

### HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER FOR FARMING SECTIONS

Hon. Adam Beck Promises Cheap Light and Power to the Farmer.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Speaking before the Canadian Club here to-day Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, said: "The people of the Province of Ontario are indebted to the public spirit manifested by the city council of Toronto in the early stages of the hydro-electric cheap power movement."

#### Power for Farmers.

Mr. Beck outlined a project which will make hydro-electric power available to Ontario farmers for farming purposes. The possibilities of the employment of electricity on the farm were marvelous in view of the results obtained from experimental work in the agricultural districts of Germany and the United States.

#### Fertilization by Electricity.

Fertilization by electricity, where time, has improved wheat by 45 per cent, and strawberries as high as 125 per cent. The farmer may run his cream separator and pump his water by this power, plowing, mowing, irrigating, and may be performed thru the same means and with the saving of a great deal of hard labor.

#### Farmer to Benefit.

The farmer will thus be as much a beneficiary of cheap power as the folk of cities and towns. The first distribution to a rural community is to be made near Tilsburg. And the commission will carry a low power wire thru the district, serving the farms by means of cross wires. It is the intention to demonstrate the possibility of electricity in farm work at the Provincial Agricultural Farm, Guelph, where various farming implements will be operated by this power.

#### People's Project.

Mr. Beck gave a masterly review of the whole situation, pointing out that it was essentially a project of the people and by the people, and the present success was due entirely to the confidence and support which the public had given to the commission. Mr. Beck is in Ottawa at the invitation of Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Conservation Commission, and complimented that gentleman on the value of the advice which the commission was able to give. He answered the criticism that the Hydro-Electric Commission should have been composed of men not affiliated with the government by saying that owing to the immense responsibility involved in view of the large expenditure it was necessary for the party in power to assume that responsibility in the legislature.

#### Fair Dealing.

He paid a tribute to the fair dealing of the Ontario Power Company, and declared that the saving to the province in the cost of heat and light would be sufficient to compensate for the expenditure on the distribution system if a horse power was never transmitted. He felt that the time would come when by reason of water power development in Ontario there would be smokeless cities and towns, in contrast with the "smoking chimneys" promised under the national policy in 1878.

### Awful Outcome Of Holiday Joke

Two Women, Dressed as Brigands, Shot by Relative Whom They Visited.

ROME, Jan. 28.—The terrible outcome of a holiday joke is reported from the wilds of Sicily.

Two young women who had taken part in some holiday festivities had ended up at a masked ball. Anna Ripoli and her niece, Antonina Polizzi, a girl of sixteen, thought it would be a grand joke to visit a relative, Luigi Savarino, steward on the big estate near Parinico, dressed as Sicilian brigands. Their disguise was all too effective, for when they approached Savarino's house, he mistook them for the real article, ran indoors, came out on the balcony, and, gun in hand, called out: "Who's that?"

The two women did not reply, but pointed their harmless, unloaded weapons straight at the frightened steward.

Savarino then fired two shots. One killed the younger woman and the other seriously injured her aunt. On discovering his mistake Savarino took to his heels. He is still hiding.



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### VICTIMS OF "SOO" WRECK LAID TO REST SATURDAY

Vancouver and Winnipeg Sent Floral Tributes to the Late S. J. Hunt.

The funerals of the two Toronto travelers who were killed in the Soo railway wreck at Macout, Sask., on Jan. 21, were held on Saturday afternoon.

Rev. J. S. Broughall conducted the services at the home of the late S. J. Hunt, traveler for Saginaw and Rowan, at 2 p.m. The floral tributes were exceptionally numerous and costly, forming a bank around the casket. Offerings came from Vancouver, Winnipeg and other western points. Mr. Hunt having traveled the west for more than 20 years.

The pallbearers were Bernard Saunders, J. John H. Rowan and Messrs. Scott, Martin, Goodman and Egan. Many other friends were present. The funeral of the late R. A. Chapman, who traveled for the Wampole Co., Perth, was held privately, at the residence, 189 Ossington avenue, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. J. W. Pedley of the Western Congregational Church conducted the services.

The bodies were interred in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Not Eaten by Wolves. Howard Wilson's body has been found frozen in the woods near Gowanda. It was supposed that he had been eaten by wolves.

