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PREMIER WHITNEY AND CHEAP POWER

As usual the cry of "vested rights" entation of the Toronto Electric Light Company's case before Premier Whitor intention to injure vested rights that monopolies are concerned, an overare just rights, and that is the whelming majority of British public point raised in connection with the demand that this public service corporation shall be allowed to present its shareholders with a hugs additional profit in the shape of the difference between the par and market values of its stock. It is significant that not one be allowed very long." It added, with tification of the proposal. What ran thru the whole contentions presented in behalf of the company was the implicit assumption that the position of a public service corporation is identical with that of an ordinary competitive public service corporations of Torontrading company. This is a transparto the people it has undertaken to ination of the factor of private inter serve, quite as important as those it est. owes its shareholders. -What the City the government to-day is not confiscation of any just vested interest, but a simple measure of justice.

The arguments against an increase in the capitalization of a public service company, on terms involving an appreciable measure of "stock watering," are in no way connected with exholdings, but that does not include any which has resulted in recent legislaalization more than is absolutely ne- on vested rights. It will not do. Fincessary to meet the legitimate cost of anciers who control public service corthe enterprise. In this case the \$1.000,- porations must be taught that the vestvalue, and that course is the one the government should insist upon as a matter of simple justice to the people. The principle involved is of general application to all franchise-hold- advise the Canadian who is in Walling corporations, and its soundness street to get out; he must be left to has already been admitted by the gov- decide for himself. But The World ernment in the companies' bill now be- does advise the Canadian who is not fore the legislature. The public are now in Wall-street to keep out of it, well entitled to expect that the gov- and it advises the Canadian banks ernment will apply that principle to who have any spare money to let out the case of the Toronto Electric Light to limit their operations chiefly to Company, and strong argument was their own country. Nobody knows what Company, and strong argument was their own country. The chaps do be a lot of chumps, Hinnesthe lieutenant-governor-in-council could man these days is the man who has sy! the lieutenant-governor-in-council could man these days is the lieutenant of finding at least withhold sanction to the bynot to bear the responsibility of finding tu'k a moighty foine hidpiece to paint law. Less than this cannot be ex- it out. pected from the government.

There is the further question of expropriation, a course which has been in a measure forced at this time upon City of Atlanta, showing keen appreelectric policy. That policy was conceived in the interest of the people and has won for the government warm and general commendation. The prices at which light and power can be delivered to the public consumer have been stated by the Hydro-Electric Commission to be about one-half those proposed to be charged by the electric syndicate. Evidently if the interests that control the generating, transmitting and distributing companies had given the public a square deal they would have been able to underbid the commission, and all the more, if, as is continually urged, private management is more efficient and economical than public operation. The figures of the power commission have been repeatedly examined and revised, and no valid objection has been taken to them. They may therefore be accepted as approximately correct, and that being so, it is the plain duty of the government to assist the municipalities in their effort to secure the advantage of cheap electricity. The element of publie competition, too, is one which can airly be urged in answer to the claim nade on behalf of the company in reect of future profits, based on a con-

THE TORONTO WORLD tinuation of its monopoly. Then it must be remembered that the com-Newspaper published every pany's stock has been maintained at Telephone—private exchange connecting all departments—Main 252. departments Main 252.

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RECKLESS FINANCE. What did Sir Henry Pellatt mean when he stated to Premier Whitney that an example of the results of interference with vested nights had been given in the absolute failure of muni- road situation and the public wrongs espal ownership in Great Britain and inseparable from the operations of the recent financial panic in the United public service companies. For the States? He must surely credit the stock manipulations which have been premier, his colleagues and the citi- so frequently and strikingly exposed zens in general with but a small meas- of late are not peculiar to railroads. ure of intelligence if he thought but are common to all franchise-holdthat a statement so utterly unfounded ing companies who have been so long helped the case he was attempting to support. It has been repeatedly shown, beyond reach of cavil, that the pub- enjoying a vested right to prey upon licly-owned and operated services of and plunder the people to the utmost British cities are superior in every de- of their ability and ingenuity. partment of management to those in the hands of private companies. But Smith, that are public in their nature

sult of the London County council it to the public to furnish ample means election in support of his statement, was much in evidence during the pres- ers found it necessary to repudiate only reasonable rates for this service. ney yesterday. No one has either wish The truth is that so far as service operation. Even an ultra-Conservative journal-The Saturday Review-commenting on this very point, stated that "the discontinuance of a public serreference to the lighting problem: "Ultimately, no doubt, the supply of light (whatever the light may be) will be vested wholly in public bodies." Looking to the history and actions of the ent failacy. A franchise-holding cor- but can see the advantage that would peration is a public trustee, with duties accrue to the people thru the elim-

