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Ontario Will Transmit Cheap Electric Current to Municipalities and Apportion the Cost

HON. ADAM BECK SUBMITS POWER BILL PERMANENT COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED SCHEME IS NOT CONFINED TO NIAGARA

Rates to be Charged by Existing Companies and Municipalities to be Regulated by Government.

CONMEE ACT DOES NOT APPLY
If Development Companies Refuse Satisfactory Terms Commission May Develop Water Power or Expropriate Existing Plants.

The long-expected power legislation has been submitted to the legislature. Yesterday Hon. Adam Beck introduced a bill which means that Premier Whitney and his colleagues intend to carry out their promise "to see that cheap power is available for the use of the municipalities of Ontario." The scheme includes every section of Ontario where there is a water power capable of successful development.

As forecasted by The World in its Sunday issue, the main feature of the power bill is the appointment of a permanent commission to apportion the cost of transmitting electric current among the municipalities which decide to go into the scheme. The commission will negotiate with the development companies for a supply to meet the stated demands. If the companies are reasonable in their prices, contracts will be entered into on behalf of the municipalities; in case the prices are not satisfactory, the commission will have power to erect a development plant or expropriate. The price of power at the point of development will be the same to all, no matter what amount of power may be used; the cost of transmission will depend upon the amount and the distance.

The government will borrow money on the credit of the province to carry the scheme into execution. The cost will be adjusted by accountants and engineers in the employ of the commission, and a rate of 4 per cent. will be charged the municipalities for the capital outlay; then in addition the municipalities will pay sufficient to provide a sinking fund to retire the securities issued by the province in thirty years. The cost of maintenance will be paid directly to the commission by the municipalities.

The scheme will not apply, as stated, to Niagara Falls district alone. Wherever there is a development of municipalities in the district may apply to the power commission, and the electric power will be supplied.

It was stated by Hon. Mr. Beck that current can be procured at Niagara at \$12 a horsepower. Mr. Beck also said a company of capitalists had promised to undertake the development and supply power at the figures mentioned in the first report of the hydro-electric commission. This means that power can be brought to Toronto and sold for \$17, which is the figure all is seen when one considers these figures.

There are other features of the bill which are worthy of more than the mere stating. The commission may furnish power to railways or distributing companies, and whatever profits accrue will go towards lightening the burdens of the municipalities. For the purposes of this scheme the Conmee bill will not apply.

The commission is given power to regulate rates charged by municipal companies for electric light, power, heat or gas.

These are the salient features of the bill. The opposition did not attempt to criticize the scheme adversely, but as usual claimed that the government was "following in its footsteps." This claim is based upon an act passed by the Ross government in 1903, reserving a

POWER BILL IN BRIEF.
Permanent commission of three, one a cabinet minister, to hold office during pleasure of government. Salaries to be fixed by the government.
Commission may appoint engineers and accountants; salaries to be paid out of moneys voted by the legislature.
Municipality may apply to commission for plans and estimates of cost of furnishing power, but the province shall not incur any liability to any municipality for errors or omissions in report.
Council may submit bylaw to electors, authorizing the corporation to enter into contract with the commission, subject to approval of the government.
After such approval commission may proceed to deliver power to the corporation, to be used and distributed upon terms and rates prescribed by commission.
Commission may enter into contracts with railways or distributing companies. Net profit to be applied in payment of cost of maintaining works. Commission may contract with railway companies for use of right of way for power line.
Conmee Act does not apply to any municipality receiving power from the commission, and it shall not be necessary for the council to fix any price to be offered to any light company unless the commission shall direct.
Commission may report to government designating lands, water privileges, works or plant which should be purchased, leased, expropriated or developed, or what quantity of product the commission requires.
The government may, upon recommendation of commission, authorize the commission to acquire lands and works; plant and property of transmission companies; take power produced by companies.
Whenever the government shall direct, the commission shall have powers and shall proceed in the like manner as is provided in the case of the minister of public works, taking lands or property for the public uses of the municipalities.
Cost of works shall be borne by any municipality, it shall pay its proportion of the following charges: (a) Interest at 4 per cent. on moneys paid by commission on capital account; (b) annual sum sufficient to form in 30 years a sinking fund for the retirement of the securities issued by the province; (c) cost of operating, maintaining, repairing, renewing and insuring works.
Accountant of commission shall annually adjust amounts payable by the municipalities to the commission.
Government authorized to raise by loan on credit of province sums required for the purposes mentioned.
Commission to account to the government for all moneys received.
Complaints as to rates charged by light, heat and power companies, or that any municipality is making use of powers conferred for the purpose of granting bonuses by supplying power, light or heat, below cost, will be adjusted by the commission.
Municipality subject to penalty of \$100 for disobedience of order of commission.
Commission shall, when required by government, investigate water powers in the province.



