SO FAR

This has been one of the best Overcoat seasons we have ever had. Of course we know our coats are to blame for it. Simply **spiffnatious** (that's a new one) or in other words the most beautiful garments we have ever shown. Just now we can fit you in every size and would advise you to **buy now,** as we will not be repeating any of the numbers.

Priced from $10 to $35, you'll have no trouble in making a selection.

To the Ladies

An Overcoat makes a handsome gift and one the recipient will not soon forget. 'Twill afford us pleasure to exchange the size or make any alterations after Christmas if you don't happen to get it just right.

"COME ON IN"
BECAUSE

OAK HALL
Are Clothiers Only

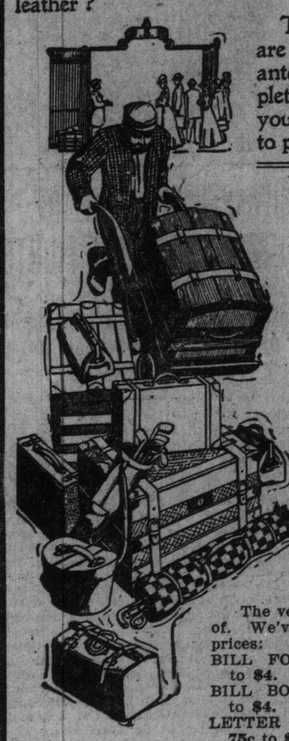
J. COOMBES, Manager

Take a look at our new store, corner Yonge and Adelaide Streets
We're going there soon

Christmas Suggestions

APPROPRIATE GIFTS IN LEATHER

Things in leather are the most appropriate gifts you can give any friend. Leather lasts. We've many beautiful things made from it. These articles are useful. It is generally conceded that useful articles are received with the greatest pleasure. Then why not give something in leather?



The splendid display which we are making now of genuine guaranteed leather gifts is very complete. It is easy to select what you want at the price you wish to pay.

Traveling Bags $4 to $30

East's Traveling Bags have become known everywhere travelers go, for their beauty, durability and convenience. We make them. You buy from the maker and get our guarantee.

Gifts for Travelers

Our Folding Umbrellas. Made to fit any grip or suit case, and take up very little room; regularly priced at $5. A special lot on sale to-day and to-morrow at $2.50

Bill Folds, Letter Cases, Card Cases, Cigar Cases, Etc.

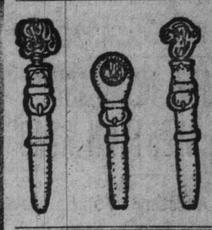
The very things scores of men are in need of. We've some beauties at very reasonable prices:

BILL FOLDS, 50c to $4.
BILL BOOKS, 35c to $4.
LETTER CASES, 75c to $6.
CARD CASES, 50c to $4.
CIGAR CASES, 50c to $3.
CIGARETTE CASES, 25c to $2

Ladies' Shopping and Hand Bags $1 to $15

We've an exceedingly comprehensive showing. All the newest leathers—all the newest styles—all the newest novelties. More conservative patterns in splendid array. Buy her a Hand Bag.

See our Christmas Shopping Bags for Young Girls priced at 35 cents



Leather Watch Fobs

We are showing some very pretty Watch Fobs, and you'll find that our prices are much lower than elsewhere for like values. Priced from 25c to 75c

Wardrobe Trunks

What could make a better gift? Just what any man or woman would appreciate. Why not see what they are like anyway?

Fitted Bags and Suit Cases

For men and women, in which will be found the greatest possible utility and convenience.

The various combinations of toilet articles permit the expenditure of much or little money as the purchaser may desire. Priced from $6.50 to $25

Collar Cases

A gift that almost any man would appreciate and use. We have them in the soft and stiff shapes. Priced from 75c to $2

Nothing Like Umbrellas for Gifts

We are proud of our reputation for selling reliable Umbrellas. This year our showing is really the most handsome we have ever had. We show styles for men, women and children, and from $1 up you'll find the best values of the town.

Engraving done on the premises.

