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CITIES AND TOWNS MAY SECURE ALL THE NIAGARA POWER THEY NEED

What Premier Ross Told the Deputation.

They Can Develop Electricity or Transmit It as They Choose.

Government Will Appoint a Commis- sion for the Municipalities—A Flat Rate Asked.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—The deputation representing the principal municipalities of Western Ontario presented their power development ideas to Premier Ross yesterday and received from him a most pronounced statement of the Government's intentions. A bill will be introduced as a Government measure soon after the opening of the session, providing for the appointment of a commission with power to develop, transmit, distribute and sell electrical energy, the commission to be under the control of the municipalities and to have power to fix rates.

The principal spokesmen for the deputation were Mr. Snider, of Waterloo, and Aid. Spence, of Toronto. The former stated that it was absolutely necessary to place the municipalities in a position to make use of the electric energy of Niagara, if they wanted to retain for Western Ontario its manufacturing pre-eminence.

The Premier asked Mr. Snider what method of charging they would advocate, and Mr. Snider's reply was that they would prefer a flat rate. That would be most satisfactory to all concerned. A small advance might be charged for extra transmission to those at a distance. For his part, he admitted that he saw the greatest difficulty in the Government undertaking the work. They were asking that the municipalities should be granted power to either develop, transmit, distribute or sell, or to buy the power, and then transmit, distribute and sell, or to buy the power delivered within the municipalities, and then to distribute and sell.

THE PREMIER'S REPLY.

Premier Ross, in reply, spoke to the satisfaction of all present. In the place he remarked that he could hold out no hope that the Government would be able to undertake the work of such development, or transmission and distribution of power, much as they would like to do so. Ontario was a large Province, and although the western part was undoubtedly the center of the greater part of the industrial activity of our Province, yet the east and the center had to be considered. The Government, if they should undertake the work for the west, would be bound to act in the same way for the east and center, under similar conditions.

The next question, not being able to undertake the work, was, Are we prepared to invest the municipalities with such powers as would enable them to help themselves? This the Government had decided to do in two forms. First, as to Toronto, if that city wishes to enter into a combination with other municipalities, or other municipalities wish to be independent of Toronto, provision should be made for this.

The next point is, How is that to be worked out? You cannot expect the Government to appoint a commission to serve the municipalities; that would be assuming a responsibility for the success or failure of the scheme which would not be the case if appointed by the municipalities. The men to spend the money should be under the control of the municipalities whose money they spend, and we see our way clear to furnish you with a commission to be appointed through yourselves to receive your money and spend it as may be agreed upon. That will involve that the combined municipalities should get the power to develop or to transmit and to distribute, or to do as the municipalities might consider best.

POWER AVAILABLE.

The next point is: Is the power available? I gave instructions ten days ago to the chairman of the Niagara Park commission to prepare a report as to the extent of the power available, and I am informed that the municipalities will not for a quarter of a century utilize the full power that has already been given out to private corporations. I will not say off-handedly that a power as large as that already given out is available, although I am told that several powers are available just as good. In a short time we will

know what power is available, and the relative cost of transmitting electricity for many years to come. When that report is done we will see where we are.

You will then be in a position to negotiate with the present franchise-holders or develop it yourselves, or to take power from them, or transmit it for yourselves, and distribute it among the consumers in your own way. So far as I can see there will be no difficulty in working the thing out. The whole thing is: You supply the money and you control the commission; they will serve you satisfactorily, and if not you can change them; you will be responsible yourselves for the

success of the scheme, and, of course, there is no doubt about it being a success, and you will have the opportunity in your various municipalities of encouraging consumers of power to assist the scheme in order that the price will be reduced to the lowest figure possible.

Assessment Commissioner Fleming, of Toronto, asked whether power would be involved to expropriate property, cut down trees, etc. The Premier's reply was that such questions would have to be carefully considered in preparing the bill.

The members of the deputation were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction at the Premier's words.