FEELING SICK
POLICYHOLDER (who has just taken a Dittler pill, what I need is a change of medicine—and of doctors.)

TIME OF CABINET MINISTERS IS NOW THE PROPERTY OF THE COUNTRY

Fitzpatrick's Amendment Carries—Aylesworth Defends His Position and the Judges—Judges on Commissions Should Get No Extra Pay.

Ottawa, May 7.—(Special.)—During much of the afternoon and all of the evening the house debated the resolution that it is inexpedient that any member of the government or deputy head of a department should act or appear as a barrister, counsel or advocate in any court, except where the interests of the crown are involved, in any court presided over by judges or a judge appointed by the government of Canada. Mr. Lennox was listened to with close attention.

Mr. Aylesworth made his maiden speech, and surprised the house by his fluency and vigor, the more so as he had, as usual, affected to be asleep while Mr. Lennox was attacking him. Mr. Borden answered the arguments of the postmaster-general.

Mr. Fitzpatrick pleased everybody. He defended Mr. Aylesworth, but betrayed his personal sympathy with the resolution. An important announcement was to the effect that judges ought not to receive any additional compensation for service upon royal commissions.

Mr. Lennox (Sjmsco) resumed his argument upon the adjournment debate respecting the resolution condemning the practice of law by ministers of the crown. He directed a scathing rebuke to the postmaster-general. It was indeed for a cabinet minister to appear before judges appointed by the crown.

It was most important, said Mr. Lennox, that the courts should not only avoid unfairness, but should avoid any appearance of unfairness. Especially the judges before whom Aylesworth is practicing will not be ungenerously influenced by his power over their prospects, but they may be influenced unconsciously. At any rate they are exposed to a popular distrust and suspicion which saps that reverence of the judiciary which formerly characterized our postmaster-general. Mr. Aylesworth had been the paid attorney of the Bell Telephone Company. How could he in the cabinet and in the house escape the feeling that he was the retainer of great corporations?

It had caused a great scandal in England, when Sir Richard Webster, an attorney-general, appeared for the government before the Parnell commission, and then accepted a retainer from the London Times, in a libel suit brought by Parnell, growing out of the same transaction.

Mr. Aylesworth said that he would have been glad to discuss the question, but Mr. Lennox had dragged personalities and politics. He admitted his responsibility to his constituents, and to the house. He would abide by their judgment. Beyond that, the resolution did not interest him in the slightest. He claimed that he was discharging his duties as postmaster-general. Whether in his spare time he practised law or played golf was of no more importance than whether he breakfasted on steak and chops or on fathead.

He denied that there had been any agreement or understanding with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, or that his course was unpopular with members of the bar; on the contrary they had elected him a member of the Law Society by a large majority.

In England there was a close connection between the judiciary and the

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Coaxing Summer Along.
Now is the time when soft frosts will be coming. The weather may retreat a few days in the preceding month, but it is a gradual advance towards summer. To hurry it along, come out in a summer felt. Dineen's felt are a good cozier. Dineen's, corner Yonge and Temperance streets.

