YORKVILLE ANNEXATION.

TATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TWO CORPORATIONS.

Population—Assessment Rate of Taxation—Toronto Thinks Yorkville Should Come in on Equal Terms—Yorkville Wants an Advance.

The joint committee met in the city hall yesterday, the members present being the mayor, Ald. Clarke, Ald. Denison, Reeve Gibson, and Deputy-Reeve Saunders. Mr. Harman, city treasurer, and Mr. Archer, the treasurer of Yorkville, were also in attendance.

Mr. Harman submitted a statement which he said had been agreed upon by himself and the other treasurer as an approximate, although they differed in the deductions which they drew from the figures. The following is a statement:

	Toronto.	Yorkville.
Population	86,000	5,000
Net debt	$ 5,750,000	$ 106,000
Assessment	56,000,000	2,400,000
Expense of debt, 6½ per cent or	383,500	13,650
do do 6½ per cent or	677,000	20,000
Expenses other than debt	50,000,000	130,000
Property		
Expenditure on streets for last ten years	1,750,000	41,000

From these figures it appears—

That Toronto's population is 17½ times and its debt 54 times that of Yorkville.

That the debt of Toronto is $66 83 per head of its population and 10½ per cent of its assessment, and the debt of Yorkville $21 20 of its population and 4½ per cent of its assessment.

The assessment of Toronto is 21 times that of Yorkville and equal $674 per head of its population, that of Yorkville being $500 per head of its population.

That the expense, that is roughly speaking, the interest on Toronto's debt is 3½ per cent. less in proportion to the debt than that of Yorkville.

That the expenses other than those on the debt are 33½ per cent. greater for Toronto than Yorkville, and that in the former they amount to $7 87 per head and are equal to 1 1-5 of the assessment. In the latter they amount to $4 per head and equal 83-100 of the assessment.

The property of the city is 38½ times greater than of the village; in the former it is equal to $68 15 per head of the population, in the latter $26 per head of the population.

The amount expended for streets in the city during the last ten years is forty-two times that expended in the village.

Mr. Harman said he considered that the comparison was

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on the items of assessment, property and expenses of the debt. On the other hand Yorkville rate of assessment was 13 mills in the dollar as against 16½ mills for Toronto, but that included three matters for which Yorkville had virtually no equivalent, namely police protection which cost 2 mills, water 1 mill and fire protection 1 mill.

The treasurer of Yorkville demurred to the last statement. They had good police and fire protection in the village, and their waterworks were self-sustaining.

Mr. Harman said that in Toronto they had one policeman to every 614 of the population, while in Yorkville the proportion was 1 to 1600. Then there was the question of draining Yorkville.

Mr. Saunders—We are splendidly drained.

Ald. Clarke—Yes, but you drain into the Don, and there is a very grave doubt whether you have a right to do so.

Mr. Saunders—Yes, it is decided that it is a natural drain.

Ald. Clarke thought it was a very artificial drain.

After some further discussion the treasurers were asked their opinion as to the financial basis upon which the annexation should take place. Mr. Harman thought it should be even. Mr. Archer thought Yorkville

SHOULD HAVE AN ADVANCE.

Ald. Denison thought Yorkville should come in at once and should have the advantage.

Ald. Clark said he would not vote for anything but equality.

Ald. Denison—Suppose we let Yorkville come in even, we building the University creek sewer.

A Yorkville representative—Oh, that wouldn't do at all.

Ald. Clark—Well, what *will* you do?

Deputy-reeve Saunders said they would like to look at the figures carefully.

In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that on the part of Toronto that its rate of taxation would probably decrease, while that of Yorkville would increase. The treasurer of Yorkville said that the position of the village rendered it impossible for Toronto to extend its northern limits unless the annexation took place.

It was at length decided, on motion of Ald. Clark, that the committee should adjourn, the members in the meantime being supplied with copies of the statement.

In addition to the above figures, the revenue of Toronto, exclusive of taxation, is estimated at $3 23 per head; that of Yorkville at $1.33 per head.

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WORKING GIRLS' GRIEVANCES.

The Want of Proper Conveniences—A Number of Letters on the Subject—A Factory Act Needed.

