

ONTARIO TRAFFIC ABUSED

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surplus of earnings equal to 10 per cent. on its capital stock, a state of things which is unequalled by any other railway in America today. I do not want to be told again that I must have some consideration for the C.P.R. and other railways because Canada is a poor country with a sparse population. The fact that population is paying a net profit to the C.P.R. of 10 per cent. on its stock.

There was another disastrous feature of railway operation in Canada today, Mr. Maclean proceeded, and that was the wanton disregard for the lives of the people and the lives of their servants. The sacrifice of human life on the railways was increasing from year to year.

"The railways tell us," he said, "that they cannot afford to provide life saving devices, and yet here is a company proposing to give \$35,000,000 as a gift to its shareholders. In the little City of West Toronto, in my constituency, hardly a week passes that there is not a funeral of some person killed on the railroad. We have the strange spectacle in West Toronto that now we hold an annual memorial service for the railway men killed by trains, and forty or fifty names are now called out on the death roll at this annual service.

"I am told that the credit of the C. P. R. must be maintained, and so it must be, but is the credit of that corporation to be maintained at the expense of high rates to be paid by the Canadian people and at the expense of an immense loss of human life? How many railway crossings could be kept safe out of this \$35,000,000 that the C. P. R. Company is to-day taking from the public and making the public forever pay the interest on it? When I say that the net surplus earnings of the C. P. R. are over 10 per cent. on its capital, I have as an authority The Statist and The Economist, two of the leading financial journals in England.

"Country Pays for 'Mellon'." "It was all wrong that the C. P. R. should be allowed to do what it was commonly called 'cut a melon' and distribute it in the shape of from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 among its shareholders, and which it could only do if it was allowed to continue charging exorbitant rates. On that surplus they could well afford to reduce their rates, to give the farmers of the west lower transportation for their products and to provide devices to safeguard the lives of the people."

He read in the C. P. R. report that last year the company issued \$24,000,000 of the same kind of stock among its shareholders and succeeded so well that it wanted to repeat it in the year or \$20,000,000. So long as it was allowed to do that there never would be another bond issue or mortgage debenture sold or any preferential stock issued. This was of course an alluring system of finance for the shareholder of the C.P.R., and he was largely a European who had paid railway tolls.

His contention was that the C. P. R. was not so well established in the financial centres of the world that it could get all the money it wanted for the extension of its lines by the issue of bonds. But it had other resources. It had over \$8,000,000 acres of land in Alberta and Saskatchewan and 4,000,000 acres more in British Columbia, and for some of this land it was asking \$25 an acre; but even taking it at \$5 an acre it would give it all the money it wanted to build new lines.

"I have been told by some wiseacres," said Mr. Maclean, "You are interfering with the credit and the standing of the C. P. R. in the money markets of the world, and yet it is \$20,000,000 acres of land, worth from \$12 to \$20 an acre, none of which it need touch."

It was true that in the past it had sold a great deal of its land and put the proceeds into the road, but hereafter that land was to be kept as a guarantee that it would be able to pay 10 per cent. on this stock which was sold to the shareholders at par when it would and should command a premium of 75. He was also told not long ago that New York was the only state that could regulate the issue of debentures, but he had good authority for saying that, when Mr. Taft was inaugurated a month hence, the chief plank in his administration after tariff reform will be that the interstate commerce commission take complete charge of all kinds of securities issued by railways which do an interstate business.

Regulate Stock Issues. Mr. Maclean hoped the minister of railways would regulate the issue of these securities by the railways. There could not be a regulation of rail-

way rates until there was a regulation of the issue of securities, and securities should not be issued unless the railway could show that it had no further resources. The C.P.R. had a treasury of which nobody knew. It was all very well to say what a fine railway it was, but, he asked, "do you think the whole truth about what is in its treasury and what its resources are? Not at all.

"Parliament ought to tell the company that if it wishes to raise more money, it must raise it on some system that is less a tax on the man who pays the traffic charges. It would be wrong to consider that order-in-council calling upon the company to show that it could raise the money it requires for the extension of its line other than by the issue of stock at 100, when its stock is bringing 160 or 170 on the open market. He had no criticism to pass on the Canadian Pacific as a railway proposition. But a railway was something that concerned the people and it ought to be served the people quite as much as to make its investments attractive to the capitalists of the world. It was all very well to speak of maintaining a reputation in the money market, but it would be much better to do justice to the Canadian people.

