CITY ASSESSMENT SHOWS BIG JUMP

Population of Toronto Also Shows Large Increase in Recent Years.

The regular report of the assessment commissioner for 1920 shows that the assessment has been increased about 10 per cent. in the last roll. The latest assessment is as follows:

Land $315,948,543	
Buildings 253,672,393	
Business 78,404,872	
Income 55,620,587	
	$703,646,395
Total 1920 assessment ..	641,454,156
Increase (9.69 per cent.)..	$ 62,192,239

The increase comprises:

Land ...	$21,272,616 or 7.21 per cent.
Buildings	17,108,513 or 7.23 per cent.
Business.	9,215,361 or 13.31 per cent.
Income ..	14,595,749 or 35.57 per cent.

According to the report, the population, which is given as 512,812, has increased 313,000 in 20 years, and 170,000 in the last ten years. There are now 102,161 buildings in the city, an increase of 3,096 over the figures of the last assessment.

A census of the religious denominations in the city as returned by the assessor is as follow:

Anglican	154,218
Presbyterian	105,218
Methodist	85,100
Roman Catholic	56,487
Hebrew	33,928
Baptist	23,905
Congregational	4,178
Salvation Army	2,923
Christian Science	1,972
Lutheran	1,463
Disciples of Christ	1,311
Unitarian	388
Miscellaneous (not specified)	41,522
	512,812

There were 23,895 transfers of property last year, an increase of 4,040 in 1919.

During the year the department sold vacant land for $85,382.39 and paid out $519,000 for land taken and for land damages.

The city, including the school board, now owns property valued at $50,108,661.

The court of revision and the county judge reduced the latest assessment from $703,350,315 to $696,548,671.

WHITE GIRL'S TROUBLE IN CHINESE RESTAURANT

Under the order which still permits white girls to work in Chinese restaurants, Mary Claxton, a waitress in the Aberdeen Cafe, quarreled with Tong Kee, a waiter, over an order for hot potatoes. Tong asked for his potatoes first and ended an argument by throwing the potatoes in her face and hitting her on the head with the empty plate. The girl retorted by smashing the plate over Tong's head. Then he pushed her out of the door. "I think this man has been punished enough," said Mr. Jones in the police court yesterday.

CANADIAN CLUB SPEAKER.

Hon. N. W. Rowell, who is now on his way back to Canada after attending the meeting of the League of Nations in Geneva, will be the guest of the Canadian Club at the King Edward on Tuesday next, the subject of his address being "Empire Problems in Africa." Mr. Rowell visited Africa before going to Geneva.

NO "FLU" OUTBREAK.

The third death in the city this winter from "flu," that of Mrs. Annie Cochrane, 220 Grace street, was recorded at the city hall yesterday. Pneumonia was a secondary cause of death. Dr. Hastings, M.H.O., predicts now that there will be no outbreak of "flu" this winter.

MEN YOU HEAR OF
Seen as Their Friends Know Them
No. 78.

CHARLES W. DAY, president of Day's, Limited, clothiers. Mr. Day was born in Wiltshire, Eng., but was early impressed with the opportunities afforded in Canada. His first business connection in this country was with Morgan's, Limited, Montreal. He is a member of the board of trade and of the Lakeview and Kiwanis clubs. His hobby is his business, but in his leisure moments he is a golfer.

GEORGE W. LEE, appointed chairman of the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. He has for some time been the acting chairman.

HOUSEBREAKERS GET LONG JAIL TERMS

Sentences of Ten and Eight Years Are Passed by Col. Denison.

Harold Doyle and John Sullivan were sentenced to eight years and Andrew Sullivan to ten years at Kingston penitentiary by Magistrate Denison in yesterday's police court on four housebreaking and receiving charges.

One, Karl James, asked Andrew Sullivan and Jack Sullivan, brothers, alias Brown, and Harold Doyle or Smith, if they would like to make $50 by melting down silver. This was in a Ward Seven poolroom, and they agreed.

The proceedings followed the police visit to a house on Annette street. Detectives Croome and Alexander told of the raid, and described a room occupied by the Sullivans and Doyle. A plumber's blower was there, too, and still warm. Silver and other things were found at the same time.

Mrs. Margaret Sommerville, of Pacific avenue, told of missing a necklace and other things, and she identified various articles shown to her by Crown Attorney Corley.

