WANT \$12,000 MORE.

In our comments of vesterday on the increase in taxes to result from the addition of \$2,653,124 to the assessment. which will mean approximately \$50,000, the Times said: "Now, will next year's Council cut their coat according to the cloth on hand, or will they merely increase their spending so as to be as far behind as ever at the end of the year?

We made that comment in the belief that it would fit the case, and that with the usual demagogy, or lack of good business sense, that is unfortunately mon in public bodies the spending of the increase rather than its application to cleaning up debts, would be planned before its collection was assured.

And we do not need to wait for next year's Council to move to justify that . Last night the Internal Management Committee of the Board of Education made the first move. In the face of a steady and very large increase of expenditure by the Board, it propo to abolish the collection of school fees collected for books and supplies fur nished, and demand from the Council \$12,000 additional to make good the deficit caused thereby. The matter was brought up by Dr. Carr and Mr. Wodell, the former declaring that he was elected on that plank, and expressing the opinion that the increased tax to be collected next year would more than make it up. nething was also heard about the hardship of collecting fees from the poor workingman, when there was the Council to appeal to for the money lost by foregoing the fees. Mr. Callaghan did not feel very sure about the wisdom of the proposal, but he had heard that there was a 10 per cent. shortage of labor in the city, and perhaps the abolition of school fees might attract workingmen here. Mr. Howell thought the demand for the abolition of the fees, and for \$12,000 more taxes on the people to nsate therefor, came only from the Board; and in reply to the plea that it would be "popular," he said it would also be popular to reduce water ratesa very apt illustration.

It is possible that the Board may be collecting higher fees than are necessary to pay for the supplies, but that justify the proposal to abolish fees entirely. Moreover, if a balance remains to go into the school funds, it is taken from those directly benefiting by the schools. There has been no clamor for abolition of the fees, and there is a well-grounded and growing feeling that cheap to be appreciated, and at great

expense to the taxpayer.

And the parents of the children who pay the school fees are taxpayers. Very few of the parents where families. w of the parents whose families are being educated are not householders; and whether they own or rent, they pay the city charges on the properties occupied, directl or through the landlord. For the fees must be paid, whether collected by the teachers or by the City Tax Collector. A resolution of the School Board to graciously forbear collecting fees to the extent of \$12,000 does not mean that the \$12,000 must not be paid, and to the last dime. The trustees have magic wand, or Aladdin's lamp, or King Midas' touch, that they can effectively order or wish to relieve th people of thousands, while giving equal vice. All they can do is refuse to lect from the pupils the small fee to cover cost of the pupils' books and supplies, and ask the city to levy an additional tax to take it out of the pupils' parents.

without its good features—that the School Board simply makes its estimate and the Council levies the tax required, has been called into question by reason of injudiciousness, sometimes body, sometimes in the other. If there are to be many moves such as the In ternal Management Committee began last night, the taxpayers may be led give the Board more attention than has been their wont, and a demand will spring up that the Board of Education levy and collect its own taxes. In that vill be brought home to each citi. zen the burden it is steadily piling up.

J. J. Hill is quoted as saying that the age of railroad building is past. But Once he said Manitoba would never grow wheat; but it will soon be one big wheat field. Why, even now the United States railroads are trying to raise five billion dollars to extend and perfect their systems; and Canada is contributing its to refute his dictum. Has J. J. some scheme in view?

It is announced that the report that an interim dividend will soon be paid to York County Loan shareholders is unauthorized, and that "it will be some considerable tim eyet before any divi-dend can be paid." The liquidator thinks "it may be a year or longer." But the lawyers are making hay while the sun

The Board of Education will not let the schools be used for polling booths. In response to the Council's request it is proposed to abolish school fees and ask for \$12,000 more taxes.

Inspector Ballard's confidential report would-be headsman os whetting the guillotine knife for the "incompetents" on the teaching staff.

The London Free Press says "it is announced that the government end of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is to cost \$25,000,000 more than was estimated." Who announced it?

