

**TORONTO'S OPPORTUNITY.**  
Among the speakers at the recent dinner of the Canada Club of London, England, was Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., who is actively associated with the projected Georgian Bay and Ottawa Canal. He is reported to have enlarged on the advantages the Dominion possesses in its great waterways, and to have compared Buenos Ayres with Montreal and Toronto. Twenty years ago the capital of the Argentine Republic had a population of only a quarter of a million, today it has turned the million. To accomplish this four-fold increase Buenos Ayres expended \$10,000,000, which, however, returns six per cent. interest and Mr. Perks believes the Canadian cities have the same opportunity if they will expend the money. The Argentine itself he describes as the greatest rival Canada had. Buenos Ayres and Montreal, being sea ports, have a marked initial advantage over Toronto, and the Argentine capital has the better of Montreal since it is open all the year round. Over 1200 British ships alone enter and leave it during the year, and trade with the United Kingdom is a growing quantity. But if the great lakes were opened to deep sea traffic as they ought to be Toronto's opportunity would be very favorably influenced. Now that public opinion in the United States, from the president downwards, has declared itself so decidedly in support of the opening up of the waterways from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico and to the Pacific, entrance upon that important undertaking cannot be long delayed, and Canada cannot afford to neglect the like in the chain of waterways that will open the central states of the Union to transatlantic commerce.

With formidable competitors at home and abroad Toronto needs to be careful that the best foundation is laid for the great expansion that is evidently coming. Of the advantages which will tell most powerfully in later years none are more vital than the securing of cheap public services and utilities. In almost every large city of the United States there is seen to-day a struggle between the citizens and the private holders and operators of their franchises. New York for example has had its street railways so entangled and overcapitalized that it is impossible for them to yield a return or to raise the additional capital required for absolutely necessary reconstruction and equipment. Cleveland is just emerging from a protracted and strenuous struggle with its street car corporations; Chicago is attempting to get under way with a scheme that will allow tracks and rolling stock, described as only fit for the scrap heap, to be replaced, and many other cities are involved in similar troubles.

Toronto has had bitter experiences of its own with regard to private company management of its services and utilities. Not that alone, but it has also learned that regulation and control, even when expressly stipulated for and apparently completely safeguarded, is impossible and inoperative. Reclamation of its franchises and their operation in the public interest exclusively is at last being recognized as the only effective method of securing the cheap and efficient services that mean so much for the prosperity of a modern city. At the present moment Toronto can place itself in an impossible position as regards the future supply of Niagara electricity by remaining steadfast in support of the power policy of the provincial government. If this opportunity be lost Toronto will to that extent handicap itself in the civic race.

**THE NEWSBOYS' CHRISTMAS BANQUET.**  
Christmas day has ever been associated with Christmas cheer. It is a time of family reunions, of festivity and rejoicing—the one season of the year when none but the hardest of hearts fails to add something to the happiness of their less fortunate fellows. That is a delightful usage year by year more honored in the observance, which essays to bring a little brightness into the lives of the young who may never have known it and the old to whom perhaps it is but a dim and vanishing memory. The charity of Christmas Day, at least, is never failing, and there are few indeed of our cities and towns where its overflow fails to reach the limit of its desire.

Following the laudable custom now becoming general in important newspaper centres Mr. J. M. Wilkinson, editor of the special Sunday section of the Sunday World, has undertaken to arrange for the entertainment of the newsboys of Toronto to a banquet at this coming Christmas Day. It will take place in the banquet hall of the L.O.F. Temple Building, and the bill of fare will include the time-honored turkey, plum pudding and ice cream and other wanted Christmas provender. The only indispensable qualification is membership of the band, but for whose faithful service the morning paper would not be found in the home and in the street with the regularity that subscribers expect and rarely find lacking. Mr. Wilkinson appeals to-day for subscriptions toward the newsboys' banquet.

## It is well known to the medical profession that

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Don't you think it should be in your own home?—That's the point.

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quiet, and as "the time draws near the birth of Christ," as it too much to hope that the spirit of thanksgiving and charity will not fail to include the boys who in fair weather and foul carry the maternal budget of news from door to door or stand ready to offer it at the corners of our streets?

