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## PROGRESSIVE FARMERS MUST NOT BEAR TAXATION'S BURDEN REFORM COMING, SAYS ROWELL

Large Gathering at Princeton Shows Strong Approval of Demand That Present Gross Inequalities in Assessment Act Be Removed—City and Country in Common Fight For Justice.

PRINCETON, Ont., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Progressive farmers are now giving a great deal of attention to assessment reform, and a striking example of this new order of things was given when a crowd of farmers attended a meeting at the opera house here to hear N. W. Rowell, K.C., opposition leader in Ontario, expound the principles of an equitable assessment law, which does not hit the wrong fellow. They cheered lustily when he spoke of the absolute necessity for a departure from present conditions, by taking the heavy burden off those enterprising farmers who work to improve their farms, buildings and soil.

Such a system, he explained, has robbed the farmers of their fair share. They toiled hard to turn the virgin forests into farms and fruit orchards and for doing so, their rightful heirs were taxed up to the hilt, while the negligent farmer and fruit-grower were bonused by another man's enterprise. To this was added the gradual depopulation of the rural districts by people who migrated to places where a more equitable assessment act was in force and where their toll would be a source of profit to themselves. The railways would have paid only their fair share had they been forced to pay land taxes on a higher equity than called for under such an act as is now in force in Ontario.

Inequalities in Taxation.  
 "When I toured this constituency a little over a year ago," said Mr. Rowell at the outset. "I stated that social justice demands the removal of existing inequalities in taxation and proposed an amendment to the Assessment Act to permit municipalities to exempt improvements from taxation in whole or in part."

He spoke of the similar amendment introduced by J. A. Ellis, M.L.A., Ottawa, which met the same fate as his in the legislative committee, which body turned them down after hearing a few remarks from Sir James Whitney.

"I hoped and expected that the com-

## A BIG SWINDLE SAY OPTICIANS

Efforts Will Be Made to Have Charter of Optometrical Association Revoked.

Claiming it as "some of the biggest swindles ever perpetrated on the people of this province," the opticians' section of the merchants' association will take steps to have the charter of the Ontario Optometrical Association revoked. The charge is made that not only does this association make persons doctors of optology, a title which never legally existed, on payment of a five-dollar fee, but also that they claim to have power to give these degrees by their government charter, when, as a matter of fact, the charter gives them no such powers.

This matter is to come to a head at the annual convention of the Retail Merchants' Association of Ontario, the dates for which are now announced as February 24 and 25. When this convention meets the officials are to ask the retailers of the province as a whole to back them up in a fight to have this degree-conferring association canceled by the Ontario Legislature.

## HUMBER RIVER ICE WENT OUT TO LAKE

First Time in Forty Years That Break-Up Has Occurred in January.

For the first time in the past forty years the Humber River has broken up after once freezing in mid-winter. At 11:30 last night the ice in the river broke in the centre at the second bend. The pressure from up stream was too severe for the lower portion of the river, the result being that the ice was jammed up on the concrete pier under the G.T.R. bridge.

The jam, however, only lasted a few moments, and the ice soon rushed out into the lake. The ice was six inches thick, but no damage was done so far as can be learned.

## CANADIAN NAVY PLAN FINALLY ABANDONED?

That Cash Contribution Is to Be Permanent Policy of Government Is Impression at Ottawa—West Indian Treaty Will Be Fore Next Week.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The principal point of interest in the debate in the house of commons today centred about the question asked by H. B. Morphy, the Conservative member for South Perth: "If Britain rules the sea, what is the use of Canadian navy?"

"This enquiry and the tenor of Mr. Morphy's speech following upon the speech of W. F. Cookhott, delivered yesterday, gave color and currency to a report now freely in circulation that the policy of contribution is to be the permanent policy of the Borden government. It was Major Sam Sharpe of North Ontario who reminded the house this evening that no private member was authorized to disclose the future policy of the government.

"I, myself, hope," he said, "that the permanent policy will be a Canadian navy, but I stand where I stood in 1910 when I voted for the Block amendment, which required the whole question to be submitted to a plebiscite. Just now I favor not two, three or four Dreadnoughts, but whatever is required to meet the demand of the hour. Any permanent policy in my opinion should not be entered upon unless by a referendum."