Now for the Last Day of the Greatest Sale Hamilton Has Ever Seen

Our Semi-Annual Sale greater than ever. Sales for Thursday more than double the same day last year. Our staff has been doubled and every effort will be made Saturday to serve you promptly. We ask you Saturday to take your small parcels, as we will have as much as we can do to deliver the large ones.

Here we give you a list of special lines, which we can only guarantee for the first thing Saturday morning.

25 to 40c Ladies' Undervests and Drawers	19c
65 to 85c Ladies' Undervests and Drawers	49c
35c Plain Cashmere Stockings, ladies' size	19e
35c Ribbed Cashmere Stockings, ladies' size	19e
35c Children's Ribbed Cashmere Stockings	19e
50 and 65c Men's Working Shirts, size 151/2, for	19c
65c to \$1.00 Men's Working Shirts, size 151/2, for	49e
50e Men's Heavy Wool Undershirts	19e
75c and \$1.00 Men's Heavy Wool Undershirts	19e
25 to 40c Men's Cashmere and Heavy Socks	19e
25 to 50c Men's and Boys' Leather Gloves	19e
85c Men's Umbrellas, natural wood handles	49e
\$1.25 to \$1.75 Men's Umbrellas, fancy and wood handles	99e
85c Ladies' Umbrellas, pretty handles	49e
40 to 50c Dress Tweeds, 42-inch	19e
40 to 50c Plaid Dress Goods, clan tartans	19e
40c full range of All-wool Men's Cloth	19e
35 and 40c pretty designs in Oriental Lace	19e
50c handsome Guipure Insertions	19e
35 to 50c Plain and Fancy Ribbons	19e
75c quality of Men's Dress Shirts	49e
75c to \$1.25 Dress Silks, on sale Saturday	49e

Saturday Store Will Open at 8.15

No telephone or mail orders will be received. you must buy your goods over the counter.

Take Advantage of the Great Silk Sale

eptional bargains being offered in Dress Silks.

Silks Worth Up to \$1.25 for 49c

Black Peau de Soie Silk, guaranteed not to cut, regular 85c value, Odd
Sale price
Black Louisine, good value for 75c, Odd Sale 49c
Black Taffeta, good value for 75c, Odd Sale 49e
Black Stripe Silk, value for \$1.25, Odd Sale 49e
Black and White Fancy Stripe, value \$1.25, Odd Sale 49c
Black and White Check, suitable for shirt waist suit
Fancy Pink Broche Silk, suitable for evening wear, \$1,25, for 49c
Tan and Brown Check Silks, regular \$1.81.25, for
White and Black Stripe Silks, regular \$1.25, for 49c
Blue and White Dot Silks, regular \$1.25, for
Grey and Blue Small Figure Silks, regular \$1.25, for
Garnet and White Check Silks, regular \$1.25, for 49c
Navy and White Stripe Silks, regular \$1.25, for 49e
Light navy with dark navy stripe, regular \$1.25, for 49c
Alice Blue Small Pattern Silk, regular \$1.25, for

\$1.25 Silk 99c. Black Faille and Bengaline, \$1.25, f

\$1.50 Black Taffeta 99c

Black Taffeta, 36 inches wide, rem

ar \$1.50, Odd Sale 990

\$1.25 Peau de Soie 99c

Black Peau de Soie, Bennets' make

\$1.39 Black Satin 99c

Black Satin, 25 inches wide, regular value \$1.39, Saturday's Odd Sale, 99c

Great Values from the Waist Section

\$1.39 Silk 99c

Black Peau de Soie, 25 inches wide

guaranteed not to cut, regular \$1.39,

\$1.39 Ivory Silk 99c

oat linings, will not cut, 25 inches

wide, regular \$1.39, for 99e

\$1.50 Crepe De Chine 99c

Silk Crepe de Chine, 44 inches wide

n all shades, ordinary value \$1.50, Odd

Ivory and Cream Silk, suitable

Ladies' Dotted Muslin and White Lawn Shirt Waists, tucked, yoke effect, short sleeves, collar and cuffs edged with Val lace, also white Per sian Lawn Waists, with all over em boirdered front, regular \$1.50 for 99c

