

GIVES DECISION FAVORING GAS RATE INCREASE

Official Gas Referee Orders S. Ontario Company's Request Be Granted.

OBJECTIONS RAISED Representatives From Communities Affected Resent Henderson's Action.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 9.—G. F. Henderson, K.C., official gas referee for the province, who on Thursday at the local courthouse investigated the application of the Southern Ontario Gas Company for an increase of rates throughout the district, gave a decision today in favor of the company, despite strong objections raised by representatives from the different communities affected.

Mr. Henderson ordered that the request of the gas company as far as the municipalities west of Aldborough were concerned be granted. This provided for rates the same as those received by the Union Natural Gas Company and comprised about a 20c increase, making

the rate in accordance with the distance from the wells from 25c to 40c. In the case of those east of Aldborough, he reduced the requested price 10c, making it a 50c rate for Aldborough, Rodney and West Lorne. The present price is 25c. In Dunwich and Dutton, where the rate was originally 30c, and an increase to 65c was asked, the referee ordered that it be set at 55c. In Southwold the former rate was 35c. The company asked for a 60c rate, but were granted a 50c price. An increase from 40c to 50c was asked in Westminister, but the company were given a 50c rate.

The settlement was believed to be satisfactory to the municipalities involved, but Mr. Henderson conceded a stated case so that an appeal might be entered if the conditions were disputed.

Charges Poor Service.

Miss Farquharson, clerk for the Township of Tilbury, put forth a lengthy case for the patrons of the company in that district. She claimed that the company was disregarding the original agreements, that it gave poor service which inconvenienced the consumers, and that it was inefficient in handling its business and the distribution of the gas. She also made several sweeping recommendations.

Dealing with the Tilbury situation, Mr. Henderson said that he was sick and tired of the investigation and that in a few days he would be tempted to rescind all his previous orders, resign his position and let the gas problem solve itself, which, he stated, would be more convenient to the consumers than he realized.

The people of Miss Farquharson's district, he said, did not seem to be aware of the fact that they had a great industry in their midst and that as they were close to the wells they would

Miss McPhail To Discard Her Millinery in Parliament

CEYLON, Dec. 9.—"The civility of knee and hat and hand" or at least of hat, will be observed by Miss Agnes McPhail, the first woman member of the Parliament of Canada.

Certain of the gentlemen members of parliament have begun to fuss concerning Miss McPhail's probable action with regard to rule 18, which declares that "every member desiring to speak shall rise in his place, uncovered," but Miss McPhail has solved that difficulty long ago.

"I had determined that I would not wear a hat," she declared today. "I think it far more sensible. I don't want to grow bald." In horrified remembrance of the effect that parliamentary life has had upon the looks of a number of its members.

Lady Astor, it will be remembered, in spite of rules, wears a small and simple black hat in the British House of Commons.

always receive a preferential rate as part of their revenue.

May Prove Serious.

"This has been a disappointing day for me," said the referee, "and I think the people of these districts are in for a cold winter, a more serious condition than they realize is on the verge of taking form. I thought that a year ago the people had confidence in me to adjust their grievances. Here I am losing money every day that I hear their cases, and now I don't think from what confidence in me. You are in for a great surprise in the next few days. Your people, Miss Farquharson, have been feeling in the hands of a very few ignorant men and as a result are going to suffer for it, because I believe that Tilbury is the very heart of all this trouble."

"I am under no obligation to render this public service," continued the referee, "and as far as I am concerned, in a few days, will conclude my connection with this matter and the investigation can take care of itself. Because I have failed to convince the Tilbury consumers I am pessimistic of the outcome."

"H. Tim of Buffalo, a representative of the company, emphatically declared that the increases that they were asking for in their rates was not a money-making proposition, but a means of getting funds in order to carry on their work, drilling new wells and giving the consumers a more efficient service."

POSTIES ALL SIGN RAYMOND PETITION

Want Brantford's Liberal-Elect Given Postmaster-Generalship.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

BRANTFORD, Dec. 9.—Local postmen today received a copy of the petition, which is being circulated throughout Western Ontario to have W. G. Raymond, Liberal M.P.-elect for Brantford, made postmaster-general. The petition was endorsed unanimously. It was stated officially that the movement did not start in Brantford and that the desire to have Mr. Raymond secure the portfolio was directly inspired by his long experience of postal affairs; he having been postmaster here for 22 years.

Attention of the local school trustees has been called to the fact that the sum of \$13,000 would be required in excess of the city appropriation to meet accounts and pay salaries before the close of the year and that the advisory board of the city council had refused to grant further funds and had thrown the board on their own resources. An effort will be made to secure a loan through a banking institution to tide the board over.

The election situation in Brantford Township is brightening up and some of the old-timers are coming back for re-election. As yet there has been no one come out to oppose Deputy Reeve Henry, but A. J. McCann has signified his intention to run as a councillor and Mr. Sam Neenan is reported to be coming out as a representative from Mount Vernon district, for he claims that there has not been a councillor from that neighborhood for a long time. U. O. Kendrick, an old councillor, is also a prospective candidate for the reeveship.



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In going from floor to floor, you will appreciate the quick service of the elevators on the west side.

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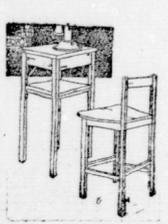
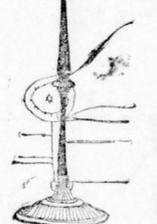
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Spinnet Desks, in walnut and mahogany, different period designs. Priced at \$57.50, \$65.00 up to \$95.00



100 Only Folding Card Tables Monday, \$3.85

These Tables are 30x30 inches square, the frames made of solid fumed oak, and the tops covered with best quality green felt. Special sale Monday \$3.85

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A very desirable gift for the home is a Floor Lamp and Shade. We have now a very select assortment to choose from; standards are all nicely finished and shades specially well made. We will also make to your order lamp shades in any color or design, and can complete a limited number of orders by Christmas, so be here early if you wish something special.

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A low price for this Floor Lamp and Shade; lamp is nicely finished in mahogany and has good substantial base; shade is 24 inches wide, with silk lining, and cover trimmed with antique applique and finished with silk fringe; colors in rose, blue or mulberry.
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Finished in mahogany and walnut, at \$11.50, \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15, \$16.50, \$18.50, \$20, \$21, \$24 and \$25 each
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At prices that please. At \$16.50, \$19.00, \$21.00, \$24.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$39.00 and \$45.00 each
- TABLE AND BOUDOIR LAMPS, \$3.50 TO \$15.00 EACH.**
Finished in mahogany at . . . \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$4.50
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- TABLE LAMP SHADES.**
Very artistic styles, at each \$14.50, \$15.50, \$16.50 and \$18.50 each
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In rose, blue or gold, silk lined, at each \$3.75, \$4.50 and \$5.00 each
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- Dougall Varnish for furniture, floors, woodwork and linoleums, made in clear and colors. Special Quarts \$1.15, Pints 65c, Half Pints 35c
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[Special to The Advertiser.]

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 9.—The Liberals of North Oxford, spurred on by their success in the federal election, when they elected Dr. Sinclair after one of the hottest campaigns in the history of the riding, are already down to hard work, in anticipation of another success when the voting takes place on Dec. 19 to fill the local vacancy in the legislature.

A fine array of outside speakers has been secured to aid the candidate, W. W. Day, and on Monday next the campaign will start in earnest, with a meeting at Lakeside. Then the meetings will follow at the rate of two and three a night.

On Tuesday night a big rally will be

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