TO THE WORLD: The article "Outrage on Girls" fairly hits the mark. I am employed in a large factory, as are my two daughters, and I am as much shocked by the want of properly arranged conveniences as any one could be. On speaking to my girls on the matter they tell me that all their female friends are delighted that your paper has taken this subject up, and hope the employers will change this state of affairs at once.

If they do not, we hope you will keep on agitating until parliament gives us a factory act which will compel them to regard the common decencies of life and correct a number of other abuses at present existing, such as want of ventilation, etc. You will probably hear from me again.—Yours

MATERFAMILIAS.

TO THE WORLD: I have been employed in different factories for the last six years and can fully appreciate all you say about the want of decent accommodation for the sexes in most of them. In the places where I have worked, most of the girls have suffered in silence rather than do what their modesty forbade them. Could not the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals take up this matter and so save many of us from unnecessary sickness and disease? For obvious reasons I will not give my real name but sign

MARY ANN.

TO THE WORLD: In common with a large number of working girls I have to thank you for your article entitled "Outrage on Girls." In the workshop where I work there are upwards of thirty girls and twenty men employed, and our employers provide us with but one convenience to be used by all. The consequence is that we girls must either pocket our modesty or impair our health. If you succeed in getting this evil checked you will receive the thanks of all of us.

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TORONTO, Dec. 9.—Banks—Montreal 202 and 200¾; Toronto 168 and 167, trans 10 at 167½, 15 at 168; Ontario 61½ and 61; Merchants' 128 and 127½; Commerce 147½ and 146¾; Dominion 195 and 194½, trans 27 at 195; Hamilton buyers 120, do. 50 per cent buyers 112; Standard 116 and 115½, trans 25 at 115¾; Federal 163 and 164½, trans 10 at 164½, 15 at 165, 10 at 165¼, 10 and 10 at 164½, 5 and 15 at 165; Imperial 140 and 139; British America Assurance Co. 146 and 141; Western Assurance Co. 210 and 209½, trans 25 at 209½; Canada Life Assurance Co. buyers 350; Confederation Life Association buyers 230; Consumers' Gas Company 147 and 146½, trans 20 at 147, 80 at 147½, 40, 20 and 100 at 147; Dominion Telegraph Company sellers 97; Montreal Telegraph Company 131 and 130; Globe Printing Co. sellers 100; Canada Permanent Loan Society buyers 208; Freehold Loan and Savings Company buyers 163; Western Canada Loan Co., buyers 181½; Union Loan and Saving Company sellers 134½; Canada Landed Credit Company 141 and 140; Building and Loan Association 105½ and 104½; Imperial Savings and Investment Com any buyers 115; Farmers' Loan and Savings Company 128½ and 127; London & C L A 142½ and 140, trans 22 at 140½; National Investment Company buyers 113; People's Loan buyers 112; Manitoba Loan buyers 118½; Huron and Erie buyers 157½; Dominion Savings and Loan sellers 125; Ontario Loan and Debenture sellers 136; Canadian Savings and Loan Company sellers 130; London Loan sellers 116½; Hamilton Provident buyers 140; Real Estate, Loan and Debenture Company 106½ and 106¼; Brant Loan and Savings Society buyers 102; Toronto House Building Society sellers 145; Ontario Investment Association 140 and 134½; English Loan Co. sellers 98; British Canadian 106 and 104½; Dominion Government 5 per cent buyers 99½.

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Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—3 p.m.—Banks—Montreal 204½ and 202, sales 47 at 202½; Ontario 61½ and 60½; Molson's 120 and 118½; Bank of Toronto 160; 166, sales 50 at 166½; Banque Jacques Cartier 110 and 108; Merchants' Bank 128½ and 127½; Union Bank 98 and 94; Commerce 147½ and 146½; Exchange offered 140; Montreal Telegraph Company 130½ and 130; Dominion Telegraph company asked 98; Richelieu and Ontario Navigation company 58 and 57½; City Passenger railway 126½ and 125; Montreal Gas company 145 and 141½; Canada Cotton company 165 and 159, sales 50 at 165; Dundas Cotton company 134 and 132; Ontario Investment offered 134; St Paul M & M offered 113.

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Grain and Produce Markets.

