

# FIGHT FOR FAIR DEAL ALREADY BEARS FRUIT.

Power Commission Grants Concession Which the Hydro Bunch Were Prepared to Sacrifice Only a Week Ago.

Adam Beck, as Usual, Writes Ambiguously—Warm Meeting of the Council—Vote 12 to 9 For Hamilton.

The city's action a week ago in calling the Hydro-Electric Commission's bluff has already borne fruit and ought to come down a peg and partly meet the demand of a majority of the aldermen for a square deal for Hamilton.

At the Council meeting last night a letter was read from Hon. Adam Beck, in which he announced that the commission would agree to insert the amendment to clause 2b, which reads as follows:

"The corporation of the city of Hamilton shall not be bound to take power exclusively from the commission, and shall at all times be at liberty to take power from any other source, or generate power, and the power supplied by the commission may be used by the corporation of the city of Hamilton for any purpose, except as set forth in paragraph 11 hereof."

This is one concession that was well worth while fighting for, and if nothing else vindicates the aldermen who refused to be bluffed by the commission when the Hydro clique insisted that it was useless to resume negotiations for terms.

Mr. Beck's letter, however, was ambiguous, for, while he agrees to insert the amendment to paragraph 2b, he announces that the commission will not eliminate other paragraphs to clause 10, which directly conflict with the concession made. In face of this, and the fact that Hon. Adam Beck intimated to Mayor McLaren that the commission would meet a committee from the Council, nine aldermen voted last night to close a contract.

Twelve aldermen, however, insisted on protecting the city's rights, and the power question stands over until a small committee to be named by the Mayor talks the matter over with the commission.

## MR. BECK'S LETTER.

Mr. Beck's letter was as follows:

London, Nov. 6.  
"It appears that some uncertainty has arisen in the minds of some members of the City Council as to the position of the commission with respect to the terms of the contract to be entered into between the city and the commission upon an application by the city under paragraph 11 of the agreement of May 4, 1908."

"The commission has always desired as far as possible to meet the views of the Council so long as the other municipalities, original parties to the contract, were not prejudiced, and the terms of the letter of June 25 last from the solicitor were not varied."

"From newspaper reports of the meeting of the Council on Monday last the commission at its regular meeting on Thursday assumed that communications would be received from the city clerk, as to the amendment, in the resolution passed by the Council. Later members of the commission were to be out of town for some time, and the proposed amendments were considered."

"It appeared to the commission that the amendments are in part at least points of detail only, different in expression but the same in effect. The commission has not hesitated in any case to use any form of expression that does not change the intention, and as to paragraph 2b, the amendment suggested will be made. Also as to 10a, the following words might be added: 'Ratably according to the distance from Niagara Falls and the amount of power supplied to the corporation of the city subject to the provisions of paragraphs 10 b and c.'"

"The commission cannot, however, strike out 10 b, c and d. Accurate figures for one thousand horse-power have been put in columns 6 and 7. I enclose that copy of contract in final form."

The letter was signed by Mr. Beck.

CLAUSES THAT CONFLICT.  
Clause 10, to which the commission says the word "ratably," etc., might be added, reads:

"The commission shall at least annually adjust and apportion the amounts payable by municipal corporations for such power and such interest, sinking fund, loss, and cost of operating, maintaining, repairing, renewing and insuring the line and works."

The paragraphs which it refuses to strike out provide distinctly that Hamilton shall not be entitled in respect to any reductions that may be due to increase in the power supplied by the commission to any other corporations or parties.

## WANTED COPIES.

When the letter had been read, Ald. Jutten asked that the aldermen be furnished with typewritten copies.

"All right; there will be time for that," said the Mayor.

"I mean to-night," said Ald. Jutten. "Have the copies made now and we can consider it before it comes up in committee of the whole."

"If we do that we will be waiting every night for typewritten copies," argued the Mayor.

Ald. Hopkins insisted that the aldermen should get copies at once.

"I don't think the matter should be dealt with summarily," protested Ald. Peregrine. "It has received every and careful consideration, and we should not jump at conclusions now."

The Mayor pointed out the matter would come up in committee of the whole. He said he had not received the letter until 8 o'clock. "That is no time," he said, "for communications to be sent to the council for consideration."

"I particularly request that you order this done now," persisted Ald. Hopkins.

The Mayor, however, instructed the city clerk to proceed, and the matter dropped until the council sat in committee of the whole.

## ALD. PEREGRINE'S MOTION.

When the power question came up in committee of the whole, where the council left it a week ago, Ald. Peregrine, seconded by Ald. Allan, promptly moved:

"That the power by-law lay in committee of the whole and a small committee be appointed by the Mayor to

interview the commission at an early date."