Mr. Maclean asked the minister of railways and canals whether or not the provision in the original charter of the C.P.R., under which we are not to interfere with their freight rates as long as they do not exceed ten per cent., had been commuted.

"I was told by a previous minister that that clause had been commuted but I am not sure as to that," he said. "The feeling in the Canadian west was in favor of regulating the issue of securities, and we were only beginning to realize that this was the keynote of the regulation of freight rates. The reason the great capitalists of Europe neglected the American railway securities was that they distrusted them. The investors of the United States were not taking them and the people of Europe refused to take them. Why? Because they had been over-capitalized.

There was real danger in over-capitalization, and the only way to take charge of the traffic rates was to take charge of the issue of capital. Mr. Maclean said he proposed to return to the subject until he had some assurance that the regulation of the capital of railways was a matter of public concern that must pass some form of public inspection with a view to making the railway charges as low as possible.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham replied briefly. He said the question of rates and the question of service, as to both freight and passengers, had been handed over to the railway commissioners. He adopted this course, they should follow it until it proved a failure, which he thought it never would. He thought the board of railway commissioners had done a work as good as any like body in the world, perhaps better.

R. L. Borden said he proposed to reserve his remarks for another occasion, when Mr. Maclean proposed to bring the matter up again.

NEW BAND INCORPORATED

Will Tour the Country in Summer to Advertise the City.

The lieutenant-governor-in-council has granted a charter under the provisions of the Ontario Companies' Act to the Citizens' Band Association, empowering them to maintain and control a symphonic concert band under the name of the City of Toronto, Canada, not for the purpose of gain, but as an educational musical institution for the benefit of the citizens of Toronto and other municipalities procurable in Toronto or elsewhere, and with the most perfect instrument of the kind in the world in the city, introducing many new and novel features, to make it the greatest organization of the kind in the Dominion. It will be managed by a board of directors of prominent business men, who propose to arrange to send the band to various American centres during the coming summer possibly under the direction of the commissioner of industries advertising Toronto in the widest possible way.

Of course the musicians will be members of the A. F. of M., and an experienced and competent conductor will be engaged. Among the incorporators are: J. H. McConnell, physician; Arthur F. Spott, merchant; H. G. Hammond, agent; J. T. Palmer, manufacturer; F. Arnold, clerk; J. H. G. Newton, merchant, and others.

ONTARIO Y. M. C. A.

E. M. Thomson Goes to Spokane—Branch to Be Opened at Cobalt.

E. M. Thomson, one of the staff secretaries of the Ontario Provincial Young Men's Christian Association, left Toronto yesterday to become financial secretary of the Spokane, Wash., Y.M.C.A.

J. W. Hopkins, representing the provincial executive, has gone to Cobalt to report upon the prospects for establishing a branch of the Y.M.C.A. there.

C. M. Copeland, provincial Y.M.C.A. general secretary, left for Huron County last night. He will speak at Goderich on Sunday and attend a county Y.M.C.A. conference at Wingham on Tuesday.

The committee has selected Lake Couchiching for the annual Canadian Boys' Conference Camp.

Laymen's Missions.

Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, Winnipeg, Rev. E. D. McLaren, Rev. J. G. Brown, will act as a special delegation for the next few weeks in the Northwest in the interests of the laymen's missionary congress.

The 500 invitations to prominent laymen in the United States have already been responded to by acceptances from Chicago, Cleveland, Louisville, Nashville, Athens, Ga., Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

J. Campbell White, international secretary, will be here on Tuesday to meet the Canadian council ad committees of congress.

Motor Buses Not Taxicabs.

R. L. D. Taylor & Co., for "The Motor Bus Co., Limited," writes The World says:

"We notice in your issue of Feb. 1 an item reading as follows: 'Look! look! business.' The Motor Bus Co., Limited, advertising for 300 men for early employment with the Taxicab service."

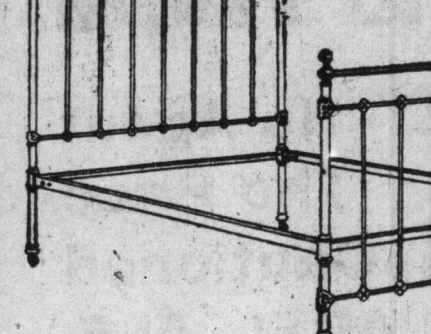
"The above is not quite correct, as we have no connection whatever with the Borne Motors and Taxicabs, Limited."