Canada Remonstrates.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 27.—The Canadian protest against the appointment of Messrs. Lodge and Turner as Alaska boundary commissioners has gone forward to the imperial authorities. Of course, it is hardly likely that anything will come of it, as the British Government will not send an official communication to Washington on the subject. The protest, however, will do good in that it will open the eyes of the British people to the manner in which the United States carry out their obligations.

Another Ottawa dispatch says: "The officials in England, who are reported to have made the statement that no protest has been received from Canada on the subject of the nominations by the United States to the Alaska tribunal, are evidently playing upon words. Whether it be termed a 'protest' or 'remonstrance,' the Dominion Government has expressed its opinion in polite but emphatic language, that the treaty has been violated by selecting partisans to act as 'impartial' jurists."

WOMEN LEADERS ON ICY JOURNEY RARE PORCELAINS BRING HIGH PRICE

Anxious to See Sick Parents, Collection is Sold in London for
Two Girls Headed Party on
a Thirteen-Mile Trip.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 28.—Impelled by anxiety to reach their parents, who were in Boston, two young women led a party of seven persons over thirteen miles of ice from an imprisoned steamer to Pictou Island, and thence to the mainland.

The steamer Minto, which runs from Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island, became ice-bound on Monday. Among the passengers on board were two young women who had received word that their parents were dying in Boston. When they realized the situation of the Minto they expressed their determination to start out for the mainland on foot. Another young woman and four young men also were willing to join in the undertaking.

The party left the steamer shortly before noon on Monday. The sun's rays on the ice proved almost blinding, and after the party had struggled along for some miles, one of the young men sank down from exhaustion. They reached Pictou Island about 9 o'clock in the evening.

After passing the night on the island, the balance of the party was made to the mainland on Tuesday, where the Boston women caught the train. Members of the party belonging in St. John, reached here today, greatly exhausted.

SCATTERING HIS CASH

Strange Prodigality of an American at Milan.

London, Feb. 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Milan says that an American who lately arrived at Genoa is attracting attention by his prodigality towards waiters, coachmen and boatmen, tipping them with gold for the most trifling services. On Thursday he scattered money from his window to passersby in the street. The police, with the view of checking the disorders occasioned by the scrambling for the money, arrested the man and communicated with his family in Boston. He had the equivalent of \$10,000 in his pockets. His name is not given.

SHE GOT HER GUITAR

Swedish Maid's Letters Were Answered by Kindhearted Persons.

Stockholm, Feb. 28.—The postal officials of Ost-Gothland found in the mails a letter in a childish hand, addressed to "Our Lord in Heaven," and returned it to the office here, where it was opened. It proved to be a touching prayer of a girl of eight years, asking God to give her a guitar. When the matter became known the little girl's appeal was answered, several kindhearted persons subscribing the money to purchase the desired instrument.

TRAIN PLUNGED DOWN A HILL; SIX KILLED, SEVERAL INJURED

Near Lenior City, Kentucky—
Rails Were Spread by a
Landslide.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 28.—A fast passenger train, which left Chattanooga at midnight, was wrecked near Lenior City early today, through the spreading of the rails. Six persons were killed and several were injured.

Dead—Engineer Bibb and the fireman, baggage-master, mail clerk, negro porter and one lady passenger from Texas, whose names are unknown.

The wreck occurred on top of a steep embankment, down which the train plunged. Four of the coaches were telescoped and partly piled up on the en-

gine. Three coaches were burned outright. The engineer of a Cincinnati Southern train, which followed the wrecked passenger, was detached, and taken to the scene. By pulling two of the rear sleepers back on the track and away from the wreckage they were saved.

Engineer Bibb, who was dying when a physician reached him, refused to take brandy, saying: "I have never touched it yet, and don't expect to begin to drink it now."

The Chicago and Florida Limited, one of the finest trains in the country, passed the spot only a short time before. It was heavily laden with passengers. Soon afterward a landslide swept over the rails, leaving them spread, thus causing the derailment of the next train.

Changes in "Make-Up" of The Daily Advertiser

The Front Page for News Only— Changes in Other Pages of the Paper.