SHOWERS.
Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 7.—(8 p. m.)—Cool weather has been general to-day through Canada, except in British Columbia, where it has been moderately warm. Rain has fallen in the Maritime Provinces, and local sleet or rain in Eastern Saskatchewan.

Probabilities.
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh easterly winds, fair and cool to-day, becoming showery at night. Superior—Easterly to northerly winds; cool with scattered showers. Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fair and cool. Alberta—Fair, becoming warmer.

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Hear Dr. Douglas Hyde, May 17th.

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BUY PROPERTY ACROSS LINE TO SELL POWER IN U.S.

Nicholls Syndicate Get Valuable Block in Niagara Falls, N.Y., for Transformer House.

Niagara Falls, May 7.—It was announced to-day that a large tract of valuable land facing the river, just north of upper steel arch bridge, on the American side at Niagara Falls, N.Y., has been purchased in the interests of the Nicholls Power Company and other allied concerns.

The property purchased is covered by business concerns, and the price is said to run up into hundreds of thousands of dollars. The tract is far more than is necessary for the trans-Niagara bridge site.

It is said a large and handsome transformer house will be constructed to receive electric power from Ontario power generating plant on the Canadian side, to be delivered to American customers in units desired.

The acquisition of this valuable property would indicate that the Electric Development Company of Ontario was going largely into American transmission.

ASSAULTED BY POLICE.

Brutal Treatment of Inoffensive Citizen, if Story is Correct.
Loch Lomond, C. B., May 7.—(Special.)—An action for heavy damages is to be brought shortly against the City of Sydney at the instance of Allan McCuish, trader, of this place.

Recently McCuish went to Sydney to dispose of some farm produce. One night while there, being slightly under the influence of liquor, he went to the police station for shelter and asked to be allowed to sleep in the court-room. He was informed that if he wanted shelter he must go into a cell. He finally consented, but when at the cell door refused to go further. Officers tried to push him in, so it is alleged, and one of them tripped him and McCuish fell to the floor, when the officers both got on top of him. Then one of them took a billey and began to belay McCuish until he became insensible, when they carried him into a cell and barred the door.

He was for several days between life and death. His skull was slightly fractured and it is thought he will never be as strong mentally.

RIVAL 'LONGSHOREMEN.'

Cause of Strike at St. John and Some Hostilities.
St. John, N. B., May 7.—(Special.)—St. John is again threatened with a serious ship-laborers' strike. When the Allan line fell out with the old association last winter a new one was formed, consisting of about 30 members, who did all the Allan work. William Thomson & Co., agents of the Allans, as well as of several other lines, had an agreement with the Allans to employ the new association this summer. Accordingly when the Furness liner arrived to-day the men were set to work, whereupon the old association, which had been working on two tramp steamers of the Thomsons, went on strike. The result is that the whole work is held up.

This afternoon about a hundred of the old association gathered at the Furness boat and began to throw dead ends and stones at workmen of the new association on board. One man was badly injured, and the police have the matter in hand.

Matchless flavor, fit for kings—'Club Coffee.'
Dr. Douglas Hyde, Massey Hall, May 17

Alderman William Morgan, J.P., of Treherbert, the most picturesque personality in the Rhondda Valley, England, the eighty-three years of age, is master of the Tynsweydd Hounds, and rides across country for eight or ten hours at a stretch.
Dr. Hyde, Pres Gaelic League, May 17
W. Harper, Customs Broker, 5 Melinda

The rates for the Wiltshire Town of Warmminster, England, amount only to 2s in the pound—among the lowest in the country.

HAD TO WAIT A LONG TIME WHILE COUNSEL KEPT OBJECTING BUT BOOKS CAME AT LAST

Union Life and National Agency Are Under the Knife—Lawyer McLaughlin Questions Jurisdiction of Commission But is Finally Induced to Produce Desired Exhibits—Now What?

