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CHEAP ELECTRICITY WHAT IT MEANS.

In pursuance of their campaign against the passing of the power by law, the emissaries of the electric barons of Toronto are said to be appealing for the support of the working men of the city, on the ground that cheap Niagara electricity would only be of advantage to the manufacturers. It seems to be part of their game to lay stress on the power side of the case and to ignore the lighting value which, from a public point of view, is equal if not greater importance. But whether it be cheap power or cheap light, the advantages to be derived from its introduction are not confined to any class or section of the citizens of Toronto. The whole basis of the agitation against the schemes of the electric ring rests on public rights and particularly that it is in the interest of the working classes and of all citizens of moderate means to have the white coal of Niagara made available to them in their homes for the ordinary purposes of life.

Electricity is in its infancy as a public servant, and unless all indications are misleading and valueless, it is destined to be the most universal and valuable public servant ever brought under man's control. It is the best, cleanest and safest lighting agent, and with advantages such as the province possesses in its water powers, it ought to be the cheapest. In those cities and towns that have been favorably situated for its production and have had the sense to protect themselves from the grasping hand of the monopolist, the incandescent lamp is found in every home instead of being the exclusive privilege of the rich. Coal gas is not the ideal illuminant—it is dangerous often and always more or less injurious to a pure and healthy atmosphere. In Toronto it is not cheap—not cheap enough to be in every house, and those who cannot afford to have it are perforce thrown back upon the oil lamp, another illuminant with risks and evils of its own, and at the best none so efficient. The electric light that can go into the house of the poorest as well as the richest electric baron himself, is the ideal illuminant, and because it is this it ought to be cheap that it may be in universal use.

But for the working man, cheap electricity as a power producer is no less valuable. Cheap power means cheaper production; cheaper production means greater profits and wider markets for the commodities it helps to make. Working men, employees of all kinds, profit by cheaper and greater productive power in the shape of higher wages and more constant employment. One of the most striking features arising from the introduction of cheap electricity is that it benefits every citizen individually as well as the community itself. If he has cheaper and better lighting in his home, the city has cheaper and better lighted streets, increased safety to life and limb and property. For Toronto, too, cheap power will ultimately bring cheap transportation. Cleveland is nearing the end of its long fight for the three-cent fare and universal transfers—that will come to Toronto if the opportunity that is now presented is taken. It is because all these desirable things are at the door and because their advent spells collapse to the plans of the electric ring, that the power bylaw is being so bitterly opposed. The opposition of the high financiers who strove to sew up the city and to bring the supply of light and power and the provision of street transportation under their control, is the strongest of all arguments in favor of the bylaw. Working men, householders, manufacturers, the citizens generally, are concerned in the issue of this conflict between the common good and private interests and should vote as a unit for the power policy of the provincial government.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN EUROPE.

One of the momentous questions before the Russian duma to-day is that of the responsibility of cabinet ministers to the popular chamber. This, of course, is of the essence of real parliamentary government, since only by its recognition can the representatives of the people operate control of home and foreign policy. It is noteworthy that this same right appears to have just been conceded to the duma by Prince von Buelow, the German chancellor, when he warned that house that he would resign unless supported by a majority of the members. For the first time in its history the vote of the imperial ministers, who hitherto have adhered to the view that their responsibility was to the emperor alone, and that their continuance in office depended exclusively on his will. The action of the imperial chancellor was, it is understood, endorsed by the Kaiser before his departure for England, because, in his opinion, the old system was no longer tenable, and it is even intimated that the manner and form of the announcement was arranged between them.

The resolution to introduce ministerial responsibility is undoubtedly an achievement of the serious scandals in which members of the imperial entourage have been involved, and which also affected government officials. With such a state of affairs as was disclosed during the judicial investigations that followed the attacks by Herr Harden and other political opponents of the government, the Kaiser could not but realize that, altho in personal ignorance of its existence, his own prestige must inevitably suffer. By the introduction of the principle of parliamentary responsibility he will in future escape animadversion, while in all probability losing nothing of his state control. That a more progressive policy has been resolved upon is further shown by the government's intention to reform the law relating to associations and public meetings laid on the table of the Reichstag last month. Hitherto, each state has had its own law—the new measure introduces uniformity throughout the empire, but certainly a step forward it still leaves the German people under numerous vexatious restrictions, and without that privilege of free speech which English-speaking countries regard as their constitutional birthright.