With this edition of The Advertiser several changes are introduced in the "make-up" of the paper—i. e. the disposition of the various classes of news, advertisements, and reading matter. The most noticeable is the removal of advertisements from the first page. This will add greatly to the appearance of the paper, literally putting a new face on it. All up-to-date dailies are now reserving the first page for news, and The Advertiser is determined to be in the van. The improvement will appeal to readers and add to the value of the paper as an advertising medium.

The change necessitates a re-arrangement of other pages, and as the regular subscriber desires a particular class of reading matter to be in a particular place, so that he may always know where to look for it, the following order will be adhered to as closely as possible:

Page 1—General news and weather report.
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Page 3—Condensed advertising, legal notices, auction sales and transient advertisements.
Page 4—Editorial.
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Page 6—Markets and late local.
Page 7—Story and sporting.
Page 8—Local and advertising.
On Saturdays pages 9 to 16 inclusive will be devoted to news, advertisements, and miscellaneous reading matter.

ELGLISH COLLIER LOST

It is Believed That Crew and Passengers Have Perished.

Brest, France, Feb. 28.—The steam collier Otter Caps, from Newcastle-on-Tyne, was driven on the rocks at Foutenet last night and broke up, and sank immediately. It is believed that the crew and passengers, numbering 30, perished. Up to the present, seven bodies have been washed ashore.

\$100 WITH COSTS

Was the Fine Fixed on Two Refractory Personators.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 28.—In the referendum inquiry yesterday, Judge McCrimmon convicted J. D. Coulter on the charge of attempting to secure personators. Coulter was fined \$100 and costs. In this case, Messrs. Robbette and Benson gave notice of appeal, and as the grounds of appeal also affect the charges against John G. Clarke, James Frawley and Joseph J. McNally, all these, with other cases not yet mentioned, are adjourned until March 16, so as to give time for the court of appeal to hear the application of the defense.

A BIG C. P. R. STRIKE

Telegraphers Between Vancouver and Winnipeg Reported Out.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 28.—All clerks in the telegraph, freight and passenger departments, checkers and truck men, numbering 150, in the C. P. R., in Vancouver, went out on strike there at noon yesterday. It is stated all clerks between Vancouver and Winnipeg are out. The company's version is that the brotherhood demanded the reinstatement of an employee dismissed for cause, which the company refused. The strikers assert their stand was taken on account of threat of dismissal of individual members of the brotherhood.

A KLONDIKE IN CHINA

Large Deposits of Gold Found on the Banks of the Amur.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—According to the Amur Gazette, a new Klondike has been discovered by the Chinese on the banks of the Amur, opposite the Russian town of Blagoveshchensk. The neighboring country is greatly excited. Hundreds of people are rushing to the fields.

It is stated that the ore averages three pounds of gold to the ton. The deposits extend many miles up and down the river. The authorities are discouraging the dissemination of the news of the find on account of the political aspect of the question of ownership may assume. Already influential Russians are contending that under no circumstances must this auriferous region be surrendered to the Chinese.

A WIND-DEFYING SKIRT

Eccentric Currents at Flatiron Building Suggests New Styles.

New York, Feb. 28.—If Paris dress-makers do not look sharp the Flatiron building and its windy vicinage are going to dominate the world of style. The latest fashion note from that haunt of curves is to the effect that a new skirt has been devised which will oppose an invulnerable circumference to all the envious winds of heaven.

The headquarters of the Dress-makers' Protective Association of America, at 174 Fifth avenue, is directly across the street from the frisky windjammer. The new skirt is the invention of Miss Elizabeth A. C. White, president of the dressmakers' association. The new skirt is an ingenious product of the protective association, whose name now assumes new significance.

The skirt has at the bottom a wide flounce that flares outward boldly, yet gracefully, and gives to the skirt a lively appearance. Inside the flounce there is a band of halfcloth about 7 inches wide. This does the trick. It does not add perceptibly to the weight of the skirt, but it holds the pesky thing down, like Columbia's fin keel.

Pope Has Severe Cold.

