

BRIDE SUGGESTS MONOLOGUED LINE

More Than That, He Explains
How Best to Widen
Yonge Street.

AUDIT OF HYDRO BOOKS

Special Council Session De-
cides on Measure to Clear
Away Charges.

City Auditor Sterling is to make an audit of the books of the Toronto Hydro Commission and report back to council as to the truth of the Bennett charges that there is a shortage of over one hundred thousand dollars in the stores accounts. This decision was reached at the special council session yesterday morning, and, as pointed out by the mayor at that meeting, is intended to clear up any existing doubt there may be in the minds of the public as a result of the publicity given the charges. Mayor McKenney stated that even though the council as a whole expressed unbounded faith in the members of the commission, the fact remains that the public has a right to know the truth. The council also decided to have the books of the commission audited by a person of known integrity and to have the results of the audit published in full.

Mr. Sterling has been given authority to employ outside assistance on the audit of the hydro books, and is expected to report back in a month. Council resolved the bylaw for widening Yonge street, but not those providing for the extension of Terminal street and Duplex avenue, at its special meeting yesterday. The widening of the Yonge street bylaw, however, does not affect the widening of the subway to 86 feet.

McBride Had Suggestion.
At Ald. McBride's suggestion council will apply to the Ontario Government for permission to put a homology line on Yonge street property where the proposed widening was to have been done. This in effect means that before any person can improve a street building within twenty feet of the street line, the area which it is proposed to utilize in the widening, he must first give the city a chance to purchase the 20 feet. Council adopted the suggestion, and in a few years when the financial situation allows the widening to be gone on with, it is thought much of the property will already be in the hands of the city and will not have to be purchased after the erection of costly buildings.

City to Ask Time.
It is not expected that work will commence at once on Terminal street and Duplex avenue, and in this connection the council will appeal to property holders not to force the city to take over their properties until such time as conditions would warrant the purchase of the work.

The Yonge street widening, which was withdrawn, involved an expenditure of \$2,000,000, while Terminal street and Duplex avenue involve \$1,250,000 and \$300,000 respectively.

Charges Pile Up.
Men were not heard from the robbery at the central prison after the robbery. They are still in Brantford where they will face the charges of kidnapping. It will then be brought to the attention of the central prison authorities, probably by a charge of kidnapping against the men, which will result in the four men being sent to the penitentiary after the terms expire.

The estimated cost of the widening of Yonge street is \$2,000,000. Among those who have been heard from are Paul H. Hancock, F. Bevel, and Ald. Glendon. National Natural Gas Company has been granted permission to lay its main line, providing it supplies the city with gas.

Assessment Commissioner J. C. Forman told the committee on taxes yesterday afternoon that he believed the assessment of the city buildings had about reached their limit. He later said he would like to see buildings assessed at about 10 per cent of their value. The committee did not decide how best to get the citizens at large a share of the assessment, and adjourned to meet again.

Mr. Forman reported to the committee what he had learned of single other assessment systems encountered during his tour of the western provinces. He declared Toronto buildings had been assessed every five years at least to give "equal taxation." Members of the committee were somewhat surprised to learn that in some cases in ten years no adjustment had been made in the assessed value of buildings.

The committee first stated that it really there was no unearned increment in Toronto, because owners of vacant land paid a tax on it in England and the tax was different, because unused vacant land went untaxed. To secure a fair land value he suggested a tax of two per cent of the assessed price on every real estate transfer, practically creating a licensing system.

**SOLDIERS TREAT ME
KINDLY, SAYS PRISONER**

German Interned at Stanley Barracks Writes His Sweetheart
That He is Happy.

Fantastic stories of parted lives, sent by prisoners from the old fort at Stanley Barracks to friends, pass thru the hands of Mr. Goodman, an Englishman, who is acting as interpreter for the prisoners. One of the prisoners, writing yesterday to his sweetheart, said that although parted from her and perhaps doomed to confinement until after the war, he is happy.