His reference to the financial panic of Toronto requires at the hands of in the United States was equally incorrect. Opponents of public ownership concede that the explosion of public resentment, which led to the recent investigations and disclosures, was due to the gross over-capitalization and other forms of stock and rate manipulation rampant for years in the republic. Even Mr. Harriman, one of propriation, and in this case would be the last and most advanced specimens equally valid supposing no offer of of the breed, in a sudden departure government-supplied power existed. No from his usual role of silence, admitted one challenges the claim of bona-fide that "the railroads are in a measure investors to a fair return on their to blame for the spirit of distrust right to allot themselves stock at par tion." Yet Sir Henry Pellatt wants which apparently is worth far more on the government and public of Ontario the market. It is part of the duty to believe that a panic which was a public service corporation owes the the natural consequence of reckless public user not to increase its capit- finance, was due to a wanton attack 000 required can be raised by issuing ed rights of the people are as worthy a lesser amount of stock at market of consideration as the vested rights of stockholders. That lesson is now being driven home.

KEEP OUT OF WALL STREET. The World will not undertake to

CORPORATION RIGHTS AND DUTIES ciation of the evils of the existing rail-



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Makers, Berlin immune from criticism and control that they now regard themselves as

Corporations, says Governor Hoke perhaps, to Sir Henry Pellatt, the idea and are given special privileges asthat a public utility can be conducted sume special duties. A railroad comsuccessfully in the straight interest of pany, for example, "by reason of its the people, and without opportunity public nature assumes the responsiblof stock manipulation for private pro- bility to furnish an adequate and safe fit, is too astounding to be conceivable. service for the business of those deal-Sir Henry cannot appeal to the re- ing with it. A railroad company owes for transporation over its lines for since the victorious Municipal Reform- persons and freight, and to charge with vehemence the charge that they The duties of a railroad are therefore with vehemence the charge that they dual; first to the public; second to its of land required.

Intended to lease the street railways stockholders. The officers who man- At St, Luke's hospital, the rates age the railroad company are selected by the stockholders and have in view opinion favors municipal ownership and primarily the payment of large dividends. The public must look to the state to protect their rights." On the question of watered stocks

the governor speaks well and strongly: "I will not," he said, "occupy your time now to present proof of excessive charges made for transporting freight. It has been esti-mated that the railroad companies in the United States are paying interest and dividends upon \$6.500,of watered stocks and bonds. The highest court of our land has declared that transportation charges made by railroad companpay dividends on stocks and

bonds issued in excess of money actually put into the properties are The figures I have just presented to you show that the transportation companies of the United States are yearly taxing the public over \$300,000,000 in excess of what they should justly charge for the

"We can easily place our finger upon the root of the evil, so far as the conduct of the transportation companies is concerned. "They have issued enormou quantities of watered stocks and watered bonds. They are straining their properties to pay dividends on

these excessive bond and stock is-The public is charged unreasonable rates that the money may be made to pay dividends on these stocks and bonds, and net earnings which should have been used to equip the properties have been paid out on excessive bond and stock issues. The long hours of work and the low pay to employes have not been required to make legitimate dividends on legitimate stocks, but these burdens, also, have be placed in the interest of excessive bond and stock issues.

'Marked values have been creatthe excessive bond and stock issues by dividends paid on "The officers high up in authority have reaped their millions in profits, while the rights of the public

have been disregarded. "While the time must come when the officers of the railroad companies realize and live up to their duties to the public, it will not precede a bold and vigoro forcement of the rights of the public by national state governments.

MR. DOOLEY ON ORIGINALITY IN

"Oi was at the pictur' show the other other day, and, moi, but thim painter

a pictur!"
"Ye're roight there, Hinnessy, me Not long ago Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia delivered an address in the ye their imprission of the control of t ye their imprission, an' a mo quare imprission, an a moignty quare imprission they give ye sometoimes. But Oi admire thim imprissions, for they stroik ye as resimbling nothing ye iver saw before in hivin or earth! And the quarer they be, the more oreeginal they be an' so Oi say go on an' ye'll do well yet. But they are not all oreeginal yet. But they are not all oreeginal—ing the animals from Riverdale 200, no, not bol enny manes, an' the smalling the animals from Riverdale 200, est, meanest little divil of thim all is they used their brains in securing donations of animals from west enders, man's nations of animals from west enders, the wan who will stale a man's nations of animals brains, an eemitate him so that the it would be better." divil himself couldn't tell who done it, the master or the monkey. Of say by John A. Phinn, protesting against the master or the monkey. little divil, for Oi'm sure no big man, no man with brains of his own, would erdale Zoo to High Park. do it. But the worst of it all is that the art creetics, thim laryers an' tobacconists an' long-haired college profissors, who think they know more
than the painter chaps, call this brain
stealing, this thaving of another
man's ideas, art. and they buy thim,
whin they don't have to pay for thim
out of their own pockets.

