ARE SKEPTICAL OF HYDRO LEGISLATION

Municipal Deputation Asks Postponed Action on

GOVERNMENT REFUSES

No Need for Uneasiness Regarding Commission, Says

The cabinet did not accede to the request made by a delegation from the Ontario Municipal Electrical and Hydro-Electric Radial Associations at the parliament buildings yesterday that the government should postpone action on the hydro bills now before the house until the people had been given time to digest them. The delegation stated frankly that they were suspicious of the legislation. It should not be rushed thru "like juggernaut in the last minutes of the session." They urged that the municipalities and not the government should continue the development of Niagara power; that the commission should be appointed, one member by the chief justice, one by the municipalities and one by the government; that the municipalities should be authorized to appoint an independent auditor, and that the work of surveying and purchasing right-of-way for the lines already yoted for by the municipalities should be proceeded with, and that if the sovernment; that the municipalities should be authorized to appoint an independent auditor, and that the work of surveying and purchasing right-of-way for the lines already voted for by the municipalities should be proceeded with, and that if the McGarry bill was not held over to the controller next session the comptroller should be appointed by the commis-sion, subject to the approval of the

Resented Attitude.

The suspicion arose from misunderstanding of the bill, said the ministers, who showed a tendency to resent the attitude of the delegation. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson explained that the Niagara Power Act provided that the government should go ahead with the work entailing an expenditure of between ten and fourteen million dollars. That would take three or four years. Then, if the municipalities so desired, knowing the cost, they could take over the plant by arranging to pay for the sinking fund and interest. If they did not desire to do so the government would supply them with power at cost. The municipalities would thus be saved the expense of providing for the sinking fund if they cared to leave the plant in the hands of the government.

If anybody could point to any way in which his bill restricted the power of the commission after a year's trial, he himself would introduce an amendment, said Hon. T. W. McGarry, defending his legislation.

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As to the appointment of a municipal representative on the commission, the premier before he went away had promised to consider it.

security by the government. The McGarry bill would make the hydro into a factory, with Sir Adam Beck as the foreman, with a manager over him, he said. But this bill

was "innocent" as compared with the Niagara development bill. This was not taxation without representation; it was confiscation without repre-"Strong languarge," said Hon, Mr. "Total misunderstanding of bill," said Hon. I. B. Lucas.

"Have some regard for your lan-guage," said another. The railway was an insult to the intelligence of the municipalities, go on even with investigation for the

Mayor J. J. Duffus of Peterboro said the bills were being rushed thru without the municipalities being given a chance to defend themselves. "Defend themselves," said Hon. Mr. Ferguson, "from whom? The government is the best friend the hydro

Mayor Duffus: "We have not representation." They ought to know what was going on, what the bills silver: A. F. Wilson of Markham wanted

now than later.

Commissioner G. B. Ryan, Guelph, said that as stockholders the municipalities should have representation in the "board meetings" of the commis-

Commissioner W. Ellis, Hamilton: We feel that something is being put

time to consider the bills in London. We are a little afraid. Real Fight in Toronto. Hon. Dr. Pyne, acting premier, said





been in Toronto. That in London had been as one of pigmies. "Do get that out of your mind that the father is going to despoil the child. The government is the father of the hydro. I don't think that a reasonable argument has been advanced against the bills."

Hon. Mr. Ferguson: It is only reasonable to give us credit for common sense. No party could afford to attack the hydro from the point of view of sheer party politics. There is immediate demand for Niagara power. The work will be done with government money thru the commission. There is no cause for uneasiness or unrest. The municipalities should be delighted to have Niagara power developed by the government at cost; then, if the municipalities want to they can take it over.

"Whatever there is for anyone to criticize I can't for the life of me see. Everyone is safeguarded."

Mr. Lyon said it looked to him as if the hydro might be made a "government machine." Hon. Mr. Ferguson hotly resented the term. "You are not warranted in making such an asser-

and Sir Adam Beck and his duty to his own auditor in the monthly disputes between the accountants of the two offices.

Should Be in Bill.