\$1.50 Shirt Waists 99c

\$1.50 Shawls 99c

An odd lot of the Knox Co. Shawls, value for \$1.50, goes on sale Saturday

\$1.19 Linen Aprons 99c

bib and rows of hemstitching, edges fin shed in pale blue or red, regular price \$1.19, odd sale 99c

\$1.50 Wrappers 99c

Ladies' Print and Wrapperette Wrappers, yoke in front with trimming or yoke collars and cuffs, shirt finished with deep flounce, in colors black, navy, red and white, value \$1.50, sale price 99c \$1.39 Lustre Waists 99c

Ladies' Cream Lustre Waists, but toned in front, with box pleats and tucks and shirring, long sleeves, regular

\$1.25 Sateen Waists 99c

Ladies' Black Sateen Waists, front has box pleat down centre and stitch , either side, long sleeves with deep cuff and finished with braid trim ning, regular \$1.25, for 99c

89c Shirt Waists 49c

Ladies' Black or navy Shirt Waists, buttoned in front with box pleat and tucks, box pleat in back, long sleeves with narrow cuff, regular price, 89e

Shirt Waists 49c

Saturday morning we will put sale about a dozen Wrapperette Print and white Lawn Shirt Waists, ordinary value for 75c and \$1, for 49c. These

Embroidery and Net Dept.

50c Brussels Net 19c

15 pieces Black and White Brussels et, 36 inches wide, in fine mesh, suit-ble for waists or dresses, worth 50c,

15c Embroidery 2 for 19c 500 yards Embroideries and Inser-tions, 1 to 5 inches wide, in pretty open and blind patterns, worth 15c yard, Odd Sale price 2 for 19c

35c Silk Tulle 19c New Silk Tulle, in black, white and assorted colors, 27 and 36 inches wide, worth 35e yard, Odd Sale 4. . . 19e

50c Point D'Esprit 19c

35c Corset Cover Embroidery 19c

Corset Cover Embroidery, 18 inches wide, in neat open patterns, with beading on top, worth 35c yard, for .. 19c

35c Veilings 19c

Lining Dept.

Taffetine Lining, full range of colors

Grey and Brown Special 49c Silk Moirette, in colors of brown, red green, navy, black and white, a splen did material for underskirts and coa

linings, regular 55c, for 49c

32-inch Sateen, highly mercerized, in fawn, pink, old rose, mauve, green, red, blue, grey and black, our very special 25c line, on sale Saturday 19c

Gorsets and Children's Wear

29c Drawers 19c

Children's Flannelette and Cotton Drawers, embroidery trimmed, size 2 to 8 years, regular 29c, sale price 19c

50c Wool Bonnets 19c Infants' Wool Bonnets, regular selling price 50c, Saturday's Odd Sale price 19c

Embroidered Bonnets 49c

\$1.50 Felt. Hats 49c Children's Felt Hats, in grey, brown, navy and white, trimmed with ribbon, regular \$1.50, Odd Sale price . . 49c

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Bonnets 99c

White Lawn Dresses 99c Infants' and Children's White Lawn Dresses, trimmed with embroidery and lace, Odd Sale price 99c

\$1.25 Print Dresses 99c Children's Print Dresses, in stripes and polka dot patterns, in blue and white and red and white, nicely trimmed with white braid. years, regular \$1.25, Odd Sale . . 99c

\$1 B. & C. Corsets 49c B. & C. Corsets, in grey and white, steel filled, with hose supporters, size 18 to 26, Odd Sale price 49c

Millinery Department

Saturday will be your last chance to select a Felt Shape or Ready to Wear Hat at about half price. \$1 Hats 49c