Scattered throughout our store, too, there are a hundred and one little things which make suitable gifts where the question is one of remembrance rather than extravagant cost.

Club Bags	$4.00 to $30.00	Thermos Bottles	$3.50 to $5.00
Black Seal Bags	2.00 to 7.50	Toy Trunks	.75 to 3.00
Strap-handle Purses	.75 to 4.00	Watch Wristlets	.50 to 1.50
Flasks	.35 to 4.00	Coin Purses	.25 to 2.00
Military Brushes	1.50 to 4.00	Toilet Cases	2.50 and up
Fitted Suit Cases	6.50 to 40.00	Writing Cases	2.50 and up
Walking Canes	.50 to 10.00	Hat Boxes	2.50 to 12.00
Jewel Cases	1.50 to 10.00	Car-Ticket Cases	.10 to 1.00

East's Leather Goods Store

300 YONGE STREET OPEN EVENINGS

MAYOR ISSUES CIRCULAR ATTACKING POWER POLICY

Pleads For Delay in Signing Whole Contract—Big List of H.E.P. Municipal Candidates.

HAMILTON, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Mayor McLaren has had a voluminous appeal to the electors printed and distributed broadcast thru the city. He devotes a large part of his appeal to persuade the people that it would be a very dangerous thing for Hamilton to go in for the whole contract of the Hydro-Electric Commission, and to justify his breach of faith to the electors, who, last year, put him into the mayor's chair with a tremendous majority because they believed from his statements and former course in the council that he was a staunch friend of the cheap power project. Instead of winning over the voters, however, his appeal only emphasizes the need of opposition, and makes the electors more determined than ever to have a man in the chief magistrate's chair whom they can trust to make the government power project a success.

After devoting a lot of space to complaining because the property owners last June turned down the bargain hatched up with the Cataract Power Co., the mayor attacks the government's power project as follows:

"No sensible person who had been given an estimate of the cost of a line of goods and an opportunity to find out if the actual cost would agree with the estimate, would refuse the opportunity of proving it before committing himself further, unless there was some personal advantage for him or his friends. Actual experience will demonstrate. There will be no need for argument when the goods are here and the price figured up, for we will have an actual basis to figure from.

"Remember, that when any council signs the whole contract the voice of the people is no longer wanted by those who talk so much about it, for then you would be committed to building a street fighting system and to pay for it whether you wanted it or not, no matter what the cost of power might be, and no matter at what price you could buy it for elsewhere."

Want Stewart to Run.

Altho the petitions asking him to run against Mayor McLaren are being signed by hundreds, representing every class, T. J. Stewart, M.P., has not yet consented to run. He will give an answer probably to-morrow. If he does not enter the contest himself, there will be another man in the field and Mr. Stewart will give him every assistance.

Just how strong the sentiment against the Cataract Company is, and how eager the people are for government power, is illustrated by the fact that out of 15 candidates for the board of control, only three are Cataract supporters. Some candidates who have been indentified with the company, are appealing to the electors as hydro men. The great danger is that the vote will be split up by so many hydro candidates that the Cataract candidates may slip in. Efforts are being made to reduce the number of the field to avoid this calamity.

Most Bitter Struggle Yet.

As yet the interest is centred in the contest for mayor and controllers. With a candidate in the field for mayor, whom the people can trust to give the people's power project loyal support, there is little doubt but that the friends of cheap power will make a clean sweep.

Altho there have been three stirring campaigns on the question, all of which have gone against the Cataract, the present struggle will be the most strenuous of the series. The power ring, backed by two of the papers, is showing signs of activity and realizing that the battle will free the citizens from its clutches, will spare no effort to elect a council who will serve its ends.

Another Raid.

The police and License Inspector Sturdy made a raid on Luigi Domenichelle's abode, Sherman-avenue and Clinton-street, Saturday night and all they could find was six cases of bottles labeled "Lagerine." They seized the stuff after tasting it. It is supposed to be a temperance drink, but it will be analyzed.

Daniel Young, 79 years of age, died to-day at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Costello.