Ald. Jutten, seconded by Ald. Cooper, immediately moved in amendment: "That the schedule of the power by-law be struck out and that the final form of contract submitted by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario of this date substituted in lieu thereof, and the by-law as amended be adopted."

## THE MAYOR EXPLAINS.

The Mayor explained that when the aldermen were in Toronto on Tuesday, considering the matter on the way back talking it over with several members of the Council, they thought there would be less friction, if the matter was quietly threshed out with the commission. He felt very much like Hon. Adam Beck expressed himself in the letter, the commission meant about the same as the city, but the language was not quite clear.

While the Commission was willing to insert a clause that Hamilton would not be obliged to take power exclusively from the Commission, this clashed with the other clauses which the Commission was not willing to strike out.

"It seems possible to me," he said, "that we can see the Commission quietly. It seemed to me a little harsh to send a letter saying we would do this and would not do that. I thought if we got together and convinced them we were not asking for any more than we are entitled to, we would get results."

He related the conversation he had with Mr. Beck on Friday. His Worship credited all the aldermen with having a desire to get the best for Hamilton.

The bitterness in connection with the matter, he thought was exaggerated in the newspaper. The meaning of the letter was still ambiguous. There should be an understanding with the Commission and then everyone would know exactly where they stood.

"That is the way I feel about it," he said, "and I think if it is followed out a majority of the Council can get together on it."

## ALD. MORRIS CRITICISES.

Ald. Morris—I think what you have said about the desire of a majority of the members of the Council to get the best terms is correct. At the last meeting Ald. Cooper's motion was that the power committee ascertain if the commission would enter into a contract as suggested, but apparently you were not in favor of it.

The Mayor—I thought perhaps it would be better if some of the aldermen who were not on the matter went down and talked the matter over.

Ald. Morris—If that was stated at the last meeting it had avoided a lot of misunderstanding. What you said at the last meeting left the impression that you objected to anyone going down. You said you did not care if the matter remained in committee of the whole until the end of the year. We parted with the understanding that a committee would be sent down. It seems like an arbitrary action that the Council should be threatened in this way.

Ald. Morris also criticised his worship for not complying with Ald. Jutten's request that the aldermen be supplied with typewritten copies of Mr. Beck's letter.

The Mayor retorted that 8 o'clock was no hour for such communications to reach the Council.

"It would have been common courtesy to give us the information," continued Ald. Morris. "I believe you are as sincere as any member of this Council in your desire to get better terms. We simply look at it in a different light. I think if you took us into your confidence we would get along better. I understood at the last meeting that you objected to a committee. Now, I understood that you objected to some of the members of the committee."

"You don't express my opinions," said the Mayor. "I had no objection to any member of the committee, I thought from what Mr. Beck had said I thought argument that it would be well to have aldermen who were not prejudiced by the discussion to talk matters over with the Commission. If there is anything I can do to bring the Council together on this you can depend on me to do it."

Ald. Morris said the matter was undoubtedly of sufficient importance to be carefully dealt with.

## SHARP REPARTURE.

Ald. Crerar said his impression was that the commission was to submit the same contract as was submitted to the other municipalities. His understanding of the Council's former decision was that the commission must either accept or reject the amended contract, as proposed by the city.

Ald. Cooper—Ald. Crerar must have been asleep.

Ald. Crerar—Why?

Ald. Cooper—Ald. Crerar says the commission has always wanted us to take the same contract as the other municipalities. Surely he must have been asleep. He attended one meeting of the committee.

Ald. Crerar—I did not.

Ald. Cooper—Yes you did.

Ald. Crerar—Merely as a spectator.

Ald. Cooper—You had a good deal to say.

Ald. Crerar—I said all I could, but I did not get much of a chance.

Ald. Cooper—He insisted that there could be no further reason for delay and that the matter should be cleaned up at once.

Ald. Jutten also urged that the matter be finally disposed of, as the people were thoroughly sick of it. The commission had submitted its final contract and was not like a private corporation, that could be handled about. "I don't want to be arbitrary," he declared, "but I am sick and tired of this, and I think every member of the Council is."

He urged them to vote on his amendment.

"That will settle the question," said Ald. Jutten. "It is a straight issue of whether we accept the final contract."

Ald. Allan declared there was no one more anxious than he was to settle the matter, but he was surprised to see any alderman, in face of the letter, make such an amendment as Ald. Jutten had. The cry at the last meeting was that the decision was final, that the commission had come down a little and

said now the meaning was the same, but the language was different. If there was to be any fighting, it should be done before the agreement was accepted, and not after.

