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the New Ontario deputation for a new tion of the corporation books and a railway from Sault Ste. Marie to the main lines of the C.P.R. and the G.T.P. The demand for such an examination Similar support it gives to the applica- and valuation is a perfectly fair one,

not the T. & N. O. Railway justified be made more stringent and thoro.

cussed. The results of the enquiry, however, are as applicable to Canadian as to United States conditions. Public services and utilities are the same in

offered are identical.

ties and obligations to the public as themselves from the Conservative govwell as to the shareholders. What in ernment of the day. the case of the public does that fiduciary relationship imply? Clearly that, of lords is an anachronism, and whatthe capitalization of the franchiseholding company shall be limited to the legitimate expenditure for construction and equipment. Then and then only can the public users of the service be given such rates and charges as are consistent with the payment of the working expenses and proper charges and the return of a fair profit to the investors in the stock of the

company. To Senator La Follette of Wisconsin more than to any other man is the public of the United States indebted for the present situation of the agitation for cheaper rates. As governor of his state in 1901 he was engaged in the advocacy of a law changing the basis of taxation for railroads. A representative of one of the railroads in the course of an interview thformed him that success in his endeavor would make no difference to the railroads, because in that event the railroads would simply make a slight increase in the freight rates. This conversation led Senator La Follette to examine the rate question, and he did o assiduously for two years. The reult of his examination was embodied

Legislature. Its immediate effect was the passage of the Railway Taxation Bill and the concentration of the railroad and the state machine's energies on the defeat of his Freight Rate Bill. cordance with the dicta of the supreme court of the United States, which declare that "if a railroad corporation has bonded its property for an amount that exceeds its fair value, or if its capitalization is largely fictitious, it cannot impose upon the public the burden of such increased rates as may be required for realizing profits upon such excessive valuation or fictitious a such excessive valuation or fictitious a political campaign must necessarily rob the upper house of something of the dignity that hedges an hereditary chambar and earn dividends for stockholders, ever the result of the first bout may be, the fact that it must now be completed to justify its existence before the constituencies marks the beginning of detailed account of the privations imposed by some of these concerns. As a class these men are respectable, but thru unfair wages are the poorest in Canada. Yet they have to live and with the increased cost of living even on the humblest plans they find it difficult to exist. In behalf of these men BUFFALO, N. Y.—News stand Ellicottsquare; news stand Main and Niagarastreets; Sherman, 586 Main-street.

Such excessive valuation or fictitious a political campaign must necessarily capitalization," and that "if a corporation or the upper house of something of the DETROIT, MICH-Wolverine News Co., it is a misfortune for it and them, and all news stands. which the constitution does not require to be remedied by imposing unjust burdens on the public."

mated that the railroads of the United States were overcharging the public from \$285,000,000 to \$485,000,000 a year for transportation, depending on what eventuate in the supremacy of the It shows that very satisfactory prothe capital employed. But he explained, any estimate to be even approxi-The World supports the request of mately correct required an examinascientific valuation of the properties. New Ontario quickly is a better one. supervision has already been conceded As to the railway. What if it does by the provisions of the proposed new

In his speech to the senate on the

Hepburn bill Senator La Follette esti-

There should be no hesitancy in this matter, and with his brilliant record as a railway administrator, exemplified in the T. & N. O. Railway, Premier Whitney has no need to fear a second and similar enterprise.

The house of lords ever since its character practically identified it with the British Conservative party has ever and anon been the target of radical reformers. Yet never till this year of rates, and the position of public service corporations generally, has much are reputed to live long, but when threats begin to materialize the day of reckoning comes appreciably nearer. The house of lords ever since its character practically identified it with the British Conservative party has ever and anon been the target of radical reformers. Yet never till this year of grace has its position in the state been directly challenged or formed the subvice corporations generally, has much directly challenged or formed the sub-anxiety, the previous ratio of advance to learn from the developments now ject of a paragraph in the royal speech will be resumed and even surpassed. taking place in the United States. on the opening of parliament. That it the opinion that the affairs of the Conaction of the president the transition of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president the transition of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president the transition of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction of the president that the affairs of the Conaction o action of the president, the true prin- house of lords among the questions of prudent but progressive conservatism. ciples underlying the constitution and immediate practical politics and submanagement of these companies have jects it to parliamentary debate. This been more particularly examined than of itself is sufficiently important to claims by \$131,075 for the year, and for

all civilized communities. They may stone once described the policy of the be modified by the particular necessities of differing localities, so far as in the people tempered by prudence." storey modern steel fireproof structure their mode of operation is concerned. The second chamber should stand for but the fundamentals of the problem the qualification. But the house of lords, chased during the year, have been preoffered are identical.

