular price 8c and 10c per single roll; on sale Wednesday 4

Match Blended Borders; 18 inches wide; per yard 2

Dining-Room Chairs

A rare snap in Dining-Room Chairs for Wednesday. Another example of the home-furnishing economy of our January Sale:

300 Dining-Room Chairs; rich golden oak finish; carved back and shaped seat; strong and well made; regular price 95c each; Wednesday 65

Silks and Dress Goods

Regular prices discounted on every line. Materials that are right in quality, correct in style and exceptionally low-priced for Wednesday:

Winter weight, all-wool frieze, in popular shades of blue, tan, grey, and navy; nobby and stylish appearance; for tailor-made suits, Raglans and unlined skirts; some of our best values at 85c and 1 1/2 per yard; Wednesday 55

60 only Waist Lengths Fancy Striped and Corded Taffeta Waist Silks, in light and medium colors; balances of our Christmas and New Year's lines; put up in fancy box; lengths of 3-1/2 yards; regular prices \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$2.63 each; to clear Wednesday 1.23

30 only Waist Lengths of 3-1/2 yards; consisting of Fancy Broches, French Taffeta Fancies, Striped Merveilles, Striped Taffetas, Swiss Stripes; lengths left from our season's best selling lines; regular prices \$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.13 and \$5.50; to clear Wednesday 2.45

Men's Jackets Reduced

Outer garments, manufactured from good, serviceable materials; Jackets at once warm, comfortable and durable. Note the economy of these January Sale prices for Wednesday:

M's Heavy Pea Jackets or Skating Coats; made of heavy all-wool Oxford grey cheviot cloth; double-breasted, with high storm collar and tab for throat; best Italian cloth linings; sizes 36 to 44; regular price \$5; Wednesday 4.19

Men's Heavy Working Jackets; double-breasted; with 6-inch corduroy storm collar; made of dark Bedford cord; heavy Mackinaw linings; knitted wool cuff inside of sleeve; sizes 36 to 46; regular price \$6; Wednesday 2.99

Fur Jackets and Caps

Persian Lamb Jackets, made in the very latest design, at a saving of \$25.00 on Wednesday; also fur caps for men and boys at about half price:

Ladies' Persian Lamb Jackets, in Russian blouse style, with belts; natural dark mink collar, cuffs and trimmings; lined with silk lining; regular price \$135; Wednesday 110.00

Men's and Boys' Nutria Beaver and Black Russian Rat Caps; wedge shape; satin lining; regular \$2.50; Wednesday 1.29

Scotch Linoleums at 27c

The brightening sunshine shows so plainly any shabby oilcloth in the hall and kitchen. Why not get a new piece when our 50c quality is to be sold for 27c on Wednesday:

840 Square Yards Scotch Linoleum; 72 inches wide; thoroughly well seasoned, which will add twenty-five per cent. to the wear, and it will not be as likely to expand as a green cloth; a good assortment of floral and block designs, with very pretty colorings; regular 40c and 50c; Wednesday 27

The Man From Glengarry

Here's a handsome edition of a popular book for your library. Half price, too, on Wednesday: 100 copies of "The Man From Glengarry," by Ralph Connor; bound in burnt leather cover; with 160 pages; new uncut; a very handsome edition of this popular work; usually sold for \$2.00; Wednesday, while they last 1.00 (Not more than two to any one customer.)

THE TORONTO DAILY STAR WILL HAVE A MORE COMPLETE LIST

THE T. EATON CO. LIMITED

190 YONGE ST., TORONTO

A special programme of White Goods Sale

events for Wednesday will be listed in The Star this evening. Be sure and get a copy of that paper, because the suggestions are full of money-saving, and no wise, wideawake man or woman should think of missing such an occasion to buy:

Men's Silk Mufflers

Two and three for the price of one. That's the rate of selling we give these Mufflers for Wednesday:

Men's Muffler Squares; large size; broadened silk in cream only; also Japanese silk hemstitched, in black and in cream, with a few steel or black and grey effects; regular \$1 and \$1.25; Wednesday 45

Rimless Eye-Glasses

The Optical goods department furnishes this special for the balance of the week. An expert optician will test your eyes FREE.

