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OUR PUBLIC "LIBRARY."
No particular loss would be sustained if Sir Glenholme Falconbridge's pre-occupation in judicial business were to defer indefinitely the appointment of a chief librarian for Toronto Public Library. Even with a new building it seems to be going into the thing wrong end first to appoint a librarian over the assortment of old and second-hand books stored in the Church-street curio shop. Nobody knows what is there. No competent person has ever attempted to make a proper catalog of the rubbish. The circulating department is, for the most part, a weird collection of germ-sodden volumes, largely composed of the "biggest seller" class of fiction.

In the latest stereotyped joke, styled an "annual report" of the library, it is mentioned as a "sign of the times worthy of note, that while the circulation of books has been practically at a standstill, the amount paid for fines for overdue books has reached the sum of \$1400." It would have been in better accord with the spirit of the times if Dr. Sheard had long before this gone after the board of management for permitting that circulation to proceed without the introduction of modern precautions against infection.

The chief trouble with the library board is that which distinguishes all irresponsibly nominated bodies. It is stagnant. It is also incapable of mapping out a plan for the Toronto library of the future. Its career should be terminated by legislation, and a responsible board provided in its stead. Then a really valuable library might be assembled and a competent librarian appointed to the position, which is in the meantime better vacant than filled.

PERMANENT ORCHESTRA FOR TORONTO.
On several occasions we have advocated the establishing in Toronto of a permanent orchestra. We have waited for some public spirited citizen, who, like H. L. Higginson of Boston, would come forward with the will to establish a permanent orchestra in the city, and who, with the will, would either personally provide an endowment fund or join with other public spirited citizens in furnishing subscriptions to put such a musical organization on a sound financial basis.

We have not waited in vain. The gentleman who is taking the leading part in the movement now in progress to give Toronto an orchestra which, eventually, will rank with the best on the continent, is Mr. Herbert C. Cox, and the fact that Mr. Cox is chairman of the executive committee now actively working for the cause, guarantees the success of the project.

Those who know the history of the permanent orchestras in Boston, New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and other cities of the United States will appreciate the difficulties, the criticisms and even the rebuffs Mr. Cox and his colleagues will experience in their ambitious and public spirited task. The plan of the executive committee is to make what has been hitherto known as the Toronto Conservatory Symphony Orchestra an independent musical organization supported solely by the public. Mr. Cox and his committee are now endeavoring to raise by private subscriptions, payable in annual increments for five years, such a sum as will place the Toronto Symphony Orchestra on a sound working financial basis. And it is sincerely a matter of congratulation that so far the executive committee has met with much encouragement. But it must be understood that since the Toronto Symphony Orchestra is composed entirely of professional musicians, the expense in connection with it will be very heavy, and that therefore it may not be for some years a money-making institution.

We know that in the belief of those who heard the Toronto Conservatory Symphony Orchestra last season (the second in its career) it is a band, which, under the conductorship of Mr. Frank L. Welsman, deserves nothing but praise. Toronto can have a permanent orchestra, which in a short time will rival the best on the continent. All that is necessary now is for our public-spirited citizens to assist Mr. Cox and his committee with private subscriptions.

Shall Toronto, possessing a choral organization unsurpassed anywhere in the world, remain without an orchestra as notable in instrumental music as the Mendelssohn Choir is in choral music? We believe the contrary. Come forward, gentlemen of Toronto, with your subscriptions. Act to-day.

THE DANGERS OF RAILWAYS.
Editor World: The unending sacrifice to the gods of greed, carelessness and apathy goes on day after day, month after month, year in and year out. It is utterly impossible to pick up a newspaper during these days without finding a railroad wreck, with the usual sacrifice of human life, featured on the front page. The feature of the news in last evening's papers was a fatal collision on the Tillsonburg and Brantford division of the Grand Trunk Railway, the results being three dead, and two badly, if not

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Defects of Present Business Assessments
All business men, especially retail merchants, in Toronto should not fail to hear the paper by Assessment Commissioner James C. Forman which he will read this evening in the King Edward Hotel banquet room before the delegates of the International Conference on State and Social Taxation. Commissioner Forman's subject is "Business Assessments as a Substitute for Personal Property Tax." We know nothing of how the commissioner will treat his subject, but we have some pertinent ideas on the matter, which we deem worth while submitting to the careful consideration of Toronto business men and retail merchants.

Such conferences as the one now being held in the city are profoundly beneficial to the municipality, for just and equitable taxation, like all other social phenomena, can only become real thru an experimental evolution, until the best at last is reached. Up to 1905 merchants were taxed by "personal assessment." Another method was then adopted, named "business assessment"—a method which is on trial and which must now be philosophically considered on its merits. But it also is free from defects and we wish to suggest a still better, if not yet a perfect, method.

The question concerns the relative merits of the present business assessment and the previous personal assessment, which obtained in Toronto. The latter inevitably involved an exposure of a merchant's private business. Suppose, for example, that for any cause you please, bad management, over stocking, or hard times, a merchant was to become bankrupt, still could "hang on" long enough to recover and go ahead prosperously. The method of personal assessment at least tended to make the merchant aware of the state of his business known to the merchant's creditors and the banks. If they thus got "inside information" naturally they would become more forceful in the struggle but still helpful merchant into insolvency. On the other hand, the present method of business assessment relieves the merchant from any unnecessary exposure of his private affairs. So far forth it has a distinct advantage over the personal assessment.