This season's up-to-date Felt Shapes, value \$1, Saturday price 49c

\$2 to \$4 Hats 99c 20 dozen latest New York Shapes

Extraordinary Values From the Greatest Dress Goods Department in Hamilton

45c and 50c Dress Goods for 19c

75c and \$1 Dress Goods for 49c

This season's Stylish Dress Goods, bought to retail at 75c and \$1.00, one price Thursday

42-inch Clan Plaids in light and dark

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43-inch Venetian Cloth, in navy, plack
blue, brown, green, garnet and black
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brown and black, worth up to 75c, for

49c

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54-inch Cheviots in brown, navy and

Thousands of yards more of Dress

\$1.25 to \$2 Dress Goods 99c 52-inch Chiffon Broadcloth in

myrtle, red and black, \$1.25, for 990 50-inch Panamas, in grey, brown, myrtle, red and black, \$1.25, for 99c Come, see our great show of 99c. Dress Goods, dozens of ranges that we have no room to advertise

\$2 Patent Slippers 99c

\$2 to \$3 Evening Slippers 99c

Evening Slippers 49c

3 Bottles Dressing 19c

3 bottles New York Shoe Dressing regularly 10c bottle, for 19c

25c Slippers 19c

lace, Odd Sale

Great Values in Shoes for the Odd Sale

\$1.25 Women's Shoes 99c Women's Dongola Kid Bals., good, solid soles, military heels, self tipped, regularly \$1.25, Odd Sale ... 99c

\$1.25 House Shoes 99c Women's House Shoes, Dongola One-Strap Slippers, wide and low heel, regu-larly \$1.25, for 99c 85c and \$1 Children's Shoes 49c

35c Moccasins 19c
Infants' Moccasins, in brown, red
d white, regularly 35c, for19c

2 in 1 Shoe Polish

3 boxes 2 in 1 Shoe Polish, Saturday 19e

Infants' Felt Slippers, in brown, red and blue, regularly 25c, for 19c Great Values in Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas

20 Dozen Ladies' Umbrellas 49c

\$1 Men's Umbrellas 49c

Nice Natural Wood Crook Handles, in a full size Man's Umbrella, ordinary \$1.50 and \$1.25 Ladies' Umbrellas 99c

Handsome handle, good, wearable covers, value \$1.00, Odd Sale price 99c \$1.50 and \$1.25 Men's Umbrellas 99c

The Bargains for Our Odd Sale In Our Great Basement Are So Many and Tempting

But space will only allow a very brief description (and even then many lines will have to be omitted); however, you can judge by these the great bar gains to be secured, and we do not hesi tate in stating that you all will be on hand when the sale opens at 9 o'clock sharp Saturday morning.

Graniteware Outfit worth 85c for 49c Nos. 7.8 and 9 Granite Teakettles 49c | S1.25 Blue Preserving Kettles 49c | S1.25 Blue Preserving Kettles 49c | Stove Pot. Cover and Spoon for 49c | Granite Chambers, 35c, for ... 19c | Granite Saucepans, each ... 19c

Tinware Outfit for 49c

Coal Hod Outfit 49c

Woodenware Outfit 49c 1 Clothes Basket, 1 Floor Mop, 4 dozen Clothes Pegs, 1 Scrubbing Brush

Semi-Porcelain Outfit 99c

6 cups and saucers, 6 pie plates, 1 cream pitcher and 1 salad bowl, all for

 5 inch Plates per dozen
 49e
 China Cups and Saucers, \$1.50, for ...

 Earthern Teapots, 25e, for
 19e
 99e doz.

 Famey Jardinieres, \$1.35, for
 99e Cuspidores, each
 19e

 10 Wine Glasses and Tray for
 49e
 Fruit Sets, 13 pieces for
 99e

 6 glass Tumblers for
 49e
 Glass Fruit Dishes on stand, each 19e

Odd Sale in Grocery Dept.