In this case, the three defendants agreed as to the Karl James incident, but denied all knowledge of the origin of the silver to be melted down.

SCHOOL POPULATION SHOWS LARGE GROWTH

Toronto's school population is growing at the rate of 2,000 a year, according to December records, issued yesterday. The comparison shows a growth of over 10,000 since 1916. The figures follow: 1916, 61,473; 1917, 64,270; 1918, 66,338; 1919, 67,878; 1920, 71,833.

It will be noted that the 1920 mark is almost 4,000 greater than the record for 1919, so that it is clear the ratio of increase is rapidly growing.

The average attendance was 87 per cent. The cases of lateness numbered 3,153. Only 535 pupils had to be strapped, and eight drew a suspension sentence. Earl Grey School had the heaviest strap list with 34. While Regal Road School and York Street had clear records.

TO ENACT FINAL SCENE OF OLD CITY COUNCIL

The farewell meeting of the old city council will be held this afternoon at four o'clock and the first meeting of the new council will take place Monday next. The order paper for the first session was issued yesterday. After the ceremony of subscribing to the declaration of office, hearing petitions and communications, appointments of directors to the hospitals and various boards will be made. A committee will be appointed to strike standing committees.

Of the six retiring members of council, it is understood that Controller Cameron and Aldermen Maher and Miskelly will not attend Friday's session, owing to sickness.

URGE AMALGAMATION OF TWO COMMISSIONS

A motion will be before the new council next Monday to unite the Hydro-Electric Commission and the Traffic Commission. Altho Mayor Church is the author of this proposal the notice of motion will be presented by Ald. Phinnemore.

Ald. Phinnemore said yesterday that power and transportation were interlocked even to the personnel of the two commissions, and he believed amalgamation would bring about both efficiency and economy. His idea is that all publicly owned utilities should be under the direction of a public service commission.

INJUNCTION OBTAINED.

An injunction restraining Black & Martin, brokers, and C. Morrison from transferring or selling any stock in the North American Lumber Company, or from receiving any money from the company for the disposal of its stock till the trial of a claim by C. J. Baguley for 4,000 shares as commission for the sale of stock, was yesterday made by Justice Orde at Osgoode Hall on the application of L. A. Landriau. The defendants are entitled to apply on 24 hours' notice to set aside the order.

NEW KNOX CHURCH PASTOR.

At a congregational meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, Prof. Ballantyne presiding, Rev. John G. Inkster, D.D., of Victoria, B.C., was chosen by the congregation to become their pastor. A call will be sent forthwith. Dr. Inkster has recently conducted a series of services in the church.

ASSISTANT CLERK BETTER.

Thomas Sanderson, assistant city clerk, who has been ill, returned to his duties at the city hall yesterday afternoon.

CIVIC SALARY BOOSTS WITHOUT AUTHORITY

Auditor Threatens to Hold Pay Cheques if Increases Not Sanctiond.

The manner in which the department of health and the city auditor have been granting and paying salary increases without the authority of the board of control or the city council is likely to be the subject of a little commotion when the new board and new council get down to business.

About a dozen increases were paid in the summer and fall of 1920 by the auditor merely on the authority of a letter from the medical health officer with the understanding that the increases would be authorized later by the board of control. Other increases were also paid on the authority of the board of health, including an increase of about $300 to an employe who had been denied an increase by council a short time before. Section 41 of by-law 4290 provides that the heads of the various departments must not fix the salaries of employes without the authority of council, and the city of Toronto act of 1909 holds the auditor responsible for any unauthorized expenditure of city funds.

Some of the increases passed along by the M. H. O. and the board of health were as high as $600 a year. When the matter became the subject of discussion in the city hall Auditor Scott asked that the approval of the board of control be obtained but the board refused to sanction the increases.

Board Declined Action.

The department then sent along recommendations for increases for about 50 employes of the health department totalling about $10,000 a year. The board declined to take action on these.

Ald. Cowan, chairman of the 1920 board of health, said yesterday that his board had no authority to grant increases. What they recommended were "adjustments," or the equalizing of the salaries of employes found doing the same work.

The city auditor announces that he will hold back the amount of the increases from the January salary cheques if the increases are not authorized by the new council.

The whole situation is covered in a report which will be laid before the board of control next week.