The manager of the R. G. Cluff Co.
on Lombard-street wrote protesting
against the alleged nuisance to passwhin they don't have to pay for thim against the alleged nuisance to pass-out of their own pockets. An' that's ers-by thru the gathering of expresswhoi Oi say thim painters is chumps for not keeping all these spoorlous street. The city engineer will report. eemitations out of their show, an' not choosing the picturs thimselves, when lows: Peter-street, from they have the chance to spind a few to Queen-street, Godson Contracting couragemint of art."

When lows: Peter-street, from King-street to Queen-street, Godson Contracting CQ, \$5261; bitulithic, Grant-street, from

THIEVES CARRY OFF 800 POUNDS

Walkerville, March 20. (Special.)-Detectives are looking for thieves who carried off an 800-pound piece of the bell of the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Lake St. Claire, which was broken in the are a week ago.

General Hospital Investigating Committee Returns- Renewed Request for \$200,000 Grant.

CITY HALL TO-DAY.

3 p.m.: Board of control.

Armed with information obtained thru inspection of a number of hos- ed to an enormous extent during pitals in United States cities, the special committee appointed by the general hospital board returned yesterday. The party included M. J. Haney, Prof. A. B. Macallum, Dr. R. W. Bruce-Smith, Frank Darling, and Dr. J. N. E. Brown, medical superinten-

dent of the hospital.

In New York, five hospitals were visited namely, St. Luke's, Roosevelt, Bellevue, Mount Sinai and the New York, one in Philadelphia, the Jeffer-son Medical College Hospital, and one in Baltimore, the Johns Hopkins. Superintendent Brown says that To-ronto General Hospital is now economically and better managed than any of the institutions visited, where the cost per patient was \$1.97 to \$2.50 a day, whereas last year it was but \$1.33 a day here. While the Bellevue rate was \$1.30, no private patients were treated, and the standard of food and treatment was not nearly so high. There were two types of the best style of hospital inspected, one the pavilion system as represented by the Johns Hopkins, consisting of a by a number of manufacturers now ated from each other and covering a considerable area of ground, and the multiple storey hospital, such as those in New York, consisting of a single building rising to a height of eight or ten storeys.

The latter type was cheaper to build and to manage, and an objection to the pavilion style was the large extent

ranged from \$3,50 to \$12 per day. In Bellevue 930 patients were under treatment, including sufferers from contag-ious diseases, tuberculosis, temporar-ily insane patients and victims of alcoholism. The new Bellevue Hospital is to cost \$10,000,000.

In the New York hospital, the operating theatre alone cost \$10,000. The

visitors yere impressed with the pains taken to render the Mount Sinai and Johns Hopkins Hospitals fireproof. Hospitals Argue Case.

Detailed reasons why the city should grant \$200,000 to Grace, Western and St. Michael's Hospitals, were given in a letter from Jos. E. Atkinson on behalf of the board of governors of the first named hospital, received by the board of control yesterday. Grace Hospital, he said, was now the west on College-street and north on Huron-street to Division-street. three hospitals, he asserted, car-

Dr. John Ferguson, writing on be half of the Western Hospital, said the entire grant would be expended in needed extensions, and that the hos-

control to ask that the rate of \$2 a lay charged by the city for patients rom the Junction admitted to the Isolation Hospital be reduced to \$1. he previous rate. It was explained the patients themselves paid, save in cases where they were en-tirely destitute, when the Junction bore the cost.

Dr. Sheard opposed the application. pointing out that it cost the hospital one dollar a day for food and nursing for each patient, not including interest on capital account. The rates charged were the same to all outside municipalities, and, altogether, not more than 10 or 12 were usually admitted yearly, the Junction sending on the average four patients only. As these outside municipalities maintained no isolation hospitals, Dr. Sheard thought it only fair that the city should obtain a small profit especial ly as the city supplied the ambulance or removal of outside patients. Mr. Ward, one of the visitors, pro-

mised that the Junction would soon have an ambulance in commission, and the deputation left with the promise that consideration would be given their claims. No Cause to Complain

