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JOHN LANG, Circulation Manager
of THE TORONTO WORLD, do solemnly
swear that the following statement
shows the net circulation of THE
WORLD for each day in the month of
December, 1904:

December 1	38,515	SUNDAY, DEC. 1	40,182
December 2	38,579		
December 3	38,673		
December 4	38,953		
December 5	38,884		
December 6	40,182		

December 7	38,674	SUNDAY, DEC. 8	38,517
December 8	38,674		
December 9	38,674		
December 10	38,674		
December 11	38,674		
December 12	38,674		
December 13	38,674		
December 14	38,674		

December 15	38,674	SUNDAY, DEC. 16	41,978
December 16	38,674		
December 17	38,674		
December 18	38,674		
December 19	38,674		
December 20	38,674		
December 21	38,674		

December 22	38,674	SUNDAY, DEC. 23	39,652
December 23	38,674		
December 24	38,674		
December 25	38,674		
December 26	38,674		
December 27	38,674		
December 28	38,674		

December 29	38,674	SUNDAY, DEC. 30	39,097
December 30	38,674		
December 31	38,674		

Total net circulation, Daily World,
30 days 1,041,422
Total net circulation, Sunday
World, 5 Sundays 200,238
Net average circulation, Daily World,
30 days 34,714
Net average circulation, Sunday World,
5 Sundays 40,048

The foregoing figures include all papers
actually sold and do not include damaged
papers, samples or returned copies.

And I make this solemn declaration
conscientiously believing it to be true and
knowing that it is of the same force and
effect as if made under oath and by virtue
of the "Canada Evidence Act, 1901."

Declared before me at
the City of
Toronto, in
the County of
York, this
2nd day of
January, A.
D. 1905.

(Sgd.) JOHN LANG,
Circulation Manager.
(Sgd.) JAMES BAIRD,
A Commissioner, etc.

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management if subscribers who receive
papers by carrier or thru the mail will
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LICENSE REDUCTION IN TORONTO

Important points are raised by the
motion tabled in the city council and
having as its object a material reduc-
tion in the number of liquor licenses.
In questioning the propriety and fair-
ness of the proposal in its present form
it may be well to premise that The
World is and always has been in en-
tire sympathy with the movement
which leaves to individual localities
the option of declaring and enforcing
that policy in the matter of liquor
dealing which commends itself to
them. Local option is a thoroughly
democratic principle on which, in Canada,
there is substantial agreement, the
opinion may and does differ with re-
gard to the conditions on which the
majority in any particular district
may impose its will upon the electors of To-
ronto. It is not the policy of The
World to reduce the number of liquor
licenses and the verdict then given
ought to stand until it is reversed by
the same popular suffrage. At this
last municipal election the question
was not only not presented to the elec-
torate, but was practically ignored, nor
is there any evidence that the major-
ity of the citizens are now prepared
to sanction what they so recently con-
demned. To bring forward a motion
in the council not as preparatory to
another referendum, but for the pur-
pose of carrying thru a reduction of
licenses on the basis of an arbitrary
selection and without other particu-
lar justification, is not a step that
can be commended either on its ab-
stract merits or on account of its
agreement with the elementary prin-
ciples of justice between man and man.

Two years ago a favorable oppor-
tunity offered itself for such a reduc-
tion as is now proposed. Admittedly
a number of licensed premises did not
conform to the regulations, and the
refusal to renew the licenses was
have been perfectly right and proper.
But the electors pronounced against
this course, and the authorities, acting
on the popular decision, gave the
license-holders the option of either con-
forming to the law or having their
certificates withdrawn. In conse-
quence of that action upwards of \$1-
600,000 has been spent within the last
two years in improvements which cer-
tainly would never have been made
except on the implied understanding
that in this way forfeitures of the li-
censes would be prevented, save as a
consequence of some general and fair-
ly considered change of policy.

