NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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THE PROPOSED READING-ROOM

knowledge of the question.

for a moment that "our boys" all spend their evenings in the hotels. No doubt a few of them do, but many do not. Cure for those (few though they may be) who already habituate these places, is desirable. But for those who do not frequent them "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

The plan is to furnish the room with the leading daily and weekly papers; also with the magazines. To provide in addition games that can be engaged in without too much disturbance to others who might be reading. In fact, to keep open a room bright and attractive, where all citizens, young and old, who are so disposed, may find a pleasant resort and pleasant and helpful entertainment. Some, of course, might at first go for the sake of pleasure derived from games. But even these could hardly attend the room frequently without curiosity or interest leading them to examine some of the reading matter, and thus inform and improve themselves.

For a time it would hardly be possible to keep the room open more than three nights a week. But once its success is proven, and its patronronage increased, it is altogether likely that it could be kept open every night in the week.

The expenses of maintenance are all within sight. The government gives a grant sufficient to cover cost of all necessary reading matter. The Mechanics' Institute Board of Directors will, by the establishment of the room, be enabled to make a grant, which, with the amount placed at their disposal by the Village Council, will cover all expenses of operation. Only one item is left unprovided for, viz., the expenses of furnishings and fittings. There are, however, enough promises on the part of private individuals to guarantee this item of ex-

This is in brief the outline of the plan as considered by the Board. Suggestions will, however, be gladly received, and we shall be pleased to open our columns for this purpose, and for general discussion as invited last week.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY MATTERS.

The Ontario Legislature has been asked to deal with several questions melating to electric railways, during

the present session. Among other matters the power to acquire stock in the Metropolitan railway asked for by the town of North Toronto was refused, except on conditions which the town deem unreasonable. The matter will, however, be the subject of negotiations during the year, and in the event of the town failing to In our last issue we invited dis- come to an agreement with the comcussion relative to the advisability of pany, the former will next year press the establishment of a Reading-Room, for the power that has just been dewith especial regard as to whether clined. The town representatives such a Reading-Room would be uti- feel comforted over a statement made lized by the citizens or not. We by the chairman. Mr. Bronson said have thought it advisable to give an the Cabinet had given the bill considoutline of the project as considered eration, and if the railway did not by the directors of the Mechanics' In- meet the town on favorable terms stitute. This may give text for criti- the latter might expect whatever recism, and will give our readers an dress was necessary to put it in a idea of what is intended, so that sug- proper position next year. The bill gestions may not be made without a was also opposed by the County Council of York, who made no attempt to It is scarcely necessary here to re- conceal their opinion that North Tofer to the need of such an institution. ronto was seeking to acquire enough There are some of our citizens- stock in the Metropolitan railway to among them some of our most worthy | control the line, with the object of -who have no access to daily papers, selling to the Toronto Railway Commuch less to magazine literature. pany, in which case the "county pro-Our young men, in fall and spring | fessed to believe that the proposed exseasons especially, have no place of tension to Richmond Hill would not welcome public resort outside of the be built, as the company has no power hotels. The object of the Reading under the law at present to make the Room is to provide these privileges extension. The Metropolitan Railto the above classes. Many of our way Company have at last managed older citizens would be glad to drop to secure the legislature's consent to in, even if only accessible every other | municipalities issuing debentures for night, and peruse the newspapers and the granting of a bonus to that commonthly magazines. Our young pany extending over a period of men, we think, would also be glad to thirty, instead of twenty, years. The avail themselves of the privileges company were refused permission to thus provided. It is not insinuated run passenger cars on Sunday, but were allowed permission to run a milk train.

> The more that people know of the Succession Tax, the more popular will that measure become. It is true, there are still a few people who profess to believe that the Ontario Legislature in exacting a small percentage of a man's estate over \$100,000, commits a robbery on the property of the deceased. They contend that if a man is successful in business, he alone should have the right to say how his wealth shall be divided after his death.

> We contend, however, that where a man has been eminently successful, it is better that the state should exact a small sum to be distributed among those who have been less successful. The will of the late Colonel Allan Gilmour was probated a few days ago, when it was found that of his' estate of \$1,452,824, the Ontario Government would add to the treasury \$140,000.

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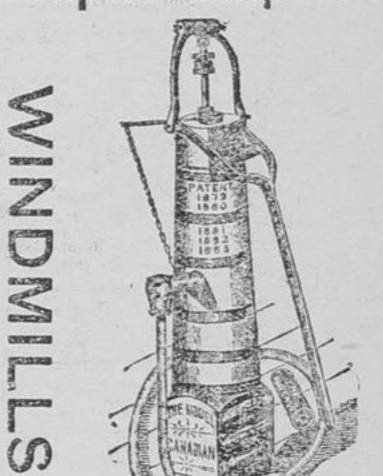
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