The food is good, I can sleep well at night and the soldiers treat me kindly. I shall meet again and be happy. Mr. Goodman states that many letters are received in this strain and that the prisoners are in the best of health. He hopes that the Germans will use British and Canadian soldiers in Germany in the same manner.

**DUNNING'S
Specials**

Roasted veal with spinach (potatoes), roast curlew of chicken, Bengalese, chicken, venison, mashed sweet potatoes, Music. 29-31 King street west, 23 Melville street.

Sale Opens Thursday, 8 a.m.

Look it over today, if you like

QUITTING THE RETAIL BUSINESS

Semi-ready Suits and Overcoats and Men's Furnishings

Everything will be sold quickly at less than the cost of cheap ready-made clothing—The Directors have decided to close the store as soon as they can possibly sell the \$100,000 stock of finely tailored garments and the exquisite line of R. J. Tooke furnishings now on view in their Yonge St. Store. That is the story in a nutshell. That is the reason for the mid-season sale of seasonable men's wear of the highest calibre.

250 Dress Suits and Frocks

New Dress Suits, the "caress of good dress," as good as you would pay your tailor \$40 for, will be sold at \$20.

50 Dress Suits, which we have been selling at cost for years, latest models, silk-faced lapels, will be reduced below cost, to... \$20.00
50 Dress Suits, with \$30 label; some all silk-lined, for... \$24.00
50 Dress Suits, worth \$35, for... \$28.00
50 Dress Suits, worth \$40, for... \$32.00
50 Frocks Coats, with vests, Tuxedo dinner jackets, will be sold at one-fifth off the "label price in the pocket."

These are up the stairway, where you may feel sure of quiet, prompt attention—away from the rush.

Dress Gloves, worth \$1.50, for... \$1.00

50 Odd Coats, \$3.95

Here's a chance to get a good office coat cheap—or to match up a good coat with a pair of odd trousers.

Odd Coats that have lost their trousers and vests, from \$20 to \$25 Suits will be sold at... \$3.95
30 Odd Vests for... 50c
100 Odd Trousers, for... \$3.50

This is an odd garment chance well worth looking into. A chance to match up on a \$25 suit value for \$7.95. You do the matching.

200 Suits at Half Price

200 Tweed Suits, imported English cloth, beautifully tailored in the latest English models—"the label in the pocket" showing their real value.

\$15.00 Suits for... \$7.50
\$20.00 Suits for... \$10.00
\$25.00 Suits for... \$12.50

200 Serge Suits, 1-3 Off

100 Fine English Serge Suits, fine twill, blues and blacks, all sizes from 34 to 44.

\$15.00 Serge Suits for... \$10.00
\$20.00 Serge Suits for... \$13.50
\$28.00 Serge Suits for... \$17.50

You can always do with a dressy Serge Suit—and these are the best value on the market at the regular "label in the pocket."

Wolsey Underwear, \$1.45

All our Underwear will be marked down below wholesale. We have carried only the best grade of pure wool Underwear, unshrinkable and guaranteed.

We have Wolsey, Penman's, Zimmerkitt, and the English Seal Brand Underwear.

Wolsey Underwear; two-piece suits of medium winter weight, regularly sold in the shops at \$2.50; our price has been \$2.00; will sell now at \$1.45 per suit, or 75c per garment; all sizes, from 34 to 46 in. shirts; and up to 46 waist in drawers.

Zimmerkitt Combination Underwear, medium winter weight, merino; regular \$1.25 per suit, for... 95c
Cetee Combination and Two-piece Underwear, fine wool quality, worth \$4.50 per suit; will clear at... \$3.75
Pure Silk and Wool Underwear, shown in other windows at \$10 a suit, will clear at... \$7.25
Sizes below 36 at... \$6.75

Upstairs Bargains

Up the stairway you will find a lot of \$20.00 and \$25.00 Suits and Overcoats, which we will sell at \$10.00 less than the label price.