OPPOSITION AWAITING AYLESWORTH'S RETURN

Resumes His Seat This Week—Mr. Armstrong Will Speak on Rural Delivery.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—It is announced that Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, who has been at Clifton Springs taking the baths, will be in the house Tuesday. This will be his first appearance at this season, and it is expected to give renewed life to the debate which has begun to lag since the list of subjects suggested by the speech from the throne has been pretty well exhausted.

The absence of Aylesworth, thru an affliction which the general registry has to some extent tied the tongues of the opposition, and now that he is coming home, there is a disposition to open up and prolong it. It will be remembered that Aylesworth, at Essex Centre, rather warmly attacked Mr. Borden, saying if what he had heard concerning the Halifax election were true, Borden could be disqualified from sitting in parliament.

The speech, as reported exclusively in The World, was repudiated by The Globe, but afterwards the chief Liberal organizer in Ontario verified the version given in The World, and Mr. Aylesworth himself did not dispute it. Mr. Borden declared he would meet Mr. Aylesworth on the floor of the house, so that this week these two will be face to face and the forensic combat is eagerly anticipated by those who follow parliamentary proceedings.

On Monday Mr. Armstrong will resume the debate on the address, and will move an amendment regretting that the speech from the throne contained no reference to the subject of free rural mail delivery. When the discussion will close is a matter of conjecture only, but it probably occupy the first part of the week.

MRS. TAFT IS DEAD.

While Son is Abroad on Business of State.

MILBURY, Mass., Dec. 8.—Death which had been expected almost hourly for a week past, was announced this morning at 12:50 o'clock, from the bedside of Mrs. Louis Maria Taft, mother of William H. Taft, United States Secretary of War. Mrs. Taft was the widow of Alphonso Taft, secretary of war and attorney-general of the United States under President Roosevelt, and later minister to Austria and Russia. Mrs. Taft was attacked last July with acute indigestion and a gradual breakdown of her vigorous constitution soon followed. She was born in Boston, Sept. 11, 1827. Four children survive.

SIBERIA LIKE OUR OWN WEST

So Says Secretary Taft, Much Impressed With Its Possibilities.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—U. S. Secretary of War Taft talked at great length to-day about the wonderful economic future of Siberia, saying he had perceived surprising possibilities for the development of this country. Siberia, he declared, had impressed him as being similar to the Canadian Northwest. The first and most difficult step, that of a transcontinental railroad, already had been taken, and when the world began to help Russia in the development of Siberia, as it had helped the United States with money, immigrants and trained engineers, for exploiting the territorial wealth, Siberia would become one of the most productive lands in the world.

Death of Doctor Hobbey.

AMHERSTBURG, Ont., Dec. 8.—Dr. Thomas J. Hobbey is dead, after an illness of a week. He was 57 years old and a native of this place, having been a practicing physician in the town for a quarter of a century. He was prominently connected with the Masonic fraternity and was a member of Detroit Commandery, Knights Templars.

PERTINENT QUERIES.

Editor World: Last year, when hides advanced slightly, it was made a pretext for raising boots and leather goods from 10 to 40 per cent. This year hides have been cheap, selling at present at 80, compared with 140 last year, and the tendency is towards lower prices still, yet boots and leather goods are as high or higher than last year. What is the cause of this? Are we not supposed to have anti-trust legislation? What became of that commission proposed by the mayor and council to investigate the prices of coal, meat, etc.? Also, what philanthropists are likely responsible for the circulating literature "concerning municipal ownership," etc., that the postman brings us—incidentally trying to knock the proposed power bylaw?

