

THE GROWTH OF TORONTO.

Facts that Tell of the City's Development.

THE ASSESSMENT. The Population is Now About 220,000. The City is Wrestling with the Question of Improving Its Fire Protection Service.

If any evidence of the rapid progress of the city of Toronto is needed it is found in the returns of the Commissioner of Assessment and Property on the assessment for the year 1905. The gross assessment for the year is \$174,468,155 and deducting the exemptions amounting to \$25,176,061, the net assessment is \$149,292,094. It is interesting to note the gradual and steady increase in the assessment for the past two years:

Table showing assessment data for various years from 1884 to 1905, including gross and net assessment values.

The population, according to the assessors, has increased by 7,369. It is now 220,365. The decennial census since 1854 has been as follows:

Table showing population figures for various years from 1854 to 1904.

It is estimated that the population of the city will be half a million in thirty years. Toronto is wrestling with the question of improving its services for fire protection. Even before the big conflagration which wiped out a large business section of the city, steps were taken to bring about an improvement in the fire supply.

The Board of Fire Commissioners has been appointed and after studying fire fighting appliances in other cities has brought in a report recommending an expenditure of \$774,000 in an auxiliary system. The Governor in Council, however, is not satisfied. The fire insurance rates and comes forward with a general plan to improve the fire service which will cost thousands more than that proposed by the city.

BANK CONCENTRATION.

Modern business needs for its conduct a supply of credit, just as man needs air to breathe and food to eat. It is impossible to conduct commerce or industry without the use of credit at all times and in large quantities. It is the business of a bank to collect credit, store it for use, and distribute it where it is needed.

URESILVER ARRESTED.

Broke His Opponent's Spine and is Charged With Manslaughter.

New York, Oct. 19.—A Berlin despatch to the Times says: An American negro named News has been sentenced to Naumberg to six months imprisonment for manslaughter, as the result of the death of his opponent in a wrestling match. At the Sharpshooters' Festival held at Zeltz, in Saxony, a mason named Lanzendorf, although weighing only 115 pounds, and a dwarf in stature compared with the negro, accepted News's challenge to wrestle. News quickly threw him out. Lanzendorf's shoulders were not squarely on the ground and he endeavored to save himself by arching his body. The negro grasped him and threw his whole weight on him breaking his spine. News in court, pleaded that he acted strictly according to the rules of the art of self-defence.

CALVIN AUSTIN BROKE RECORD.

From Boston to Portland in Six Hours and Four Minutes Is the Latest Performance.

The steamer Calvin Austin, the queen of the Eastern Steamship Company's fleet, is rapidly establishing a great name for herself by making the time between the respective points to which she runs. Yesterday the immense steamship broke all eastward bound records between Boston and Portland, covering the distance in six hours and four minutes. This has never been equalled. The Austin left Boston at 9 o'clock yesterday morning and arrived here docked in this city at 3:10 o'clock in the afternoon. Records, however, are counted from the time the steamer gets her full speed ahead until she gets the first one to slow down and in the case of the Austin it was only six hours and four minutes after she had received her full speed bell in Boston when she received her slow down bell in this port.

It is much easier to make fast time going from Portland to Boston than it is from that city here on account of the tides and currents, so there is always considerable difference in the running time of steamers in the two directions. The Governor in Council of the Portland Division holds the records to the westward, having covered the distance some time ago in about five hours and 54 minutes. The St. Croix has also made some great records between the two points and on the eastward passage has made the run in six hours and 30 minutes.

The Austin also broke her record from Board Cove into port, yesterday, beating her best previous time by two minutes. The Austin has recently been on the marine railway where she was thoroughly cleaned and where she had a new and larger propeller put on. This is the cause of the great time she is now making and will probably continue to make.

The Austin also broke some records last week which have not been made public before. Last week she covered the distance from Portland to Eastport in 11 hours and 51 minutes. This is 190 miles and breaks all previous records by several minutes. The average time on this run is hardly ever much less than 12 1/2 or 13 hours.

Last Monday the Austin broke the record between Eastport and St. John, N. B., covering the distance of 50 miles in two hours and 50 minutes. The trip had never been made previous at this time in less than three hours. The steamers of the Eastern Steamship Company are out to break records and they are certainly doing it.

A PERILOUS FLIGHT.