He had endeavored to induce Mr. Clancy to reduce the language of his report before it was presented to the public accounts committee. He had not succeeded. The word "comptroller" had not been suggested by the officers of the department. His name had been "chief accountant." He still thought the "blanket clause" should be in the bill. It had been inserted after the bill had been drafted to give the government power to provide for contingencies between sessions.

"The friends of hydro will make the mistake of their lives if they oppose the bill," said he.

Mayor Church said there was a feeling of uneasiness because the municipalities, the stockholders, had no representation on the commission.

"Your daily interviews in the newspapers have done more than anything else to stir up that feeling in the public mind," said Hon. Mr. Ferguson.

The mayor made no audible reply, The meeting then broke up, as it had already delayed the opening of the house for over half an hour.

RAILWAY COMPANY LOSES

A verdict holding the Toronto Railway Co. accountable for the accident Nov. 19, 1914, in which R. D. Hill's taxicab was damaged, was returned by a jury in No. 3 assize court vesterday afternoon. The plaintiff, Lyon Astonished.

J. W. Lyon, Guelph, said he was astonished that the provincial treasurer should speak of protecting the investment of the province. Sixty per cent. of the expenditure had been provided by the municipalities, and the rest had been loaned on sufficient security by the government.

Yesterday afternoon. The plaintiff, Hill, is to receive \$1000, representing half the amount he asked in his complaint. The verdict declared the motorman negligent, that he failed to sound a warning and that the car was going at an excessive rate of speed. The jury deliberated for an hour.

> SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE. In order to relieve congestion and

prevent overcrowding on regular trains the Grand Trunk Railway System will run the following special trains from Toronto on April 20: Leave Toronto at 12.30 noon for: Brampton, Georgetown, Guelph, Strat-ford, St. Mary's, London and interme-diate stations.

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Leave Toronto at 4.40 p.m. for: Brantford, Paris, Woodstock, Ingersoll, London, Glencoe, Chatham, Windsor, Detroit, also Komoka, Strathroy, Watford, Wyoming and Sarnia. Through coaches and parlor cars to Detroit. Dining car to London.

Passengers will find it advantageous to get to the station early and travel by special trains.

go on even with investigation for the new lines without the consent of the government. They had no idea of commencing construction until after the war, but they should do preliminary work to enable them to start with peace.

Best Friend of Hydro.

Mayor J. J. Duffus of Peterboro

Mining Notes

Mocatta & Goldsmid of London Eng., write as follows concerning After the very long period during

the clause restricting work on radials during the war struck out. Right-of-fluctuations, this somewhat rapid way could be bought more cheaply movement is very marked. The chief cause appears to be the firmness of exchange in Shanghai, whence there has recently been a shipment of £350,000 to Bombay. Since the announcement of this shipment, China banks have bought in London, and this, in addition to the continued require-ments for coinage both here and on the continent, has caused much keener competition in the market than we have had for some time. As usual on a rising market, America has been much less willing to sell and offerings have been comparatively small; so long as these conditions last we can hardly look for any setback and even higher prices may be expected.

A wire received from New York yesterday gave the production of Nip-issing for the month of March at \$169,999 with a profit of \$105,541. as against a production of \$171,956 with a profit of \$104,604 for February of

The annual meeting of the Beaver Consolidated Mines was held yester-day. President Frank L. Culver pre-sided. Nothing of moment transpired. The general feeling expressed by the shareholders was one of confidence in the management and policy adopted by it to reach the lower levels. Their confidence was shown by the re-election of the whole of last year's board

LONDON STOCK MARKET. LONDON, April 18.—The stock market had a cheerful tone today, and, despite the approaching holidays, numerous transactions were recorded, principally Passenger Traffic



Single Fare Good Going-April 21st, 1916. Return Limit-April 21st, 1916.

Minimum charge, 25 cents.

Passenger Traffic

Fare and One-Third

Particulars from any Canadian Pacific Ticket Agent, or from W. B. Howard, D.P.A., Toronto.

