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sands of industrious and enterprising

workmen in Toronto have determined

The Telegram describes. Buying a lot

on the instalment plan in the suburbs

they start with a shack (wholly or

partly built by themselves at night, on

Saturdays and holidays, and often with

the assistance of three or four men in

the same situation, who thus help one

another) which in a year or two be-

comes the rear wing or kitchen of

more pretentious and much better

The lesson of it all is that Toronto is

growing rapidly; that high rents cure

themselves occasionally, and that high

rents force the thrifty poor to make a

start at getting a home for themselves.

Thousands of new houses in the

suburbs, dwelt in by their owners, are

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION.

convention to meet, not next June,

but next February. The delegates will

port. Above all things he should re-

fuse to be "grub-staked" by rich men.

public service corporations or by any

The leader of an opposition must

keep himself clear from all entang-

secure except the public interest.

Under our system the province is

only less interested in an efficient

WHY IS THIS THUS?

Editor World: Why is it that adver-

tisements by the Grand Trunk Railway Company appear in the Toronto papers

cheap rate from Buffalo to Toronto and

Bridgeburg, Ont., Dec. 11, 1998,

van of Vermont were the two chief fig-

ures at the ceremony. The bells cost \$800 and \$500 respectively.

Rush Work on the U. S. Navy.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 13.-Consider-

created yesterday by the posting of no-

ices at the navy yard, engineering de-

partment, and which it is said will be

followed by similar orders in the other departments, for work to be rushed without interrupton for 24 hours each

There is no explanation of the order

further than faster and better results

A Dangerous Spot.

BARRIE, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Tho the postoffice department was warned last winter of the danger to pedestrians

thru snow and ice sliding from the roof

of the postoffice, nothing has been done

o put snow guards in place. Recent-y one door of the building was closed

and an obstruction placed on the side-walk to warn pedestrians of the dan-

Last winter a life was sacrificed at

Traveler's Banquet.

Hon, George P. Graham, minister of railways; Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincia

secretary; W. K. George, president of the Canadian National Exhibition, have onsented to deliver addresses at the

annual banquet of the Commercial Tra-

velers, to be held on Dec. 23, at 7.30 p.m. A splendid program and orchestra have been provided.

can be secured.

interest and speculation was

one else.

sed around for his sup-

A. G. Mackay is right to call a

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THE NEW OHEEN STREET.

Let the mayor, controllers and all the aldermen of the City of Toronto, its engineer and counsel, go to Simpson's new store on Queen-street and observe the splendid effect of withdrawing the building five feet south of the street line, giving so much more sidewalk accommodation to the public. In one second they will seize the importance of it, and the metropolitan effect it gives to the street. There is no heed of writing about it; a bare inspection does the trick; and if he council will but go and look they will immediately return to the city hail and then and there pass a bylaw declaring that the convention. The Liberal party in the south line of Queen-street, up to Sim- Province of Ontario will have some coe at least, be put five feet back on thing to look forward to when a truly a' new buildings as erected. There is representative convention declares for hardly one good building on this side progressive legislation and public of the street, and there is every pris- rights. pect of it all being rebuilt with high- But Mr. MacKay should not delay class fronts within the next few calling this convention until next June. months. Why not, then, recognize the Is he to have no policy during the pioneer work of the Simpson Company next session, no mandate from his and carry it along Queen-street, at party? Let him call a representative least, as far as Simcle, and, if pos-

"sible, to Spadina? No land-owner need object because do well to see the legislature at work, the widening of the street gives him a and the Liberal legislators—many of front on what, in that case, will be the them-may be delegates to the conhest business street in Toronto. It will vention. help to make him rich; in fact, he ought No doubt Mr. MacKay will be tento give the city a bonus for requiring dered the leadership. He may regard

its acceptance as involving a sacrifice But the city must move rapidly in a call to public duty, and he should this matter, for already has our good so regard it. He should notify the friend. Mr. Franklin, the pawnbroker, convention that he will accept no salbegun to put a new front of Roman ary from the government and he stone to his establishment, with the idea should peremptorily decline to have of giving it a permanency and perhaps the hat with the idea of getting the city to pay him damages. But Mr. Franklin is also a public-spirited citizen, and may be relied upon to chime in with the Simpson movement before it is too late if the mayor approaches him in the proper

ling alliances and encumbrances. He This is one of the "jump quick" promust be his own man and come to positions that the council ought to take power free from any obligations, exup at next meeting. press or implied, with no interest to Put the metropolitan touch on Queen-

fashion.

street. SHACKS AND SHACKTOWN.

The recent police census of Toronto, and public-spirited opposition than it showing that the city and suburbs have is in a good and progressive governa population of 338,000; the article in ment. Mr. MacKay will do well to a recent issue of The Telegram, show- start early and start right. There are ing that Toronto has now 2446 vacant some big questions up now that he houses; and the articles in The Sunday ought to "get right on" at once! World of yesterday, dealing with Shacktown, throw a very significant wlight on the metropolitan situation First let us take The Telegram's figures, which reveal a great increase in vacant houses. It also makes it plain at short intervals of a cheap rate to that the high rents prevalent have driven many householders to double up. to go boarding, to go into flats over return? stores, to go into apartment houses, which last are becoming quite numerous. So that while the city has greatly increased in population the vacant houses also have increased. But look how many new houses have been built-hundreds are built every year.