Prevent Taking Cold. Often you come home cold and shivering—feet are wet, throat is raw, chest a little sore. A bad cold is just beginning. Put a Nerviline Porous Plaster on your chest, rub your throat with Nerviline, and take a stiff dose of Nerviline in hot water. This prevents a chill and checks the cold instantly. No remedies so useful in the home, so sure to prevent serious illness as Nerviline and Nerviline Plasters. Sold by all dealers, 25c each, but be sure you get the genuine, and refuse any substitute.

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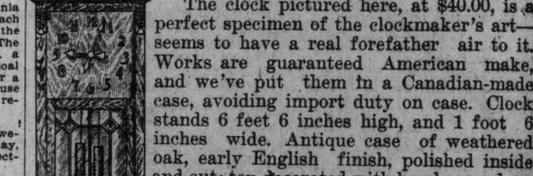
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Time is Flying After to-day you have just thirteen more shopping days before Christmas. If you do all the buying you can to-day and this week—and do it in the mornings—you are not only giving yourself all the advantages and pleasure possible, but you're giving our salesclerks the opportunity they want of giving you their best service. IF YOU DO YOUR SHOPPING IN THE MORNING YOU GET All the Comfort, All the Pleasure, The Best Service, The Best Choice. YOU MISS All the Crowding, And the Inconvenience Of buying With the throngs.

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The clock pictured here, at \$40.00, is a perfect specimen of the clockmaker's art—seems to have a real forefather air to it. Works are guaranteed American make, and we've put them in a Canadian-made case, avoiding import duty on case. Clock stands 6 feet 6 inches high, and 1 foot 6 inches wide. Antique case of weathered oak, early English finish, polished inside and out; top decorated with hand-carved ornaments. Leaded glass door, colonial style; 1-foot dial, with solid brass raised figures and large hand 9 inches long; 8-day weight movement, with brass chains; cylindrical brass weights and 4 1-2-inch pendulum, soft gong hour and half-hour strike. Built to last a lifetime. Moderately priced, each \$40.00



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BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—James Gurlina and his wife are heartbroken over the kidnapping of their daughter, who is very young. The police of all New England have been notified of the crime, which occurred at Athol, Mass.

The trail leads to Canada, and Chief Beatty has decided opinions that the girl has been taken there. He discovered that the alleged kidnapper, whose name is Salvatore, came from some part of Canada.

The girl is very talented and beautiful. She refused to marry Salvatore, who fell in love with her, and after that she was spirited away.

BIG LOANS AND NO SECURITY. California Deposit Co. Goes to Wall With Heavy Liabilities.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Recommendation was made Saturday by the bank commissioners to Attorney-General Webb to take legal action relative to appointing a receiver for the California Safe Deposit and Trust Co. of San Francisco, which suspended business several weeks ago. It was found by the commissioners that instead of legal reserves of \$1,800,000, 99 per cent. of their \$9,000,000, they had but \$400,000. The difference of \$1,400,000 in the opinion of the bank commissioners, could not be raised by the stockholders of the bank. The legal reserve was in the bank on Dec. 4 a year ago.

The depositors found that \$2,253,449 had been loaned to directors on their personal note without security, and were connected with which the directors to companies with which the directors had loaned \$484,410 on his personal note, without security.

The committee of depositors worked all day and found that out of \$9,000,000, only \$400,000 was available.

TAX INSURANCE BUSINESS. Manitoba Government Will Amend the Act Next Session.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 8.—The Manitoba Government will amend the Insurance Act at the next session of the legislature so that all insurance companies and agents doing business in the province will be placed on the same footing as far as collection of taxes is concerned. Under the present act big companies outside of the province can come and put on some large and desirable risks and pay no taxes.

The Traders Bank of Canada

DIVIDEND NO. 47. Notice is hereby given that a dividend of one and three-quarters per cent. upon the paid-up capital stock of this Bank has been declared for the current quarter, being at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after Thursday, the Second Day of January Next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st of December, 1907, both days inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Banking House in Toronto on Tuesday, January 28th, 1908. Chair to be taken at 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the Board. STUART STRATHY, General Manager.

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