

ONT. HYDRO COMMISSION DECLARED A BIG FAILURE BY STATE INVESTIGATORS

New York Legislative Committee Appointed to Inquire Into State's Water Power Resources Advise Against the Adoption of Mr. Beck's System.

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[Canadian Press.]

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 15.—The joint legislative committee appointed in 1911 to investigate the state's waterpower resources and recommend a possible plan for conservation and utilization reported today that "it would be impossible for the State of New York to develop a sufficient amount of hydraulic power to make any appreciable impression on the power demands of the state."

The committee have investigated the plan of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of the Province of Ontario, and they report that in their opinion "it is not a success measured by economic and business standards." They oppose the adoption of this plan by the state.

STATE'S WATERPOWER.

The commission renew their recommendation made to the Legislature in 1912, and ask for the passage of legislation introduced at that time. They point out that there is within the state a daily consumption of over 2,000,000 horsepower and that to deliver this to the point of utilization would take over 8,000,000 water horsepower at the penstock.

They find that there is undeveloped within the state only 1,195,800-horsepower, 262,700-horsepower of which is actually owned by the state, and 934,100-horsepower of which is claimed by private owners.

REPORT ON HYDRO.

The committee report regarding the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario that it has never developed any waterpower, but has acted merely in the capacity of middleman in the merchan-

dising of electric energy; that it furnishes power to the municipalities below cost; that if the same methods were applied to it as are employed in business transactions of a similar nature, it would show an annual loss of at least \$432,170 a year; and that in addition to this loss to the province, the local municipal distribution power system of the city of Toronto would a net loss to June 30, 1912, of \$268,984.

VAST EXPENDITURE.

The report further shows that, while there are three smaller districts in which the Hydro-Electric Power Commission operates, known as the Port Arthur, the Ottawa, and the Big Chute, the great majority of its operations are confined to what is known as the Niagara system; that the commission has expended upon its operations provincial funds amounting to approximately \$5,000,000; that its annual administration expenditures are \$275,000; that its operations have involved the municipalities served in expenditures for distribution of public lighting and power service exceeding \$8,000,000; and that the state's expenditure of \$13,500,000 has been to distribute, without any power generation, either hydraulic or steam, less than 35,000-horsepower, or, in other words, the commission point out, about the amount utilized by about Glen's Falls and Hudson Falls, CONDUCTED AT A LOSS.

Attached to the report is a financial summary showing that the operations of the provincial Hydro-Electric Power Commission are conducted at a loss of \$259,080, in addition to its administration expenses, which has never been charged against the cost of power; that the burden placed on the several municipalities by the expenditures of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission is of a variable character; that some have been bonded to the extent of \$3.15 for each individual in the community; while others have been bonded for over \$31.

EIGHT HUNDRED DOCTORS TO MEET IN LONDON NEXT JUNE

Dominion Medical Association
Will Hold Annual
Convention Here.

Eight hundred physicians, including the foremost members of the medical profession from Canada, the United States and Great Britain, will convene in London June 24, 25, 26 and 27 next in the annual Dominion medical convention.

G. T. R. MAY TAKE AN OFFICE FROM THIS CITY TO TORONTO

Master of Transportation Likely
to Leave Under Recent
Changes.

Further information concerning the plans of the Grand Trunk Railway Company in the shake-up of its officials makes it appear that the office of the master of transportation will be removed from this city to Toronto when the new orders go into effect. As announced in The Advertiser yesterday.

NO CURFEW BELL IN LONDON IF THE MAYOR KNOWS OF IT

His Worship Made the Statement Today That It Will Not Be Permitted.

Curfew shall not ring tonight or any other night, if the statement of Mayor Graham on the subject is considered authoritative. It will be remembered that the Mothers' Clubs of London at a recent meeting passed a resolution, asking the city council to pass a bylaw compelling children to be off the streets at 9 o'clock.

At the meeting of the parks commission, held at noon today, Mayor Graham was asked whether or not it was the intention of the council to agree with the request of the Mothers' Club.

"Certainly not," he answered. "There will be no curfew law here."

However, the parks board decided that so far as the skating rinks were concerned, all children under 12 years of age will be barred after 8 o'clock.

Small children at Rinks.

Commissioner Emory B. Hamilton brought the matter to the attention of the board. He pointed out that he had been at the rinks on several evenings, and had found children under 14 years of age standing about the rinks and skating until nearly 10 o'clock.

"This should not be the case," he declared. "It is time the board prohibited the use of the rinks. They should be at home."

Publicity For Middlesex Campaign Result of Advertiser's Agitation; New Movement To Make Western Fair Publicity Centre

President Reid and Secretary Hunt Commend Scheme to Bring All Organizations in Western Ontario Under Parent Organization to Advance Scientific Agriculture and Boom District.

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The plan is a nutshell.

The idea is this:

That all of the organizations which have been launched with the idea of doing the Western Ontario, and promoting scientific agriculture, should form themselves into a central body, and that they should combine to make the Western Fair a great show place for this district, having exhibits and convention at the time of the fair and making the interest of the exhibition their interest.

For the Western Fair is Western Ontario's fair, and could be made the show place of the whole section, the nucleus and central body for a great movement with "Stay in Ontario" as the watchword.

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