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NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

HYDRO RADIAL BYLAW WILL BE SUBMITTED

Eighteen Members of Council Voted for It, While Four Were Opposed.

CONTENTIOUS CLAUSES

Only Three Were Taken Except- ion by Those Opposing Submission.

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ment or arrangement with, and to grant no bonus, license or other inducement to any of the railway or transportation companies without the written consent of the commission. The third is that the city "shall have a free right of way for the radial railway and for the power lines of the commission over any property of the corporation upon being so requested by the commission."

Promise Didn't Satisfy. Ald. Sir Adam had promised at an earlier session to secure an ordinance amending the latter clause. This did not seem to satisfy the aldermen and there was much argument along these lines, but the majority, as evidenced by the vote, were of the opinion that in view of the great benefit that would accrue to Toronto as the hub of Ontario's hydro-radial system, and as it will be a public-owned system, also controlled by the provincial government, this was of minor importance, and more essential as Sir Adam Beek had promised to have an amendment made giving the city control.

Reduce Electric Charge. Doubts and fears were cleared up to a considerable extent by Sir Adam Beek at the morning session when he reviewed the bylaw and answered a number of questions put to him by the members of council who did not understand. During these remarks he made some important statements, among others being that the figures contained in the bylaw were 25 per cent, in excess of the estimates. He also stated that there would be a saving of 10 per cent. in electricity for domestic use of 25 per cent. Jan. 2.

Sir Adam Explains. Before any questions were put to Sir Adam Beek, he was requested to outline the meaning of the bylaw. In answer he said that he thought there was little he could say, but the fact remained that he never intended discussing the points which realized it was a difficult matter to deal with in a short time by a body of men who were responsible to the public in the matter of going too deep into detail, but he stated the members of council must appreciate the fact that the scheme was identical with the great provincial scheme.

The principle in each of the municipalities was that we should go along with the same responsibility in regard to operation and construction. Identically with the one that has already been passed in other municipalities. He said that the silent features that differ in the bylaws of 1914 and 1915 are that the city shall have a free right of way for the hydro-radial, but that was not a new feature in many ways," he continued. He said that he could not say that the new act was a better one than the old one. Then the new act was passed which gave most extraordinary powers, probably the most extraordinary powers ever vested in a body of men. He said before you identify yourself with the same lines and you now have a hydro-radial scheme undertaken by the city, you must be prepared to accept the hydro-electric—so that I do not wish to show any responsibility. As a result of a good thing for the municipality and it is your duty to determine the agreement in the interests of the city and have the undertaking undertaken by the people."

City's Estimate. Sir Adam did not say very much in regard to the city's estimate, but he stated the new line would be the cost of reduction in cost of power to operate the city's lines.

At Toronto, where a reduction was made by your own commission, the commission consented to a reduction which in my mind is enormous, being from 10 per cent. to 25 per cent, and power for domestic use will be reduced 25 per cent. after Jan. 2.

High Voltage Line. We have built a high voltage line to Dundas at a big expense, notwithstanding reduction in the cost of power to municipalities concerned. Therefore, the railways come into being with three or four years, will use 50,000 to 60,000 horse power, and not withstanding the buying of rights-of-way and erection of additional lines. Therefore, Dundas to Toronto, there will be a considerable reduction in the cost of power and if that was only \$1 per horse power \$14 instead of \$15, it would mean a saving of from \$50,000 to \$60,000 per annum. I believe there will be a deficit and probably there are a few who honestly believe a burden you will have to carry of \$50,000 or \$60,000 will never occur," he said.

Will Not Affect Credit. Outlining the principle of the scheme Sir Adam said: "In financing you have

the power to issue railway bonds and to make sure of their sale; you have asked the government to endorse these bonds. Then we ask you to issue debentures and bonds, not for the purpose of building the line or even financing the scheme, and therefore it will in no way affect your credit, as you are guaranteed only. This debenture will be deposited with the commission as a guarantee to the province, which in turn guarantees, thus making it a double guarantee. You finest investors could secure the making it a double guarantee, the railway and then by the municipalities, which are liable not only for the interest, but also against loss in operation."

Commission Responsible. In regard to operation Sir Adam said: "The municipalities thought of only one commission responsible, and we are responsible for the construction and operation. How did we arrive at our conclusion?" he asked, referring to the presumed success of the railway. "I can only say that the success of the railway is due to the application of one or more municipalities, we are asked to give the cost of construction and operation, and acting on that request, we have been a year and a half getting the required information. We have done this because you have not the time to go into the matter fully, but upon this commission rests the great responsibility of saving to the public the time and the money and means of control the railways as well as the power and you have the opportunity now to say, 'we have received information to the effect that this railway will be self-supporting and that the commission has accepted the responsibility after a year and a half, after spending about \$100,000, and we have made a special effort and say to you that this railway will be a paying proposition and serve the public in the streets at the beginning and gradually grow, working its way in only the districts where it can be supported and prove a desirable undertaking."