H. H. FUDGER, President
J. WOOD, Manager

PROBABILITIES
Rain at first followed by
northwest gales, snow-fur-
ries and becoming colder.

THE ROBERT
SIMPSON

When You Buy Furniture You Are Investing Capital



FURNITURE is not like clothing, fuel, and most of the other expenses of a household. It is not an expense—it is an investment which yields a dividend of use just as long as you live. Furniture is a permanent feature of your household. Think how long your mother has had many of the bedsteads, tables and chairs in HER house!

Now, the time to make an investment is when prices are most favorable.

In the case of Furniture, February is one of those times. Look what you save by February prices—dollars, not cents—Capital, not pin money!

Ladies' Gun Metal Watch for \$1.98

In a leather bracelet—nicest little watch a girl could wish for—and awfully cheap! They are worth \$2.50 really.

Lady's Pretty Little Gunmetal Watch, fancy dial, gold hands, very dainty appearance, fitted into a neat leather wristlet, warranted good timekeeper, complete in leather wristlet. Regular value \$2.50, Monday \$1.98.

Cashmere Gloves

Women's Black Cashmere Gloves, done fasteners, all sizes. Regular \$5c, Monday, pair, 25c.

Soaps and So Forth

2,000 lbs. Laundry Starch, 4 lbs. 25c.

Fels Naptha Soap, per bar, 5c.

Sunlight Soap, 6 bars, 25c.

Comfort, Eclipse or Victor Soap, per bar, 4c.

Surprise Soap, 6 bars, 25c.

Heather Brand Soap, 8 bars, 25c.

Naptha Soap, 6 bars, 25c.

Simpson's Big Bar Laundry Soap, per bar, 10c.

Pearline, 1-lb. package, 11c.

Old Dutch Cleanser, regular 10c, 3 packages 25c.

Kitchen Sapillo, per cake, 8c.

Powdered Ammonia, large package, 8c, 3 packages 25c.

Naptha Powder, 1-lb. package, 5c.

Royal Blue, 2 packages, 7c.

Dingman's powdered Lye, per tin, 7c.

Gold Dust Washing Powder, large package, 22c.

Bon Ami Soap, per cake, 12c.

5 LBS. PURE CELONA TEA, \$1.05

This is our exclusive brand of a 20c quality, as sold elsewhere. We know all about it from picking to packing. Its strength and flavor, Monday, 600 lbs. black or mixed, 5 lbs., \$1.05.

Monday Basement Sale

Cut Glass
Handsomely cut eight-inch Berry Bows, straight shape; regular \$10. Monday, \$4.90.

Footed Bon-bons, pretty cut; regular \$1.50. Monday, 75c.

Salt and Pepper Shakers, with sterling tops; regular \$1.35. Monday, pair, 89c.

China Ware

Highest grade English Semi-porcelain Dinner Sets of 87 piece complete. The decoration is a set design in green and brown tones; handles and edges gold traced. Complete set Monday, \$12.50.

French Limoges Dinner Sets of 102 piece composition. Moscow open stock pattern; pure china body, decorated with conventional design in burnished gold and small spray of mistletoe beneath each gold handle. Regular \$47.70. Monday, \$26.20.

Glassware

Table Sets in cream or fancy patterns. Each set contains butter-dish, spoon-holder, plain jug and sugar bowl. Regular 80c. Monday, 59c.

Footed Sherbet Glasses, Monday, each, 7c.

Thin Blown Tumblers, bell shape. Monday, each, 4c.

Eight-inch Berry Bows, assorted patterns; regular up to 35c. Monday, 18c.

Salt and Pepper Shakers. Monday, pair, 19c.

Punch Sets, comprising 12-inch punch bowl on stand and 12 punch cups, American pressed cut pattern. Monday, \$3.98.

Stand Lamps, medium size, complete; regular 40c. Monday, 29c.

Hardware

Boker's Beauty, Model and Double-ender Hockey Skates; regular \$2 pair. Monday, \$1.59.

SIMPSON

COMPANY, LIMITED

Store Closes Daily at 5:30 P.M. SATURDAY, FEB. 6, 1909.



Boys' Day for Clothing

SPECIAL interest in the Boys' Section of the Men's Store—Under-priced Overcoats and Sailor Suits. Full details follow:

Boys' High-Grade Overcoats, regular \$5 to \$8. Clearing Monday \$3.49.

