from sharing the common burden jus the same as any ordinary individua

They were never organized as phil-

anthropic or benevolent institutions and they don't do business in that

A few words changed in the assess

ment act would remove the exemp-

Is it not time to make this change

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Ald. Cowan moved that the report

Ald. McKeough said that he didn't

wish Mr. MacIntyre to suffer any hardship but he wished to keep the

city out of a law suit. He withdrew the clause of the report re the Emma

In regard to the clause re grano-

lithic walks, Ald. McKeough said that

the law in regard to taking initiatory

steps had been changed, and expense would be saved if the ratepayers

the council, would petition for the

Ald. Mounteer, chairman of th

That the committee be empowered

to rebuild the large gateway, which

That new platform be put over the

well at the caretaker's house, as the

Ald. Mountcer said that the com

mittee were out of surveyed lots at the cemetery, and he would like the

engineer to go out and restake the

The Mayor said that the engineer

Ald. McCoig asked what was to be

done re the \$400 which the Thomson

electrical Company claimed was due

The clerk explained that when the

civic electric light plant was installed by the Thomson Electric Co., that \$400

had been kept back on the recommen-

dation of Gilbert Wilkes, the expert

employed by the city to superintend

Ald. Cowan said that the armatures

burned out of the machines in 1898.

After the purchase of a dynamo from the electric light company of this city,

the armatures didn't burn out any

more. Ald, Cowan didn't think that

that in the fall of '97, after the ma-

they kept burning out. The circuit

another dynamo purchased. The change cost over \$1,100, as follows:-Cost of dividing circuit, \$230.64.

Line shafts, \$274.11.

Reliance dynamo, \$600.

Jones was heard. He said

the installation of the plant.

\$400

work was petitioned against.

He should get relief.

be referred tack.

street sewer.

White, as asked for

had blown down.

old one was rotted away.

work.

JOHN S. FRASER.

TO PURCHASE

ion they claim.

7th April, 1902.

•••••• JOHN S. FRASER TO THE **ELECTORS OF WEST KENT**

The Telephone and Telegraph Companies, too, Should be Compelled to Bear Their Share of Municipal Taxation.

If you will take an ordinary carpenter's rule and measure the number of inches of each railway crossing the County of Kent, on Shackleton's may -and bear in mind that the scale of the map is 3-4 of a mile or 60 chains to the inch-you will find that,-County of Kent, on Shackleton's map

The Grand Trunk about 37 miles, The Michigan Central about 39 miles.

And the Erie & Huron and the Lake Erie and Detroit River about 82 miles of railway in this county.

If, then, the Legislature would permit the municipalities to assess these railways at the sum I suggested in my former letter, \$7,500 per mile, less than half the value, we would have-The Grand Trunk assessed at \$277,-

The Canadian Pacific at \$277,500, The Michigan Central at \$292,500, And the Brie & Huron and the Detroit River and Lake Erie at \$615,000. Or a total assessment of \$1,462,-

The average rate of assessment; if we place it at 15 mills or 11-2 cents on the dollar, and that should be low enough to suit the railway companies, would give the sum of \$21,937.50 which the railways would annually have to pay towards assisting the people to pay their taxes.

This would amount to about twothirds of what the County Council levies each year.

Now, the share of the Erie & Huron and Lake Erie & Detroit River Road would come to \$9,225, which would be less than four per cent. of the amount of the municipal bonuses alone given to this road, to say nothing of the Government bonuses it received.

Another circumstance which lends additional weight to the argument is the fact that the vast majority of the shareholders in these railroads reside outside of Canada, receive and spend the net earnings of the roads outside of Canada. They are practically in the position of non-resident land-lords, enjoying the fruits of the thrift generally do. and industry of Canadians, while we

It would probably not be quite fair counties of Ontario.

Some of them are practically in the were twenty-five years ago, while one ing a complete engine. of them, at least, the Canada Atlantic, carries an immense volume of freight.