SUDDEN DEATH OF TORONTO WOMAN

Mrs. Cummings, wife of E. J. Cummings, of 27 Dalton road, Toronto, died suddenly yesterday morning on her way home from 10 o'clock mass from St. Peter's Catholic Church. Mrs. Cummings had not been ailing in the slightest degree and had always enjoyed the best of health. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Albert Heck, and was suddenly stricken just before she reached her own home.

The late Mrs. Cummings was an exceedingly charitable woman and never considered herself when the welfare and happiness of others were at stake. Her greatest ambition in life was to make others happy and to do each day something to make brighter and better the lives of those around her. She was an ardent worker in the Edward Kyle Chapter of the I.O.D.E., of the Christian Mothers of St. Peter's parish and of the Catholic Women's League.

Mrs. Cummings was born at Adolphustown, her maiden name being Miss Josephine Daverne. She leaves her husband, E. J. Cummings, one daughter, Mrs. Albert Heck, her aged parents, who still reside at Adolphustown, and three brothers.

The funeral will take place from St. Peter's R. C. Church, Bloor and Markham streets, at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to Mount Hope Cemetery.

Sees Attempt to Separate The Hydro Municipalities

In the opinion of T. J. Hannigan, secretary of the Hydro Radial Association, the proposal to form a Western Ontario Hydro Radial Association looks like an attempt to separate the Hydro municipalities and play into the hands of the opponents of public ownership.

Concerning the statement that Toronto and Hamilton are likely to derive most of the benefit from a system of Hydro radials Mr. Hannigan said:

"I do feel that the Hydro municipalities could co-operate on the whole question of radial railways. Electric railways will pay as systems, but not as pieces of railway. The co-operation should be for a system of railways. There have been a lot of surveys made around London, and some of the municipalities voted on the line which was proposed from Toronto to London. Some time ago London did not belong to the Hydro Radial Association, and I do not think the city has joined up to the present time. There was opposition in the council to the radial project. I do not think it is the right spirit to organize radial associations on the ground that it is feared business will be drained from that territory."

MANY PAY TRIBUTE TO LATE W. FITZGERALD

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon to St. James' Cemetery of William Fitzgerald, former Dominion superintendent of insurance at Ottawa. A short service was held at the graveside, when Rev. C. J. James, of the Church of the Redeemer, officiated. The chief mourners were his two sons, W. G., London, Ont., and C. R., Worcester, Mass.; James and Fred Fitzgerald, brothers, and W. C., a nephew. The body was interred by the grave of his wife.

Floral tributes from the family, the State Mutual Life Insurance Company of Worcester, Mass., the Northern Life Insurance Company, London, the insurance department, Ottawa, and the I.O.O.F., Toronto, surrounded the coffin. There are many friends in Toronto who knew the deceased when he practised law here prior to assuming his government position at Ottawa 30 years ago.

BRO. W. J. J. BUTLER, W.M., Who was installed in office at last night's meeting of Alpha Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

ALPHA, A. F. & A. M., INSTALS OFFICERS

Many Grand Lodge Members and Visiting Brethren Attend Ceremony.

A large number of members of grand lodge and visiting brethren attended the installation of officers of Alpha Lodge, No. 384, at Freemasons' Hall, College street, last night. Most Wor. Bro. F. M. Harcourt, K.C., the grand master, presided, assisted by R. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, R. W. Bro. E. A. James, R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, R.W. Bro. Geo. Tait, and the past masters of the lodge.

During the evening the retiring master, Wor. Bro. E. E. Clendenning, was presented with a P.M. jewel and an electric reading lamp. The officers for 1921 are:

Bro. W. J. J. Butler, W.M.; W. Bro. Ernest Clendenning, I.P.M.; Ashton Fletcher, S.W.; F. L. Delong, J.W.; W. Bro Robt. Thompson, treasurer; V.W. Bro. E. J. Voss, secretary; Wm. Porteous, chaplain; Geo Gander, D. of C.; J. H. Morrison, organist; T. D. Stokoe, S.D.; F. C. Gullen, J.D.; Geo. B. Chapman, I.G.; H. L. Freeston, S.S.; A. J. Flood, J.S.; James Davies, tyler; R.W. Bro. G. M. Mermiston, Emerson Bull.