There is a thrilling story of the adventure of a French submarine boat while carrying out manoeuvres recently in the neighborhood of Havre. The little vessel entered the estuary of the Seine and proceeded some distance up the river. Then an attempt was made to bring it to the surface, but it failed to rise. The fact that the specific gravity of fresh water was less than that of sea water had been overlooked. For twenty minutes efforts were made to bring the boat to the surface, but without avail, and the position became more serious when several of the crew fainted, owing to the foulness of the air. To make matters worse, the submarine, instead of rising, showed signs of settling on the river bed and becoming fixed there. The officer in command, at length, perceiving the cause of the trouble, made for this open sea at full speed. All the while the men who were suffering behaved admirably. Shortly afterwards they had the satisfaction of noting that their position was improving, and that the boat was gradually rising as they entered the denser water, and finally they reached the surface. By this time the crew was almost overcome, but, with the exception of three, they quickly recovered on reaching the fresh air. The three in question were so ill that they had to be removed to a hospital.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Quotations furnished for 'The Evening Times' by E. E. Beck & Co., Bankers & Brokers, 55 Canterbury St. Direct prices to New York, Boston, and Chicago Stock Exchanges. Phone 900.

Table of stock market prices for various commodities like Amal Copper, Am Car & Foundry, Am Locomotive, etc.

THEY ALL SAY WHOA.

'When I started on my trip around the world I intended,' said a horseman, 'to find out what a horseman had a little book, and in it I intended to make a list of the various words for 'whoa.' 'Do you know what I discovered? I discovered that 'whoa' is the same in all the languages. The Russian stops his horse with 'whoa,' the Persian stops his with 'whoa,' the Chinaman his with 'whoa,' and the Dutchman his with 'whoa.' And 'whoa,' I discovered, has been from the dawn of time the word to stop horses with. The Greeks and Romans used it in a slightly different form—'ohe.' The old English 'whoa' was 'ho.' 'A philologist told me the other day that many of our 'animal words'—the words we order our animals about with—are as old as or older than 'whoa.' Take, for instance, 'cows,' the soothing call to the cow. 'Cows' comes from the Sanscrit root 'gu,' meaning to low. Another cow word, 'soh,' which might be translated 'Please keep still,' comes from the Sanscrit 'sooh,' meaning to stay motionless. And you know our chicken word—'chick, chick, chick'—the word spoken in a high key, wherewith we summon our chickens to their meals? Well, that comes directly down to us from the Sanscrit, 'kuk,' a domestic fowl.'

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING.

Table of shipping arrivals and departures for various ports like Port of St. John, Dominion Ports, and Foreign Ports.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Table of stock market prices for various commodities like Amal Copper, Am Car & Foundry, Am Locomotive, etc.

Chicago Market. Dec. Wheat, 1144 1144 1154. May Wheat, 1124 1124 1134. Dec. Corn, 494 494 494. May Corn, 484 484 484.

STOCK MARKET.

Town Topics—Mr. Vandervliet's speech while optimistic is also regarded as cautious. The indications point to a strong and high market, with the Erie and Harbinger stocks the leaders. Heavy buying of the Erie is reported from the Erie market. A move is expected here based on rumor of the Erie's control of the property and re-election of Geo. F. Baker, of the First National Bank, a director of the Erie. An upward move is expected in O. W. S. R. U. P., and ST., also the steel trusts. A permanent business buyers on a liberal scale. We get full tips on the Penna group. Sentiment in the stock market continues bullish and higher prices for wheat are expected.

EXPORTS.

For Buenos Ayres for orders, 395,900 lbs spruce boards, 397,249 ft spruce scantling. For Yarmouthville, per schr Pandora, 100 cords poplar pulp wood.

A PLAGUE OF MADMEN.

A town in Italy, is suffering from a plague of madmen. One evening recently, a party of forty lunatics was unloading at the railway station without notice, and set free. They wandered about the place in a half-savage condition, to the great terror of the inhabitants. The mayor or telegraphed to the prefect of the province, for an explanation. In reply, he learned that the provincial council, owing to lack of funds, had been obliged to close the lunatic asylum, and send all the inmates home to their families. Those who were unclaimed and without relatives had been sent to Atesa, the nearest town and set free.

WAS HE WARMER?

A Scotch doctor who was attending a laird had instructed the butler of the house in the art of taking and recording his master's temperature with a thermometer. On repairing to the house one morning he was met by the butler, to whom he said: 'Well, John, I hope the laird's temperature is not any higher today.' The man looked puzzled for a moment, and then replied: 'Well, I was just wonderin' that myself. Ye see he died at twal o'clock.'