When the supreme court of the it has not altogether failed to disUnited States laid down indically charge that functions and means have been fully considered.

United States laid down judicially charge that function, has been more that "the basis of all calculation as to the reasonableness of rates to be charged by a corporation maintaining charge that function, has been more aptly described as the drag on the wheel of the coach, and a drag used not alcharged by a corporation maintaining ways wisely. From its constitution it by the appointment of Mr. John Macdenseld, Testimony is also described. a highway under legislative sanction is the embodiment of traditional privi-must be the fair value of the property lege in all its forms and in its most office staffs. Altogether the share and a highway under legislative sanction is the embodiment of traditional privi- donald. being used by it for the convenience of extreme developments. Only some real policyholders of the Confederation Life the public," what was the underprinciple of its decision? Evidently interests of the church or the aristocracy information afforded them and its allthat the conference of a public fran- has sufficed to cause a revolt against round assuring character. chise placed the bolders of it in the ordinary party allegiance; here indeed, position of a public trustee, with du- and here only have the peers severed

Under present conditions the house



## PUBLIC OWNERSHIP LEAGUE.

approve the formation of a public ownership league and prepared to give the movement my earnest and personal

> Name ...... Address .....

A list of 36 names was handed in yesterday by an employe of postoffice department, who said the staff were almost unanimous in favor of the proposal to form a public ownership league.

The suggestion made a few days ago, that the coupons be pasted on a sheet of paper and that a score or more persons be asked to attach their signatures, has been followed by enthusiastic public ownership men. This is the right spirit, Bring in your friends. Tell them about it and get their signatures.

tion, that every step in the contest between the representative and the hereditary houses must emphasize their distinctive differences and the ultimate result is not doubtful. This contest, as annual report and financial statement

#### THE CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

From the 35th annual report of the Confederation Life Association, published in this issue, it will be seen that the directors had reason to congratulate the shareholders on the very grati-fving nature of the results attained tion for a grant of \$300,000 for a thru and it will be granted in the case of wagon road from Sault Ste. Marie to all public service corporations. Only thus can it be seen what their true wagon road from Sault Ste. Marie to Sudbury.

Sudbury.

Transportation facilities are needed to develop the resources of New Ontario, and without them the progress of the province is retarded. Open up New Ontario is a good motto. But open up New Ontario is a good motto. But open up New Ontario is a good motto. But open up New Ontario is a good motto. But open up New Ontario is a better one.

All public service corporations. Only thus can it be seen what their true position is, what amount of "water" is in their capitalization and how far the public users are being mulcted in the subsequent investigation of Canadian conditions by a charge. The necessity for check and supervision has already been conceded volume of new business obtained by in reporting that the business done has volume of new business obtained by in reporting that the business done has the Confederation Life,—in point of been of an eminently satisfactory charraise the question as to whether the government should go further into commercial enterprises of this kind? Has by the provisions of the proposed new before the Ontario legislature, and to be effectual for the public protection these should go further into commercial enterprises of this kind? Has for the public protection these should go further into commercial enterprises of this kind? mercial enterprises of this kind? Has for the public protection these should ciation and the excellence of its management.

itself? Let the whole question of government construction of colonization railways be opened up, and Premier Whitney will find that the people of Ontario are prepared to go much further in the direction of public ownership than he seems to favor.

COMMONS AND LORDS.

The favorable impression produced by this general summary of the year's doings is confirmed and deepened by the comparative statement submitted of the business for the years 1904, 1905 and 1906. It shows striking progressive increases in the assets and in the premium and interest income, while figure, two cents a mile first-class, and the cash surplus from \$610,496 in 1904 in 1905, has risen to \$336.

The people gave the railway companies and \$700,499 in 1905, has risen to \$336. they have as yet been here and have become more widely and generally disparliament of great historic interest.

