

## OUTLOOK MUCH BRIGHTER NOW PIANO BUSINESS PICKING UP

Reports From Houses Indicate Renewed Activity and Interest, as Bargains Are Great.

### Present Opportunities Will Probably Not Be Dup- licated.

There seems to be a steady growing feeling of optimism and renewed activity among buyers in Toronto, and many big business men feel that January was the low ebb of present conditions, and that from now on we may expect better times.

One strong reason for this feeling is the unmistakably active interest in pianos and other home furnishings just now.

With several piano sales running it would indicate there is considerable business in this line to be had.

Perhaps the Williams Piano Club is the best criterion of current conditions and the most attractive of the offerings being made just now.

This big co-operative club, through its low prices, easy terms and many special privileges and features, has come to be a regular institution in Toronto and reflects very accurately the state of trade.

When the club opened late in January the interest, while considerable, was not as great as in some former years. But since the first week in February the demand has been

steadily picking up, so the Williams Piano Club report, and the present outlook is that the club will be filled within another week.

This means that 175 families will have added pianos of player-pianos to their homes, which speaks well for conditions in Toronto.

However, this club is so unusually attractive that it is probably securing the majority of business in this line in the city, but reports from all other directions also indicate constantly improving prosperity.

### TAX RATE PROMISES TO STRIKE NEW HIGH MARK

Mayor Declares City Should Retrench as Hydro Has Done

Mayor Church is getting somewhat pessimistic regarding the tax rate for this year and says that unless there is retrenchment all along the line the city will have a rate of 23 or 24 mills. The mayor thinks that as the local hydro has retrenched to the extent of \$15,000, and as all private enterprises are doing the same, the city should get into line.

## THE WEEK IN THE LEGISLATURE

BY CLARK E. LOCKE

The Ontario Legislature convened on Tuesday under one of the most unique combinations of circumstances which her books can record. For one thing there was a shift of faces and responsibilities that was interesting to puzzle out. Countessess heretofore well-known were missing, and others less familiar loomed in their places. In addition, once more administrative power had made all things new, from him that sat upon the throne down to the least of the thirty-three new members who stole unobtrusively into his seat for the first time. Stranger of all was a self-imposed truce among the party members which for the three days of session suppressed entirely all suggestions of criticism or rivalry, a thing almost without precedent, and made the chamber a place of good fellowship.

It is a most unusual circumstance which brings the two parties of the Ontario Legislature together with such mutual expressions of goodwill, and the war is given the credit. There is today, however, considerable opinion among members on both sides as to how long the truce will last. Whether it is but a graceful preliminary to a rising combat after the manner of the Marquis of Queensberry handshakes in the prize-ring, or whether it is an augury that the session will lack all features of partisan sentiment is a matter of concern to the rank and file on both Conservative and Liberal benches. Until the budget comes down on Tuesday and speakers are squared away for offence and defence the leaders themselves will not know what trend events will take. From a hint dropped by Mr. Howard during the week it is likely that the treasury benches will invite a strong assault, and that the other side will not sit idly by.

If, however, the fact of the war obliterates all traces of party animosity, it cannot be said to have curbed their length to any great extent. In fact it might almost have been expected at certain moments during the week that both government and opposition vied with each other in giving detailed expostulations of the war and its causes.

In the legislation thus far there is only one measure of outstanding importance, but the effect of that will be so far-reaching and universal that it cannot be overestimated. The moratorium brought down by Hon. J. B. Lucas will constitute an immeasurable boon to Ontario residents in general and a very present help in time of financial trouble to many who have been caught in trying and uncomfortable situations.

The courts will henceforth hold the

power of granting or refusing the foreclosure mortgages for the payment of principal or interest in accordance with the terms of the agreement for the same. The man who cannot meet his payments, and can convince the judge on the bench that existing conditions are so bleak, will not be pressed. The right of action or of procedure may be withheld, and discretionary conditions can be imposed.

In other words, the present law regarding the meeting of real estate obligations is made elastic, and the mortgagee must make application to the court before the regular method is followed.

If his client shows that conditions alone are responsible he will have nothing to fear as to the outcome.

One of the stronger features makes the bill retroactive. The judge will have full power to review all cases occurring since the outbreak of war or immediately previous, and can at his discretion open up anew any action which may have been barred by the provisions of the law. Interest obligations, however, remain the same, and will be handled in the ordinary way.

Also the future proceedings of the house may not warrant the use of the term "war session," the action of the government in introducing a measure directly applying to conditions resulting from the outbreak, and designed to relieve the financial worries of many provincial residents gives the first week the right to such a term. According to all indications little time will be lost this week in settling down to routine. Plans have been laid to keep things moving, and to logically move along all legislative proposals so that the final adjournment will not be unduly delayed.