New Bells Blessed.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—(Special.)— And what about Shacktown? From The blessing of two bells in St. Patreading The Sunday World one might rick's Church to-day constituted a very be lead to believe that Shacktown is another name for poverty. Not so.

While there was a good deal of distress.

Witechapel in 1774, or Notre Dame While there was a good deal of distress de Montreal, and removed to St. Patin Shacktown last winter, and while rick's in 1840, broken and recast and there may be some this year, the real now to be replaced in the belfry, was significance of Shacktown, whether Then a second bell, the Holy blessed amid appropriate ceremonies. north of the Davenport-road, or in East weighing 1096 pounds, was also dedi-Toronto, or in Todmorden, is that thou-cated in the evening. Bishop Casey of St. John, N.Z., and Dr. D. J. O'Sulli-

# Municipalizing Chicago Street Railway

The City of Chicago has not attained as yet to municipal ownership and operation of street railways, but she has a contract with her street railway companies which, by comparison with present conditions in Toronto, is ideal. Here are some outstanding features of the situation in Chicago :

1. The city may at any time, upon six months' notice, take over the railways or require them to be transferred to a trustee company for the fixed sum of \$50,000,000, plus whatever money is meanwhile invested in new lines by order of the city.

2. The company's financial affairs are conducted under the supervision of the city and sinking funds are established for repairs, depreciation and losses.

3. All improvements, repairs and extensions are subject to the control of a board of supervising engineers appointed by the city. 4. All details as to service, cars, routing, stops, etc., are

under the control of the city. 5. The money must be furnished by the company for all ex-

tensions, including subways, as the city may direct. 6. The net profits of each year are divided as follows: 55 per cent. to the city; 45 per cent, to the company.

Yet, a few years ago, the City of Chicago was apparently helpless under the most grinding and unconscionable street railway monopoly in the world. It represented a capitalization (including bond issues) of \$123,000,000. It had a colorable claim to a ninety-nine-year franchise, for which it had paid, and for which it proposed to pay, nothing. It enjoyed the advantage of hired men holding seats in a city council, notoriously incompetent and corrupt, and had powerful influences at its command in the state legislature.

By what miracle did Chicago escape from her predicament? There was no miracle, except such as may be wrought by public service. The big men of Chicago-lawyers of national reputation, engineers of world-wide celebrity, men with millions from the board of trade, financial experts from banks, trust companies and great universities, men of ability from the ranks of organized labor, teachers from the public schools—the brains, push and wealth of Chicago—came together to perform a public duty. They laid aside all preconceived notions and prejudices. They studied the traction situation. They mastered the physical and financial questions involved in it. They verified their conclusions beyond answer or argument. They put these conclusions in short, plain sentences, which were read and understood by every voter in Chicago. They created a public opinion which reorganized the city council, causing men to be elected of recognized standing, integrity and ability, and compelling them to accept the trust of the people. Before long the transportation committee of the city council was a body well able to cope with the management of the street railway company, while in legal counsel and in engineering ability, the services at the disposal of the city surpassed the talent in similar lines which could be secured by the street railway.

When the final struggle came, the traction companies found that, altho the city might not be able to buy them out, the citizens of Chicago had formed a corporation which could and would buy them out and hold the property as a trustee, managing it as the city directed, giving to the city a fair share of the profits, and prepared to turn over its system to the city any time upon getting back the money actually invested. Then the "coon came down," and Chicago ruled the street railways instead of the street railways ruling Chicago.

How much civic patriotism of that kind have we in Toronto? An underpaid and overworked law department, amid hundreds of other problems, is left to deal, as best it can, with the street railway company. The same is true of the city engineering department. What efficient aid and direction is the city council qualified to give them? What help do they get from the eminent lawyers, from the able bankers, from the college professors, from the capitalists of Toronto? What information, worth printing, is circulated among the ratepayers? The ordinary citizen of Toronto can only say, like the poor man in "Hard Times": "It's a' a muddle-a weary muddle."

How many men of standing and success in Toronto are willing to perform the public service required? Who are they? Will they agree to master our traction problem and to make the citizens of Toronto familiar with it? Will they give their time and money to bring this about? Could a corporation be formed in Toronto which would take over a service, like the street railway, not for exploitation but as a trustee for the city, prepared, at any time, to surrender it to the city upon being repaid its investment?

Public service-personal sacrifice for the public good-is an ideal that should rapidly take some effective, practical shape among our leading citizens, if Toronto is to keep pace with the progressive spirit of the west-

Buffalo from Toronto and return, but never do the company give the same Attorney Cleared by Jury. Is there any reasonable reason why SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.-A verthe Buffalonians should not get as cheap opportunities, and as often to see Ontario's beautiful capita.—Toronto dict of not guilty was returned by the jury last midnight in the case of Attorney Frank J. Murphy of counsel as the Torontonians get to see Buffalo?

