

### Hydro Investment Reaches Annual Report Made Near Six Million Dollars

#### Total Plant Value Placed at Nine Millions in Report Net Profits of Operation During Past Year Total \$390,000.

TORONTO, March 17.—In the annual report of the Hydro Electric power commission tabled in the Legislature it is shown that 357.47 miles of lines are completed, and 108 miles are under construction. The total capital investment is \$5,915,724, while the province has advanced to date \$6,022,646. Of this amount \$5,190,858 has been expended on the Niagara system. On provincial account for the year 1912-13, \$138,835 was spent for engineering assistance to municipalities, hydrographic surveys, rules and regulations, shop and development work, and other services not chargeable to the municipalities direct.

The mileage of the different systems is made up as follows: Niagara, 378;

St. Lawrence, 23	Simcoe, 667	Waddell Falls, 65
Loads of Various Municipalities		
A comparative statement is given of the loads of the various municipalities in the Niagara system of which the following are some of the outstanding figures:		
Load in H.P. Load in H.P.		
Municipality, Oct. 1912	Oct. 1913	
Toronto	13046.5	17992.5
London	2681	3385
Guelph	1273.5	1488
Stratford	6643.5	791
Mitchell	221	201
St. Thomas	643.5	1173
Woodstock	837.5	808.5
Ingersoll	490	469
Thornburg	194.5	208
Berlin	1220.5	1434.5
Hamilton	2044	3639.5



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### BURFORD TOWNSHIP CONSERVATIVES MEET

Colonel Z. Fraser Elected President of the Organization—Good Addresses Heard.

BURFORD, March 17.—Burford Township Conservatives met on Saturday in Barnea hall, reviewed the political situation, elected officers and listened to several good addresses. The attendance was good and the interest enthusiastic.

J. H. Fisher, M. P., and J. W. Westroth, M. P., were the two most important speakers and gave excellent expositions of the various measures now under consideration in the legislative bodies.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Colonel Z. Fraser; vice-presidents, David Seord and Alex. Johnson; chairmen, Robt. Armstrong, C. F. Saunders, W. Clement, Messrs. Shellington, Tutt and Phipps.

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### Sheffield United Won, England Beat Wales

(By Special Wire to The Courier)  
LONDON, March 17.—As the result of yesterday's third effort to decide the fourth round of the Football Association Cup, Sheffield United go into the semi-final, meeting Burnley on March 28, when Aston Villa play Liverpool, and the winners will be the Cup finalists next month. At their third meeting yesterday Sheffield United won from Manchester City by one goal to nothing.

In a Southern League game Millwall Athletic defeated Northampton two goals to nothing.

In the International series England defeated Wales two goals to nothing.

### MR. A. C. LYONS PRESENTS A PLAN

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ling street to be used by those farmers who insist on selling from their wagons.

5. The citizens will secure food that is not exposed to the flying filth of the streets, and free public toilets will be available in charge of competent caretakers all day long.

There are many other features which I have not touched upon, but I wish to say that I consider this city ripe for an enterprise of this sort and with some others am willing to undertake the financing and completion providing the council will not later seek to impose some special prohibitive legislation after we get going. It is of course understood that every detail shall be carried out under the local and government laws and requirements and that the City officials of all departments shall have full jurisdiction at all times over the buildings and the occupants as they now have over the present market or over the business of any merchant. Should the city later desire to acquire the proposition that could be arranged on a percentage basis.

Not hearing from your honorable body of any objection to proceeding with this venture before April 1 next, I propose to arrange for the rapid completion of the building, the plans for which are now about ready.

Yours faithfully,  
A. C. LYONS.

### PUNCHED CHURCHILL SEVERELY IN MOUTH

First Lord of the Admiralty Attacked at Bradford by Man Who Escapes.

LONDON, March 17.—A Wolverhampton newspaper says that while the police were escorting Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, to the train after a speech at Bradford last Saturday a man pushed his way through the police and punched Mr. Churchill severely in the mouth. The man escaped.