"It seems to be the case of swallow the whole thing even if you have indigestion after."

## DR. HOPKINS ROASTS MAYOR.

"It is the same old argument," complained Ald. Hopkins, who immediately began to tell one of his famous stories. "Tell us about Jack and the Beanstalk," said Ald. Allan, jokingly.

Ald. Hopkins insisted the offer was really final this time, and he charged it was the same old story and delay. He reiterated his statements about the mandate from the people, and the aldermen and Mayor failing to carry it into effect.

The Mayor, he said, at the last meeting promised to have the matter settled at once.

"Indeed," he charged, "he has led us into a wilderness of confusion. Whenever it comes time to consummate this contract there is always the cry of delay, and 'Wait until to-morrow.'"

If the matter was not settled up at once, he said, the Council would be no further ahead than it was two years ago.

JOSHED HIM.

"This discussion is all out of order," protested Ald. Crerar.

"Give the man a chance," laughed Ald. Allan. "He will tell another story in a minute."

Ald. Hopkins insisted that the Mayor had deserted the Hydro ranks.

"You not only deserted," he said, "but you asked all hands to desert and join the 'starvation.' You not only deserted, but you fought against us, Mr. Mayor."

The people went to the polls in Cataract, rigs, though, and the by-law got a jolly good licking, and I think, Mr. Mayor, on the third of January you should get a jolly good licking, not only yourself, but your lieutenants. I don't want to hurt your feelings. I don't want to hurt your feelings."

"Oh, you don't," observed his Worship cheerfully.

"But I insist we have a duty to the people to fulfill," he continued.

CONSIDERS HIM A JOKE.

"As far as hurting my feelings," explained the Mayor, "I only take it as a joke from you."

"Mr. Mayor, it's no joke for the city of Hamilton," retorted Ald. Hopkins. "You promised to support the Hydro-Electric and then you fought against it."

Reading from printed slips on the desks of the aldermen, Ald. Peregrine said that one who looked at the cost of transformers, transmission lines, etc., now named as \$84,384 for Hamilton's share, and \$3,620 for interest and sinking fund, instead of \$8,520, would find two very good reasons why the Council should not close a contract before the matter was considered.

CHALLENGED THE STATEMENT.

Then half a dozen aldermen were on their feet at once.

Ald. Jutten—I take exception to that, Ald. Peregrine—I have the floor.

Ald. Morris—Withdraw that.

Ald. Ellis—Yes, withdraw that remark.

Ald. Peregrine—I have the floor.

Ald. Peregrine insisted that the aldermen at the last meeting were prepared to vote for a contract which meant \$31,266 for the city in the matter of transmission lines and \$4,903 on interest and sinking fund. This was a matter surely worth while looking into. Yet ten aldermen were ready to overlook it.

Ald. Cooper insisted that the commission had at last made a final offer and the Council should deal with it without delay.

THE VOTE.

Ald. Jutten's amendment was voted down on the following division:

Yeas (9)—Jutten, Cooper, Ellis, Hopkins, Wright, Morris, Sweeney, Robson, Anderson.

Nays (12)—Applegath, Gardner, Clark, Leck, Milne, Ryan, Fort, Farmer, Allan, Peregrine, Guy, Crerar.

Ald. Peregrine's motion to lay the matter over carried on the same division.

GOOD ROADS BY-LAW.

The good roads by-law, asking the people to vote \$200,000 for permanent pavements, was given two readings and sent on to the ratifiers. Nearly every alderman around the board spoke in favor of it, although some of the were disappointed that streets from their wards were not included.

Ald. Milne was the only one to object to the schedule of streets, as recommended by the Board of Works. He thought that only the streets where tracks were to be laid should be repaved, and placed himself on record to that effect.

Allan explained that the other streets to be macadamized would be done to protect the asphalt.

The street railway specifications, as approved of by the Board of Works, received the Council's sanction.

CONTROLLERS' BY-LAW.

Ald. Milne declared that the new Board of Control was largely an experiment.

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ment. He had heard that Toronto was none too well pleased with it, although it had five times as much money as Hamilton, and paid only \$2,500. He moved an amendment that the salaries here be fixed at \$800, instead of \$1,200, as recommended.

Ald. Peregrine pointed out that the act provided the salaries could not be less than \$1,000 nor more than \$1,500. "Surely you want the controllers to get more than ward foremen, who are paid \$850," spoke up Ald. Jutten.

