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## New and Important Contentions Arise at Utilities Session

# PREDICT CONSERVATIVE VICTORY

### COURSE RELATIVE TO MILDGRAM IS COMMENTED ON

Chairman Replies to Counsel for Petitioners in Gas Rates Matter.

### JURISDICTION

Question of Control of Hydro and City Water Rates is Raised.

The hearing by the New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities this morning here into the protest by the city against the proposed gas rate reduction to patrons of both gas and electric services of the N. B. Power Co. Ltd., was marked by some new contentions on important points relative to the public services. Comment was made by C. F. Inches, K. C., representing users of Power Company gas and electricity, that it seemed to him that the Board had not acted fairly in bringing the matter before the public through the press, as it had done by instituting correspondence with S. H. Mildgram, expert accountant, asking him if his reduction was not "unjust discrimination." It was also marked by a reply from J. MacMillan Trueman, chairman of the Board, who said he had written to Mr. Mildgram, the expert adviser of the Board, solely on his own responsibility. He said he considered it the duty of the Board to take the initiative in such matters.

Dr. Taylor Asks About Hydro.

This discussion led Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., counsel for the Power Company, to ask the chairman why the board did not take the initiative against what he termed the "unfair" tactics of the Civic Hydro Commission and when the chairman expressed the opinion that the board had not any jurisdiction over the hydro commission, Dr. Taylor went further and wanted to know why the Civic Commission had not filed its rates and also why the city had not filed its water rates as it was his contention that under the act, the board controlled water, light, heat and power services in the province.

In arguing against the city's petition that the reduction was "unjust discrimination," Dr. Taylor declared that the board did not have jurisdiction over gas rates and further that under the special act of 1920, incorporating the Power Company, the company was allowed to fix its own rates to earn eight per cent on the rate base.

Replying, J. B. Baxter, K. C., city solicitor, said the board had control over utilities supplying water, light, heat and power and gas, certainly came under this description.

Chairman Trueman presided and Commissioners Burpee and LeBlanc and E. S. Carter, secretary, were present.

Dr. Taylor's Argument.

Opening his argument, Dr. Taylor said that the city's complaint was from a competitor of a public utility and was being made to get existing business away from the Power Company. He contended there was not anything in the act incorporating the Public Utilities Board that gave it jurisdiction over gas rates. He added there was an amendment to the incorporation act of 1910 that gave it control over natural gas but specific mention was made of gas in any other form.

Another contention was that under the special act of Legislature in 1920 incorporating the New Brunswick Power Co. Ltd., the company was exempt from the jurisdiction of the board with reference to its rates. The company, he said, was given power to fix rates that would earn not more than 8% of the rate base. No one could interfere with that, he said. If the rates earned more than that, the city was given power to appeal to the board.

Dr. Taylor replied the city did not appeal against any reduction in rates.

Dr. Baxter asked Dr. Taylor if he believed the city had any right to appeal if the rates were deliberately made unjustly discriminatory.

Dr. Taylor replied the city did not.

The city solicitor quoted Section 11 of the Public Utilities act, which opens

### War Talk

### MADE THE VOYAGE IN JUST 79 HOURS AND 23 MINUTES

### Flew From Friedrichshafen, Germany, to City of New York.

### A NOISY WELCOME

### The Giant Airship Flew Low, "a Silver Phantom in a Cloudless Sky."

Lakehurst, N. J., Oct. 15.—Out of the early base and into the blazing sunshine of a perfect Indian summer morning, the ZR-3 flew low over New York harbor today, close to the finish of her epoch-making flight from Friedrichshafen.

At first Dr. Eckener steered straight for Lakehurst, and it was believed he was bringing her directly to the Station here, where great activity took place; but the seppelin's pilot turned north after passing Fire Island and began maneuvering over the harbor of New York.

Vessels looted and whistled, and the early sun glinted on the Statue of Liberty as the dirigible dipped a pennant salute while passing over the sea-gulls, no more graceful than the silver shape above, emitted raucous cries as they dipped and wheeled, and some mounted high to shriek at this strange visitor from the skies.

Harbor shipping was threatened with a vast tangle as everybody peered upward at the ZR-3.

The dirigible headed straight north, up the Hudson River. It passed above the Woolworth tower, reaching its gliding height just as the morning sunlit at 8 a. m., and kept on its course. A few minutes later it was high over the city.

Turning again to the south the ZR-3 came back over the city.

As though they were merely on a practice flight, the dirigible passed over the town buildings. At 8-10, its motors roaring in perfect unison, it passed on even keel over the windows of the World Building. The seppelin was flying low, lower even than the city buildings, and its markings stood out plainly, and diminutive figures could be seen waving from the windows of the large forward gondola.

Germany Rejoices.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—(By Carl D. Grant, United Press Staff Correspondent.)—German pride of achievement reached a post-war zenith today when news was flashed by the United Press from New York that the ZR-3 had reached the United States.

Crowds which had stood for hours in front of newspaper offices reading bulletins of the progress of the great dirigible burst into a mighty "hooray" when word came through the air that the seppelin was over America soil after the most successful flight ever made by a dirigible.