But the present method of business assessment has a few disadvantages in itself. First, it is not equitable as between merchants in similar business. For the tax upon land and buildings is not based upon a standard rate per cubic foot. If A's premises are constructed so as to do no more than merely comply with the municipal by-law for buildings, while B's are substantial and beautiful, B is inevitably overtaxed by the present business assessment. In other words, B with a smaller, but more costly building, occupying less land is rated more heavily than A, who owns a larger building and occupies more land. Prima facie then the present business assessment is unfair.

Secondly, another correlated objection to the business tax based on the assessed value of buildings is its evident tendency to deter merchants and others from spending more on their buildings than is just necessary to meet the municipal requirements; for the present business assessment "penalizes" merchants annually for every dollar that is so unnecessarily expended.

But, is there not a remedy for these defects? There is. If a standard rate per cubic foot were fixed for the various districts, and buildings were assessed at this fixed rate per cubic foot equitable and it would be a more and would certainly encourage those who contemplate building to spend greater sums for the purpose of erecting more substantial and beautiful structures than they are inclined to do under the present form of assessment.

BERLIN'S POPULATION.
BERLIN, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Berlin's population as shown by assessors' reports just completed is 13,278, an increase of 191 over last year, and in same assessment increased by 126, bringing total up to \$6,307,385. \$277,126.

BROCKVILLE'S POPULATION.
BROCKVILLE, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Brockville has a population of 9117, an increase of 191 over 1907.

Mrs. Dunscombe's Will.
VICTORIA, B.C., Oct. 6.—The will of an estate of two million dollars, of a testate of two million dollars, of which \$50,000 goes in legacies to more distant relatives, and the residue is divided equally between the five daughters.

EATON'S DAILY STORE NEWS

2 Special Items for TO-DAY

Money saving inducements for quick business, right after store opening.

90 Men's Suits

Three-buttoned, single-breasted, sack shape—stylishly cut and well tailored; broad lapels. Made of English worsteds and tweeds—weighty, substantial materials—grey and brown striped patterns. Italian cloth lining. Sizes 36 to 42. Offered today at less than the materials cost. But come in early. **6.50** Per suit.

Men's Underwear

480 garments at 29c each. Should cause a tremendous 8 o'clock outrush. Good heavy wool-and-cotton-mixed material. Shetland shade. Double breasted. Medium sizes only. Not more than two suits will be sold to anyone. Today—shirt or drawers, each. **.29**

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That's our 75c unshrinkable SCOTCH WOOL—a very popular and satisfaction-giving underwear; sizes 34 to 40; shirt or drawers, each. **.75**

English-Made "Eatonia" Boots

No one denies the superiority of the English oak tanned leather, and everyone will acknowledge the extra high standard that British workmanship stands for. Combine with these the dashing, distinctive styles of the American lasts, and you have the English-made "Eatonia" boot for men.

The Fall stock is complete, and includes perfect ranges in all the best styles, lace and blucher cut, either dongola or box calf; there's no better leather in the boot world than that in the soles of the "Eatonia," and you'll be pleased with the comfort, the perfect fit, and, above all, the smart style and finish; see and try on these English-made boots; price, **3.00** per pair.

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The imported tweed is the strong feature in this THREE-PIECE SUIT; the material is so EXCEPTIONALLY good for the money. Dark shades, stripe pattern. The coat is nicely tailored in newest style, with Italian cloth body lining. Knee pants. Sizes 28 to 33. Price. **4.50**

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Made specially for winter wear, and extra strong. Something every boy will want when he reads about them. Of heavy English tweed, dark colors, small patterns. LINED WITH FLANNELETTE, and DOUBLE SEAT AND KNEES. Sizes 24 to 28, 75c; sizes 29 to 33. **.90**

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Navy Blue Serge—An all-wool English Botany fabric—soft twill finish, fast dye; coat; three-button sack; Italian cloth lining; price **11.00**

Black Melton Overcoat

The genuine imported English cloth—rich, bright finish—thick close pile. Coat in Chesterfield style, 46 inches long; full, loose back and skirt; deep back vent; velvet collar; broad lapels; twilled Italian cloth lining; sizes 34 to 44; tailored in broad shouldered, full body effect, with raised seams; looks well every way; the price **10.00**

Young Men! This is the "Harvard" College Ulster

Prussian collar coats with double-breasted front have been quite popular for a season or two.

Now comes one cut single-breasted, with fly front. Length 50 inches, deep vent in back, strap on cuff; the Prussian collar is 3½ inches wide.

Material, a soft finished English cheviot cloth, very thick and solid, in plain dark oxford gray, glassade sleeve lining. The body lining of diagonal twilled Italian cloth is very dressy, indeed; sizes 34 to 42. This is a very remarkable coat for **10.00**

Smart Hat for Young Men



The Telescope, in one form or another, has for many years been a young man's favorite. More and more it is taking the place of the Derby.

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