MEMBERS OF FAMILY SHARE LARGE ESTATE

Probate has been granted of the will of Mrs. Ida Elizabeth Blachford, who died Sept. 26. Mortgages are $22,137; book debts and notes, $15,775; cash, $367; household and personal effects, $500, and stocks and bonds, $52,800. The stocks are 30 shares Minneapolis Drug Co., $997; 84 Minneapolis Syndicate, $2,748; 33 Northland Elevator, $2.178; 75 Nicolet Bank Building Co., $5,156; 20 Oneida Building Co., $2,010; 14 Imperial Bank, $2,672, and 31 Bank of Toronto, $5,668. The estate is shared by the husband, Arthur W. Blachford, two sons, Charles A. and Arthur F., and two daughters, Ethel I. Sparling and Fannie R. Patterson, all of Toronto. A cousin, Mary L. Thompson, of Waverley, Iowa, is devised $500. Personal belongings and jewelry are to be shared by the daughters.

Mrs. Isabel Agnes Murray is sole heiress under the will of her husband, James Forsyth Murray, a merchant. An equity in 402 Rushton road is held for $2,402, and 121 Bloor street west, $2,679; bonds, $11,496; cash, notes and personal effects.

Ask Second Instalment Of Forward Movement Fund

Rev. Dr. Robert Laird has issued a call to the treasurers to send in the second instalment of the Presbyterian forward movement thanksgiving donations. The total amount subscribed was $5,200,000, of which over half was received in the call for the first instalment.

The Methodists subscribed $4,988,463, and have already sent in more than half the total.

The Church of England total subscription was $3,464,000, of which over half has been paid.

CHURCHES CELEBRATE FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Yesterday the feast of the Epiphany was celebrated in Catholic Churches thruout the world, commemorating the finding of the Divine Child by the wise men from the east and generally the revelation of the Saviour of the world to the Gentiles. In Toronto congregations assisted in some of the church at 5.30 a.m., when mass was said, followed by others until high mass at 11 o'clock. Services were also held in the evening.

ARREST ANOTHER OF THE COOPER GANG

Still another alleged member of the gang operating under the genius of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, formerly of the Dancing Academy, was captured yesterday when Detectives Strohm and Ward arrested William Foster, teamster, 170 Bleecker street, upon the charge of receiving.

SALVATION ARMY HOLD SPIRITUAL MEETINGS

Commissioner Richards, territorial commander for Canada east, yesterday conducted three specially convened meetings in the Salvation Army Temple, Albert street, for the deepening of spiritual life among professing Christians.

The Salvation Army speakers included three Canadian officers who have seen years of service in India and Burmah. Another Army woman officer who also addressed the meetings subsequently left Toronto for service in Java.

URGE COMMENCING FEDERAL BUILDINGS

Change in Weather Was the Cause of More Applications for Relief.

Colder weather reflected itself yesterday in Toronto's unemployment situation in slightly increased applications for relief at the Krausmann Hotel headquarters. The articles concerning which destitution seemed to be greatest were principally those of warm clothing, altho coal was also sought in comparatively small lots and food baskets were despatched to the usual number.

The citizens' unemployment relief committee announced during the day thru its secretary, Mr. Tolchard, that representations would be immediately made to the Dominion government pointing out the strong advisability of commencing all possible federal works for the relief of the present situation. The new Customs House and a sub-postoffice for Spadina avenue were declared to be projects which, if started at once, would considerably ease the work scarcity.

The "Red" element which has been remarked in the unemployed of other parts of the country was stated by Sergt.-Major Creighton to be non-existent locally. The men who were being cared for at the Krausmann House were, he declared, essentially orderly and displayed high morale and spirit of comradeship.

The registrations at the Ontario government employment bureau declined to 288, 14 less than the previous day's total of 302.

York Township Council is successfully grappling with the unemployment situation in all districts. Three days work a week is being given to all applicants who are residents of the township needing employment.

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS.

Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, said yesterday that there was a considerable shortage of qualified school teachers thruout the province. He also added that there were, on the other hand, too many unqualified ones.

RANEY INVESTIGATES PROBATION SYSTEM

Attorney-General Raney returned yesterday from a trip to the United States. While away, he looked into the probation system. He found that in some of the states where probation was in vogue, the prison population had been reduced to one-third of what it was before. Under the system, the record, antecedent, and other points connected with the man who is brought into court are looked into, and if it is found that no good purpose will be served by locking him up, he is put under probation.