E. W. Johnston.

Attorney Frank.

for Abraham Ruef, who was charged with attempting to bribe Juryman

Kelly to vote for a verdict favorable

Taft Going to Panama.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—William
H. Taft, president-elect, contemplates a visit to Panama before his inaugura

of Canada. Total Assets Capital and Surplus \$6,350,000

**DIVIDEND No. 51** 

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of Seven Per Cent. Per Annum, on the paid-up capital stock of this institution has been declared for the current quarter, and that the same will be payable at the bank and its branches on and after Saturday, 2nd January, 1909. The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st December next, both days inclusive. The annual general meeting of shareholders will be held at the Banking House, in this city, on Tuesday, 26th January, 1909. Chair to be taken at twelve

By order of the Board. Toronto, Nov. 16, 1908.

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## EATON'S DAILY STORE NEWS

### Another Day Passed---That Leaves Nine

COME EARLY OFTEN

Only 9 days-that means 81 hours to do all the Christ. mas shopping that's to be done, and from now on there's not a minute to be wasted-help yourself, help us, help everybody, by coming in the forencon-AND COME OF. TEN!-That helps as much as anything-don't expect to do it ALL in the one morning-Come EVERY morning - and in that you have the secret of satisfactory, pleasurable Christmas shopping.

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# Give Hima House Coator Smoking Jacket

WE can't say too much about the appropriateness and usefulness of the house coat as a Christmas present, for we know of no more suitable article of apparel you could give any man-old o young, bachelor or benedict—and the splendid range and assortment of medium-priced coats you can choose from, even now, is greater than we've ever shown at this time

gestions: HOUSE COATS OR SMOKING JACKETS-Dainty colorings, in soft, warm velours, or camel's hair effects, self-colors with pretty plaid trimmings or mottled designs, all the new tints of green, red, brown

or grey. Sizes 34 to 44. Prices ..... 5.00, 6.50 and 7.50

before. See the showing Tuesday, and note particularly

the extra low prices you're asked to pay. These few sug-

HANDSOME, WARM JACKETS - English make, in colorings of red and navy, red and green, fawn and brown, also in red and black, soft, pure wool, frog fasteners and cord edges to match. Price 10.00

VELVET AND BROCADED SILK AND WOOL JACKETS, in rich, quiet colors, or in bright, warm patterns, silk and satin linings throughout Price ...... 15.00 and 18.00

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# Interesting Offers in Men's Wear

FANCY SILK AND SATIN SUSPENDERS, made from a manufacturer's left-over ends, hence such rare savings; neat and fancy designs; elastic backs, cast-off ends. Each pair in fancy gift box, making not only a sensible, but also a handsome gift for any man. Clearing Tuesday, per pair.

Men's Natural Wool Underwear 1800 garments, shirts or drawers. We need the space for new goods, arriving daily, consequently

this big reduction. Fine English and Canadian makes, medium winter weight, double breasted, soft, smooth finish, light or dark, natural color. Guaranteed unshrinkable. Sizes 34 to 46. Each garment .....

#### Men's Cardigan Jackets Reduced

By taking the lot we are enabled to sell these Jackets at less than they could have been bought for otherwise. Made of heavy quality elastic stitch with mohair binding, in black only. Sizes 36 to 40. The price is such as to call for quick selling. Tuesday morning .....

## Men's Hockey Boots for \$2.00

And women pay attention, too-for here's your great opportunity to save on an ideal gift for brothers, sons or relatives. Only a limited number. We want you here early, that's our reason for this price sacri-

#### Moccasins Make Good Christmas Gifts

These are the best Elkskin Moccasins, for snow-MEN'S SIZES, 7 to 12. Per pair ..... 1.35 BOYS' AND WOMEN'S, 3 to 6. Per pair 1.00 BOYS' AND GIRLS, 11 to 2. Per pair ... .90

BEST TANNED BEEF HIDE SHOESor Moccasins: MEN'S sizes, 6 to 12 ...... 1.65 

Men's Persian Lamb Caps

Just the thing for a handsome present, and on Tuesday morning we are offering them at this saving

price. Caps are wedge style, well furred skins of even curl. Heavy black satin linings. Reduced price ..... 4.95 MAIN FLOOR-QUEEN ST.

#### Men's Border Handkerchiefs Men's fine lawn with tape borders, very large

size, pure white, a good, serviceable handkerchief, and you should not miss getting a dozen at this 

SECOND FLOOR-QUEEN ST.

Big Savings on Boys' Clothing

BOYS' WINTER REEFERS (as illustrated), made in that new, long, double-breasted style, with velvet collars, buttoned close at throat, in a stylish grev nap, white pearl buttons, flannel linings. Sizes 21 to Would make a nice gift. Reduced to clear .....

Boys' Reefers, made from navy blue nap cloth, good weight, made double breasted with velvet collar and buttoned

close; red serge lining. Sizes 21 to 27. Price .....

Now, Boys, Come for Sweaters Half Price Heavy All-wool Sweaters, deep roll collar, close-ribbed cuffs and skirt, plain shades, in fancy pineapple effect. These belong to a lot for a special sale. They came in ahead of time, so out they go at price reduc-

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