"Germany is redeemed," said the yowlers. "The faith of our forefathers in the unconquerable German soul is again justified."

Marked a New Era.

Lakehurst, N. J., Oct. 15.—(By Todd Wright, United Press staff correspondent.)—The arrival of the ZR-3 opens a new era in world transportation, and may mark the beginning of an economic revolution.

Captain Anton Hansen, noted seppelin expert, told the United Press today.

"Within 25 years aircraft will be used as commonly as automobiles are today. The dirigible will prove the strongest impulse the world has known for world-wide brotherhood through improved communications between distant peoples."

Hansen explained that the seppelin works had proved beyond all doubt the practicability of construction of huge air-crafts for world-wide purposes.

He said a steel cable gave away.

Muir was a married man with two children.

### Why Not Also Come To The Maritimes?

### RAILWAY BOARD ORDER INTERESTS ST. JOHN GREATLY

### Celebrating End of Job

### LABOR DOES NOT EXPECT TO GAIN CLEAR MAJORITY

### Liberals Now Declare Conservatives Will Provide Next Government.

### TARIFF ISSUE DEAD

### Labor Charged With Menacing Safety of Empire by Its Policies.

### BY HERBERT BAILEY (British United Press.)

### London, Oct. 15.—Complete victory for the Conservatives at the polls is predicted today by Liberal headquarters, where it is admitted that the Liberals may lose a few seats, although it is not generally conceded that their loss will be large.

### Officials at Liberal Headquarters Say That After Receiving Reports from the Country They are Convinced That the Majority of Voters Seek a Stable Government, and Now that the Tariff Issue is a Dead One, at Least for the Present, Many Seats Lost at the Last Election Will be Regained.

### The Local Arrangement Made in many ridings by which either Tory or Liberal will fight against Labor, is expected here to have an increasing effect in strengthening the anti-Labor vote.

### Labor, on the other hand, asserts that it will sweep the board in many industrial areas, particularly in Scotland, although not even the most optimistic expect a clear majority.

### The Tories assert that Labor has menaced the safety of the Empire by its attitude on the Singapore base, the abandonment of Imperial Preference, the Japanese amendment to the protocol, and other issues.

### MacDonald Heeded.

### (By Lloyd Allen.)

### London, Oct. 15.—(United Press Staff Correspondent.)—With the people showing an unprecedented interest in the approaching general elections, the outcome of which will determine whether Ramsay MacDonald and the Labor party are to continue in power, leaders of the several parties continued their campaigns throughout the British Isles.

### Former Premier Stanley Baldwin (formerly opened the Conservative battle, speaking at "Queen's Hall" from the platform occupied yesterday by former Premier Lloyd George and Herbert Asquith.

### In a speech today at Darlington, MacDonald declared he didn't much care if he were defeated. "They may defeat us," he said, "I don't care if they do. But in that event we will carry on in opposition with the same rectitude as we did while in office."

### Referring to the Russian Trade Treaty, the Premier said: "The treaty will help remote peace in the world, and the silly old idiots who think they can keep Russia cut off from the civilized world need an awakening from a bad dream."

### MacDonald was severely heckled during the course of a speech at Ripon later in the day, while he was reviewing the Government's record.

### "How about unemployment?" was hurled at him from all parts of the audience.

### "It's all due to the mess the Tories have made of affairs here," he answered. He didn't reply when his hecklers shouted: "How about the price of meat?"

### JURY DISAGREED

### Were Discharged After All Night Session on the Bevis Case.

### Halifax, N. S., Oct. 15.—The jury trying Lewis Bevis on the charge of murdering Police Officer Charles Fulton in July last reported a disagreement this morning and were discharged.

### They were given the case at 8:30 o'clock last night. Fulton was shot dead while closing in on Bevis after a twenty-hour chase. A second police officer, Steve Kennedy, was seriously wounded by gun fire during the same

### Prince of Wales in Canada Again

### Was Twelve Hours in Detroit as The Guest of Henry Ford.

### Windsor, Ont., Oct. 15.—The Prince of Wales arrived here on board the Henry Ford yacht Silla at 2:40 this morning. He boarded his special train and left ten minutes later for Toronto.

### Detroit, Mich., Oct. 15.—All that was possible in the way of privacy was given yesterday to the visit of the Prince of Wales, who spent a little more than twelve hours as a guest of Henry Ford.

### From the time the heir to the British throne from the observation car of his special train waved his hat to the assembled throng which crowded the Highland Park yards of the Ford Motor Company until the Ford yacht Silla took him across the Detroit river to Windsor early today, Detroit residents caught but fleeting glimpses of the Prince.

### As soon as the Prince left his train he was surrounded by a throng of his admirers, and he was escorted to the city by a motorcade.

### The Prince's visit to Detroit was the first since he left England to visit the United States.

### He was accompanied by his wife, the Duchess of York, and their two children, the Princess Alice and the Prince Edward.