WARNINGS ON USE OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT

Never touch any electric fixture while in bath or while standing on anything wet.

Always keep electrical equipment in first-class repair.

Never, if avoidable, attach heaters to ordinary lamp socket fixtures.

These are the lessons which Hydro-Electric Commission engineers emphasize as to be learned from the death by electrocution of Mrs. Ada Batten, of Uxbridge avenue, who, while in a bath, attempted to remove the electric heater. It has been shown that one of the terminals carrying current to the two coils was in contact with the framework of the heater, which was electrified as a result; this was caused by a breakdown in the mica insulation.

TORONTO BOY KILLED IN AUTO MISHAP

Ran From Behind Bread Wagon in Front of Truck—Driver Not Detained.

Lloyd McIntyre, eight years of age, residing at 435 West Richmond street, was struck by an auto truck at noon yesterday, a few moments before he was to have gone with his mother to be photographed. He died on the way to the General Hospital. Chief Coroner Dr. Arthur Jukes Johnson was notified, and an inquest will be held.

The information from station No. 5 is that the little lad ran out in the middle of the street from behind a bread wagon in front of the auto truck which was in charge of Thos. Cook, 234 West Richmond street. He was driving truck C., 2114 at a moderate rate of speed. Following the accident, Detective Hutchinson, No. 69, investigated the accident, after which he allowed Cook to proceed.

NO CHANGES IN ACT.

It was announced yesterday that the government does not propose to introduce any legislation at the coming session to give further probation to purchasers of mining shares.

ALEXANDRA — MAT. SAT.

IRENE

NEXT WEEK — SEATS NOW

HOME'S DOLL ... Presents CHARLES CHERRY and JUNE WALKER in SCANDAL

PANTAGES VAUDEVILLE

Now Playing. ROSCOE (FATTY) ARBUCKLE (ALGERNON LEARY) —in— "The Life of the Party"

Gautier's Toy Shop; Fred and Katherine Webber; "The Ragged Edge"; Coakley and Dunlevy; Vera Walton; Mizuma Japs.

NEXT WEEK RIDERS OF THE DAWN

BY ZANE GREY

A mighty, pulsing drama of the great Northwest.

With a superb cast, including CLAIRE ADAMS

Vaudeville headed by McKay's Scotch Revue.

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In the "miracle of the theatre's art"—even greater than the famous play.

"KISMET"

In one day he rose from poverty and rags to wealth and position—only to lose them.

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Its great drama of love, beckons you to delve into its haunts that there you may find richness of entertainment beyond surmise.

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Star cast includes: Richard Carle, Blanche Ring, Charles Winninger, Jay Gould, Winona Winter and Millionaires' Chorus.

Evgs., $2.50-50c. Mats. Wed., $1.50-50c. Sat., $2.00-50c.

SHEA'S VICTORIA ST.

HOMER B. MASON and MARGUERITE KEELER

Wyatt's Scotch Lads and Lassies Lou & Jean Archer—Dolly Kay Charles Leonard Fletcher; De Page and Verker Sisters; Lorimer Hudson & Co.; Evans and Feres; Shea's News Revue.

HIPPODROME TERAULEY ST.

WILLIAM FARNUM In "THE SCUTTLERS"

Shown at 1.30, 4.15, 7.45 p.m. The Mardi Gras Maids; Conley and Francis; Master Gabriel & Co.; Payton and Ward; Elaine Sisters and Hurd; Marvellous Merediths; Hippodrome News Revue.

LOEW'S

THIS WEEK | YONGE ST. THEATRE WINTER GARDEN | THIS WEEK

MAY ALLISON In "ARE ALL MEN ALIKE?" "A TELEPHONE TANGLE"

With JOE BENNETT and Big Cast The Skating Macks, Harvey and Brill, Clifton and Kramer, Harry Lee, Siegel and Irving, Mutt and Jeff, Loew's News Weekly.

LOEW'S UPTOWN

Thursday—Friday—Saturday ELAINE HAMMERSTEIN In "PLEASURE SEEKERS"

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BROADWAY BELLES WITH EDDIE COLE

THAT FUNNY LITTLE COMEDIAN

The Regent NOW PLAYING

"THE FURNACE"

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