Among these are sample suits, travelers' samples, designers' models and other garments, with almost every size for every man, from 34 chest to 46; genuine Semi-ready tailoring—not ready-made factory clothing.

No matter what the price—whether it be a \$20.00, \$25.00 or \$30.00 label in the pocket—deduct \$10.00, pay the difference—and the garment is yours.

You see it—the label of the maker is in the pocket.

These garments are shown in the salesroom, behind the Dress Suit and Tuxedo Jacket display—in a quiet, retired spot.

Linen Collars, 5c

500 dozen White Linen Collars; some of them slightly soiled; all in good condition, will be sold at 5 cents each, or... 50c a dozen. All sizes, from 14 to 17½.

300 dozen New Shape Collars, R. J. Tooke make, in upright wing collars, full-dress collars, and modern turn-down shapes, all sizes, at 75c per dozen, or... 9c each.

900 dozen of the Linen Collars on the shelves, new and up-to-date styles; all sizes, half sizes and quarter sizes; will be sold at 9c each, or... \$1.08 per box of one dozen.

500 White Lawn Ties for full dress and evening wear; to be sold at 5c each, or... 6 for 25c.

Store To Rent On Six Years' Lease

We offer the Store and Building at 143 Yonge Street for rent from any day in 1915.

Building is 4 storeys high, good basement, 22 feet wide and 140 feet deep; with freight elevator.



800 Winter Overcoats and Ulsters Less Than Wholesale

All our new and smart Fall and Winter Overcoats, regular and exclusive models in Chesterfields, English Raglan, Balmacaans, Ulsters, with storm and Russian shawl collars: \$15.00 Overcoats and Ulsters for... \$10.75
\$18.00 Overcoats and Ulsters for... \$13.75
\$20.00 Overcoats and Ulsters for... \$14.25
\$25.00 Overcoats and Ulsters for... \$17.75
\$30.00 Overcoats and Ulsters for... \$21.50
\$40.00 Overcoats, heavy satin lining... \$29.50
\$50.00 Overcoats, best silk-satin lining... \$36.00

Gloves, 69c

The R. J. Tooke Gloves are known throughout Canada as the keenest value in the empire.

Clearing 200 Mocha Leather Wool Lined Winter Gloves, worth \$1.25, for... 69c
Scotch Heather Wool Gloves, worth up to \$1.25; your choice for... 69c
White Wool Gloves, worth \$1.25, for 69c

English Walking Glove, in dogskin; worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, for... 79c

The "Lenox" Single-stick English, Very Fine Smooth Kid Gloves, worth \$1.75, for... \$1.15

Russian Capeskin Walking Gloves, worth \$1.50 and \$1.75, for... \$1.15

Hosiery, 20c

500 pairs Heather Wool Hose, made in Scotland to our order, regularly sold at 35c a pair; will clear in a wholesale way at 5 pairs for \$1. Can't do it at this price, unless you take five pairs at once; 22c otherwise.

500 pairs Black Cashmere Hose, which we regularly sell at 3 pairs for \$1.00; now 22c a pair; or 5 pairs for... \$1.00

Expensive Shirts

Fine Silk and Silk and Wool Shirts, to go out quick:

Shirts, worth \$5.00, \$5.50, and \$6.00, in fine wool taffeta, for... \$3.00

Silk Shirts, shown in the Exhibition as the best and finest made in Canada product, cost from \$9.00 to \$10.00. Your choice of any shirt in the lot for \$5.75. Less than cost of material in them.

Fine Pleated Shirts, cost \$15.00 a dozen to make; made to sell at \$2.50, will clear at... \$1.25

English Linen Collars

Fine English Collars, pure Irish linen, cost us \$1.90 per dozen, or 16 cents each; we will sell at 15c each, or \$1.50 per doz.

R. J. Tooke Collars, your choice of any of the staple styles on the shelves at 9c each, or... \$1.08 per dozen

Knitted Silk Ties

Beautiful shades and colors in Knitted Silk Ties, plain colors, crossbars and shot silk effects; worth \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00; your choice of any tie in the lot for 75c.