At yesterday afternoon's session the royal commission on insurance were treated to a ridiculous spectacle when Mr. McLaughlin, counsel for the Union Life Assurance Company, the investigation of which had just commenced, and Pollman Evans, general manager of the company, practically refused to hand over certain books destined to throw light on the relation of the National Agency Company to the Union Life.

Mr. McLaughlin has developed into a chronic "kicker." Since the opening of the investigation in the morning, he objected to every move on the part of Mr. Shepley to obtain evidence from Evans.

It had reached the stage when the Dominion counsel asked the commission to demand that the books be produced. Judge McTavish ordered this to be done.

The books were sent for, which occasioned a delay of an hour.

The main point in the evidence was the fact that the Union Life Assurance Company and the National Agency Company were one and the same. Just before the commission rose, the tariff relation between the two companies was shown to be as follows:

The Union Life, incorporated in 1902, with the same directors as the National Agency Company, were to pay the National 50 per cent. on the weekly payment branch, 100 per cent. for the first year and 30 per cent. for subsequent years on all monthly payments, 90 per cent. for the first year and 10 per cent. for subsequent years on the general branch. In return, the National was to do all the canvassing for insurance, pay all the agency expenses, but repayment was to be made by the agency company that would have the effect of impairing the original capital (\$100,000) of the Union Life Company.

Startling revelations may be forthcoming to-day, when the minutes of the promoters' meetings in connection with

MR. FULLERTON TO RESIGN DOES NOT SAY HE IS NOT

While Denying Dissatisfaction With Salary Increases, is Mysterious in Other Ways.

Is J. S. Fullerton, K.C., going to resign his position as city counsel? If so, what for? There is a mysterious air in his denial of a rumor which alleged that owing to a rumor which alleged department over salary increases Mr. Fullerton and City Solicitor Chisholm might step out.

He denied that Mr. Fullerton said the World last night:

"First, as to Mr. Chisholm, I never heard him say anything about resigning. He has been granted the increase he asked for on the board of control."

"As to myself, I am not going to say anything about resigning, but I desire to say that I have no fault to find with the mayor, the board of control or the officials, nor am I jealous of the salaries received by any other of the officials. That would never trouble me one particle."

"Does that mean that you contemplate resigning for some other cause?" The World asked.

"Now then, you are playing the part of the detective instead of the reporter," laughed Mr. Fullerton, who added, "Did I not just tell you I was not going to say anything about resigning?"

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- May 8.
- Court of General Sessions, open 10.
- Insurance Commission, 10:30.
- Police Commissioners, 2.
- The Honors, "The Pine", 3.
- Miss Laird at the Canadian Household Economic Association, Normal School, 2.
- Methodist Deacons' Aid Society, closing exercises, 4 and 8.
- Constitutional Association, Temple, 8.
- Presbyterian Synod, Toronto and Kingston, Knox Church, 8.
- Methodist Society, St. George's Hall, 8.
- Army and Navy Veterans, Occident Hall, 8.
- Astronomical Society, J. E. Maybes on "Astronomy and the Bible," Canadian Institute, 8.
- Stratford Old Boys, St. George's Hall, 8.
- Massey Hall—Madame Nordica concert.
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Dr. Hyde on "An Irish Ireland," May 17

PARKDALE ROLLER RINK, 246

FIREBUGS BUSY IN MORNING.

Two Stables in Blaze at Once in Same District.
Two suspicious fires broke out in the northeastern section of the city this morning, about 2 o'clock. One was in a vacant stable rented by S. D. Hutchings, in the rear of 294 Sherbourne-st., on the Allan estate, and the other in a lumber-yard owned by A. M. Fisher, in rear of 287 Carlton-st. The flames had gained good headway in both cases and were seen above the house-tops. The damage will not exceed \$100.

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PREFERRED DEATH.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)
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