The argument that because every
license is only valid for one year some
licensees may be arbitrarily withdrawn
without entailing hardship on the un-
fortunate victim or affording him jus-
tifiable ground of complaint, cannot
commend itself to the ordinary sense
of justice. The reduction of licenses
by one-fourth or more of the pres-
ent number might or might not dis-
minish the quantity of liquor con-
sumed. Certainly it would not dis-
minish it by anything like the amount
of sales made in the premises closed.
It would simply transfer their custom-
ers to other licensed premises that
would thus profit considerably at the
expense of those whose businesses had

been compulsorily ended. An infinite-
ly safer and better method would be
to reduce the hours of business all
round, thus placing all license-holders
on an equal footing and accomplish-
ing much more in the way of remov-
ing drinking facilities.

The World strongly holds that the
liquor question should be dealt with
on broad principles and that reforms
should be general in their application.
None will dispute the propriety of
withdrawing a license where there has
been breach of the law, but in dealing
with men against whom there is no
charge involving forfeiture of license
and if pecuniary compensation for ar-
bitrary reduction is objectionable on
grounds of public policy, the only fair
method is to restrict all round or abol-
ish all round. Any other course con-
flicts with equity and is certain to
create antagonism to license reform
in quarters which otherwise would
give it sympathy and support.

COME TO STRAIGHT BUSINESS.

The mayor of Toronto has seen fit to
invite the Toronto Electric Light Co.
to a conference in regard to the ac-
quirement by the city of the company's
power plant on the lines of the recent
vote, and on the lines of the Beck
power scheme. This act of the city's is
more than generous, and for that reason
must not be construed into an
excuse for delay or for pretended nego-
tiations.

The city knows its mind very well and
the company must be prepared to say
what its view is on the question. The
shareholders know what they want, the
directors know what they want, and
they can state that in clear terms, and
in short terms, almost at a moment's
notice.

In view of this condition, let there be
promptness and clearness of expression,
and a civil attitude on both sides, but
let there be no fooling or beating about
the bush.

We take it that the hydro-electric
commission is anxious to go ahead with
its project and no municipality should
delay in any way the early realization
of a policy that means cheap power and
light for all the people of this part of
Ontario.

SEED GRAIN FOR THE WEST.

The World is of opinion that the gov-
ernment at Ottawa has been wise in
saying that it will first consult the
authorities of the three govern-
ments in the west, viz., Manitoba, Sas-
katchewan and Alberta, before they
announce their policy in regard to the
request that the federal government
assist the farmers of the west in pro-
curing seed grain for this spring's sow-
ing. Last year, as everyone knows, was
a bad year for our western farmers,
some of whom had their crops destroyed
by late spring, by lack of sunshine, or
by frost. Others, however, had fair
crops and more than fair prices, and a
great deal of money is on its way to
the west as the result of that crop.

Furthermore, the whole western
country is now organized in provinces,
receiving large incomes from the Do-
minion, and it must not be forgotten
that they also have large obligations,
and probably would prefer to have any
public action toward crop relief origi-
nate with their own local administration.

When we say this we do not infer
that the Dominion Government could
not properly assist, nor do we say that
the big railways, who are also vitally
interested in that country, should not
assist, but that it would be a good
thing if the main responsibility and
the origin of the scheme rested with
the governments of Alberta, Saskat-
chewan and Manitoba. Certainly ev-
erything should be done in a reasonable
way to secure that good seed at cost
price be made available to every farmer
in the west, and if any have not the
money to pay for it now, some measure
ought to be devised by which they
can be assisted in carrying the liability
until such time as they are able to
discharge it.

LET THERE BE LIGHT.

Editor World: Having read the article
in The World on "Higher Criticism,"
I am somewhat surprised at one re-
mark by Rev. Mr. Hague, and also
one by Prof. Townsend. I am a simple
workingman, knowing little or nothing
of the higher criticism, but I have
earnestly endeavored to understand the
plan of salvation, to do my duty to my-
self and to my fellowmen, but when
I find followers of the meek and lowly
Jesus, leaders of the people, saying we
want light but we do not want it from
materialists or agnostics, I am amazed.
I have always understood it was my
duty to accept light, even if the devil
himself was the author. The professor
says that the Bible, freed from error,
etc. Does the professor mean that he
knows that there are such errors? If
so, will he kindly point them out—
and then—thus shed light on places
that at present are dark, very dark? As
it is possible both gentlemen have been
in error, or insufficiently reported, I
shall be very pleased to have their ex-
planations, in the same public manner
as their statements were made. I want
light, more light, much light.