### REFUSED \$750,000 FOR HIS SHARE OF THE CUBS

CINCINNATI, March 17.—Charles P. Taft, majority stockholder of the Chicago National League club yesterday refused an offer of \$750,000, in cash for the club, made by John T. Conroy and Frank D. Mayer, representing a syndicate of Chicago capitalists who desired to purchase. The price Mr. Taft has asked for the club was not announced.

A member of the syndicate said last night: "So far as we are concerned, we believe that the offer made by us is a very liberal one, in view of the existing conditions which will entail an additional outlay of approximately \$500,000 for a new grandstand and field in Chicago, which we have promised 'Cub' fans in the event that we were able to purchase the club and to which they are certainly entitled."

### VANESSA

(From our own Correspondent)  
Rev. H. H. and Mrs. Tancock of Norwich was calling on friends here Tuesday.

A little girl has come to the home of Mr and Mrs George Walker, Mar. 8th.

Mrs. Forbes spent one day last week with her sister, Mrs. Wilfrid, Wilsonville.

The Ladies Guild of the English Church, Kelvin, met at the home of Mrs. John Ripley, Wednesday.

John P. and Mrs. Henry and Miss C. Henry spent Sunday at Fairfield with Mr and Mrs E. H. Howey.

Mrs. Myersough and children of Burtch spent the week-end with her parents, E. S. and Mrs. Birdsall.

We are sorry to hear Earl Walker is on the sick list again, and hope for his recovery.

Miss Mildred Howey attended a party at Dr. Anderson's, Scotland, Monday evening.

Archie Thompson and Elvira Arnold, Kelvin, spend Monday evening at the home of John P. Henry.

Mr. E. S. Birdsall attended the grand lodge, C.O.H.C. at Hamilton this week.

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### STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF A STRATFORD BOY

Left Home for School Last Friday and Has Not Since Been Seen.—Search is Made.

STRATFORD, March 17.—Harvey Hewitt, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hewitt, left home Friday morning last to go to school. Since then he has not been seen. His strange disappearance has created great apprehension among his relatives and is puzzling the police.

When he left home he told his chums he was going to Goderich where his grandmother lives. But a card from there says he had not been seen. He had no money on him, and when he left his home on Friday morning, he wore a brown suit, a red sweater and knee trousers. He has short curly hair and large blue eyes and when he walks he turns his toes in.

Mr. Hewitt is a G.T.R. engineer.

### Music and Drama

Brant Theatre.

Right up to the standard of the Brant has become a by-word round town and last night's performance was up to the usual excellence. Variety there is and it is good variety. Supplementing five excellent turns there is a fine programme of photo plays. Fenner and Fox give a convincing singing talking and dancing skit just above the ordinary and they receive a good round of applause from a well filled house yesterday.

Baldy Strang gets right there with the Scotch goods and immediately takes the Scotch element of the audience and he is a natural actor of the canny Scotch type. Being out of the usual he was given a hearty reception. May and Brown are a really versatile duo and play musical instruments with great dexterity besides which they have a charming stage presence.

That musical boob Art Adair in a novel comedy introduces some original ideas and he bowed to loud applause. He causes a continuous ripple of merriment. Daley and Thomas, contortionists and gymnasts get through some clever stunts, and with a little more comedy infused into the act they would have no peers up on the Canadian Stage. As a performance the show is well worth a visit this week.

At the Colonial.

One of the best shows that has been ever put on at the Colonial Theatre, is booked there for the first three days of this week. A good clean show with lots of laugh and a good punch that makes a hit with the audience is there staged. Douglas Washburn and Co., in their comedy sketch entitled "Entertaining the Colonel," is perhaps the feature act but this is hard to say, as all the acts are features. The comedy in this sketch is very pleasing and clean and provokes a big laugh.

Freeman and Carr in their comedy singing and talking act are very good. They have a new line of jokes and both are good singers.

Westman and West the manipulators of Batons and Pitchforks, are excellent and win well merited applause.

Miss Edna La Salle, the clever dancing girl, stages an excellent act and goes through a number of difficult steps much to the delight of her audience.