The salaries were fixed at \$1,200 and the duties as defined by the committee, also the re-arrangement of committees was approved.

## WATERWORKS BY-LAW.

Earlier in the day the Fire and Water Committee considered the new waterworks by-law, when Alderman Morris moved that the rate on baths and closets be reduced \$1 each, making them \$2 and \$1 each. This was approved of by the committee, although Ald. Lees suggested taking \$1 off the baths, leaving the rate for the first closet as at present, and reducing it for the second closet to \$2.

Ald. Lees and Anderson wanted the rate for manufacturers fixed at ten cents a thousand gallons, but an amendment by Ald. Morris, seconded by Ald. Milne, that it be 12 cents, carried.

There will be a special rate of 7 1/2 cents a thousand gallons for manufacturers, steel and iron plants, woodenware manufacturers, earthenware factories, textile manufacturers and handlers of fruit products. The by-law received one reading in the council, and remains in committee of the whole.

## WANTED IT REFERRED BACK.

Ald. Ellis questioned the clause in the Finance Committee's report which recommended that the Cemetery Board be authorized to invest \$50,000 perpetual care funds for five years at 5 per cent. with the Mercantile Trust Company. He demanded to know why the offer had been accepted in preference to offers of 5 1/4 per cent. from two other companies.

The Mayor explained that the board had carefully considered the matter, and that the other offers were for periods of ten years each.

Ald. Ellis moved that the clauses be referred back, but this was voted down, the mover and Aldermen Ryan and Wright being the only ones to support it.

## ODD ENDS.

The council approved of the laying of a cement walk on Barton street from near Sherman avenue to Lotbridge street.

The Fire and Water Committee's recommendation that six-inch mains be laid in the new annex on Beechwood rd Rosemount avenues at an estimated cost of \$700 each was adopted.

The by-law to reduce the number of aldermen from each ward to two and divide the city into eight wards was given two readings and sent on to the people.

## HIS PAINS AND ACHES ALL GONE

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED CHAS. N. CYR'S RHEUMATISM.

Statement of a Man Who Suffered for a Year From Different Forms of Kidney Disease and Found a Speedy Cure.

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## THE SOUL.

Robt. McMurdo Spoke on Its Worth and Welfare.

"The Worth and Welfare of the Soul" was the subject of Mr. Robert McMurdo's address in Ebenezer Hall last evening.

It was explained that the word soul in scripture often means man. Now man in creation was made a little lower than the angels, but was given dominion over the animal creation, so that he was, as it were, betwixt two worlds, being linked above by his spirit and linked below by his body—his soul being the connecting link.

The soul is that part of man in which his personality resides, and he has the liberty of choice to do the will of God or refuse to do it. With this liberty comes the possibility of falling. A look over the past would show that Satan had fallen, angels had fallen, and man had fallen, but though in heart man may be far from God, the fact remains that his soul is eternally lasting. The worth of a soul can best be proved by the value God put upon it, and by the cost price of its redemption. God values the soul at an enormous figure, saying "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? It takes a soul to take the redemption of the soul of God's Son to redeem all the souls in the world. The welfare of the soul was a very important individual consideration. There were two examples given in the Scriptures, the one a marked contrast to the other, in regard to the interest in the welfare of the soul. The first was in Luke xii, where the sower of the seed sowed more for his goods and barns than for his soul, so God said to him: "This night thy soul shall be required of thee." In the 116th Psalm is found the record of a man whose cry was, "Deliver my soul," and he was delivered, and his soul prospered.

Like manner should the soul of every Christian prosper and grow fat, but in order to accomplish this it must be fed on the Living Bread, the word of God. Prayer, too, is a great builder of spiritual prosperity. The speaker urged all Christians present to fatten their souls by pleasant food, well digested, and moistened with prayer.

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Despite the weather, Monday morning saw our week of Morning Sales start off with a decided rush. We're glad of it. It means that those who can do so will shop here before 12 o'clock noon and thereby relieve the big crowds in the afternoon. These latter throngs had begun to get so thick that even with our additional help we could feel the strain of waiting upon every one as promptly as is our wont.

We are offering again to-day some remarkable inducements to visit The Right House to-morrow before 12 o'clock. Of course we have not mentioned all to-morrow morning's sales and we have practically ignored completely the great reductions which are the result of the Inauguration Sale. This latter and the annual Winter Coat and Fur Sale, too, by the way, are still attracting extensive patronage. So shop in the morning if you can—it's well worth your while—but if you can't the other three sales mean bargains for you at any hour.

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