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Boston

\$16.25 Round Trip from Toronto

Friday, April 21st

Return Limit May 5th

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Lv. LIVERP'L Lv. MONTR'L
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May 10 Pretorian June 3
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For Rates, Reservations, Etc., apply Local Agents, or ALLAN LINE, 95 King St. W., Toronto. I. E. SUCKLING, 1 King St. E., Toronto. General Agents. TRANS-PACIFIC LINES

CUNARD LINE SS, Orduns, 15,500 tons, sails from New York for Liverpool May 2nd, 5 p.m. A. F. WEBSTER & SON

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SINGLE FARE

FARE AND ONE-THIRD Good going April 20, 21, 22, 28; Return Limit April 25.

Tickets and further particulars at Grand Trunk Ticket Offices, N. W. Corner King and Yonge Sts. Phone Main 4209.

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ATLANTIC CITY Thursday, April 20 16.25 Round

Lehigh Valley Railroad The Route of the Black Diamond

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Good going April 21st and returning same day

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BONAVENTURE UNION DEPOT. Iontreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

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TORONTO TO WINNIPEG,
Leaves 19.45 p.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat.,
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Apply E. Tiffin, General Western Agent, 51
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Friday, April 21

Tickets good on all trains on the above dates.

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Auction Sales

Passenger Traffic

Suckling & Co. We are instructed by ROSS & WRIGHT

to sell in detail and lots to suit, the salvage from the fire of the Brown and Staunton Wholesale Stationery, 77 Bay

TUESDAY, APRIL 25th

Suckling & Co.

N. L. MARTIN, ASSIGNEE, to sell in detail on the premises, 212 Adelaide St. West, Toronto, at 2 o'clock p.m., on

MONDAY, APRIL 24th the stock, plant and machinery belonging to the estate of

WM. RADFORD,

212 Adelaide St. West, Toronto,
in detail, and consisting of Straw Braids,
Feathers, Velveteens, Silks, Manufactured Hats, etc. Machinery Sets Sewing
Machines, Motors, Straw Sewing Machines, Hydraulic Press, cost \$400;
Stamping Press, Stitching Machines,
Pulleys, Shaftings, Cutting Machines,
Office Furniture, Desks, Safes, Typewriters, Chairs, etc. Goods on view Monday, 9 a.m.

TERMS CASH.

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SMITH, RUNCIMAN & CO.,

100 to 106 Wellington St. West, Toronto, consisting of Office Furniture, 2 Melink Deposit Vaults, Shannon Cabinet File, 4 sections, base and top, Vertical Filing Cabinets. Addressing Machine, Book Truck, Copying Presses and Stands, Library Desks, Typewriters, with adder and billing, attachments, Stools, Electric Fixtures, etc., etc.

Warehouse—Tables, Wall Counters, with Burks; Table Tops for Ribbons, Centre Tables, Oak Silk Fixtures, Desks and Chairs, Hardwood Tables, with bases, Hat Stards, Afmchairs, Shippers' Desks, Trucks, Wooden Wheel Trucks, Baggage Trucks, Bicycle Delivery, Travelers' Trunks, Basket Trunks, etc., etc.; also 1 Ford Motor Car, and the balance of the Smith-Runciman wholesale millinery stock, Ribbons, Flowers, Wires, Hats, etc.

Suckling & Co. We are instructed by CHAS. BONNICK ASSIGNEE,

p.m., on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th, the stock belonging to the estate of C. P. BROWN

Auction Sale

of valuable residential property in the City of Toronto. There will be offered for sale by public auction at Chas. M. Henderson's auction rooms, 128 King Street East, Toronto, under power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the sale, on Saturday, May 20th, 1916, at twelve o'clock noon, the Modern Apartment House, No. 39 Ossington Avenue, being parts of lots 19 and 20, according to plan D 29, filed in the registry office for the registry division of East Toronto, more fully ascribed in the said mortgage. The said property will be offered subject to a first mortgage, the current year's taxes and a reserved price.

Terms: 10 per cent. of the total purchase price to be paid down at the sale. For further terms and particulars apply to apply to GEO. E. NEWMAN, A19,26M6,13 Selicitor, 18 Toronto St.

C.P.R. EARNINGS.

MONTREAL, April 18.—C.P.R.'s earning return for the second week of April, issued yesterday afternoon, proved the most favorable of the current year. Not only was the aggregate the largest reported for any seven-day period, but the increase over the corresponding period also represented a new high. Earnings for the week were \$2,577,000, an increase of \$876,000, or \$1.5 per cent.