The railroads passing through the thickly settled pertions of Ontario, however, have all the advantages that the railroads have in those States of the Union where they are taxed, the same reasons exist for taxing them here that exist there.

They have heretofore escaped through the apathy of the Ontario Legislature.

It is time for a change It may be said that the railways are very powerful corporations and that they will resent with all their force as the movement grows any at-

have enjoyed.

That every candidate and member who ventures to place himself on re-cord either in the coming election or in succeeding contests will be met with their bitterest hostility

tempt to remove the immunity they

****************** will be time for the taxpayers in th Province to determine whether railway corporations have already be so strong that they can dictate to the Province the laws it shall make and the fair proportion of taxatio they will allow to be collected.

The telephone and telegraph con panies, too, have been having a very easy time of it.

They make very large profits.

Take the Bell Telephone Company as.

Incorporated in 1880 with a capital of \$500,000.

The capital increased in 1882 to \$2,-000,000. Increased again in 1892 to \$5,000,000, and now they have a bil before the Senate to increase their capital stock to \$10,000,000. At the commencement they obtain- MacIntyre alone wanted the sewer.

ed a charter allowing them-just as the telegraph companies had previous ly been allowed-to place their poles and wire upon the highways of the municipalities.

This saved them the trouble of pur-

hasing any right of way, otherwise they would have had to purchase not only the ground upon which their poles would be placed but also the strip of land between the poles.
Without this strip of land they

would not have the right to stretch their wires from pole to pole, as every man owns not merely the surface of his land but the right to all the where walks were to be put do The Legislature was generous to

them. One would think that having Ald. Mounteer, chairman of the received this franchise as a gift, and Parks and Cemetery committee, reported that the lot of the late Wm. Broadbent be transferred to J. W. when they were making money faster in proportion to the capital invested than any individual or corporation in the whole of Canada, they would not seek to evade payment of their fair and reasonable share of taxes. Well they contend that their switch

boards and telephone instruments are personal estate and therefore under ec. 39, sub sec. 2, of the Assessment Act are not assessable and this contention has been upheld by the Courts. Then as to the land occupied by their poles and wires, they do not own that, do not even lease it.

Application has been made to all the township municipalities to ascertain what amount, if any, is assessed in their several townships against struct the engineer to do the work. these corporations.

This year two townships only have ventured on an attempt at assessment at small amounts. The telephone company will of course object, as they

Even in the towns and cities the company claims that their poles and wire should only be assessed at what to the railroads to apply this rule to they would bring as ordinary poles those roads that are distinctly colonard, wire and not as a part of a very ization roads, where the surrounding profitable business, and so far they country has not been developed and have been upheld in this view. That not seem any more reasonable than it would be to assess the piston, the cylinder, the crank, the slides and same condition as to traffic that the the shaft of an engine separately in the Thomson Co. were entitled to the Grand Trunk and Great Western stead of the whole as combined, form-

> 'All doubt should be removed as to the cities and towns, and as to the chines were got in working order township municipalities, each town- they kept burning out. The circuit ship should be allowed to assess both was then divided into three parts and the telephone and telegraph lines at a reasonable sum. Even at the scrap-iron rate, that is

the poles as ordinary poles, and the wire as ordinary wire, apart altogether from their value, as portions, of most profitable plants, the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, the Canadian Pa-Telegraph Company, and the Bell Telephone Company should be assed at about \$200 to the mile of their lines, respectively.

