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THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 16.

Assessing the New Store Building

No finer exhibition of faith in the cause for which the great war is being fought, of faith in the British Empire, of faith in the future of Canada and particularly of Toronto, could be found than in the determination of the owners of the block of land on Yonge College, Terminus and Hayter streets, as announced at the city hall yesterday, to proceed with the erection of a large departmental store. If the city hall authorities are willing to accept certain principles of assessment that have been the subject of earnest discussion for years, and which have been adopted in many other places, the work on an extensive and more expensive scale than otherwise will be commenced in January.

To have a large contract of this description put in hands when the war has about reached its climax, and when business of all kinds welcomes any fillip, is a public benefit. The community interest in such a project cannot be ignored. The problem for the community is how to get the greatest possible benefit out of the erection of this new store.

The projectors state that they have two plans, one "a plain one that will suit the purpose of handling goods and selling them over the counter, or a better and more handsome style."
It has not transpired what the difference in cost is to be, but whether it be 20 per cent., 25 per cent. or 35 per cent., the extra investment will be a benefit to the community in two ways: first, to the builders, supply men and workmen, and second, to the community as a whole in the possession of a more attractive and artistic building. The principle is to exempt the extra cost from taxation, or in other words to give a fixed assessment on the building at a rate presumably to cover the cost of the cheaper class of building which might be erected.

It has been urged that the extra money spent on a better class of building should be taxed as an investment, but it ought to be clear that the extra money spent on adorning or improving a house is not an investment if the building in its original condition serves its purpose. The failure to recognize this fact is responsible for the miles of mean houses and tumble-down shacks in every direction. If we are improved the assessment goes up.

"It is for the city to say which," said Mr. H. H. Williams, in stating the case. "If we get the fixed assessment, we can afford to spend more money on the building." We are indebted to a contemporary for the stock objection of some Toronto people—"Couldn't it be done more economically?" There is a point at which economy becomes not only profitless but expensive, and the erection of a great block 500 feet by 700, if carried out in a generous way, means much to the whole community, workers as well as investors.

The separation of values as between land and buildings in real property is already recognized in the Assessment Act. The growing demand for an increment tax must recognize this distinction, for it is obvious there can be no increment tax on buildings which are constantly depreciating in value. It is the land that increases in value and an increment tax ought justly to be levied on property which changes hands at enhanced value.

It is to be hoped that no petty policy will interfere with the carrying out of the plans for the new store in a style that will bring credit to the city. In such a matter the welfare of one is the welfare of all, for the whole community benefits by the prosperity of any of its constituents.

Economy or Hygiene?
Great Britain is talking about banning the use of white flour for bread.

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The Note on Blacklisting

Viscount Grey has been more lucid and direct even than usual in his note on the question of blacklisting to the Washington Government. There appears to be an unfortunate tendency in the United States to view all actions for which Great Britain is responsible in relation to the American Republic as animated by some other motive than the obvious one. Similar suspicions are not harbored when it is Germany or some other nation which is in question. This appears to be the chief difficulty in the blacklisting affair. The chief offence lies in the fact that it is a British blacklist. A French or Russian blacklist would not have caused so much opposition.

FOOD PRICES IN U.S. SUBJECT OF INQUIRY

Effort to Reduce High Cost of Living to Be Made.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Strong efforts to reduce the high cost of living will soon be under way, administration officials announced today. Food prices will be subjected to a searching investigation.

WIRELESS WILL DRAW JAPAN AND U.S. CLOSER

Baron Kenjiro Den Sends Message of Warm Cordiality.

New York, Nov. 15.—The Associated Press has received from Baron Kenjiro Den, the Japanese minister of communications, the following message on the occasion of the establishment of direct wireless communication between Japan and the United States: "Baron Kenjiro Den, minister of communications, in behalf of the Japanese Government to the people of America: 'Will you say to the people of America that it is a matter of mutual congratulation that our countries have been linked together by another chain of communication which promises far-reaching results as an avenue of amity, commerce and civilization between the east and the west. It is an added demonstration of the fact that the east and the west, far from being an irreconcilable twin, have at last met and daily are becoming merged in a life of common humanity.'"

Women Asking for Vote Because It is Their Right

Speaking on the subject "The study of the Bible from the standpoint of the single taxer, showing how it is linked up with the land problem," before the members of the Single Tax Association, the Cafe Royal last night, Lewis Wallis, of Chicago, said: "We are moving into the midst of a period of struggle over the interpretation of justice itself. Is it individual or is it social? We are now in the midst of a world-wide social awakening which is adjusting religion once more within its true perspective."
Mrs. Becker, of Saskatoon, speaking on "The Principle of Equal Suffrage," solicited the aid of the Single Tax Association in furthering the work of the still continuing movement. She said that the women of Canada were not asking the franchise as a reward for their services rendered to their country at the present time, but because it was their natural right. Henry Timmins, of Montreal, also spoke.

SERVED AT THE DARDANELLES

Brockville, Nov. 15.—Sergeant John Bryson, a Scottish soldier who went through the Dardanelles campaign, is on a visit to his brother, Town Engineer Bryson. He went with a brigade of fighting men and took part in all the fighting until shortly before the evacuation of Gallipoli, when he became ill and was invalided home.

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LIUT. C. A. BELL MAY BE PRISONER OF WAR

Gallantly Leading His Men When Last Seen, Says Letter to His Wife.

Mrs. C. A. Bell, 85 Dunvegan road, has received the following letter from Lieut. Col. Genet in regard to her husband, Lieut. C. A. Bell, who left Toronto with the 27th Battalion in November, 1915, and served in France with the 58th Battalion under Colonel Genet.

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