The Future of Toronto. "I'm not sure to be enthusiastic about Toronto," he said. "You have decided to have a city of a million population, but believe Toronto is destined to be the big city of business, not only in the province, but the Dominion, and when the harbor is a greater harbor than Toronto, the city will be unequalled in America. Therefore, let us have a vision. It will reduce the cost of power, make available large areas for industrial purposes. Is it a crime? Have you failed to spend for the war? Is there any indication of bankruptcy? If the silver dollar is to be the last bullet we'll be able to supply it."

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Area in Schedule. Alderman Yeomans asked a number of questions in regard to access over the land at the harbor and the right-of-way to which, in answer, Sir Adam pointed to a section of the bylaw which restricted the commission to that area. The matter of rights over the streets was questioned by several aldermen, and it was explained that the commission had no rights whatever except on the portions definitely named.

Ald. McBride stated that the financing met with his approval, but he wanted to know if when the city takes over the Toronto Street Railway would the consent of the commission be necessary. Sir Adam said the com-

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FOLLY TO MAKE MOVE

Admission Made That Kaiser Should Not Attempt First Move.

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confusion of public opinion, it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals which would not shorten, but lengthen the war. If the masks must be torn from their faces. Only two Socialist parties in the interpellation, all the Socialist parties uniting in a short declaration opposing discussion at this moment. The imperial chancelor gave his version of the military situation and all fronts and declared that Germany could not be forced out. The country had not stood off if properly distributed.

"Rumors that Germany is on the verge of a collapse," said the chancelor, "and the attribution of a peace mission to every prominent German who goes abroad—reports in which there is not a word of truth—are all part of a deliberate campaign to keep up the spirits of the Entente. There is not a word of truth in the German reckoning. Our enemies do not choose the situation and end the war now. They must do so later, Germany can wait."

Praises Position of Lords. It was true, the chancelor said, that there were some persons in the countries at war with Germany who took a sensible position, but they were in the minority and their voices, like those of certain members of the English House of Lords, were unheard. Theoretically, he said, Germany's enemies had ceased speaking of a war of twenty years. The pretext of the war was being waged for the protection of small nations had lost its persuasive power. In view of recent events in Greece.

"Small countries are in a serious plight, since England has been fighting for them," he remarked.

Pirates Indignant. The chancelor referred to the charge that members of the crew of a German submarine had been shot while defenceless by the crew of the British submarine, and said the English press had concealed the Bulgarian from the nation. As he made these remarks this whole hour ago as an expression of indignation.

Socialist Address. Dr. Scheidemann's address was received with a degree of interest second only to that aroused by the chancelor's speech. He reminded the house that at the beginning of the war the Socialist had approved the attitude of the German Government. Dr. Scheidemann protested against the crusade in foreign countries in opposition to "Franziskaner militarism," because this conception was wrong and because it was a matter which concerned no one but the Germans themselves. Although Germany had won enormous successes with her armies, he continued, they had been gained at the price of heavy sacrifices. In view of the present situation, the question of peace was important in all countries.

Chief Pirate Present. After Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg had spoken the other parties made a joint declaration approving the chancelor's utterances and endorsing the view that in the conditions of peace-made after the war there must be guarantees for Germany's safety, even if this implies annexation of territory. Conspicuous in the audience was Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz.

JAMES W. JUPP EXONERATED. The jury under Coroner W. F. Plews, at the morgue last night, returned a verdict exonerating James W. Jupp, of 507 Broadview avenue, who ran into seven-year-old Horace England of 195 Bolton avenue with a motor car, instantly killing the boy, on Dec. 2, and ran out on to the road. Jupp, who was driving south on a slow rate, did all in his power to prevent hitting the boy.

COUNCIL PAYS TRIBUTE TO ALDERMAN'S MEMORY

Feeling Reference to Untimely Death of Morley Wickett at Yesterday's Meeting.

Fitting reference was made during yesterday's meeting of the city council to the untimely death of Ald. Wickett and the high esteem in which the late alderman was held by his colleagues. Mayor Church spoke of him as an admirable citizen, and the loss, he said, will be great not only to the council but to the city at large. Deepest sympathy was expressed for the bereaved family.

FIRE CHIEF QUESTION IS COMING UP TODAY

Board of Control Will Take It Up Again at Special Meeting.

There will be a special meeting of the board of control this morning on account of the interference which has been caused during the week through the fire chief, William Smith, will be proposed again and that if it is it will be passed on to council. In other circles a special meeting of the board again bringing out Col. Langton for the position.

WORLD IS DEVELOPING ON RELIGIOUS LINES

War is Responsible, Declares Miss Knox Before Y.W.C.A. Dominion Council.

Training Young Girls. C. H. Bishop Says It is as Essential to National Welfare as Training Men.

That rapid progress is being made in the national development of Canada along moral and religious lines was emphasized by Miss Knox of Haverhill, Mass., who was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Dominion Council of the Y.W.C.A. held in McMaster University last night. In opening Mr. Bishop referred to the work which had been accomplished by the Y.W.C.A. among the soldiers and the help which the militia authorities had extended to them. He stated that the war was directly responsible for the strengthening of hundreds of soldiers' religious convictions.

Training Young Girls. Speaking directly in regard to the work of the Y.W.C.A. he said that the training of young girls to a realization of the part they have to play in the world was just as essential to national progress as the training of young men. He pointed out the necessity of more and more being carried on in the west, and that the training of young girls was a more important work than ever before.

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