Boys' Fancy Overcoats, high-grade fashionable styles; the latest New York make, in Oxford grey blanket tweeds, also some very handsome mixtures in soft-finished Scotch tweed coatings; made in the very newest American design; double-breasted, finished with silk velvet collar, fancy emblem on sleeves, finest workmanship. Sizes 2-12 to 6 years. Our regular prices \$5.00 to \$8.00, on sale Monday, \$3.49.

BOYS' SUITS, IN SAILEUR, BLOUSE AND JUMPER STYLE, REGULAR \$4.50 TO \$6.50, CLEARING MONDAY \$3.49.

65 only Boys' Suits, in sailor, blouse and jumper styles, in rich navy blue shade, consisting of thick, soft-finished Irish serges, soft Campbell twills and clay worsteds; sailor collar, trimmed with white silk tape and soutache braid trimming. Made with detachable shield, and finished with silk emblems on sleeves. Sizes 3 to 7 years. Regular prices \$4.50 to \$6.50. Clearing Monday \$3.49.

Boys' Two-piece Norfolk Suits, made up in imported Scotch tweeds, in grey and brown mixtures, heavy winter weight materials, strong and durable, well lined. Sizes 24 to 28. Plain knee pants. Special price Monday \$3.50.

2,000 Boys' Shirts for 33c

The regular prices of these shirts run 50c to 75c. Plenty of choice, but come in the morning all the same.

Of standard materials only, attached laundered cuffs, white with black or blue spots, stripes, checks and figures, well made and generous size, 13 to 14. Regular 50c and 75c. Monday \$33.

Children's Furs

Children's White Goatskin Carriage or Sleigh Robes, pocket style, white felt lined. Regular \$5.00, Monday \$2.50.

Grey Goatskin Carriage or Sleigh Robe, for baby's sleigh, or good for foot mats, felt lined. Regular \$2.00, Monday \$1.00.

Children's Wool Togues, fine quality, large variety of colors. Regular 25c, Monday 15c.

(No phone or mail orders filled.)

The Simpson Shoe for Men

The Robert Simpson Company own the Victor Shoe. It is made exclusively for this store and retailed only by this store. Naturally we want our own shoe to be a little different to other shoes at the same price, and the Victor is different in this way—it is better.

The styles are chosen from the best lasts of the day. The stock and workmanship grade a little higher than on the run of \$4.00 Boots. We can afford to put better value in the Victor because it sells direct. No middle profits and expenses.

When you are ready for new boots come to this store and try a pair of Victors. They'll win the approval of your eye first, your foot next and your purse when you pay.

\$4.00 a pair, all widths and sizes.

Housekeepers' List for Monday

STAPLES of the domestic sort which every household constantly needs. Economical prices, too.

450 yards Best quality Checked Irish Tea Toweling, 24 to 27 inches wide, perfect drying, no lint, red or blue checks. Regular 15c per yard, Monday 11c.

360 yards Full Bleached Irish Dress Linens, good weight for blouses, skirts, coats, etc., splendid finish, 36 inches wide. Per yard, Monday 25c.

1,100 yards Fine Bleached English "Times" and "Queen's" Longcloths, yard wide, round, even thread, beautiful underswear, cottons, at, per yard, Monday, \$1-2c.

360 yards Extra Fine All Pure

Linen Full Grade Bleached Satin Damask Table Linen, beautiful designs, double damask, good weight, 72 inches wide, Regular \$1.25 per yard, Monday 85c.

60 yards Plain Bleached English Sheetings, good strong make, heavy, close, firm thread, 70 inches wide, Regular 22-1/2c to 25c per yard, Monday 18c.

130 only Full Bleached English Honeysuckle Bed Spreads, heavy knotted fringe around, pure linen, all good designs, close, firm weave, full double bed size. Clearing each, Monday, 92c.

Fashionable Black Dress Fabrics

We have just put into stock a large shipment of

BLACK SATIN CLOTHS

direct from the world's best looms. Guaranteed qualities that have been manufactured exclusively for this store.

Black Satin Cloths, with a bright lustrous finish that is absolutely permanent.

Black Satin Cloths that are positively uncrushable and unspottable. Rich, full blacks, guaranteed pure, unfading dyes. "Correct" fabrics for the new styles of early spring gowns as well as for smart tailored suits.

See these Black Satin Cloths in our Black Dress Goods Section.

Selling 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per yard.

MONDAY BASEMENT SALE

Special Graniteware Sale Ten thousand pieces of white, blue and white, and grey enamelware. Some are slightly imperfect in manufacture, some slightly chipped. The entire lot will be put on sale Monday at about half the regular prices. Phone orders filled, but these goods will not be exchanged.