West Indian Treaty.  
 When the house assembled this afternoon, Hon. George E. Foster announced his departure for Australia on Feb. 1, and asked the house to take up the West Indian treaty and some of the estimates of the trade and commerce department, on Thursday and possibly Friday of next week will be taken up with government business other than the naval bill, and Mr. White has pre-empted Tuesday, the only other government day in the week, for the second reading of his bill to revise the Bank Act. This means that the naval debate will go over until the week after next.

This truce or hiatus, whichever it may be called, is said to be dictated first by the desire of the government to get an agreement consented to by which the naval proposals can get by the resolution stage, transferring the future debate to the motion for a second reading.

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## Friends of Ireland Send Congratulations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(Can. Press).—A resolution congratulating the British House of Commons and the Irish people upon the passage of the Irish home rule bill by the house of commons was introduced in the house today by Representative Goodwin of Arkansas. The resolution declared that Irish "struggles for freedom have appealed to all true Americans who love freedom," congratulated the people of Ireland and the house of commons upon the passage of the home rule bill, and directed the secretary of state to forward copies of the resolution to Premier Asquith, John E. Redmond and Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland.

A cablegram was sent by Representative Donohue of Pennsylvania to John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, congratulating him for "friends of Ireland in the American Congress" upon the passage of the bill.

## WILL RESIGN IF ACCOUNTANT IS CHARGED WITH STEALING PLANS ARE BLOCKED

Principal McKay of Technical School Could Get Ten Thousand Dollars a Year in Another City But Stays in Toronto Because of Interest in Work.

If the plans for Toronto's two million dollar technical school building are blocked Principal McKay will resign. Insiders were well aware that in the exchange of McMaster University they have a much sought after ten thousand dollar a year educationist of international repute, whose enrolment here is no factor in retaining his services, which are in keen demand elsewhere.

The committee on the plans met yesterday afternoon and decided that no reduction in the capacity of the building was possible, and that it would only be adequate for the central portion of the city. They will be prepared to challenge an examination on behalf of the board of control by the city architect.

The demand for the school on the irreducible minimum scale, drafted by Principal McKay, was unanimously endorsed at the committee meeting by the representatives of the board of trade, Manufacturers' Association, board of education and the Ontario department of education.

The only method of cheapening the edifice would be by the selection of inferior types of brick and tiles, and this was decided against.

## TEN MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE VOTED FOR AGRICULTURE IS BURRELL'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Bill to Be Introduced at Present Session Will Provide Largest Lump Sum Ever Proposed For Aid to Farming in Canada by Instruction in Agriculture, Including Work in Veterinary Colleges.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—(Special).—Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, tonight gave notice of a bill which he will introduce providing that the large sum of ten million dollars be appropriated for the purpose of aiding agriculture.

The resolution will be introduced in the house next week, and is as follows:

"That it is expedient to provide that a sum not exceeding ten million dollars be appropriated and paid out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada during the period of ten years, beginning with the year ending March 31, 1914, for the purpose of aiding and advancing the farming industry by instruction in agriculture, including the work carried on by veterinary colleges."

FULFILLMENT OF PROMISES.  
 This is the largest lump sum ever proposed for aid to agriculture in the history of Canada, is an elaboration of the "federal aid to agriculture" bill introduced by the government last session, and a fulfilling of the pledges made by the Conservatives while in opposition. It is understood that the money is to be spent in co-operation with the provinces, and that a number of agricultural colleges will be erected throughout the country. Mr. Burrell's announcement, when introducing such an important measure, is awaited with the keenest anticipation.

## HYDRO COMMISSION REFUTES SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Statement Issued Showing in Detail How the Surplus For Last Year Was Obtained—Further Reduction of Rates Will Save Municipalities Hundred Thousand Dollars.

The Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission comes out with another answer to the misleading statements by the New York State Senate Committee. This one is even more effective than those previously issued, by reason of the fact that figures are given to prove how utterly in the wrong were the "young gentlemen from New York" who came north for fish under the guise of obtaining facts about the Hydro-Electric system. These figures, which appear below, give a full account of the amount of power used, the operating and administration expenses and how the surplus of \$55,166.45 was obtained. It was stated by the New York senators that the Hydro Commission did not include administration charges. Herewith are given detailed expenditures on operation, showing the amount of administration and general expenses, as well as operating and maintenance charges and interest on capital cost.