ANOTHER "SCHOOL QUESTION."

"Sentinel" is the signature attached to
a communication from a correspond-
ent at St. Catharines, Ont., who writes
as follows:
I write to inform you, and thru you
the public, of a piece of ecclesiastical
tyranny which is being perpetrated in
this neighborhood (Huron County) at
the present moment.

There is a school on the Huron road
between the Townships of McKillop and
Tuckersmith, known as Union School
No. 1. This school has been open for
over 50 years, and the trustees who
are in the section have for the most
part been accused in it.

The school used formerly to be at-
tended by 50 or 60 pupils, but of late

THOSE GOOD
English Shirts

50c. AND \$1.00

are selling quickly—of course best patterns go
first, but there are plenty to select from. All
sizes. Bargain too, in Men's Worsteds and Cash-
mere Half Hose.

WREYFORD & CO.
88 KING STREET WEST.

years the number has dwindled to a
few, not for want of a good popula-
tion of thriving farmers, but because
for the time being, the former young-
sters have grown to be men and wo-
men, the children are few, there
is, however, every prospect of a good and
numerous school population there.

The trustees in the neighborhood
are nearly all Roman Catholics, and
until the last few weeks, Union Public
School No. 1 was favored with the
practical approval of the Roman Cath-
olic Bishop of London, and the R.
C. clergy of Seaford and St. Colum-
ban.

But now there is a change in the
clerical tactics.

There has been for over 20 years a
Roman Catholic Separate School in
Hibbert Township, one and a half miles
south of the Union School No. 1, and to
the wishes of the clergy, this Hib-
bert School (in Perth County) has been
closed and a new Roman Catholic
School has been built, under directions
given by Bishop F. P. McEvoy of Lon-
don, and the Catholic pastor of St. Col-
umban, one and seven-eighths miles
south of the old Hibbert School.

Within the last six years, two other
Roman Catholic Schools have been es-
tablished, namely, one at Seaford and
another at St. Columban, which are al-
most exactly four miles apart, namely,
each two miles from the Catholic Sep-
arate School No. 1. The three Roman Cath-
olic Schools form an irregular tri-
angle, so that by road the Hibbert
School is about seven miles from Seaford,
that of St. Columban is four
miles from Seaford, and three and
three-eighths miles from Hibbert
School.

There is thus a population of Roman
Catholics in the interior of this triangle,
distant from any one of the three new
separate schools from two to three and
a half miles. Indeed, from any school
but Union No. 1. The distance
to an efficient school might easily be
four or more miles.

Yet, in view of these facts, the Bishop
of London has issued a decree for-
bidding all Catholics within or near
this triangular area to send their children
to or support in any way other
than one of the three separate schools
which form the angular points of the
triangle.

The people of the interior of the tri-
angle and others nearby protest
against being compelled to send their
little children to a school, and even four
miles to these Roman Catholic Sep-
arate Schools, but to no purpose. Let-
ters from the bishop, and the read-
ing of the churches, denouncing any
those who send their children to Union
No. 1 unworship of the Catholic
and of Christian burial when they die.

Notwithstanding the bishop's denun-
ciation, Union School No. 1 opened on
Jan. 7 with an attendance of 26 chil-
dren, which is a much larger attendance
than it has had for many years.

The use of putting on of school
matters has already depreciated the
value of property 25 per cent.

DIRECT LINES TO FRANCE.

Allans and C. P. R. May Put Steam-
ships on Route.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—The Allan Steam-
ship Company is arranging to put on a
weekly steamship service between Can-
ada and France. The details have not
yet been worked out, but it is under-
stood the company believes that under
the new Franco-Canadian treaty there
can be sufficient traffic to warrant
such a weekly service. There are good
prospects for the development of a large
passenger business. At present the Al-
lans are running a steamer direct to
France every three weeks.

It is understood that the Canadian
Pacific is seriously considering the ques-
tion of putting on a first-class steam-
ship service between Canada and An-
twerp, with a call at one of the French
ports going and coming. This would
give Canada two direct lines to France,
so that both French and English ex-
porters and importers will be able to
take full advantage of the minimum
tariff rates provided in the new treaty,
which are applicable only to shipments
made direct.