### Hockey Gossip

The Parkdale excursion to Stratford Monday is attracting a lot of attention. The train leaves the Union Station at 5 o'clock, returning immediately after the game. Fare, 95c. A dining car will be attached. Parkdale have secured 150 seats for the game, and will sell them on the train going up.

The players are in the best of shape, as they have been practicing well. The team will be as usual: Goal, Holmes; point, Lawson; cover, Stockton; rover, Davidson; centre, Evans; wings, Ridpath and Hunter.

Orillia's win from Pennington Thursday night makes them winners of group J.A. They will play Gravenhurst winners of group I.B. in Gravenhurst Monday night. With return game in Orillia Wednesday night.

Teddy Marriott is in great glee over the showing of his Simcoe B team during the past week. Work them out to conquer, Teddy. B team might defeat your A team.

McGill's 6-4 victory over Queen's Thursday night was a big surprise to Toronto student hockeyists. Queen's, without doubt, is apparently not much of a look as the Varsity will have a crack at the Allen Cup.

Owing to inability to secure the rink for Friday night at Guelph, the Intermediate O.H.A. game between Preston and Guelph Lyons O.A.C. has been postponed until Friday, Feb. 2. The Guelph combination team play in Berlin next Wednesday night.

### New Fall Opera

VIENNA, Jan. 27.—There was no doubt about the success of Leo Fall's new comic opera "The Siren," which had its first performance on any stage a few nights ago at the Johann Strauss Theatre. The piece is to be given in New York in a few months. Herr Fall conducted the work himself and was called before the curtain with the singers many times after each act. Some one counted fifty-two recalls after the third act. The score contains many bright and lingering melodies.

### Britain Saves Two Billions

Great Year For John Bull Who Has Half His Savings For Foreign Investment.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—In a striking article The Statist this week points out that the nation's savings during the year have been unprecedented, and, in welcoming the flow of capital for investment abroad, shows that we are proceeding on sound lines.

Over the last 60 years this country has invested abroad on the average about one-fourth of its annual savings. In the past year the proportion appears to have been nearly one-half, for The Statist calculates that the total savings of the nation in 1910 has reached the unprecedented figure of \$1,750,000,000. Of this about \$1,945,000,000 has been raised by subscriptions to publicly issued securities, and the balance by private investments. The amount of publicly issued securities for home purposes in the past year amounts to \$21,510,000, in comparison with \$159,825,000 in the previous year. Nearly \$150,000,000 has been for commercial, industrial and miscellaneous undertakings of all kinds and descriptions.

The Statist points out that it has repeatedly called attention to the un-

### Black Snow Falls in Alps

Strange Phenomenon When Fifteen Inches of "The Beautiful" Gives Country Depressing Aspect.

GENEVA, Jan. 28.—A strange phenomenon recently occurred in the Emmenthal Valley and the surrounding mountains when "black" snow fell to a depth of fifteen inches, giving the whole country, which was white with snow before, a funeral and most depressing aspect over a large area.

The first few inches of snow was of a greyish color, as if mixed with ashes, but the grey became darker and darker in hue, until now it is almost black.

Such a phenomenon has been witnessed in the Alps in former years after volcanic eruptions in different parts of the world, and on this occasion Swiss scientists are of opinion that the black snow is due to ashes blown over the sea and Alps after the recent eruption of Mount Etna.

The cold in the Alps on the Swiss-Italian frontier is intense, the thermometer registering 12 degrees below zero centigrade on the Simplon. In a hut between the Simplon and Domodossola three persons have been found frozen to death.

### AVIATOR AS HERDSMAN

Rene Simon Helps Out Cowboys on a Texas Farm.

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 28.—Rene Simon, the aviator, known on two continents for his daring, has added new laurels to his record, when for the first time in the history of aviation, he demonstrated yesterday afternoon that herding cattle with aeroplanes was possible.

Simon left the aviation field, and heading across the prairies, darted directly for a herd of cattle grazing half a mile away. Cowboys were just arriving preparatory to rounding up the animals, when Simon descended and circulating around the steers soon had them on a trot toward the aviation field. He drove them up to the fence separating the field from the prairie and then started them off westward, delivering them to the cowboys.