Rimless Eye-Glasses; 10k gold-filled mounts; guaranteed for 10 years against discoloration; adjustable guards; fitted with finest quality faultless crystalline lens; specially adapted for reading; reg. price \$2.25; special at 98

Gas Fixtures

Reliable and underpriced fixtures, put up in your home free of charge, within the city limits. Choose between these lines:

Gas Fixtures; with two curved arms and a large globe; iron-covered bottom and good castors; tray with covered hat box, and two outside leather straps; size 32 inches; regular \$3.75; Wednesday 2.99

35c Cuspidors for 19c

On sale Wednesday morning:

200 China Cuspidors; neatly embossed shape; decorated with assorted floral designs and gold lines; regular price 25c and 35c each; Wednesday 19

\$3.75 Trunks for \$2.99

Well-made and finished trunks, only twenty-five to sell at this price Wednesday:

25 only Brass-Bound Trunks; made in the latest shape; hardwood slats; brass-bound at each end; iron-covered bottom and good castors; tray with covered hat box, and two outside leather straps; size 32 inches; regular \$3.75; Wednesday 2.99

Snow Shovels at 19c

Why borrow when a splendid shovel may be had at this price:

Snow Shovels; good, serviceable make; full size; our special price 23c each; Wednesday, selling now at 19

Tray Cloths for 29c

Pretty designs stamped on an extra fine quality of Irish linen. The linen itself would be worth more than we ask on Wednesday:

145 only Hemstitched Plain Irish Linen Tray or Towel Cloths; extra fine quality; some with spoke stitch border; these are stamped in neat floral and leaf designs; size 20x30; our regular prices 50c and 60c each; Wednesday, your choice, at 29

Children's Wool Hoods

For solid comfort in winter weather there is nothing like a wool hood that covers the ears snugly. The cold weather has not half begun yet, so why not profit by Wednesday's prices in Wool Hoods:

15 dozen Misses' and Children's Wool Hoods; fine zephyr wool; lined with velvet; some with colors; colors cardinal, garnet, navy, cream, sky and white; and pink and white; regular 45c, 55c, 65c and 75c; Wednesday 25

Children's Leggings

No wet stockings for the little ones if they have the protection of good leather leggings. Here is a bargain chance for Wednesday shoppers:

200 pairs Children's Brown Posh Leggings; 8 buttons and 3 buckles; best American make; sizes 4 to 10; regular price \$1.25; Wednesday 75

Misses' Monte Carlos

The season's favorite, the Monte Carlo, reduced to half price, for 75 happy purchasers on Wednesday morning:

75 Misses' Monte Carlo Coats; in black and navy heavier cloth; box-breasted; lined throughout with silk lining; sizes 14, 16 and 18 years; regular \$10; Wednesday 5.00

Men's Muleskin Mitts

For drivers and teamsters or where hard usage is given to mitts. These are made for wear; they're warm and comfortable, too. Just half price for Wednesday:

25 dozen Muleskin Mitts; heavy fleeced lining and knitted wool tops; very warm and wear well; regular price 50c; Wednesday 25

Initialed Stationery

Initialed stationery gives an air of individuality to a letter, and all girls like to possess a dainty box of paper with their own initial on it, but the price offered here. Think of Wednesday's price—40c boxes for 23c. Everyone may have it:

600 only Boxes Fancy Initial Stationery Paper; comes in pretty tints and cream, with envelopes to match; embossed initial in gold; each box contains 24 sheets and 24 envelopes; all initials except two, Y and Z; regular price 40c; Wednesday 23

THE INAUGURATION.

Mayor Urquhart's chair at the inaugural meeting of the Council of 1903 was placed under a huge Japanese umbrella. This arrangement may have suggested that His Worship had "a little list" for the Board of Control. But it was not so. The Mayor was no masquerading Mikado. The Board elected on the first ballot was the Board named by The World on Friday last, with the exception of Ald. Bell, who did not offer himself as a candidate, because he preferred the patronage of the Fire and Light Committee. Ald. Richardson was the Conservative who replaced Ald. Bell on the winning slate. It was all over in a few minutes, and no one was less surprised than Ald. Spence. He had not taken the common precaution of voting for himself. Ald. Richardson was equally magnanimous, and only got in by the skin of his teeth. He took the chance of the day, and the sporting section of the audience applauded him vigorously when he won out.

Mayor Urquhart stepped upon the platform in the assembly room a few minutes after 11. He was dressed in a Prince Albert. He began his speech with clear, quick enunciation, and was listened to attentively. His wife and other female relatives took up one entire bench and were the most delighted contingent in the building. The speech was short, but full of matter for comment. The first murmur of interest heard was when the Mayor declared his belief that it would be wise to abolish all the standing committees and confer upon the Board of Control all the duties now performed by them. It was well he added that he did not propose to do anything quite so radical in a hurry. As a matter of fact, students of municipal government are taking increased stock in the existence of standing committees. The city of Glasgow, which is now held up as the municipal model to all the world, has as many as forty such committees, and the inclination seems to be to increase their number.

If Mayor Urquhart were the Mikado this would be one of his objects all sublime that could well afford to wait. The Mayor yesterday secured the services