Tea Kettles—Pit or Flat Bottom

No. 7, 45c.
No. 8, 49c.
No. 9, 59c.
Gas Range Kettles, 29c.

Lipped Saucepans

3/4 quart, 8c.
1 1/4 quart, 9c.
2 quarts, 11c.
2 1/2 quarts, 12c.
3 quarts, 13c.
4 quarts, 15c.
5 quarts, 17c.
6 quarts, 23c.

Round Dish Pans

8 quart, 27c.
10 quart, 32c.
14 quart, 37c.
17 quart, 42c.
21 quart, 49c.

Oval Dish Pans

15 quart, 63c.
18 quart, 87c.
22 quart, \$1.15.

Tea and Coffee Pots

1 quart, 19c.
1 1/2 quart, 23c.
2 quart, 25c.
3 quart, 29c.
4 quart, 33c.

Water Pails

8 quart, 37c.
10 quart, 42c.
12 quart, 45c.
14 quart, 53c.

Straight Covered Saucepans

1 quart, 13c.
2 quart, 15c.
3 quart, 18c.
4 quart, 22c.
5 quart, 27c.
6 quart, 29c.
10 quart, 39c.

Tea Steepers

1 pint, 13c.
2 pints, 15c.

Boker's Victor and Swift Double-ender Hockey Skates; regular \$3 pair. Monday, \$2.19.

Boker's Meteor and Montreal Hockey Skates; regular up to \$4.00. Monday, \$2.98.

Lindsay Burners, complete, with double wire mantle and white globe; regular 75c. Monday, 59c.

Simplex Inverted Burners, complete, with plain, colored, etched and fancy globes; regular up to \$1.50. Monday, 85c.



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\$4.00 a pair, all widths and sizes.

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Hockey Sticks, second growth rock elm; regular up to 35c; Monday, 19c.

Boys' Hockey Sticks, Monday, 8c.

Pumace Scoops, long and D handle; regular 50c. Monday, 33c.

Wood Snow Shovels, Monday, 29c.

Kitchen Knives and Forks, white ebony or rosewood handles, steel blades; regular \$1.25 dozen, Monday, six knives and six forks, 48c.

An assortment of hammers, hatchets, glass cutters, tack claws, screw drivers and corkscrews; regular up to 25c. Monday, each, 9c.

"Universal" Clothes Wringers, high grade, American make, 11-inch rolls, warranted for three years in family use; regular \$5.50. Monday, \$4.49.

Clothes Horses, four-foot, folding, three bars high; regular 60c. Monday special, 39c.

Common Clothes Pins, six dozen in a package. Monday, per package, 10c.

Wooden Tubs, large, medium and small sizes—

No. 1, large; regular 90c. Monday, 79c.

No. 2, medium; regular 70c. Monday, 59c.

No. 3, small; regular 60c. Monday, 49c.

Improved Globe Wash Board, Monday special, 19c.

Corn Brooms, four strings; regular 35c. Monday special, 29c.

Nickel Plated Copper Tea Kettles, sizes 7, 8 and 9, pit or flat bottom; regular up to \$1.45. Monday special, \$1.10.

Eclipse Bread Mixers, will mix and knead from one to eight loaves in three minutes. Monday special, \$2.00.

"Snowball" Washing Machines; the latest, safest and strongest rotary washing machine; regular \$7.50. Monday special, \$5.75.

CIGAR BARGAINS

Saturday Box Day at Queen West Wilson's

Through with stock-taking. Fine big lot odd sizes choice Cigars, and we've slashed the prices to make a big clear-out today.

Suburban Cigars, Regularly 10c each, Conchas size, box of 25 for 1.00.

El Duero, box of 25 for 1.50.

Regularly 4 for 25c.

Grandes, clear Havana, regular 10c value. Box of 50 for 1.15.

La Florana, Panatella, clear Havana, Regularly 2 for 25c. Box of 25, \$1.75.

Olympia, Conchas size, box of 50 for 3.50.

Princes Rupert, regular 10c value. Box of 50 for 3.00.

AT 5-FOR 25

The following popular brands of regular 10c cigars: Henry Irving, La Fortuna, Lord Tenneyson, 5 for 25c.

Pittsburg Stogies, box of 100 for 2.00.

Arabella, box of 25 for 1.50.

Bachelor, box of 25 for 1.50.