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THE HYDRO QUESTION.

The Standard has not, as our readers have noticed, taken any pront ingit part in the discussion of the Hydro-electric will always be the same; coal and wages are coming down, and the Power Company with probably be in a position to reduce its rates in the near future. What the proposition with the proper company under selling it which might safely be taken as a basis upon which to form an intelligent opinion. Such criticism and advice as has been offered to the city down to the present time bas been wholly ex parts and one-sided. Our three city contemporaries being tief to the tail of the Provincial Government's view point and assist its efforts to sell the power which it sarys it has for sale. Mr. Herbert Philips in has had the construction of the works in heart and the capabilities of the undertaking. This must be about for the undertaking. This must be about for the procedent.

Constant always be the same; coal and wages are coming down and wages are coming for the prover Company with always be the same; coal and wages are coming for the near future. What the same; coal and wages are coming for the near future. What the same; coal and wages are coming for the near future. What the same; coal and wages are coming for the near future. What the same; coal and wages are coming for the near future. What the same; coal and wages are coming for the ease filling it and the prospection in feed of the city be content of the works in the near future. What the near has had the construction of the works burden of the undertaking. This must in heard, and who is probably hoping be left upon the shoulders of those taged further contracts on some other rivers at a future date. He is not a cown burdens to carry, and is under hydro-electric engineer at all. Mr. Ross is a member of the Hydro Commission, and like Mr. Phillips would not be expected to say anything that urging the City Council to assume is not favorable to the Commissions this liability would do well to take them is, in the least likely to say one them is, in the least likely to say one word that would cast the slightest assertions of interested parties, such doubt as to the capacity of the squash undertaking to do all that LLOYD GEORGE ON INDIA. in the position of vendors, who are

Bouse of Commons on India took ss who as an independent outsider having receded from its position that

the enlarged powers given to the enlarged pow Montreal, the dean of the engineering or forestion in Canada, and a munical management of the engineering of the commission of the Chandhists to postpone indefinitely from the fore of the Chandhists to postpone indefinitely from the forestion of th contreal, the dean of the engineering cult to maintain in the face of so no inducement whatever for him to violence of which they disapprove make any other report than an un-blased one. That his report should elicited cannot well be made out from the builted to pieces by Mr. Phillips the brief summary of the speech of and Mr. Foss and our city contemps. s and our city contempo-to be expected; it is the which was cabled to this country, but work of the former and the expendi-ure by the Government of upwards of ported and made one of his masterly

standing and with the reputation of Oriticism came from the advocates Mr. Ross, who is concerned with the of "strong Government," represented hydro undertaking only in so far as by Joynson Hicks, who thought that was called upon to give an honest Mr. Montague, by applying liberal and pinion on a professional matter in home rule ideas to India had encouraged agitation; Ghandhi, he said, That public interest in this hydroogen to have been locked up years

question should be keen is to be expanded. In reply to this and other critical pected, because all citizens are class. Mr. Montague declared that he had ceased to be friends with Ghandhi ary the lowest rates possible; but before making any change in existing to be a menace to the Empire. But complitions, it would be as well to among the causes of unrest the Secretary for India pay forms the growth and pay forms. They are asking the complitions, it would be as well to among the causes of unrest the Secretary for India pay forms the growth are considered. and the lowest rates possible; but before making any change in existing conditions, it would be as well to make sure that in making such change, they are not failing out of the frying pan into the fire. This is the point that all who are interesting to take current from the Commission, rit—will—like to install a distributing system which will entail a capital expenditure of a million and a hair, without including operating costs. Facing as it does at the present time, aprecto of difficult tax collection, and the necessity for the closest superfield of the war against Turkey, the gradient of the city's debt, and which an expert of the city's debt, and which any research of opinion from a recognized where the city's debt, and which any condition the commission of the Chry Counch, which has acted where the city's debt, and which any condition the commission of the Chry Counch, which has acted which any condition the commission of the Chry Counch, which has acted which any condition. The Council condition the condition of the chry council condition to get a condition to the

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vic rivers, but an inspection of the Masquash brought them to the con-clusion that it was utterely useless

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Commission, and he said:

"The commissioners appointed have nothing to do with the policy of this Government; the duties they have to discharge are quasijudicial, if not actually judicial.

The manner in which he (Sir Robert Borden) has taken this action conveys the impression, not only to the British Government, but to the American Government also, that the idea is that these commissioners are to be partizans, whereas the idea that should go abroad is that these men are not partisans."

The Commission, which stands as a

mands greater confidence and respect.

Mr. King should think twice before he interferes with a tribunal. For it would be a great pity if, by recoving the present commissioners and replacing them with party favorites inexperienced in the Commission's duties, he would be a great pity if, by removing greased usefulness and a public belief that such supposedly high posts were mainly for the purpose of providing soft jobs for the deserving among party workers.

A Case of Brenchitts.

A Case of Brenchitts. nands greater confidence and r Mr. King should think twice \$2,000,000 that he criticises. It ill-becomes either Mr. Phillips or Mr. criticism yet commit the Government would be a great pity if, by

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THE PARK AVE NEWS
Significant last Sundey, only it dident have neerly as meny buts in it as usual on account of Mr. Benny Potts and Mr. Leroy Shooster helping Mr. Simkins to crack them for her on Satisday

Exteri Foarse Wind Storm! Match Damidge Did! There was a fearse wind storm jest after shool last Wensday, the werst thing it did being to blow Sam Crosses hat under a lee waggin and ferst one horse kicked it and then the other horse kicked it and then the bee waggin ran over it, making the hat look intirely diffrent from wat it did before.

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