Rev. Sam Small preached in the interests of the citizens' campaign committee to-day at the Emerald-street Methodist and James-street Baptist churches. He stated that he knew of hotels in the city that did not keep the law, but would not name them because he might be held here as a witness.

Dave Fellows, a constable from Caledonia, was robbed of his watch and chain on King-street Saturday. He was admiring a store window when his jewelry was snatched from his vest.

Rev. S. B. Russell, pastor of the Erskine Presbyterian Church, preached this evening in favor of a reduction in the number of licenses.

Verdict of $300.

At the sessions Saturday, Antonio Salvow was awarded a verdict of $300 against the street railway for injuries received. The action og J. Vanatter against the incubator company was dismissed the jury finding that he had disobeyed instructions.

The Masonic lodges of the city attended a special service in First Methodist Church this afternoon. Rev. E. B. Lanceley preached.

John Baby, son of W. A. D. Baby, of the inland revenue office, was one of the Canadians swindled in Rome. He lost $200 and cabled home for money.

Travelers' Certificates.

Commercial travelers' certificates for 1910 can now be had from Fred Johnson, Room 5, Federal Life Building. ed

HAMILTON BUSINESS DIRECTORY

HAMILTON HOTELS.

HOTEL ROYAL

Every room completely renovated and newly carpeted during 1907.
$2.50 and Up per day. American Plan. ed7

Day's Doings in YORK COUNTY

West Toronto
North Toronto
East Toronto

S. YORK CONSERVATIVES HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Big Rally on Saturday Afternoon—Suburban and County Happenings—News Notes.

The annual meeting of the South York Liberal-Conservative Association, held at the Labor Temple, Church-street, on Saturday afternoon, was large, representative and most harmonious.

Dr. W. R. Walters, president, was in the chair, and associated with him on the platform were W. F. Maclean, M.P.; Capt. Tom Wallace, M.P.; Alex. McCowan, M.L.A.; Dr. Godfrey, M.L.A.; Controller Geary, Ald. T. L. Church, and R. A. Agnew, president West Toronto Conservative Association.

Among those present were W. W. Thompson, W. H. Paterson, Wm. Milliken, J. W. Jackson, Warden Henry, J. B. Spirrr, D. Burke, Jerry Nelson, R. G. Agnew, Sam Ryding, C. B. Jennings, Thomas Griffith, Geo. Syme, sr., George Syme, jr., D. Beldam, John Bayliss, Robt. Barker, Frank F. Reeves, John A. Macdonald, William Carter, John Burns.

Reviewing briefly his course in parliament and the outstanding questions before the country at the present time, W. F. Maclean, M.P., referred to the growth of public ownership, as applied to telegraphs, telephones and railways, stating that he would continue his fight against the cutting of the C.P.R. main as before. Mr. Maclean urged the giving of a direct money contribution to Great Britain sufficient to build two or three Dreadnoughts, and charged that apart from the German peril, the American nation were seeking to unify the American continent.

Capt. Tom Wallace met with a splendid reception, as did Dr. Godfrey, M.L.A., and Alex. McCowan, M.L.A., all of whom spoke along practical lines on the leading federal and provincial issues. Controller Geary, Ald. Church and R. G. Agnew briefly addressed the gathering on national and civic matters, and were well received.

Dr. Walters was unanimously re-elected president, Warden Henry first vice-president, and Sam Ryding second vice-president, and H. H. Ball secretary-treasurer.

WEST TORONTO.

WEST TORONTO, Dec. 19.—After a lingering illness, William McKinney died this morning at 88 Mulock-avenue, the residence of his sister. Deceased was 53 years of age. The funeral will take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday to the Methodist Church Cemetery, Dixie.

Controller Hocken held an organization meeting last night in the former council chamber, Keele-street. There was a large attendance.

Ex-Controller F. S. Spence will give an address at a public meeting next Thursday evening in the College of Music Hall.

The death occurred this afternoon of William McKeown, at the residence of his niece, Mrs. Holloway, 84 Hook-avenue. He was 90 years old.

NORTH TORONTO.