This is allowing 28 poles to the mile, and they are worth \$6.50 each. (those in Chatham, placed, cost \$10.00 each)-\$182.00, and \$18 per mile for a single wire-and they have more than that. The three companies altoge-ther have about 500 miles of lines in If this should be the result then it | the county. This would then give us

00 x 200-\$100,000,000 of an assessment. Compute the taxes then at the same average rate as the ordinary assess-ABOUT READY-MADE CLOTHES ment and the county would receive \$1.500 a year from this source. Can anyone deny that this would be fair? Can anyone suggest any reason why these companies should be exempt

Our Spring clothing stocks are now complete. To those who do not yet know the facts of T. & D. making a word or two of explanation on that head may not be amiss. We have no comparative grades of workmanship in the factory. A fine suit gets more making than a low-priced one, but not better making. Seams must be straight and strong, edges perfectly finished, pockets accurately fitted in, pressing thoroughly done in every piece that leaves the benches. Materials vary with the price, elaborateness varies with the price, but the standard of work does not vary. Have we made this

SOME TWEED BUSINESS SUITS

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one-button vent.....\$7.00 Dark green check, made with

one-button vent in sleeve...\$8.00 Wide mixture stripe with brown cross-check. A natty pattern \$9.00

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with red cross stripe, and an
olive green ground with red
mixture. The latter has double stitched edges....\$10.00

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's Overcoats of imported tweed. in the lattest pattern, grav with fine light stripe. Cut in straight sweeping lines, very loose yet perfect in "set"— a strikingly stylish garment. The cloth has a plaid back and the coat is unlined with full self facings. Silk velvet col-lar, bellows pockets, glassade sleeve lining in matched col-

THORNTON & DOUGLAS Liquidation

members of the City Council who met and agreed with that committee.

Ald. McCoig—Well, the city can get money out of it at any time as a wind-

mill derrick. Ald. Sulman-Or for old iron. Ald. Taylor said that his committee had inspected the fire hall. Window blinds, a carpet in the chief's office and the widening of one of the stalls were improvements that were needed Ald. Taylor asked that the Property

committee be empowered to look after these matters.—Granted. Ald. McKeough moved a resolution of condolence to the family of the late E. W. Scane, which carried unani-

was the servant of the city and all Aid. Mounteer Lad to do was to in-Ald. Mounteer said that a number of seats in the park were out of re-pair. He asked for power to have hem fixed.-Granted. The Mayor asked Ald. Mounteer if he had considered a caretaker for Te-

umseh Park. Ald. Mounteer said that his commitee had the matter under consideration. It was decided also to paint the

The following accounts were pass-J. H. Oldershaw, 85c Insurance, \$5. C. Wanless, \$1.20 G. W. Reddick, \$1. Board of Health, \$4.25. Alex. McDonald, 50c. Central Drug Store, \$12.23. Geo. W. Cowan, \$4.90

market fountain.

Geo. Jamieson, 32.50. Planet, \$14.09. J. H. Blackburn, \$2. Hiram Miller, \$3. Planet. \$22. C. Shea, \$26.90. . R. Reid, \$25. Park Bros., \$2.04. National Carbon Co., \$50

Waterworks Dept., \$139.79. Total, \$1,104.75. In the opinion of Supt. Jones, Mr. G. T. R., \$4.40. Thompson was not entitled to any-thing. The dynamos had been guar-Fire Dept., \$12.58 D. R. McGarvin. \$3.50. anteed to run 50 lights with an over-load of 25 per cent. They wouldn't J. J. Couzens, \$12.50. Fred Bennett, \$7 do the work and gave away the first year with 50 lights. Ald. Mounteer-Then the dynamos THE BRISCO BENEFIT

have never fulfilled the terms of the agreement. Supt. Jones-No; we have had trouble all the time with them. Ald. Fleming-In as much as the dynamos have not given satisfaction, I move that the matter be referred to the Finance committee, with instruc-

tions to consult the City Solicitor.

Ald. Cowan asked why King St. had not been sprinkled. McKeough replied that it Ald.

The motion carried.

wise to have the by-law changed. The City Engineer had been instructed to sprinkle King St., but there had been difficulty about geting water.
Ald. Cowan asked why the advance

gent for Forepaugh's circus had gone way dissatisfied.