#### QUEEN'S WON DEBATE.

Held That Japs Should Not Be Excluded From Canada.  
KINGSTON, Dec. 5.—To-night in Queen's Convocation Hall Dean Farthing, Robert Meek and W. F. Nickle judged a debate between Queen's and Toronto Universities. The subject was "Resolved that the Japanese should be excluded from Canada."

The negative was argued by Queen's representatives, D. C. Cavert and A. P. Menzies. The affirmative was maintained by J. A. Carlyle and J. D. Campbell of Toronto University. Queen's won.

**Wagon Twice Stolen.**  
Fred Parker, 15 years, 352 West Adelaide-street, and Martin Loftus, 13 years, 112 Spadina-avenue, were arrested by P. C. Marshall last night, charged with stealing a Dominion Transfer Company wagon from before the door of Edward J. Latimore, the driver. They also admit having stolen the same outfit two nights previously.

**Fraud Charge.**  
Sidney Mostman, 290 Markham-street, was arrested last night by Detective Moffat upon a warrant charging him with obtaining money fraudulently from William Hazard of the Cadillac Hotel.

#### TORONTO AGENT'S DEATH SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Police Have Held Body for Post mortem Examination—Was Taken Suddenly Ill.

WINDSOR, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—John Christie, agent of a Toronto building supplies firm, and whose home is in that city, died suddenly in a Brush-street resort in Detroit at an early hour this morning under circumstances which are considered highly suspicious.

Christie, who was a fine appearing man, about 40 years old, reached Detroit yesterday on his way to Ohio. Missing his train at that point he decided to remain over until to-day, and to pass away the evening he visited several places of amusement, finally winding up at the home of Mrs. Harvey on Brush-street, shortly after 4 o'clock this morning. Within a few minutes after his arrival there he was taken ill and died before medical assistance could be called.

The inmates of the house say Christie had taken several drinks while there, but nothing stronger than wine was offered. The coroner, however, has ordered the body removed to the county morgue, and a postmortem will be held to determine the exact cause of death.

In the pockets of the dead man were found several hundred dollars in Canadian currency, as well as letters which served to establish his identity.

**See Prime Minister.**  
OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Blackfoot Bay, which will wait on the prime minister Saturday.



H. M. Queen Alexandra AND H. R. H. Prince of Wales

## Mink Scarfs For Christmas Gifts.

To those intending the purchase of furs for Christmas gifts, these exquisite Mink Scarfs will be of special interest.

Every effort has been put forth to have our collection as complete as possible, and we offer our patrons selection from a stock that is most exceptionally varied in style.

Ties of Natural Mink, 44 in. long, shaped at neck and satin lined, with trimming of tails at ends, are priced, according to quality of fur, \$18, \$25, and \$40.

Pretty Mink Scarfs, 34 in. long and satin lined; wide on the shoulders, with slightly tapering fronts, range from \$25 to \$30.

Handsome Mink Stole, 60 in. long, very wide throughout, and trimmed with heads and tails at throat, and tails at ends, is \$55.

The same style, but of very superior dark Natural Canadian Mink, and showing two stripes on the shoulders, is \$85.

One of the most effective Ties in our entire display is 52 in. long, with split ends. To see this tie is to admit that the price is really moderate—\$35.

Very modish is a Mink Stole, with long fronts, and wide cape effect uniquely formed by a placing of additional skins on the shoulders. The back is adorned with a fringe of tails and jaws, the fronts with heads and tails. Price, \$95.

Made from the very finest Natural Labrador Mink obtainable is a beautiful three-stripe Capeline, 98 in. long. Twenty-one tails are used to adorn the Cape, the fronts and ends being trimmed with heads and tails. Price, \$275.

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#### AT OSGOOD HALL

##### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Cartwright, master, at 11 a.m.  
Judges' Chambers.  
The Hon. Mr. Justice Teetzel at 11 a.m.