The results of the results of

Expansion on all hands means the

#### MEAT PACKERS' WAGES.

Editor World: In these eventful times, when many of our most profound thinkers and ablest statesmen are deliberating on British fair play for Canadian working people, I wish to advocate who is suing for herself and four chilthe cause of those men employed in dren Robert Davies of the Don Valley the meat packing industry of Canada. Brick Works for \$10,000. Her husband, The popular demand is for fair labor conditions in nearly all the legitimate callings of life. Man's inhumanity to man, and the baneful iraits of the slaver are being gradually light the company. On July 7 last he was transferring a loaded car of bricks from the drying to the coolslaver are being gradually light transferring. man, and the baneful traits of the slaver are being gradually eliminated from the conditions of labor, but with reference to packing-house employers these things still remain to a shocking degree. These men have no organization for protection, and their welfare depends entirely on the henevelence or depends entirely on the benevolence or greed of the packer. In some cases there is very little cause for complaint, and in many others these very little cause for complaint, and in many others these very little cause for the packer. and in many others these men labor under conditions very little in advance of the dark ages of ancient Britain. To-day, in Toronto, there are compe

tent workmen preparing the meats for the public at the low salary of \$8 per week. Their employers profess to be philanthropists and benefactors of men. vet they do not hesitate to defraud the oiler, and stamp poverty with all its kindred woes upon the Canadian home. Talk about the long, tedious hours en- Smith with a gold-mounted silk umdured by our telephone girls, but the brella. writer has seen these men compelled to work till 8.30 night after night in to work till 8.30 night after night in a rank, putrid atmosphere, without supper or extra pay, preparing the food for the people. An old man who was soaked to the skin all day was fired for asking to go home at 6. He was compelled to start work at 6.45 every morning without extra pay. His boss contrives to steal 5 or 10 minutes' work from every man every day without any

ever the result of the first bout may extra compensation. If a man bec ber. This aspect of the issue seems to have tinged the comments made by the peers who took part in the initial debate on the King's speech. The plt and the public in demanding fair play for all who labor in our national industries.

#### THE CONTINENTAL LIFE INSUR-ANCE COMPANY.

gress was made during 1906 in all departments, notwithstanding that the death claims, tho well within the expected mortality, were considerably more than in any previous year. This was offset by a reduction amounting was offset by a reduction amounting to over five per cent. of the ratio of expense to premium income and this certifies to the vigilance exercised by the management over the details of the company's business. The assets, after paying all losses expenses of menses. paying all losses, expenses of manage-ment and other charges, now stand

#### ONE OF MANY.

for three or four times as many people would travel on their roads as what do now, and they would be large gain-Just see the postoffice, how its business has increased since the cheap

postage rate came into effect two or three years ago. It is now making money, and before it was largely los-In the high passenger rate charged

Be tenacious and stick to your guns; you are sure to succeed in time.

Citizen. Feb. 13, 1907.

#### REJECTED.

The Manchester (England) Guardian says it is noteworthy that Laurier, discussing a motion for a "full partnership between the colonies," definitely rejected political measures to that end.

#### A POSTPONEMENT.

The meeting of the members of advisory, council of the Presbyterian Church Extension Union, which was arranged for this evening in Central Church, has been postponed for two weeks, and will be held in the same place on the 28th inst. Tea will be taken together af 6.30 p.m., and after-wards the work of the year will be discussed and plans submitted for the pre sent year's campaign.

Three new congregations have been organized and their future assured thru the work of the union during the past

In the Jury Assizes. With a jury, Justice Mabee is hear-Brick Works for \$10,000. Her husband,

Presentations. Oshawa. Feb. 13 .- J. Smith, who is retiring from the proprietorship of the Commercial Hotel on March 1, was presented by his guests with a hand-some bony gold-mounted walking stick and the employes presented Mrs.

Clean, dry, fine Salt-that slips from the spoon, grain by grain-WINDSOR SALT.

#### AT OSGOODE HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THURSDAY. Chambers Cartwright, master, at 11 a.m. Single Court.

Cases set down for hearing before
Mr. Justice Britton, at 11 a.m.:
Horlick v. Eschweiller.
Quebec Bank v. Williams.
Ashworth v. Muskoka, etc., Co.
Mintz v. Employers.
Maynard v. Mogk.
Buck v. Martin.
Lavin v. Bedson.
Munro v. Gibson.

Munro v. Gibson. Divisional Court. mptory list for 11 a.m.: 3. Evans v. Jaffray. 4. Gibson v. Gardner. 5. Boake v. Coupland. 6. Ray v. Kilgour. 7. Chicago v. Duncombe.
Toronto Jury Sittings.

Peremptory list for 10 a.m.:

Orr v. Toronto Railway Co. Mullen v. Grenadier Ice Co. Simpson v. Toronto and York Radial. Heath v. Wythe. Toronto Non-Jury Sittings. Kendrick v. Barkey (to be

Trusts and Guarantee v. Hare. Ontario Bamk v. McGill.

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Henders v. Parker.

Redford v. Boysen.

Dreamy v. New Ontario.

Embree v. McGirdy.