In the same week, 1912, the total was \$2.528,000, and in 1913 \$2,645,000.

PARIS. April 18.—Prices were irregular on the bourse today. Three per cent. rentes, 62 francs for cash. Exchange on

Multisize Rotary Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 27th,
the warehouse and office furniture belonging to the estate of

SMITH, RUNCIMAN & CO.,
100 to 106 Wellington St. West, Toronto. consisting of Office Furniture, 2 Melink Deposit Vaults, Shannon Cabinet File, 4 sections, base and top, Vertical Filing Cabinets. Addressing Machine, Book Truck, Copying Presses and Stands, Library Desks. Typewriters, with adder and billing attachments, Stools, Electric Fixtures, etc., etc., with Bunks; Table Tops for Ribbons, Centre Tables, Oak Silk Fixtures, Desks With Bunks; Table Tops for Ribbons, Centre Tables, Oak Silk Fixtures, Desks, Trucks, Wooden Wheel Trucks, Baggage Trucks, Bicycle Delivery, Travelers' Trunks, Basket Trunks, etc., etc.; also 1 Ford Motor Car, and the balance of the company of the purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the company; and concessions; and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions; (j) To establish and support or aid in the establish and suppor

either alone or in conjunction with others;

(t) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

The operations of the company to be carried on throughout the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by the name of "Multisize Rotary Press Company, Limited," with a capital stock of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into 1,500 shares of one hundred dollars each, and the chief place of business of the said company to be at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario,

Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 17th day of February, 1916.

(Signed) THOMAS MULVEY,

Under-Secretary of State.

PROBLEMS OF EXCHANGE.

PARIS, April 18.—The annual report of the "Credit Lyonaise" calls attention to an interesting operation. After speaking of how the government, in the endeavor to regulate exchange with America.

Estate Notices

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS and Others.—In the Estate of Michael E. Spilling, Deceased.

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Mortgage Sales.

UNDER and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain registered mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by public auction on Monday, the 24th day of April, 1916, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, at the auction rooms of Ward Price, Limited, 34 Richmond Street East, Toronto, the following property, namely, Nos. 31 and 33 Melbourne Avenue, Toronto, composed of lots 3 and 4, and part of lot 2, block "E" plan No. 418, having a street frontage of 92 feet, by a depth of 150 feet for the westerly 84 feet frontage, and a depth of 132 feet 6 inches for the easterly 8 feet frontage, subject to certain rights of way.

There are said to be built on this property two apartment houses, known as "Melbourne Apartments," containing 24 suites and 4 garages.

The property will be sold subject to the existing first mortgages for \$28,000.00, to existing tenancies, and to a reserve bid.

conveniences calculated to benefit employees or ex-employees of such persons, and to grant penalons and allow-some of the dependents or connections of such persons, and to grant penalons and allow-some of contractive of charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition or for any contracts of the purpose of acquiring or year of the purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the company may not purpose of the purpose of the company may not purpose of the purpose of t

so many obstacles in the way of greater purchases of American securities.

DOMINION TEXTILE UP MONTREAL, April 16.—Dominion Textile was strong today, making a new high record for the trading since the war began. Canada Car was another strong stock. Brazil came in for a fair share of the trading, yesterday's divi-dend announcement being reassuring.

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK. EAST BUFFALO, April 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; steady.
Veals—Receipts, 650; slow; \$4.50 to \$11.

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Onions—Cana
lb. bag; Spani
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\$2.50 per crate
crate; green,
bunches; large
bunches.
Parsley—\$1.25
grown, 75c per
Parsnips—75c

Potatoes—Net \$1.95, \$2 and \$2 and \$1.85 per be \$2.25 and \$2.30 Potatoes—Swe Potatoes—Net Peppers—Swe Spinach—\$1. \$3 per bbl. Rhubarb—75 Radishes—40 Turnips-60c

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Fowl, ib.
Turkeys, ib.
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Mr. M. P. sives the folic Live-Weight Chickens, Ducks, 1b. Geese, 1b. Turkeys, y Fowl, heav Fowl, light Dressed—