CALL BOARD, TORONTO, Dec. 9.—Flour and wheat firm. 5000 bushels of No 1 barley offered at 91c, one car of No 2 at 86c, one car of No 3 extra at 82c, with 80c bid, and two cars No 3 at 80c, without bids.

The receipts of grain on the street to-day show an increase, without much change in prices. Wheat sold to the extent of 560 bush at $1 24 to $1 26 for fall, and spring would have brought $1 30 to $1 34 but none offered. Barley steady with sales of 1200 bush at 77c to 78c. Oats unchanged, with sales of 200 bush at 45c and 46c. One load of peas sold at 78c, but No 1 would have brought 80c to 83c. Clover seed sold at $8.12½. Hay was in fair receipt, with sales of fifty loads at $10 to $11 for clover and $12 to $13 50 for timothy. Straw steady, with sales of five loads at $12 and $12 50. Hogs firmer at $7 50 to $7 62½. Poultry unchanged at 5c per lb for geese and 7½c to 8c for turkeys. We quote:—

Wheat, fall	$1 24 to $1 25	Cabbage, dz.	0 60 to 1 00
do spring	1 28 to 1 35	Turnips, bag	0 35 to 0 40
Barley	0 77 to 0 88	Beans, bu	2 45 to 2 60
Oats	0 45 to 0 46	Tomatoes, bu	0 00 to 0 00
Peas	0 78 to 0 83	Onions, bag	1 15 to 1 25
Rye	0 85 to 0 86	Radishes, doz	0 00 to 0 00
Clover seed	5 10 to 5 20	Cauliff'r, doz	0 00 to 1 00
Timothy "	5 00 to 6 50	Chickens, pair	0 35 to 0 45
Hay per qrs	4 00 to 5 00	Fowls, pair	0 45 to 0 55
do per qrs	3 00 to 0 50	Ducks, brace	0 45 to 0 60
Mutton	5 00 to 6 00	Partridge "	0 60 to 0 65
Venison	10 00 to 12 00	Geese	0 50 to 0 65
" carc	6 00 to 7 50	Turkeys	0 75 to 1 25
Lamb	7 00 to 7 50	Butter, lb. rls	0 23 to 0 26
Hogs, 100 lbs	7 25 to 7 65	do dairy	0 18 to 0 20
Beets, bag	0 60 to 0 70	Eggs, fresh	0 25 to 0 28
Carrots, bag	0 40 to 0 45	Wool, per lb	0 90 to 0 24
Parsnips, bg	0 55 to 0 65	Hay	10 00 to 13 50
Parsley, doz	0 00 to 0 00	Straw	12 00 to 12 50
Potatoes, bg	0 80 to 0 90		
Apples, brl	1 25 to 2 50		

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MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—Flour—Receipts 1300 brls market quiet; prices unchanged; 125 brls superior extra sold at $6 15, 250 brls extra sold at $6 00; 100 brls middling bakers' sold at $6 15, 100 brls strong bakers' at $6 50, 100 brls strong bakers' at $6 55, 260 Ontario bags at $2 75. Wheat, corn, peas, oats, barley, rye, oatmeal, and cornmeal unchanged. Provisions—Butter, western 15c to 17c, E T 18c, to 20c, B and M 17c to 19c, creamery 22c to 24c. Cheese, pork, lard, bacon and hams unchanged. Ashes—Pots and pearls unchanged.

TOLEDO, Dec. 9, 10.30 a.m.—Wheat No 2 red $1 35 to $1 37 for cash, $1 35 to $1 36½ for Dec, $1 37½ to $1 38½ for Jan, $1 40 for Feb. Corn 65c for Dec, 63½c to 64½c for Jan, 60c for May. Oats 45½c asked for cash.

12 m.—Wheat No 2 red $1 39 for Jan, $1 41 for Feb, $1 43½ for March, $1 44½ bid for April. Corn 44½c for cash, 64c for Dec, 61c for Jan, 60½c for May.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 9, 11.07 a.m.—Wheat $1 30½ for Dec, $1 29½ for Jan, $1 30½ for Feb.