These acts along with a two reel feature picture entitled "Influence of Sympathy" with Florence Lawrence, and a splendid comedy with another good drama completes a splendid bill at this ever popular theatre resort.

The pony contest is drawing splendid crowds and the voting is keen. Over 250 children are entered and more are being entered every day. The contest has about 12 weeks yet to run and in that time there will be without a doubt a record number of votes polled.

### INTEREST LACKING, ALL FAVOR WIPING OUT THE FRANCHISE

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asked him to tell them that he was in thorough sympathy with the movement and hoped that ratepayers in Ward One would give it their unanimous support.

Messrs. S. G. Read, H. Jackson, J. Emmett, J. W. Patte and D. Dowling all spoke in favor of the purchase of the road.

Ald. Charlton at this point took occasion to thank the local newspapers for their support in the matter ever since the question had first come up. No two newspapers in Canada had done as much for the city as had The Courier and the Expositor, and the council was very grateful for their support.

It was moved by J. Emmett and seconded by J. Lewis and carried unanimously in favor of the purchase of the road and will give the council their best support.

The Mayor at Ryerson

"You may call them Ryers, but they are nothing more or less than cheese boxes on wheels," said the Mayor at a meeting of ratepayers held in the Ryerson school, West Brantford, to consider the question of the advisability of the purchase by the city of the Brantford Street Railway. Mr. J. M. Welsh presided over the meeting, which was notable for its quality rather than its quantity. Nevertheless, the feeling of the district is strong that municipal ownership should exist.

Mr. Sutch said that they were gathered together to discuss the advisability of taking over the Brantford Street Railway. All were conversant with the condition of affairs which existed in regard to the street railway. We are asked, he said, to pay \$270,000 for the track. This was considerable reasonable. If the L. E. & N. track was worth \$15,000 per mile to them, surely the street railway to Galt was worth \$10,000 to us. We have a chance now which we may not have for many years to come, and we all believe in municipal ownership. The railroad, he believed, had cleared \$12,000 and \$13,000, and if the road was run upon a proper time system, Brantford could easily double these figures. We have within our grasp a very fair proposition. Workmen did not use the cars because they could not depend upon them. With a little expenditure the railroad might be made up to date, and if private companies were anxious to grasp hold of the franchise why should not the municipality operate the street railway at a profit. He had nothing further to say except that he heartily approved of the ownership, and he thought the city had before it a fair proposition.

Mr. Symons, representative of the Trades and Labor Council, speaking briefly, said he was in sympathy with the by-law. He spoke of the general post office as an example of public ownership. He believed in such ownership, you can get what you want, how you want it, where you want and how you want it. He thought municipal ownership was necessary to the working men to have a good working car system, for workmen often had to live a considerable distance from their homes. He saw no reason why, extending into West Brantford, as was intended, why the system should not be a great success. The city was rapidly growing and with it the value of the railway system. The speaker asked all to vote for the by-law on Monday.

Ald. Broadbent said that much had been said of the 38 years franchise, but that was only one of the reasons why the electors should vote for the by-law. The city had for some years been one of the minor cities, and during that period it was hard for any com-

### HEADACHES ALMOST DROVE HER WILD

Until A Friend Advised Her To Use "Fruit-a-tives"

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to compare Brantford. In Berlin a profit had been declared of \$4,600, in Guelph \$7,870, whilst in Western Ontario Fort William and Port Arthur were paying propositions. Even the boom towns of Calgary and Edmonton had paying railways. If, continued the mayor, with the present officials and the present system, the street railway could be worked at a profit, what would be the profits if, under municipal ownership, the line was worked as it should be. The present street railway during last year made a gross revenue of \$4,000. He did not dispute what Mr. Kellett said when he denied that the L. E. & N. was behind him, but there was no doubt that the street railway lines would come in very useful to the L. E. & N. There was something in the wind, notwithstanding what the president says. The mayor thought he had sustained his election platform, and said the city had done its duty in the matter and now it was upto the electors. They would have to settle the matter for themselves on Monday. The meeting was then adjourned.

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