**Divisional Court.**  
Peremptory list for 11 a.m.:  
1. Archibald v. Copeland.  
2. Burkholder v. Copeland.  
3. Rossiter v. Toronto Railway Co.  
4. McLeod v. Lawson.

**Toronto Non-Jury Sittings.**  
The Hon. Chief Justice Falconbridge at 10:30 a.m.:  
1. Wallace v. Drown (to be concluded).  
2. Novelty Collar B. Co. v. Phillips.  
3. Bank of Toronto v. Kitchen.  
4. Broughton v. Barnard.

**Overdue Notes.**  
In writ summons issued against W. C. Holmes & Co. of Selkirk, Ont., Gordon, MacKay & Co. are seeking to recover a balance of \$1021 due on a certain promissory note.

**Suit for Damages.**  
The Toronto Suburban Railway Co., having its head office at Toronto Junction, is being sued by William E. Weale and Hannah Weale for \$3000 damages for injuries received thru the alleged negligence of the company's servants.

**Sunday Cars.**  
The attorney-general of Canada and the attorney-general of Ontario, on the information of David Brown, have issued a writ against the Grand Valley Railway Co., doing business at Brantford, claiming an injunction to restrain the railway company from operating or running their railway on the first day of the week.

**Alimony Action Settled.**  
The action brought by Hattie Harper against her husband, Francis J. Harper, to recover alimony, has been settled. Upon consent of Mrs. Harper an order has been obtained from the court dismissing the action without costs and vacating the certificate of its pendency on certain lands on Crawford-street.

**To Set Aside Conveyance.**  
Beal Brothers of Toronto have issued a writ against Thomas Magee of Brampton, Ontario, to set aside a deed of sale made as being fraudulent and void.

**Trunk Went Astray.**  
Henry Lamont has begun an action against the Canadian Transfer Co. to recover \$100 for damages for breach of duty in not delivering a trunk or valise containing certain goods and chattels of Lamont's.

#### RE-ENGAGE ALL TEACHERS AFTER SOME BITTER TALK

Trouble in Harbord C. I. Science Department Discussed by the Trustees.

Over 20 principals and some dozen assistant masters of city schools interested in the portion of the committee on management's report recommending that Mr. Smith, head of the science department in Harbord Collegiate, be not re-engaged, attended the meeting of the board of education last night. The report was read and the committee on management's recommendation was discussed. Mr. Smith, head of the science department, and who should not stand in his way. The principal was willing to take Mr. Smith in a subordinate position.

Trustee Boland observed that this was the cruelest proposition that had ever been seen in type.

Trustee Hawker: "There is no use in mincing words. There is something radically wrong in Harbord Collegiate and I do not think that Principal Hagarty is free from blame. The principal question should be referred to a committee of educationists to be chosen from outside the board."

**Had Threatened Principal.**  
Trustee Levee said: "Personally I do not consider it to be a fair deal, but if we stand by Principal Hagarty, Harbord Collegiate will be the best school in Ontario. It is on record that Mr. Smith had in a threatening manner said to the principal, 'I will pound you until I get you out of your position.'"

The report as amended, to re-engage all teachers, carried on the following division:

Nays—Trustees Ogden, Parkinson, Dineen and Levee.  
Yeas—Trustees Rawlinson, J. Simpson, Boland, Hawke, Brown, Miss Martin, Shaw, H. Simpson and Chairman Kent.

Permission was readily given for the annual Christmas collection in the schools for the Sick Children's Hospital, which in the last twelve years has cared for 3331 children from the city schools.

The Star newspaper presented a trophy for school competition at the annual games.

**Reject Commission Idea.**  
The board endorsed the legislation committee's rejection of the proposition to place the city's entire school system under an elective commission of three salaried members. On motion of Trustee Hunter, the committee will seek the legislation necessary to make this city a high school inspectorial district, and to authorize the appointment of a third inspector, the management committee's report on this latter subject being referred back.

Trustee Parkinson commented rather strongly on canvassing which had already been in evidence for this appointment, and stated that H. B. Elliott had produced a letter from Mr. Hughes advising such canvass. A communication from the Principals' Association urged the appointment of Mr. among those principals eligible. W. E. Groves, principal of the Ryerson School; John Spence, principal of the Clinton School, and R. G. Elliott, assistant master in Dufferin School, were heard in support.