Claims on a Covenant.

Thomas Clark has issued a wri against E. E. A. Du Vernet of Toronto aiming \$1804 on a covenant contain ed in a certain mortgage. The principal is \$950 and the interest is for 15 years less five days, amounting to \$854.

Custom House Work.

Charles Bully has been made defend-ant in an action brought by the Excel-sior Concrete Paving Co., who are claiming \$395 for balance of contract and extras for work performed and material supplied at the custom house Toronto.

Wants To Be Paid Nick Pasto of Toronto has begun an action against Angus Sinclair of the Town of Parry Sound, claiming \$825 for work done by the plainting for the defendant, and also for an account Chocolate Contract.

Aifred Craigle is suing Maclure and Langley of Toronto for \$10,000 damages for fraudulent misrepresentation and breach of contract in the sale of certain chocolate by the defendants to Promissory Note.

Alex. Cameron and J. J. Flanagan of

Wants l'ayment for Services. Elizabeth Ann Reynolds has brought suit against Richard Reynolds and P. T. Reynolds, executors of the will of John Coverwell Callard, claiming \$390 Money in Court

On Jan. 3 last the defendants, in the action brought by George Reid & Co. against Edward L. Gould et al, paid into court \$1195.01. Upon consent an order was granted by the master in chambers, allowing the money to be paid out to the plaintiff.

Settled.

Job Winchester Bowe and James Murdoch have settled their differences Upon consent an order was obtained from Master in Chambers Cartwright dismissing action, without costs to either party.

The seizure by Alexander Wilson of the goods of Albert E. Traviss, under a chattel mortgage covering the goods in his hotel at Claremont, is the subject of an action brought by Traviss against Wilson and the bailiff, who nade the seizure. Upon the application of the defendants an order has been granted directing Traviss to give par-diculars of the goods alleged in his statement of claim to be exemptions that were illegally seized.

Judgment Granted.

There being no cause shown to the application on behalf of the Ontario Bank for judgment against James J. Walsh and Peter Ryan, the master in chambers granted judgment for the amount endorsed on the writ, with costs. The bank's claim, is on certain promissory notes, amounting to \$3900, made by the defendant Ryan and endorsed by the defendant Walsh.

Note for \$1000. A writ has issued by Skillings, Whitney and Barnes Lumber Co., against Meaney & Co., and J. M. Thomson, claiming on a certain promissory note for \$1000.

Chinese Medicine Destroyed Ing Kon and Ing John, who began an action for damages against H. J. Gra-sett, David Archibald, G. R. Chapman, John Trwin and James M. Stephen, claimin \ \$500 for the wrongful destruc-

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75.00 FUR-LINED Coats, 56.95 Beaver cleth shell-muskrat lining-otter storm

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15c and 25c CUFFS , loc pair

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tion of goods belonging to plaintiffs, have now amended their writ of sum-mons by dropping out defendants Gra-sett, Chapman and Irwin. The action is continued against defendants Archipald and Ste

In the Non-Jury Assizes, In the Non-Jury Assizes,
Mr. and Mrs. William C. Burns lose
their suit against the city. On Aug.
15 last Mrs. Eurns fell into an open
sewer on Queen-street, Justice Riddell dismissed the action with costs,
claiming if there was any negligence
it was on the part of the plaintiff.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kendricks is suing
her brother Albert Barkey of Stouffher brother, Albert Barkey of Stouff-ville, for \$1000. In 1906 the late John Parkey handed over 100 acres in Whitchurch to his son. The daughter was to receive \$1000. It is claimed defend-

ant mortgaged the property for \$3000 and has refused to give his sister her thousand.

Reinhardt & Co., brewers, sued L. J. Jedouin of Sudbury for \$541 for bal-ance due on goods. Defendant claimed he was only acting as agent. Justice Riddell gave judgment for plaintiffs

for full amount.

Money cannot buy better Coffee than Michie's finest blend Java and Mocha, 45c lb.

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A CHARGE OF GRAFT.

New York, Feb. 13.—Frank J. Ulrich, superintendent of streets for the Brooklyn district, who was suspended on his own request, when charges were preferred against him a few days ago, was ferred against him a few days ago arrested to-day on a charge of ac ing money to appoint men to office in his department.

An Employe's Danger. "Assuming that he had a right to be Assuming that he had a right to be there the law does not require a man to think of danger if you put him in a place of danger," said Chief Justice Meredith yesterday in hearing the appeal of the Frazee Cartage Company against an award of \$900 damages to the family of Thomas Cuff.



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