COLLEGE CONFERENCE OPENS

Thirty-Four Volunteer Missionaries
Ready for Work.

Rev. R. Emberson, B.A., of Shiga-
ko, Japan, gave the principal address
at the opening meeting of the twelfth
annual missionary conference at Vi-
ctoria University last night. He took
as his subject the present relations be-
tween the missionaries and the native
Japanese, which during the past year or
ed had been most amicable.

A short talk was given by N. Mac-
Donald, which during the past year or
ed had been most amicable.

The conference goes on to-day and to-
morrow, when several papers will be
read on "The Work of the College in
Foreign Missions." Thirty-four volun-
teer missionaries to be sent out by the
university will be present.

On Sunday, Rev. J. A. Macdonald will
deliver the morning sermon.

JOHN CHARLTON DYING

Was One of Outstanding Figures in
Public Life of Canada.

DELHI, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Hon.
John Charlton is lying at his home in
Lyndoch dying from a stroke of paral-
ysis.

Mr. Charlton was in Delhi on Wed-
nesday and was taken ill just after he
got home.

Mr. Charlton is the second stroke, the phys-
icians hold out slight hope for his re-
covery.

New Registrars.

Ernest J. Beaumont, barrister, Galt,
has been appointed local registrar and
clerk of the county court for Water-
loo County, and James M. Scully, ac-
countant, Berlin, registrar of the sur-
rogate court.

THE TORONTO WORLD

MADAME SAMAROFF
HEARD IN RECITAL

Woman's Musical Club Introduce
Famous Pianiste to
Toronto.

It used to be the delight of the stu-
dents of a professor in the greatest
American university to hear him say in
paradox, "Shakespeare is a much over-
rated man." Let me hand Mme. Samaroff
a compliment for her recital last
night at Conservatory Hall by this
method of paradox. She is much over-
rated as a pianiste, because she is con-
ceived and taken to be primarily a tem-
peramental player. Altho I do not
know one of her best history in the
art of music, I was soon convinced by
last night's recital that Mme. Samaroff
is first and foremost a virtuosa in "con-
certed" performances, in chamber mu-
sic, or more effectively, with orchestral
bands. This is to say, that she is an
extraordinary player and displays the most
consummate skill in dexterity and other
technical qualities. For that reason,
it appeared to me that she was
not really "warmed up" to her work;
until she reached the Schubert German
dances her tone was somewhat dry and
glacial. But from that point onward
she got both the heart of the audience
and of the music she was interpreting
by dynamic and rhetorical effects
which were superlatively excellent. Her
nuances and her punctuation and phras-
ing in the piquant Schubert dances
were of the sphere of "pretty things"
into the sphere of pure beauty. Simi-
larly with the Brahms "Variations
on a Theme of Paganini," the "Pol-
ka in E major," and the daisy im-
promptu by G. Fauré, Mme. Samaroff
scattered over the keyboard with all
the shade of the sphere of a heart over
the dells and rocks hunting for the
water-brooks. There was not a note
skipped, not a phrase turned, not a pulse
of rhythm marred. But here we stop,
for, despite her efforts at tone-color,
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EATON'S JANUARY SALE

—This Store Opens at 8 a.m. and Closes at 5 p.m.—

Down Go The Stocks

We take stock next week. Not going to
take into stock a cent's worth more
than we can help.

Too many goods in some places, because
of our desire to give you largest choice
every day of the sale.

We can throw over a good many thousand dol-
lars' worth and still show you generous assort-
ments, and we're going to do it.

Starting Monday morning we're going to
finish out the biggest January in our
history by slashing prices wherever
there's a high stock.

Note the items below. Come every day looking
for money saving—you'll get it.

Women's Furs Sure to Go

Natural Mink Muffs, 3 stripes,
Empire shape, dark soft pelts, down
beds, wrist cord, lined with satin.
January Sale Price \$22.35

Women's and Misses' Neckpieces
and Stoles, black and grey Thibet,
coney, near seal and Astrachan.
January Sale Price \$1.98