

TREMENDOUS TORONTO

A Centre Of Imperial Expansion

Abnormal Increases in Population and Business Makes City Government Spend Great Sums to Keep Up Pace and Prepare For What Next Five Years Will Hold—Many Millions For Constructive Improvements Will Keep Toronto Business On the Jump.

TORONTO has been hitting the high spots in the last five years, and she will be jumping along just as lively in the next five years. There are croakers who insist that Toronto is too big now for all purposes, and that anyone who expects the boundaries to be pushed out any farther is wild eyed. There will always be croakers and they will always be flies on the wheel.

In the past five years, Toronto has been speeding on higher gear than was suspected of being in the mechanism of progress. It is only now that the civic government has caught up with the needs that grew out of the abnormal increase in population and business. And having caught up, there is so much more to attend to that a change to lower gear is impossible.

Fifty Millions the Cost of Growth

TO GET a grasp on the pace Toronto has set to keep up with the progress of the whole Dominion, it has only to be stated that the civic government had to borrow twenty-five millions of dollars last year, to meet the needs from abnormal development, and will have to borrow another twenty-five millions of dollars this year for the same reason. Fifty millions of additional debt in two years to keep up in the procession!

But the need for money this year may not stop at twenty-five millions. It is ninety-nine chances out of a hundred that the clean-up of the franchises will be consummated in a few months. That will necessitate borrowing eight more millions of dollars, the balance of thirty millions of purchase price being met by an issuance of bonds to the stockholders of the electric railway, light and power companies. The grand total of borrowings this year would then be thirty-three millions of dollars, and fifty-eight millions in two years.

City Will Keep Up the Pace

IT IS history how Toronto hit the high spots in the past five years. Why Toronto will keep up the lick in the next five years is a matter of easy deduction.

To begin with, Toronto cannot expend fifty millions of dollars in two years without putting



King and Yonge is now the busiest corner in Canada. The completion, next fall, of its third skyscraper, will make it one of the busiest in the empire. Certainly it will be the most impressive corner under the flag.

Big Problems That Can Only Be Solved In A Big Way Face People of Toronto—Municipalization of All Public Utilities And Annexation of Congested Suburbs Will Help City Handle Its Business and Bring More Here. Next Five Years Will Be Even Better Than Last.

a lot of jump into business and keeping it jumping for more than a couple of years.

Next, the overflow of Toronto's population has created a problem in sanitation, that can be solved only by annexing more territory, for there is little likelihood of the civic government extending public conveniences to territory over which the city has no control. The township of York is even more concerned than Toronto in solving the problem of better sanitary conditions in the congested areas beyond the city's limits, and the officials of the township are quite willing to turn the responsibility over to the city by having the territory annexed to the city.

What We Must Do Right Away.

IN THE solving of the problem Toronto is not likely to take two bites at a cherry. The territory that will be annexed will be wide-spreading enough to assure the 40-mile boulevard drive, and to develop a couple of suburbs that will feed the Danforth avenue car line and Bloor street viaduct in the east, and the St. Clair avenue car line in the west. Then Toronto can grow as much as she likes for a few years, and the civic government will have full control of the growth.

Concurrent with the annexation of this wide-spreading territory will be the municipalization of the street railway system and the electric light and power competitors of the Hydro. Out into this wide-spreading territory will have to be extended the municipal street car and electric light and power systems. It will all be for the building of a greater Toronto. Best of all, the revenues from the railway and electric light and power systems will provide the money for extensions and new equipment, and Toronto will be moving on to a greater Toronto upon her own resources.

The Next Five Years

ALL this will be going on in the next five years. Then, when those five busy years are over, the Welland Canal will have been deepened, the Toronto harbor will have been made ready for a share of the inland merchant marine trade, and Toronto will commence to have big steel industries and all the auxiliary industries that are bound to follow. About that time Toronto will be racing towards the million-mark in population.

The croakers who are now saying that Toronto is too big for all purposes, will be wearing blue goggles in five years from now to withstand the glare of the limelight in which Toronto will be dancing along.

One Section of \$25,000,000 Harbor Development on Which Work Has Started



In six years Toronto people will be able to tell visitors that this city has the most useful and the most beautiful waterfront in America. Construction work on \$11,000,000 worth of contracts started this month. Before the summer thousands of men will be at work. Parts of the gigantic scheme will be finished in two or three years, but the whole will not be complete for a few years after that. This cross-section, representing about three-quarters of a mile, is an indication of what is to be done. It shows the boulevard, lagoon and park development at the lakeside, and the industrial area — equipped with magnificent shipping facilities — that will be built in what is now Ashbridge's Marsh. The harbor scheme is a Toronto-size project.