NORTH TORONTO, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association, held on Saturday night a resolution calling upon the council to grant enough money to make the public library free was adopted. Another favoring the expenditure of $5000 as proposed by the council for the purchase of more land for parks and waterworks purposes was adopted. Some discussion took place relative to the letting of the fire alarm contracts without tender, but nothing was done.

In all the town churches to-day there was a good attendance.

The condition of James Walmsley was at a late hour to-night said to be slightly improved, and the patient resting comfortably.

NEWMARKET.

Tuesday Will Be the Big Market Day of the Year Here.

NEWMARKET, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The big annual Christmas market takes place here on Tuesday when indications all point to record prices for all kinds of farm products. Newmarket has grown rapidly this last year or two, and this fact, coupled with the fact that many farmers have already disposed of their Christmas stocks, seems to augur for good prices.

George Triplow, one of the inmates of the Industrial Home, who passed away last week, came from North Toronto. Two others of the inmates died the same day.

Friends of the local option movement are trying to secure the services of Dr. Firth, principal of Pickering College, to deliver a scientific lecture on "alcohol" prior to the taking of the vote at the municipal elections.

There are practically no candidates in sight for municipal honors, and many of the citizens are concerned over the matter.

THORNHILL.

Many Social and Denominational Meetings in Town.

THORNHILL, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Presbyterian Sabbath School will hold their annual entertainment and tea in Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22.

The members of the Methodist Sabbath School are busy practising for their usual anniversary to be held on Jan. 1.

The members of the A.O.U.W. Lodge met to elect officers on Saturday evening.

The members of the Chosen Friends will meet for the same business on Monday evening.

The Thornhill Recreation Club are preparing for skating as fast as the weather will permit. The following officers have been elected for 1910: President, G. Hooper; vice-president, J. W. Breakey; secretary, J. E Francis; treasurer, W. Riddell.

MARKHAM VILLAGE.

Matters in Markham Are Municipally Very Quiet.

MARKHAM VILLAGE, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Miss Pearl Faint, teacher of moderns in the Markham High School, has resigned her position here to accept a more lucrative one at Oshawa.

Markham Methodist Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas tree and entertainment on Christmas night in the town hall.

From all indications the Markham town council will this year be returned by acclamation.

The Oddfellows' Band is still lacking five clarionet players, one cornet and two bass. The members are having good practices, and all are requested to turn out on Wednesday evening for a general practice.

Messrs. A. and H. Wideman are now comfortably installed in their new hardware store on Main-street. The building is a credit to the town and the firm.

HAGERMAN'S CORNERS.

HAGERMAN'S CORNERS, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School will be held here on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, beginning at 7.30 p.m. An excellent program is being prepared and following the entertainment refreshments will be served. Proceeds in aid of the school fund.

MARKHAM TP. CONSERVATIVES.

Markham Township Conservatives will meet in Victoria Hall, Unionville, to-day, Monday, Dec. 20, at 2 o'clock, for the election of officers and the transaction of regular business. Capt. Tom Wallace, M.P.; Alex. McCowan, M.L.A., and possibly Herb. Lennox, M.L.A., will be present. A full attendance of Liberal-Conservatives from all over the township is especially desirable at this time. Make this a rousing meeting.

C. N. Hagerman is president, and Ed. Kirk secretary.

YORK TOWNSHIP NOTES.

Indications municipally out in York Township at the present time would seem to imply that there will be no election for the position of reeve or councillors. The retirement of J. W. Jackson, who is seeking aldermanic honors in Ward One, leaves a vacancy for the office of councillor, which will in all probability go to Tom Griffith of Weston, a well-known and popular West York man.

Reeve Henry and first and second Deputy Reeves Watson and Barker will be unopposed, but for the office of third deputy George Syme, jr., of West York will, it is said, break lances with Third Deputy Reeve Jerry Nelson.

In view, however, of the fact that a number of important works are under consideration and uncompleted, coupled with the cost of an election, it is considered probable that Mr. Syme will forego his intention for this year to oppose Mr. Nelson and allow the return of all the members by acclamation.

Nomination takes place on Thursday, Dec. 22, at Eglinton Town Hall, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p.m., after which a public meeting will be held.