Best Black Pepper, lb. 19e 6 lbs, Green Ceylon Black Tea 19e 5½ lbs. Whit 3½ lbs. Japan rice 19e 5 bars Victor Special Coffee, per lb 19e 3 lbs. Icing S Preserved Ginger, lb. 19e 3 lts. Two-lib. 4½ lbs. Yellow Sugar 19e 3 lbs. Corn 2 lbs. new Raisins 19e 3 lbs. Best L 7-lb. pail Jams 49e 6 cans Corn 3 lbs. Loaf Sugar 19e 4½ lbs. Goo 20-inch Dolls 19e each. 19e 19e 19e | 19e | 3 | lbs. | Icing Sugar | 19e | 3 | tins Two-in-one | 19e | 3 | pkgs. Corn Starch | 19e | 3 | bs. | Best Laundry Starch | 19e | 4½ | lbs. | Good Rice for | 4 dozen only Dolls, 20 inches long, both with fair and dark hair, will be

Great Values for Our Big Staple Dept.

131/2c Towelling 2 Yards 19c 2,000 yards Toweling, in a pure linen, with red stripe border, regular price 133c, Odd Sale, 2 for 19c

15c Towels 2 for 19c

0 dozen pairs Linen Huck Towels, with fringed ends, size 20 x 40, regu-lar 15c, Odd Sile 2 for 19e 121/2c Flannelette 2 yards 19c

500 yards English Flannelette, in nice pink and white stripes, regular 12½c, lar 15c, Odd Sale 2 for . . . 19e 25c Circular Pillow Cotton 19c

200 yards Circular Pillow Cotton, in a good heavy quality and a nice even thread, 25c, for 19c 25c Unbleached Sheeting 19c. 200 yards Unbleached Sheeting, both plain and twill, 72 inches wide and a good heavy quality, regular 25c. for 19c

10c Glass Towelling 31/2 yds 19c

300 yards of Check Glass Toweling, both blue and red patterns, regular 10c goods, Odd Sale, 3½ yards 19c 3 yards Shirting 49c

75c to 89c Table Linen 49c 700 yards Table Linen, both bleached and unbleached, in a nice floral pat-tern, and a good serviceable quality worth 75c to 89c, for 49c

75c Pillow Shams 49c

5,000 Pillow Shams and Stand Covers and Runners to match, with nice open work patterns, regular 75c value, Odd Sale 49c

Homefurnishing Dept.

Best Canadian Floor Oil Cloth, thoroughly seasoned goods, 1, 134 and 41/2 yards wide, for our Odd Sale 19c per square yard. English Sateen Cretonnes, pretty art

colorings, all warranted fast, regular 25c, our Odd Sale price 19c Heavy Reversible Bordered Cretcome,

Heavy English and Canadian Floor black patterns, worth regularly 60c per yard, our Odd Sale price 49c

Odd Sale Prices from Underwear Dept.

25c Drawers 19c Ladies' Flannelette Drawers, made

of fancy stripe flannelette, sizes 23, 25, 27, gathered at knee, regular 25c, Odd Sale Flannelette Gowns 49c

Flannelette Night Gowns, well made in every particular; Mother Hubbard style; the material in this garment worth more than the asked price 49c

75c Underskirts 49c Ladies' White Cotton Underskirts mede of good quality of white cotton and finished with torchon lace, ordin-ary value 75c, for 49c

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Flannelette Gowns 49e Ladies' White Cotton Night Gowns, neck and sleeves finished with ruffles, regular 59c calue, Odd Sale 49?

Samples of Night Dresses 49c

\$1.25 Satin Underskirts 99c

Lace Dept.

Valenciennes Laces Less Than

Half Valenciennes Edging and Insertion, worth 40 to 50e dozen, Odd Sale price 19e

35c Oriental Lace 19c

2 Yards Lace 19c Fancy Cotton Laces and Insertion suitable for fancy work, value for 15 to 25c, special sale price 2 for . . 19c