## EATON'S DAILY STORE NEWS



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Now the delivery service is best.

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**Glove and Handkerchief Sets of two pieces, in the daintiest of designs and variety of colors; a useful, pretty, durable gift, and an actual saving of half usual price, Saturday morning, two pieces . . . . . 25c**  
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**Combs—Back and side, shell and amber, trimmed with brilliants, highly polished, perfectly smooth, some with fancy stones and open work; at half their value; Saturday from 8 o'clock till sold, each and pair, 25c**

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A gift for the woman or man who plays or sings. A few from a tremendous selection:

**Topoka, two-step, 15c.**  
**Lustania, two-step, 15c.**  
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**Santa Claus, a brand new two-step, dedicated to your Old Friend, 15c.**  
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**Don't You Want a Piper, Dearie? 19c.**  
**When You Know You're Not Forgotten by the Girl You Can't Forget, 15c.**  
**Two Blue Eyes, 15c.**  
**Take Me Back to New York Town, 15c.**  
**Won't You Waltz Home Sweet Home With Me? 15c.**

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**Violins only, \$1.25 to \$35.00.**  
**Mouth Organs at all prices.**  
**Concertinas, 75c up.**  
**Metronomes, \$1.95 to \$4.00.**  
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#### Men's Handkerchiefs

They are made of good strong cambric, and finished with neat tape border; bought big lot of these direct from the manufacturer in Ireland; note the low price, 18 inches square, done up in fancy box, 8 in box . . . . . 25c

#### Boys' Handkerchiefs

Made of firm snowy white cambric, well made and will stand the rough usage given to them by boys, good size, 15 1/2 inches square, and in tape bordered; Saturday, 10 in fancy box . . . . . 25c

## THE T. EATON CO. LIMITED

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**RESTRICT GAS EXPORT.**  
St. Catharines Will Make Complaint to Government.  
**CAMERON GIRLS AGAIN.**  
Are Charged Vaguely With Vagrancy This Time.

**ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 5.—(Special.)**—The city council has passed a resolution regarding restriction of natural gas exportation to Buffalo and has authorized Mayor Riddell and City Solicitor Connor to go to Ottawa and make the necessary representations to the minister of the interior. The Provincial Natural Gas Co. has eight lines crossing Niagara River and a great quantity of gas is being exported to Buffalo, while the wells of the United Gas Co., which supply this city and Thorold, are practically dry, as a result of the heavy suction of the Provincial Company's wells.

**Will Test the Lights.**  
The argument that the recent test of lighting St. Lawrence market was not fairly conducted was renewed by the board of control yesterday by J. A. Ferguson of the Gas and Electric Power Co., who offered to defray the expense of a test at the School of Practical Science. This was agreed to.

**\$2.15 to Buffalo and Return.**  
by the Grand Trunk Railway, good going on 9 a.m. train Saturday, Dec. 7, and valid for return on or before Monday, Dec. 9, 1907. Secure tickets at Grand Trunk city office, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets.

The laymen's meeting in Association Hall on Sunday afternoon, at 4:15, is to be addressed by Mr. Silas McBoe and Mr. J. Campbell White of New York. Hon. S. H. Blake will act as chairman. Other special meetings for men will also be held at the same hour at St. Matthew's Schoolhouse, First-avenue, and at Dunn-avenue Presbyterian Church. All men are cordially invited.

The total registered attendance in the forty-eight city schools is 31,023, with an average attendance of 27,350, and an average percentage of 90.8.

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## The Traders Bank of Canada

DIVIDEND NO. 47.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of one and three-quarters per cent. upon the paid-up capital stock of this Bank has been declared for the current quarter, being at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after

**Thursday, the Second Day of January Next.**  
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st of December, 1907, both days inclusive.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Banking House in Toronto on Tuesday, January 28th, 1908. Chair to be taken at 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the Board.  
STUART STRATHY,  
General Manager.  
Toronto, 16th November, 1907.