Dr. Sheard, reporting on Dr. Noble's complaint that consumptive patients could not obtain admission to the city ospitals, said there was no very great formation that the Weston Sanitarium had refused a single case. The hospitals were only crowded at certain Consumption was la chronic rather than an acute disease, and the loss of a few days in getting admission to a hospital was not a matter of vital importance. Sufferers from much more acute ailments sometimes had to

Some Pointed Advice. "I think, Mr. Mayor, that if would suggest to the west end alder-

be temporarily refused.

the removal of any animals from Riv-"Don't you think that's asking too much from west end aldermen?"

men around the sheiter near Victoria Paving contracts were let as fol-ows: Peter-street, from King-street

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Kintyre-avenue to north city limits, \$766; Melville-avenue, Shaw-street to 616 feet east, \$3495; Dagmar-avenue, Pape-avenue to 175 feet east of Brooklin-avenue, \$4280, all to the city engineer; concrete curb on Peter-street, east side, King-street to Queen-street, city engineer, at 32c per foot.

Some Good Chinamen.

A petition asking that the police adopt vigorous measures to repress gambling has been signed by 120 Chi-namen and forwarded to the city council and the board of police com-

Regret is expressed at the "deplorable increase of gambling among the Chinese in Toronto," and information is stated to have been received that there are a number of Chinese resorts in Toronto which the contract of the con in Toronto, which purport to carry on trade, but which are really nothing more nor less than gambling dens, by reason of which gambling has increaspast year.
An "active crusade" is requested for

the suppression of these dens and the

ment of their keepers. Railway Makes Defence. The Grand Trunk Railway, replying to the city re the application to the railway commission to compel all trains to stop before crossing at Yonge, Bay and Dufferin-streets, declares that if this procedure were adopted at Yonge-street instead of at the Union Station and with the crowds passing to and from the boats, it would passing to and from the boats, it would be impossible to guard against confu-sion and accident. The company did practically no switching across Bay-street, and the only pedestrian traffic, practically, at the Dufferin crossing was during exhibition, when it was fully protected by flagmen.

Ald Church says that if the city consents to pay one-third of the cost of Yonge-street bridge he will apply for an injunction to prevent the agree

number of one-storey buildings separated from each other and covering a considerable area of ground, and the prices that they intend abandoning their old plants altogether to take up

Niagara power.

A fixed schedule of salaries for all civic officials, including assistants as well as heads of departments, is a sug gestion made by Controller Hocker for the better equalization of salaries It has cost the city \$17,000 more than the original estimate of \$175,000 for the new fifteen million gallon pumping engine, thru additional work and incrase in the cost of labor and material

ASPECT OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

Editor World:-There is on aspect of public ownership that, I think, cannot be too strongly dwelt upon. That is the humanitarian side of it. The saving in human life that would result from the municipal control of street railways, and government control of railroads, would, in itself, if other reasons were lacking, be a sufficient reason for adopting the principle of public owner-

Pro-corporationists keep repeating that public ownership would mean an ready to build on the land acquired to the west on College-street and north course, all nonse What is money in comwere true. ed for 60 per cent, of the sick of the advantages the public may derive from the private control of railroads, they pay for in a gruesome toll of human

list of those that have been killed in pital was willing to agree to the same conditions as accompanied the \$200. one for Toronto. Those victims were ruthlessly ground beneath the conditions are accompanied to the same this city by the street railway. It was a very long one for Toronto. Those victims were ruthlessly ground beneath The board of control will hold a outlay of a few hundred dollars for special meeting soon to deal with the proper fenders would have saved most, the wheels of our street juggernaut. The if not all, of those victims. But that outlay would have brought in no fin-A deputation from the Toronto ancial returns, and it was not made. In Chicago an average of one person In Chicago an average of one person he afternoon sitting of the board of a day is killed by the street railway. every city in Canada and the United States, where the street railway is under the control of private capital ists, a similar state of affairs prevails. Again, railroad disasters are ing of almost daily occurrence in Canada. Every little while a score or so of the traveling public are crushed or burned to death in a train wreck w more employes, a little additional outlay, would prevent many of these It would reduce the dividends And no must be allowed to interfere with the dividends

How long is the public going to put up with this state of affairs? How long are we going to continue making human sacrifices to the god mamn Under public ownership this slaughter will cease. Under private management verything is run with an eye to profit. Under public ownership everyth ione with an eye to the welfare of the public. If the people could be made in some

way to fully realize the enormous loss of life and suffering that is annually caused by preventible train there would not be a man or woman sordid enough, or who would not feel ashamed, to oppose public ownership on the ground that it might result in a slight increase of taxes. neartless, soulless and consciencele individual that would advocate the sacthice of scores of men, women and children every year, in order to keep down taxes. Such an individual is not to be found outside of corporations. Could not the kinetograph be effectively used to enable the masses to fully realize the hornors of tain weeks? A vivid reproduction of a railway disaster canvas, with a plethoric railroad magnate enjoying himself in the back cund-a sort of fiddling Nero-would. believe, do much to convert the general public to the adoption of public Workman. ownership.