Political Meeting.

A Public Meeting in the interests of the Liberal Party will be held in the City Hall, West End, Friday Evening, Oct. 18, 1904. Addresses will be delivered by Senator J. V. Ellis, Richard O'Brien, Hon. H. A. McKeown and others. Chair will be taken at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all electors to be present. Seats reserved for ladies. By order, THOS. McAVITY, Chairman Liberal Executive Committee.

E. E. BECK & CO., STOCK BROKERS.

Agents for—F. S. Colton & Co., (members New York Consolidated Stock Exchange.) Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Cotton. Bought and Sold for Cash or on moderate deposit. Best information given on Securities. Direct private wire to New York, Boston and Chicago Stock Exchanges. Quickest and Best Service to be had. Offices, 55 Canterbury St. Rooms 37 and 38. Telephone 900.

The Hygienic Bakery.

Is making fifty assorted kinds of Bread. Ask your grocer for it. Tea and Breakfast Rolls. Cakes and Pastry of all kinds.

The Hygienic Bakery.

Is at 134 and 138 Mill Street.

Classified Advertisements.

One cent a word each insertion. Six consecutive insertions for the price of four. Minimum charge 25 cents. CET Your Want If You Want Ads in Early to Ensure Proper classification. To Rent a Room or to Secure Boarders; if you want Help or want a Situation, try a TIMES WANT in the ST. JOHN EVENING TIMES. One cent a word each insertion, six insertions for the price of four. Minimum 25c. YOU GET RESULTS. LOST. LOST—This morning, between Stanley street and Canterbury street, by way of Garrison, Coburg and Charlotte, a sou'wester brooch, in the shape of two hearts. Finder will confer favor by leaving same at the Times Office, or 155 City Road.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—At 98 Prince St., Carleton beginning Wednesday 12th October, the following household effects of Rev. James Burgess: (Upright piano, Morris.) FURNITURE FOR SALE CHEAP—Marble top tables, pictures, stoves, table, dining chairs, parlor suit, bedding etc. Can be seen any time, M. E. Cohan, No. 4 Sydney street.

MALE HELP WANTED. WANTED—A steady man, or strong boy, to make himself generally useful around a store. Apply to Belyea Bros., 54 King street. WANTED—Pressman and coatmaker, Robinson, The Tailor, 198 Union street, up stairs.

AGENTS WANTED. TO LET—Two parlors, with grates and clothes press. Address B. C., this office. TO RENT—Large room furnished for two gentlemen; three minutes walk from head of King street. Answer J. B., Evening Times Office.

BOARDS WANTED. THREE OF FOUR GENTLEMEN can be accompanied with rooms and board; all conveniences. Also rooms for light housekeeping. Address—M. WANTED—AT BOSTON HOUSE, 14 Chipman Hill, homelike, good board, terms reasonable.

MONEY TO LOAN. MONEY TO LOAN ON FREEHOLD security. E. T. C. Knowles, Palmer's Chambers, Princess street. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. \$20.00 EARNS \$1000.00 IN ONE MONTH. This represents average profits for past six months. In six weeks recently \$1,500.00 was earned on a \$20 investment. A straight forward honorable business proposition coming from a corporation with \$100,000 capital. National Bank reference. Write for particulars. Star & Crescent Co., Dept. 28, 226-228 La Salle Street, Chicago.

MISCELLANEOUS. Pianos, Pipe and Reed Organs, tuned by A. B. Osborne. Orders left at W. H. Bell's, 79 Germain St., Phone 1427. AMUSEMENTS. York Theatre. WEEK COMMENCING Monday, Oct. 17th. A Banner Bill of Vandeville.

Opera House. The Musical Extravaganza PRINCE RAMON. Direction of Capt. C. W. Eddy's Huntington Bureau, Boston. Under the auspices of the Neptune Rowing Club. A Banner Bill of Vandeville.

Opera House. OCTOBER 21. MATINEE 22. JULES MURRY PRESENTS Marie Wainwright As VIOLA in SHAKESPEARE'S TWELFTH NIGHT. Eminent Cast and Superbly Mounted. Carrying the entire scenic production, including superb electrical effects.

C. E. DOWDEN, Manager. Offices, 55 Canterbury St. Rooms 37 and 38. Telephone 900.

Price—Matinee, 25c 50c 75c. Night, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50.