

HYDRO RADIAL UNION FAVORS HAMILTON BYLAW

Sir Adam Beck Tells Municipal Representatives Building Radial Means Cheaper Power—Disapproves Government Railway Policy.

Welland, Ont., March 11.—Representatives from practically all the municipalities of Welland, Lincoln and Hamilton attended the annual meeting of the District of Hydro Radial Union held here this afternoon, when the feature was a vigorous address by Sir Adam Beck, relating chiefly to the vote to be taken in Hamilton on Saturday. In this district the radial bylaws were carried with scarcely any adverse vote, and Sir Adam opened his address by declaring he was carrying coal to Newcastle in advocating radials in the community where long controversial periods had been passed. In Hamilton, it was now being discovered, that those who suffered from blindness years ago, were still blind. But the disease was not spreading, for the anti-Hydro propaganda was still supported by largely the same arguments made by the same interests and headed by the same champions as when the project was first launched. The Canadian people who had listened to the words of wisdom from the magnates were now privileged to see the nation made into a railway hospital, where from day to day the population of crippled railway cripples were being received. Cripples they were and incurable they had been, and the people would have to do a lot of padding with artificial limbs and false teeth before the incurables would be the slightest bit better again. Fabulous had been the debt incurred by the population in its effort to satisfy the ambitions of the railway promoters. An enormous mileage of railway had been built in proportion to the population, probably the greatest in the world. Were Canadians not an optimistic people it would daunt them.

Changes Ahead.
With the conclusion of peace, he hoped a new world would come into being, with a new manhood and a new public body in control of affairs. That the old order of things and the corporation influence would die with the other old orders that found their death in the war, and that the new order would be instituted in the control of natural resources, in a new idea of political parties, were after their merits. That would enormously improve the conditions of the country.

Sir Adam referred to the movement in the old land for the public ownership of power development, and he thought all Canadians should be gratified that what was wanted in Canada as an urgent reform in the mother country was an accomplished fact in this Canada. In an address in that connection he mentioned that this project was the largest operating, generating, transmission and distribution system publicly owned in the world. But it was a matter of regret that a success had been made of the enterprise. In war times, when the cost of materials went up, when wages were so large, and when some cases doubled, the price of power was not raised. In the Niagara district the Hydro was supplying from forty-six to forty-eight horsepower per horsepower when the war opened. The average in 1918 was from 148,000 to 149,000. The commission was able to meet that war over and immense loads were being released, it might reasonably be expected that the total load would go back to the volume of pre-war days. But it was not so, the surplus of available power today was only 3000 horsepower. That was the country's greatest calamity, her optimism, for since the power was being consumed in almost as much volume as under the great industrial pressure of the war, it was proof that the wheels of industry were still turning, that goods in great quantities were being produced, and that men were being employed. That could look at the fact and fall to have faith that Canada was carrying on and would continue to carry on.

Helped Win War.
Had Hydro power not been available, engines and boilers must have been made and operated to run the factories at a cost no one could compute. Last year the commission began the construction of a pipe line at Niagara Falls to generate an additional 50,000 horsepower. The Hydro was only a municipal enterprise, but there was no suggestion of a bonus or an indemnity, yet the commission was supplying power to the munition makers at cost. The United States government was making grants of 40 per cent. of the cost of power extensions. They refused to meet the commission on any terms, and did not give anything to the commission. Yet we were undertaking a temporary development to meet a temporary situation. We were building something that we knew would have to be scrapped. A large part of the materials had to be purchased out of the country because they could not be had here.

Employes Strike Today On New Jersey Lines.
Newark, N.J., March 11.—Police in 14 cities and villages in nine counties of New Jersey were making preparations today to deal with any disorder which may follow the strike of employes on all traction lines of the Public Service Corporation. The effect at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning. The strike has been ordered by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employes to enforce recognition of the union and a demand for a nine-hour day with pay for ten hours.

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CITY NEEDS FIVE THOUSAND HOMES

Shortage of Dwellings and Papé Avenue Car Line Two Live East End Topics.

Under the auspices of the Danforth Ratepayers' Association, an open meeting was held last night in Frankland School, Logan Avenue, when the housing question was the main topic of discussion. T. W. Brown, president, occupied the chair, and the following resolutions were adopted:

"That the works commissioner and works committee be requested to investigate the sanitary conditions of Kitchener School, Papé Avenue, and to install a proper sewerage system."

"Also, that the city council be requested to furnish information regarding the rate for work of construction will be resumed."

"And also, that, whereas the city is about to effect important improvements in the housing situation, and whereas such improvements will cause an increased value in the land affected, the city should invest its own money and secure its own building supplies."

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MEXICO DEMANDS ROYAL TAXES ON OIL PRODUCTION

President Carranza Breaks Agreement to Wait for Action on New Law.