The City Clerk explained that the man had been in to see him a few days before and wished the clerk to sign a contract that the license would not be more than \$75. As there was a by-law in regard to licenses hang-ing fire before the Council Mr. Merritt wouldn't sign a contract that the license would be \$75. The City Clerk called up Ald. Waddell. The circus agent, however came to the conclusion that he couldn't get a license. Mr. Merritt then told him that if he would pay \$75 then he could have a license for any day in June he wished. The City Clerk, however, wouldn't sign the contract because of the by aw before the Council.

Ald. McCoig-When was that by

The City Clerk-On the 27th of Ald. McCoig-The fault, then, is en tirely Ald. Waddell's. This is a ri-diculous position for the City Council to be in. I would favor some other to be in. I would favor some other alderman taking that by-law in hand. I quite understand the awkward po-sition the City Clerk was put in.

the County Council committee, and I can assure you that there were CHRIST CHURCH

Easter Vestry Meeting - Best Financial Report in the History of the Church.

The annual Vestry meeting Christ Church was held in the S. S. Hall last night, when the wardens presented their financial report. which was most encouraging, showing that the income of the church was about \$3,800, leaving a surplus, after meeting all current expenses, of some five or six hundred dollars, which will reduce the floating indebtedness to about sixty dollars.

The rector, wardens and vestry clery were heartily congratulated on the great financial progress made, and all present expressed themselves as delighted with the condition of affairs in the church.

Ald. John Waddell was re-elected people's warden, and the rector ap-McCosh referred to the faithful services of Mr. Pritchard, the retiring church warden, who, he said, could not find the time necessary to devote to the office. He expressed regret at his withdrawal. Judge Woods and M. Wilson, K. C.,

were re-elected lay delegates to the The Advisory Board were re-elected,

with the names of J. C. Pritchard and

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Mr. Davey added. The committee on music elected, with the name of W. G. Richards added.

The Glebe, Land committee is composed of the rector, Mr. W. H. Harper and Mr. W. E. Rispin. Dr. R. V. Bray was re-elected ves-

try clerk. The rector feelingly referred to the sudden death of Mr. A. Heyward, who had filled the position of church warden for some years, and a resolution of sympathy was passed.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Ladies of the Guild and of the Missionary Society, and to the ladies who had so tastefully decorated the church on festival occasions

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The Big Brisco Benefit Concert, to

be presented at the Grand on the evening of Thursday, the 17th inst., promises to be one of the most enjoyable features of a pleasing and successful season.

Musical Director Harry C. Philp, who is in charge of the affair, has surrounded himself with a coterie of the best artists obtainable and the program will be of a captivating character.

The announcements will be issued to the public within a few days. It will include selections by Alfred Hoffman, of Detroit, the celebrated celloist; Mrs. John Cooper, soprano; Miss Ada Ross, contralto; W. H. Brackin, tenor; Geo. Perrin, humorist; H. C Philp, clarenet soloist; the male sextette and others. Several special musical features will be introdu The concert will doubtless be gree ed by a bumper house.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

C. C. I. Concert, Friday, April 18th The Rev. Mr. Haslan and Mis Etches, representing the Church Misstonery Society, of London, England, will address meetings in Christ Church to-morrow afternoon and evening. Miss Etches will address a ladies meeting in Christ Church Sunday School Hall in the afternoon at three o'clock and Mr. Haslan will address a meeting in the evening at eight. Both speakers are spoken of as eloquent and earnest.

Word has been received in Windsor of the serious illness of Charles Cornetet, of Belle River, the well-known hailiff. He was taken ill some sition the City Clerk was put in.

Ald. Cowan said that, as a result, the circus was contemplating erecting their tents outside the limits and not paying any license at all.

Ald. Cowan asked who caused the erection of the derrick in front of Harrison Hall.

Ald. McKeough — It wasn't the Board of Works this time.

The Mayor—It was put up by order of the County Council committee, and of the County Council committee, and of the County Council committee, and wide acquitance throughout Essex county.