This lot is extra fine value, and none of it cost less than \$11.00 per dozen at wholesale.

Silk and Wool Mufflers

Angora Wool Motor Scarfs, worth up to \$1.00, for... 49c

Silk Accordion-knit Mufflers, worth \$1.50, for... 89c

More expensive Silk Mufflers at very liberal discounts.

Suspenders and Garters

English Leather Brace, leather throughout; regular \$1.00 value; will clear at... 45c

Heavy Web English Brace, worth \$1.00, for... 45c

President Suspenders, worth 50c, for... 33c

French Suspenders, worth 50c, for... 35c

Kady Suspenders, worth 50c and 75c, for... 33c

Paris Garters, regular 25c, for... 49c

Silk Cravats

2,000 Silk Cravats, rich and rare patterns in silks of beautiful texture; the very latest shapes.

All 50c Cravats, 29c or 4 for... \$1.00

All 75c Neckwear, 55c, or 2 for... \$1.00

All \$1.00 Ties, 69c, or 3 for... \$2.00

Dress Ties, in fine white cambric and pique, regularly sold at 25c; hand tied and made up ties; sold at 2 for... 25c

We have never carried in stock any of the cheap, trashy ties used for bargain sales at regular intervals. These are all choice new cravats of the better class.

Leftovers in a lot of broken lines, 60,000, worth 50c and 75c, for... 49c

Fine English Lawn Dress Ties, 5c each, or... 39c per dozen

Pyjamas

Pyjama Suits, in fine soisette, different colors, all plain shades; worth \$2.50; will clear for... \$1.40 per suit

Pyjama Suits in White Scotch Zephyr cloth, very fine and durable wear, worth \$3.50, for... \$2.40 per suit

Silk Taffeta Pyjamas, worth \$5.50 and \$6.00, will clear at... \$3.75

All these are less than wholesale prices.

\$1.25 Shirts at 87c

500 R. J. Tooke Shirts, which we have been selling for years at \$1.25, will be put on sale on the opening day at 87c each; or 3 shirts for \$2.50.

These are very finely woven, Dominion Textile cambric, half a hundred new patterns to choose from; all sizes, from 14 to 18½.

White Dress Shirts, full size bottom, regularly worth \$1.50; will be sold for... \$1.15 each

Fall-weight Underwear

For men who like freedom the year round, we have some medium-weight underwear, with short sleeves—

Suits, worth \$1.25 to \$1.50, in both two-piece and combination, for... 69c

Merino Combination Underwear, worth from \$1.50 to \$2.00, for... 89c

Merino Combination Underwear, worth from \$2.00 to \$2.50, for... \$1.10 per suit.

Coat Sweaters

"Vissor" Sweaters, in grey and tan, worth \$4.00, for... \$2.75

"Vissor" Coat Sweaters, in finer wool, grey and tan, all sizes; worth \$5.00, for... \$3.25

Angora Coat Sweaters, in blue, grey and tan, worth \$6.00, for... \$4.25

Coat Sweaters, worth \$7.00, for... \$4.75

Raincoats Half Price

English "Manchester" Raincoats, in motor, Raglan and Balmacaan shapes, with or without split sleeve; some with silk yokes; many at half price to clear; others at one-third off.

\$10.00 Raincoats for \$5.00; Truitt brand.

\$12.00 Raincoats for \$6.00; Truitt brand.

\$15.00 Raincoats for \$7.50; Truitt brand.

Other Raincoats, this season's direct importation, very fine weaves; made in Great Britain. New \$10.00 Raincoats for \$6.50

New \$15.00 Raincoats for \$9.75

New \$20.00 Raincoats for \$12.50

New \$25.00 Raincoats for \$14.50

Umbrellas, 49c

Clearing 100 English Umbrellas, worth \$1.00, for 49c.