Washington, March 11.—Altho President Carranza agreed with the United States authorities to take no further action affecting foreign oil interests until the Mexican Congress could act on the new oil law introduced some weeks ago, a decree has been issued at Mexico City directing that the "royalty taxes" on oil produced in January and February be paid immediately.

Officials here said this tax might result in the reopening of the foreign question of the rights of the foreign companies, which have been the subject of at least two notes from the American government, and a vigorous protest from Great Britain, France and the Netherlands.

When President Carranza issued his first decree declaring all oil lands state property, and requiring foreign countries to pay "royalty taxes," the American government protested energetically. The companies refused to pay the taxes, and Carranza's government is seeking to force payment of the taxes.

In view of officials and owners of oil properties in Mexico, payment of the "royalty taxes" would amount to a loss in favor of the government of the speciality in the Mexican courts, for by this action the companies would admit government ownership of the oil.

SCORE'S GREAT ESTATE SALE.
This is the eighth day of the Scores' great estate sale, the largest and most unlimited stock sale in the city. It is being held at the Scores' residence, 100 West King Street.

RAILWAY WAR BOARD EXPLORES ACTIVITIES.
Is Busy Moving Troops—Makes Defence of Order Refusing Credit.

Montreal, March 11.—In connection with the articles recently appearing in the press calling for the abolition of the Canadian railway war board, the general secretary of the board, James H. McLaughlin, has issued a statement.

"This board's license to exist was written in terms of national necessity. So long as that necessity continues this board will continue to exist in Canada. Just at present we are moving troops. That will be finished, say, next July. There may be other work to be done then, or there may not. That question, and only that question, can affect the term of this board's usefulness."

"Twice we have had to trespass on the rights of the shipper. Once when we asked him to agree to the earlier closing of freight sheds in order that freight shed employes should be kept from striking. But now, by asking all shippers to give a bond covering all freight bills of more than forty-eight hours' standing, we seem to have exhausted our welcome. There is only one way we can establish the no-credit rule, and that is by insisting on a bond, as the American government insists upon it. We can make no exception. All shippers and all roads under this board's jurisdiction are subject to this provision."

T. M. A. BENEFIT.
The 34th annual performance of the T. M. A. benefit fund will be held Friday afternoon in the Princess Theatre. Admission is free. The proceeds will be given to the different theatres will be given. The orchestra of 50 musicians will provide the musical program.

WORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

EARLSCOURT DANFORTH MORE EDUCATION.

The little son of Rev. C. A. and Mrs. Mustard, Charles Laurie, who died on Saturday from pneumonia after several weeks' illness, was buried yesterday in Prospect Cemetery, St. Clair Avenue. Several members of the church attended the funeral. Mr. Mustard is the minister of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Harvie Avenue, which was recently erected at a cost of \$20,000.

Rev. Peter Bryce presided over a worship service at the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church, Tuesday evening, and a large number availed themselves of the invitation. This is the third of the "welcome homes" since the armistice was signed, the reunion is most appreciated. Some of the returned men have succeeded in securing their homes, and some are still in the military service.

The St. Clair Social Club gave a private party at the home of Mr. W. Dickson, 12 Bird Avenue, last night. A large number of members were present. Music was furnished by the club. The younger element in this section are members of the club.

Court Alder Lodge, I.O.F. No. 373, are sending out special invitations for a special party and concert to welcome the returned soldiers members of the lodge. Special prizes will be awarded, and a large number of members enlisted on the outbreak of the war.

The committee of the Earlscourt Fall Fair for 1919 met last night in the office of the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church, at 1659 Dufferin Street, Earlscourt. The president, Alex. MacGregor, in the chair, discussed the plans for the fair, and the vegetable list now in preparation, which is to be one of the chief features of the fair. The largest display was given by the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church, and the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church, and the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church.

EAST TORONTO.
Fire broke out yesterday morning at the home of Mrs. Bradshaw, 155 Barlington Avenue. The children were in the house when the fire occurred, but they escaped by the back door. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The damage was estimated at \$150. It is a direct loss to the occupants.

UNIONVILLE.
Ratepayers of the school sections of Unionville held a meeting last night to discuss the proposed new law which has been passed by the Ontario Legislature. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hagerman, 100 West King Street.

SCARBORO.
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CITY ITEMS.
Chief Inspector Cowley has reported to the board of education that arrangements have been completed for short courses to teachers of the secondary and third forms in elementary manual training. These courses are arranged to commence on Thursday, March 13, and will be completed before the Easter vacation.

AFRICAN ALIANTS GET AWAY AT LAST.
Capetown, South Africa, March 3.—The nationalist delegates, who will proceed to Paris to lay before the peace conference the demands of the South African republic, will travel by the Dutch steamer Bawean, which sailed for New York tomorrow. The delegates will be accompanied by Gen. James B. M. Hertzog, former minister of justice.

INTERPOSE BETWEEN THE IDEA OF WAR AND ACT OF WAR

Aim of Peace Conference Clear and Simple, Says Andre Tardieu.

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