If at all possible, the year's business will be concluded by Easter so that the rural members will not be asked to leave the place and seeder for a brief return to settle loose ends of legislation which have been neglected.

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## THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

Statement of Affairs on 31st January, 1915.  
Condensed from Government Report

LIABILITIES:	RESOURCES:
Capital paid up .....	Cash .....
Reserve Fund and Undi- vided Profits .....	Due by Banks .....
Notes in Circulation .....	Govt. and other Bonds .....
Deposits .....	Govt. Deposit for Clere- lation Fund .....
Due to Banks .....	Call and short data Loans .....
Acceptances .....	Assets immediately avail- able .....
	Loans and Discounts .....
	Bank Premises (Free- hold) .....
	Acceptances per contra .....
	Other Assets .....
\$48,682,540.35	\$48,682,540.35

## Dirty Windows Dead Flies and Show Bills What's Behind It?

What a ridiculous thought-comparison:—SANITATION, and an average Toronto Chinese Laundry, as seen from the outside! Have you ever noticed them—greasy, begrimed windows, with dead flies and dirt atop of the soiled show bills? Living testimony of the Chinamen's lack of System, Cleanliness, and Progressiveness. You can see these things on the outside. What do you suppose the jealously guarded working quarters must be like? Many of the worst tumble-down buildings in the city are used for Chinese Laundries. You can see scores of them in the older sections—germladen, devoid of modern conveniences; many of them 2-roomed dwellings that house from three to six or eight Chinamen. Where do they cook? Where do they sleep? These places are the custodians of most of Toronto's Laundry Parcels. Is it any wonder the clothes come home yellow instead of white, with that greasy, human odor? Imagine the constant danger of disease germs. Compare these conditions with CANADIAN Laundry Service.

## Give Us a Trial Parcel and Enclose the Coupon

We state frankly that purely selfish business motives are behind our exposure of Chinese Laundries. We need your business on business and hygienic lines. Phone, write, or call at any Canadian Laundry for the driver to collect your parcel. Include the coupon (signed) with the work, and your name will be entered on the already long petition that will be submitted to Toronto's Municipal Government, asking that a bylaw be enacted compelling Every Laundry in Toronto to throw open to Public Inspection the entire area where the work is done.

In a subsequent article we will deal with Chinese Sleeping Conditions.

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## FIRM EXPERIENCED PROSPEROUS YEAR

Cutten & Foster Have Reported Large Aggregate Increase in Sales

Cutten & Foster, 178 West Queen street, announce that they have had a most successful year and anticipate even better business for 1915. Their sales for the year just completed aggregate an increase of 33.1 per cent. over the year previous, in spite of the war and dull times.

The motor accessory department is working hard on the 1915 catalogues, consisting of a Ford supplement listing Ford accessories, a garage catalog with a full line of garage men's requirements and a motorboat catalog listing all the latest supplies for boats. These booklets will be ready for distribution in the course of a month and the firm claim they have some decidedly interesting prices for 1915. They have secured the agency and will act as a service station for Sears-Roebuck and will carry a complete stock of parts. The Sears-Roebuck speedometer has been adopted by both Ford and Buick cars. The C. & F. spark plug for all cars is a service high-grade article at a reasonable price and is guaranteed to give satisfaction. An additional 1915 feature is the new Ford mechanical starter. One kick from a foot pedal is all that is required to start the car and the starter is guaranteed to give complete satisfaction or money will be refunded. It is now on demonstration at the firm's showrooms.

To accommodate the ever-increasing business in the case of branch, was opened last year at 178 St. Anthony street, Montreal, and since the motor show they have been working overtime to get out their catalogues.

Cutten & Foster have always specialized on their tailormade slip covers, which are recognized as the finest in America. They have equipped a special department to manufacture Ford slip covers at a reasonable price and will be able to meet any competition in that line.

## GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCE RATES OF PAY IN NAVY

Remuneration for Men Having Previous Service Ranges From a Dollar a Day

By a Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—The following rates of pay have been adopted by the government for petty officers and men volunteers in the navy service who have had previous service in the royal navy: Able seamen, \$1 per day; leading seamen, \$1.10 per day; petty officers, \$1.25 per day; chief petty officers, \$1.65 per day. Allowances—Signalling and telegraph ratings, 10 cents; stoker ratings, 20 cents.

Extra pay for officers and men serving in submarine vessels are: Officers above the rank of sub-lieut., \$1.50 per day; sub-lieutenants and warrant officers, \$1; petty officers and leading seamen, 60 cents; other ratings, 50 cents.

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A. K. P. ANNIVERSARY.

Toronto lodges of the Knights of Pythias will attend St. John's Church, Portland street, tomorrow night to listen to a special sermon on the 51st anniversary of their establishment in Toronto. Rev. Charles Ryan of Fleming, Sask., who is a member of the order, will preach.

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