

LITTLE HOPE FOR GAS PRICE CUT

Referee Says Figure Is Now "Very Cheap."

CHATHAM, Sept. 29.—(Special to the Free Press)—Any hope that Western Ontario citizens may have held regarding cheaper natural gas rates, exclusive of service charges, was pretty well disappointed to-day with the settlement of gas referee Henderson and citizens here are getting cheaper when they paid 45c a thousand cubic feet of natural gas.

"The more I think of it the more I realize that the gas rate set here last July is very fair and even low," the referee declared. "You people will be up here some day to realize that you have got cheap, very cheap, fuel," his statement was made near the conclusion of the inquiry which was held before the referee at the request of the municipalities now being served with gas by the Union Natural Gas Company, operating in the field, to discuss the question of the dollar service charge to consumers during the summer months, which was authorized by the referee at the last hearing held in his city.

THE SERVICE CHARGE.

Regarding this service charge, to which the consumers generally are objecting to and paying under protest, the referee intimated that this would be lowered, although he announced no action in the matter. Instead the hearing was adjourned sine die. Referee Henderson intimated during the hearing that a graded rate for gas, increasing during the summer months, might be introduced to replace the present extra gas service charge of a dollar a month for the five summer months. The 45c rate alone, he said, might be introduced to replace the present extra gas service charge of a dollar a month for the five summer months. The 45c rate alone, he said, might be introduced to replace the present extra gas service charge of a dollar a month for the five summer months. The 45c rate alone, he said, might be introduced to replace the present extra gas service charge of a dollar a month for the five summer months.

BURDEN OF ARMS IS STIFLING NATIONS

MELBOURNE, Australia, Sept. 29.—Sir Joseph Cook, federal treasurer, in introducing the budget in the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth to-day referred to the need for disarmament.

"Unless something is done to relieve us of the tremendous handicap of military armaments," he said, "we may lose the economic struggle as we have won the military one."

He added, however, that the economic strain now was becoming easier.

He was enlivened, however, when Mayor Briscoe, of this city, was called to the witness stand and questioned by O. L. Lewis, K.C., the city solicitor, to give his opinion of the gas situation here, the mayor hadn't got very far in his evidence when he provoked an argument with the referee, who complained vigorously upon the mayor's part at Toronto during the previous hearing there.

KITCHENER, Sept. 29.—Assessment Commissioner Huebner stated to-day that Kitchener's population would total 22,800, a decrease of about 200 from last year. The population for the city is considerably above the recent returns of the census department at Ottawa, which was 21,650.

FORMER BRANTFORD MAN IS MURDERED

TORONTO, Sept. 29.—(Canadian Press Dispatch)—A special to The Star from Calgary says: "John George Coward, formerly of Brantford, Ont., was murdered sometime during the night at Carbon, Alta., 80 miles southwest of Calgary, whence he moved several weeks ago to take charge of a mine in which he was interested, along with W. G. Brown, of Toronto; Bert Stringer, of London, Ont., a brother of Arthur Stringer, the novelist, and several others. Robbery was not the motive, as the clothing had not been disturbed, nor were any contents missing from his pockets. The bullet passed through his head, and death was instantaneous. The body was found lying in Coward's car by his wife, who went in search of him about 3 o'clock this morning.

"The only theory is that a miner with whom he may have had some disagreement committed the crime. He leaves a widow and five children, the oldest 10 years of age. Coward resided in Calgary for about 10 years before moving to Carbon.

SAYS HE FOUND DRUGS. WINDSOR, Sept. 29.—In possession of more than \$1,000 worth of narcotic drugs, when arrested by Walkerville police officers on the night of December 2, last year, Charles Wilson, farmer, of Elmated, was placed on trial to-day before County Judge Coughlin at Sandwich. Wilson pleaded that he found the drugs, and asked the court to defer further hearing until he could produce testimony to bear out his claim. He was allowed until Tuesday to find his witnesses.

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F. F. PARDEE MAY LEAD LIBERALS. May Quit Federal Field For Ontario Post. SARNIA, Sept. 29.—(Special to The Free Press)—It was stated here to-day on good authority that Fred F. Pardee, M. P. for West Lambton, is slated for the position of leader of Ontario Liberals, to take the place of Hartley Dewar, now leader, but, according to reports slated for entry to the federal arena.

NO CENTRAL STRONG PRISON IS LIKELY. TORONTO, Sept. 29.—(Canadian Press Dispatch)—It is unlikely that dangerous criminals from various parts of the province will be segregated in a single central "strong prison," according to a statement made to-day by Hon. H. C. Nixon, provincial secretary, while discussing the joint reports and recommendations submitted by W. W. Dunlop, inspector of prisons, and Edward Bayley, deputy attorney-general, following the probe into the escape of the Murrell brothers from London Jail. Mr. Nixon stated that wherever there was any doubt about a county jail being strong enough to hold a bad criminal he would not hesitate to issue an order of removal to have the man taken either to the Toronto or Guelph jail. But, generally speaking, he considered that the danger of escape during transit between the jails would make such arrangement inadvisable where there was safe local accommodation, for the prisoner would have to be taken first to the central jail, then back to the county seat for trial and then make the third trip back to his ultimate destination. Mr. Nixon, however, was entirely in favor of a central provincial "death jail" for criminals who had been tried guilty of murder and sentenced to be executed. Here they could be kept under death guards and here also

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