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## LOOKING FORWARD

In another column we publish a communication from a correspondent with regard to the radial question.

We concede to our correspondent the right to his own opinion. But we do not concede that those who differ with him utterly, but approach the matter in better temper and possibly with wider vision, are either "Ananias" or purveyors of "falsehoods."

Our correspondent's sole suggestion looking to "an ever better Richmond Hill" is that our citizens should tax themselves with a view to creating here a Rest Cure Garden for Toronto's Tired Business Men—or at least for a "class" of persons of wealth and spacious leisure, whose eyes are now offended by the lack of architectural charm in our outhouses.

Otherwise conditions are pretty much as they should be. We have:

1. Wonderful sunsets. Fine old trees.

2. The inestimable advantages of Hydro Radial Service.

3. Relatively low taxes, with inactive realty.

For years and years Richmond Hill indubitably has been blessed with its full share of "wonderful sunsets"—but it cannot be said to have waxed fat upon them. Within the last year four persons have been added to the resident population.

As to Hydro Radial service, there need be no argument. It is doomed. It cannot, or at all events will not, be continued, with its quarter million yearly deficits. Maintenance of unnecessary terminals, repair shops and offices has piled up an intolerable burden of operating costs, with consequent inadequate service and high fares.

If a better alternative plan than the transfer of the line to the Toronto Transportation Commission is brought forward, The Liberal will give it full support, but up to now we have not seen one advanced. We believe that both the Hydro and the T.T.C. officials have given the public faithful and earnest service. Relatively few persons will agree with our correspondent's strictures upon the T.T.C. Certainly not men like Peter Witt, of Cleveland, one of America's most eminent traction experts, who the other day expressed his amazement at the success which has been attained in the operation of the city lines. T.T.C. cars are at least clean and well ventilated. But inasmuch as it is improbable that cars of the city type would be operated on the radial run, were the change made a discussion of details such as heating, equipment, time schedules, etc., is clearly premature.

If anyone who passed through the days when crowds jostled and pushed and cursed in the mud at the old Farnham avenue terminal of the Metropolitan line has any regrets over the passing of such conditions he has not yet been heard from.

The generalities advanced by our correspondent with regard to increases in taxation in North Toronto are of no value in the discussion of what is after all merely an elementary problem in economics. While the methods of the Toronto Assessment Department are anything but modern and scientific, there is no reason to suppose that, by and large, the "jump" in taxation in North Toronto following the traction improvements was disproportionate to the "jump" in real property valuations. Local improvement taxation, of course, was heavy in many districts. But it should not be forgotten that if in isolated cases, owners found it difficult to "carry" their properties, in hundreds of other instances large increments were taken. Further, a little inquiry will show that many of the established North Toronto business houses which in the old days "carried on" precariously are to-day important trading centres, serving large and growing constituencies.

The experiences of the Danforth, of North Toronto, of St. Clair and of Parkdale show that fearsome predictions regarding a business future for Suburban Yonge are clearly wide of the mark. Indeed, the amazing development of these brisk, busy local shopping districts has been one of the significant signs of the times. As an evidence of the de-centralizing forces at work compare these districts any Saturday night with the Downtown area. By keen, modern methods of merchandising, moreover, they are exerting a tremendous influence in educating the public in the advantages of "shopping at home."

We agree with our correspondent that much might be done to improve the appearance of the village, although our present mode of taxation puts a premium upon the maintenance of unsightly buildings. Forest Hill and Fort Erie, with similar problems, have been more discerning.

The future of Richmond Hill will be determined by economic pressure. That the village will become a purely garden suburb, inhabited by tired millionaires is extremely doubtful.

Through the Protective Tariff System and other modes of unscientific taxation, industry in Canada has been driven into vile and unhealthy concentrations, with little regard for either the social equation or the economic use of our natural resources. Is it necessary that Richmond Hill should become either an Eden for Idlers or an Unwholesome Industrial Hive? Cannot we catch something of the vision of Prince Kropatkin in his "Factories, Fields and Workshops"?

"Have the factory and the workshop at the gates of your fields and gardens and work in them. Not

those large establishments, of course, in which huge masses of metals have to be dealt with and which are better placed at certain spots indicated by Nature, but the countless variety of workshops and factories which are required to satisfy the infinite diversity of tastes among civilized men. Not those factories in which children lose all the appearance of children in the atmosphere of an industrial hell, but those airy and hygienic, and consequently economical, factories in which human life is of more account than machinery and the making of extra profits. \* \* \* factories and workshops into which men, women and children will not be driven by hunger, but will be attracted by the desire of finding an activity suited to their tastes and where aided by the motor and the machine they will choose the branch of industry which best suits their inclinations."

Suburban Yonge citizens still have the moulding of the district's future largely in their own hands. Within a short time the initiative may pass to outsiders. With proper transportation, development will come rapidly. Why not shape the future into a happy combination of brisk business, wholesome industry and intensive agriculture?

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