Owing to increased loads on the Niagara system in the last three months of operation, the commission found it advisable to revise rates, as published, which will have the effect of making a reduction to municipalities of over \$100,000 during the present fiscal year.

REVENUE AND MAINTENANCE.  
 Statement of Twelve Months' Operation of Niagara System up to Oct. 31, 1912.

|   | Horsepower. | Amount.      |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Sum of monthly loads and revenue  | 247,499     | \$511,808.88 |
| Sum of monthly power loads purchased and costs  | 247,499     | 456,642.43   |
| Sum of monthly power loads purchased and costs  | 9,964       | 55,166.45    |
| Credits   |             | 55,166.45    |
| Power purchased, including losses of transmission and transformation, administration, general expenses, operation, maintenance and interest |             | 456,642.43   |
| Surplus for the year  |             | \$55,166.45  |

DETAILS OF OPERATING EXPENSES.  
 Power purchased, including losses of transmission and transformation:

|                | Horsepower. | Amount.      |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| First quarter  | 59,374      | 108,522.98   |
| Second quarter | 59,374      | 108,522.98   |
| Third quarter  | 59,374      | 108,522.98   |
| Fourth quarter | 59,374      | 108,522.98   |
| Fourth quarter | 78,825      | 139,983.53   |
| Fourth quarter | 247,499     | \$456,642.43 |

Power delivered, including charges for administration, general expenses, operation, maintenance and interest:

|                | Horsepower. | Amount.      |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| First quarter  | 59,374      | 108,522.98   |
| Second quarter | 59,374      | 108,522.98   |
| Third quarter  | 59,374      | 108,522.98   |
| Fourth quarter | 59,374      | 108,522.98   |
| Fourth quarter | 78,825      | 139,983.53   |
| Fourth quarter | 247,499     | \$456,642.43 |

The operating expenditures are further detailed as follows:  
 Operators' salaries and expenses and operating supplies ..... \$45,916.06  
 Maintenance of transformer stations and transmission lines ..... 38,976.42  
 Administration and general office expenses ..... 21,198.08  
 \$109,014.56

## WITHOUT A FRIEND AT COURT



FALSTAFF (The Trusts): "My king! my Jove! I speak to thee, my heart!  
 KING HENRY V. (President Wilson): "I know thee not, old man; fall to thy prayers."  
 —King Henry IV.: Part 2. Act 5. Scene 5.

## BLOWN ON LAKE ON HEAVY RAFT

Septimus Hicks Had Exciting Experience This Morning Before Being Rescued by Friends.

After being blown five miles out in the lake shortly before midnight last night, Septimus Hicks, son of O. L. Hicks of Humber Bay, was rescued from a raft off Ellis avenue, suffering greatly from cold and exposure. When the ice commenced to go out from the Humber River last night Hicks took the large raft used by Grand Trunk workmen when they were erecting the new Humber bridge, and attempted to rescue some of his boats. The heavy ice caught the raft and carried it out to the lake. Some of Hicks' friends, who were in his father's pavilion at the mouth of the Humber, heard faint shouts coming from about two miles out in the lake, and knew that Hicks had been blown out. As he had no oars, it was feared that he would be carried so far into the lake that he would perish from cold and exposure.

All the gasoline launches had been pulled high and dry for the winter, and Robert Orr went out in a canoe, with a lantern. After searching the lake for an hour or more, Orr discovered that the wind had carried the raft in to shore, and a search party who went along the Lake Shore road rescued Hicks opposite Ellis avenue.

Planned a Trip.  
 "I was out to dinner with Barker a week ago," said a member of the firm to The World last night, "and at that time he spoke of taking a trip to California. I admire him very much, for he is certainly clever. We don't wish to send him down now either. All we want is to recover the money."

George F. Bell says that Barker was not a fast living man, but he is certain that he had been playing the ponies for some time. He had no idea where the money was and could not say whether any of it would be recovered.

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