BEERBOHM ADVICES:—"London, Dec. 9.—Floating cargoes—Wheat and maize quiet. Cargoes on passage—Wheat and maize quiet. Mark Lane—Wheat and maize slow. Good cargoes red winter wheat off coast was 54s 6d, now 54s 3d; do mixed American maize t.q; was 29s 9d, now 29s 6d. London—Fair average red winter for shipment present and following month was 53s, now 52s 6d, red winter wheat prompt shipment, was 53s now 52s 6d. English and French country market generally dear. Liverpool—Spot wheat and maize steady. Paris—Wheat and flour steady.

OSWEGO, Dec. 9.—Wheat—white state $1 39, red state $1 42; co n 74c. Barley—No 2 Canada $1 04, No 1 Canada $1 07, No 1 bright do $1 11, extra bright do $1 14.

DETROIT, Dec. 9.—Wheat, No 1 white $1 36½ for Dec, $1 33 for Jan, $1 29½ for Feb.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 9.—Flour 10s 6d to 13s, spring wheat 9s 10d to 10s 6d, red winter 10s 6d to 11s, white 10s 7d to 10s 11d, club 10s 11d to 11s 4d, corn 5s 11d, oats 3s 4d, barley 5s 2d, peas 6s 10d, pork 75s, lard 57s 6d, bacon 48s, tallow 39s 6d, cheese 55s.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Cotton quiet, middling uplands, 11 15-16c. Flour—Receipts 21,000 brls, quiet, without important change; sales 15,000. Rye flour easier at $4 75 to $5 20. Cornmeal unchanged and dull. Wheat—Receipts 38,000 bush, irregular and weak; sales 1,021,000 bush, including 196,000 bush spot, exports 14,000 bush, No 2 spring $1 36, No 2 red $1 42½ to $1 44½, No 1 white $1 40½ to $1 41, No 2 red Dec. $1 42½ to $1 42¾. Rye nominal. Barley unchanged. Malt unchanged. Corn—Receipts 36,000 bush, lower, options stronger; sales 1,082,000 bush, including 210,000 bush spot; exports 27,000 bush, No 2 70c to 71c, yellow 70½c, No 2 Dec 70½c to 70¾c. Oats—Receipts 12,000 bush, better, sales 409,000 bush, mixed 49c to 54c, No 2 white 52c to 55c, No 2 Dec 50½c to 52½c. Hay heavy at 65c. Hops drooping. Coffee unchanged. Sugar better, standard A 8¾c to 9c, cut loaf and crushed 9½c. Molasses unchanged. Rice steady at 5½c to 7¾c. Petroleum dull, crude 6½c to 7½c, refined 7½c asked. Tallow steady at 7 5-16c to 7¾c. Potatoes firm, peerless $2 50, rose $2 02 to $2 87. Eggs firmer at 30c to 31c. Pork easier, new mess $18 to $18 25. Beef steady. Cut meats and middles dull and unchanged. Lard unsettled at $11 30 to $11 35. Butter unsettled at 18c to 41c. Cheese choice firm at 9c to 12½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Flour unchanged. Wheat unsettled, No 2 spring $1 28 to $1 28½ cash Dec., Corn unsettled at 60½c to 61½c cash Dec. Oats strong at 46½c cash, 46½ Dec. Rye steady and unchanged. Barley easier at $1 06. Pork lower at $17 10 cash and Dec. Lard lower, $11 05 cash, $11 22½ Jan. Bulk meats lower. Shoulders $6 50. Short rib $8 95. Short clear $9 25. Whisky steady at $1 17. Receipts—Flour 14,000 brls, wheat 31,000 bush, corn 109,000 bush, oats 38,000 bush, rye 7000 bush, barley 47,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 16,000 brls, wheat 20,000 bush, corn 99,000 bush, oats 49,000 bush, barley 20,000 bush.

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Name.	Per cent.	Name.	Per cent.
Ætna Life	4.74	Confederation	12.47
Canada	6.53	Briton, Edinburgh	15.01
Equitable	7.21	L. & Lancashire	15.61
Standard	7.78	Citizens, Montreal	17.75
Travellers	9.55	Sun, Montreal	20.13
Union Mutual	10.25	Toronto, Toronto	22.44
Ontario Mutual	12.07	Mutual, Hamilton	28.54
Star, of London	12.32	Average of all Companies	13.54

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