THE STORE THEATRE.

Editor World: In your issue of March 20, you publish an article detailing what steps are being taken by the authorities in New York to close the small or "store" theatres in the metropolis, on the ground of public safety. In other cities action has been taken by the health, fire and police authorities to regulate this business and make the owners comply with the civic ordinances coveing the same. As Toronto is growing rapidly and conditions are likely to be the same here as in New York, would it not be advisable for the officials here to pay a little attention to the construction of all small places catering to the public, the same as they did to the large houses? There s practically more danger from fire where picture machines are used than there is in the big theatres, yet the former are not compelled to make proper provision for tection in case of fire. the danger is greater in the sma'l places, the record of the local fire department for the past two years will prove. The civic authorities should insist on proper protection of the public.

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Chambers Cartwright, master, at 11 a.m.

Single Court Cases set down for hearing before he Hon. Chief Justice Meredith at 1. Hodgins v. Seale. 2. Clisdell v. Lovell. 3. Re Hall estate.

4. Re Canada Cabinet Co. Divisional Court, Hon. Chief Justice Falconridge, Britton, J.; Clute, J. Peremptory list for 11 a.m. 1. Kennedy 2. Kennedy v. Kennedy

Toronto Non-Jury Sittings, The Hon. Mr. Justice Teetzel. Permptory list for 10.30 a.m.; Sapera v. Singer. O'Hara v. Creighton. Simpson v. Eaton Solway v. G.T.R. Co.

Toronto Spring Assizes. The Hon. Mr. Justice Anglin pernptory list for 10 a.m. McArthur v. Toronto Railway. Frausynk v. Simpson

Smith v. Toronto Railway. To Set Aside Tax Sale. The corporation of the City of To-ronto has been made defendant in an action brought by George William Broddy and James Hunter, executors of Alexander Broddy, deceased, have a certain tax sale set aside of

lands on the north side of Dundas-To Produce the Title Papers. The T. Eaton Co. obtained from Master-in-Chambers Cartwright an order allowing them to subpoena the registrar of the eastern division of ronto to produce certain papers at the trial of the action brought against

them by Frank Simpson over certain property on Albert-street. Endorsed a Note. John D. Pringle has begun an action against Julius Olskinetsky of Toro claiming against the defendant \$1778.68 as drawer of a bill of exchange, as endorser of a promissory note and endorser of a cheque assigned to the plaintiff by the Crown Bank of Can-

Natural Gas

The St. Catharines and Niagara Power and Fuel Co. are appealing to the divisional court from the judg-ment of the Hon. Mr. Justice Teetzel dismissing their action against the Thorold Natural Gas Co. and dissolving the interim injunction. The action is to restrain the Thorold Natural Gas Co. from purchasing or receiving natural gas from line of the Niagara Peninsular Power and Gas Co., and to restrain the latter company from selling or delivering to the Thorold Co. any natural

Upset the Judgment. George Burnfield lives in the Townsh ipof Medonte and on his premises was some valuable timber. Lovering, a Barrie lumberman, in cutting timber on the next lot, encroached on Burnfield's premises and cut son.

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down some of his timber. Burnile brought an action for trespass, and to recover damages. The county court judge dismissed the action. Burnfeld appealed to the divisional court, and they have now given judgment in his favor. The county court judgm favor. The county court has for plain-vacated and judgment given for plainiff for \$65 with costs in the cou low and of the appeal.

PAINTINGS SOLD FOR \$625,000 J. P. Morgan Believed to Have Purchased Van Dyke Property.

Genoa, March 20 .- Investigation of the recent sale of seven paintings by Van Dyke by the family of the Marquis of Cattaneo has brought out the information that these canvases were obtained for \$625,000 by a French trader who subsequently re-sold them to an agent, supposed to represent J. P. Morgan.

Parochial Mission Closed

The Parochial Mission begun at St Mark's, Cowan-avenue, on evening, 6th inst., concluded yesterday evening with the last mission service, the last eucharists being cele brated at 5.30 and 7 o'clock this ing. The attendance thruout the mis sion was good. During the two weeks Mr. Little delivered forty-four serof which were found most helpful by those who hear dthem.

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