### The Prince and his party arrived here from Detroit at 9:35 this morning, and after greetings had been extended by Lieut. Governor Harry Cookshutt, Premier G. H. Ferguson and members of the Ontario cabinet, and Mayor W. H. Hiltz, the royal party moved to the King Edward Hotel.

### At 10:30 a. m. the Prince and his party left for Toronto, 25 miles north of Detroit, to spend the night at the Toronto Hunt Club. The chase is expected to last the greater portion of the day.

### ISLAM'S HOLY CITY FALLS TO WAHABIS

### King of the Hedjaz is in Flight and Royal Palace Looted.

### Cairo, Oct. 15.—(United Press.)—Wahabi tribesmen have captured Mecca, Holy City of Islam, and are looting the royal palace, according to messages here today. King All of the Hedjaz has fled.

### London, Oct. 15.—(United Press.)—A section of the population of Mecca joined hostile Wahabi tribesmen fighting King All of the Hedjaz in the final assault on the Holy City, a Central News dispatch from Cairo says today.

### All his defeated armies are retreating in good order toward Jeddah, which the King of the Hedjaz has made his seat of government.

### A \$10,000 BUDGET

### National Council of Women Will Expand Work—Want Trained Midwives.

### Toronto, Oct. 15.—Tremendous expansion of the work of the National Council of Women of Canada, it is expected, will result from the acceptance yesterday of the \$10,000 budget for 1925, which was presented by the finance committee of which Mrs. J. Wesley Burday is head. This budget, which is greatly in excess of those of former years, will allow for an expansion along every line of work.

### "Maternity care in Canada" was again the subject of a heated discussion, and a resolution was adopted to the effect that the National Council ask the Federal Health Department to recognize the fact that they urge the licensing and training of midwives as one method of reducing Canada's considerable maternal mortality.

### Here Is The Record of Previous Flights Across The Atlantic

### Albatross, Lakehurst, N. J., Oct. 15.—The air arrival of the ZR-3 from Friedrichshafen, Germany, marks the fourth successful attempt of manna to span the waters of the Atlantic Ocean in non-top flights.

### The British team of Alcock and Brown, both Royal Flying Corps men, took the air at St. John's, Newfoundland, in a Vickers Vimy biplane on June 14, 1919. They dropped their landing gear on the rock-rimmed coast and headed eastward. Sixteen hours and twelve minutes later, having traversed 1,932 miles of sea and fog, they plunged with their craft into a bog near Clifden, Ireland. The machine was a wreck, fit only for transportation to a London museum. The aviators were battered in the crash but a record that still stands had been made.

### Hawker and Greaves had tried the stunt before, and had been plunged into mid-ocean when their motor failed. They were rescued by a tramp steamer.

### Hardly had nations ceased to gasp over the audacity of Alcock and Brown when the British dirigible R-34 rose from East Fortune, Scotland, one day in July. One hundred and eight hours that flight continued. At the end the R-34 hovered over Minicora, Long Island, an officer descended 2,000 feet by parachute to direct her landing, and the big bag was drawn down.

### A few days later she headed homeward, arriving in England after a comparatively uneventful passage. She had crossed one ocean twice.

### FOUND DEAD IN BED

### James Thompson of Campbellton Had Not Been Seen Since Saturday.

### Campbellton, N. B., Oct. 15.—The lifeless body of James Thompson was found in his bed this morning by Clarence Hamilton, who climbed a ladder to look into the room in the effort to locate Mr. Thompson. He had been last seen alive on Saturday. The condition of the body indicated that he had been dead since then. A coroner's inquest was regarded as unnecessary.

### Mr. Thompson was a bachelor and lived alone. He is survived by two brothers.

### GRAND TRUNK MAN PROMOTED ON C. N. R.

### D. E. Galloway Will Have Control of Several Subsidiary Companies.

### Montreal, Oct. 15.—D. E. Galloway has been appointed assistant vice-president in charge of a number of subsidiary companies of the Canadian National Railways. Mr. Galloway has been succeeded as chief assistant to the president, Sir Henry Thornton, by L. V. Hunnell, formerly assistant chief of transportation.

### The subsidiary companies which will come under Mr. Galloway's charge and the officers of which will report directly to him are: Montreal and Southern Counties Railway, Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway, Niagara, Toronto Eastern Railway, Oshawa Railway, Thousand Islands Railway and the Rail and River Coal Company.

### Some of these companies are suburban electric lines and serve considerable territory in the neighborhood of Montreal and Toronto, while the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway has a large passenger business as well as considerable traffic in freight during the freight season.

### Mr. Galloway is a native of Hamilton and joined the Grand Trunk Railway in a clerical capacity in that city in 1901.

### Weather Report

### Toronto, Oct. 15.—Pressure continues high over the greater portion of the continent and except for snows in eastern Nova Scotia the weather has been fair over the Dominion.

### Gulf and North Shore—Northwest and north winds, fine today and Thursday, not much change in temperature.

### Fair

### Maritime—Moderate north and northwest winds, fair tonight and Thursday, not much change in temperature.

### Northern New England—Fair today and Thursday; little change in temperature; moderate northwesterly winds.

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