Rome, Feb. 28.—Notwithstanding a severe cold, which affected his voice, the Pope yesterday received the diplomats, who congratulated him upon his jubilee.

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WIRELESS IN ONTARIO

Experimenting Between Toronto and Hamilton.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Dr. Lee De Forest, the wireless telegraphy expert, returned to the city this morning to personally supervise the experiments in sending messages to Hamilton. He frankly admitted that he had heard from Hamilton by their system today, but the real demonstration would not take place this week. They were still busily engaged in tuning up the instruments to the perfection point.

PSALM RESTORES VOICE

After Being Speechless Eleven Years Man Bursts Into Song.

Poland, Me., Feb. 28.—After having been speechless for eleven years William R. Gammon, of this town, "mazed" his family by joining in the singing of a psalm last evening, his voice as rich and as full as ever it had been. The loss of Mr. Gammon's voice was due to illness, and the most noted specialists in the state tried in vain to restore it. There was no indication of a return, and when it did come back as the family was singing, Mr. Gammon was as astonished as the others.

ASKING ABOUT CANADA

The Farmer Delegates Besieged by English Inquirers.

London, Feb. 28.—Twenty of the Canadian farmer delegates are already at work in different counties throughout Great Britain. They report that they are besieged by inquirers, but are encountering local opposition from the parsons, the squires and the farmers, who fear the loss of their parishioners, their tenants and their laborers. The average wage of the farm laborer in England is 12 shillings (less than \$2 a week), and board and lodge himself, and then he usually dies in the workhouse. His condition is, in fact, only a shade better than serfdom. Such a man is naturally tempted to go to Canada if he is given the opportunity, and he is just the sort of man that Canada needs.

THEY THOUGHT HER DEAD

But the Undertaker Found Signs of Life and She Recovered.

New York, Feb. 28.—Miss Edith Curzon, of Redbank, N. J., is now recovering from pneumonia after her family thought her dead. She posed as the Goddess of Liberty in Red Bank's Washington's birthday parade, and caught a cold which quickly prostrated her. Yesterday she died, apparently, and an undertaker was called in. As he was about to prepare the body for the shroud he was startled to perceive that the right arm, which had lain outside the bedspread was now drawn up near the face. Then he noticed an eyelid twitch. The family was summoned, work begun to keep alive the slight spark of life, and after a time Mrs. Curzon was able to notice what was going on. Today she is improving with every chance of recovery.

A LUCKY DOG THIS

Wandering Mongrel Is Adopted Into the Astor Household.

New York, Feb. 28.—The little black and tan dog that was found by Mrs. John Jacob Astor on the steps of the mansion last Friday at No. 840 Fifth avenue, Astor house, at No. 840 Fifth avenue. It is quite certain now that the little dog will become a part of the household, as all the family have grown quite fond of it.

The dog was found freezing by Mrs. Astor during one of the cold days last week and taken into the house, where it was warmed and fed. Since that time many have called and looked at the dog, but failed to identify it as belonging to them. Yesterday a woman drove up in a handsome carriage, and after inspecting the dog, she sighed regretfully, "It's not Flido," she said, almost weeping, and then drove away.

New Smallpox Centers.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Smallpox cases were reported to Dr. P. H. Bryce yesterday from Thurlow Township, Hastings County, in the Beaverstone lumber camp; also in Raleigh Township, Hastings County, and Mornington, Perth County.

You often find that the boy who was always at the head of his class in school is now keeping a set o' books for the fellow who was always at the tail.

JUDGMENT RESERVED ON BELL TELEPHONE CO. FIGHT

Decision Will Be Given Out on Tuesday—Bell Telephone Company to Be Indicted for Conspiracy at the Next Sessions for Ontario and York Counties.

Whitevale, Feb. 28.—Justices of the Peace Davidson and Parker, after listening carefully to the evidence submitted in support of the charge of conspiracy against President Sise, of the Bell Telephone Company, yesterday, reserved judgment.

County Crown Attorney Farewell, in summing up the case, argued that the evidence clearly established that a telephone is a necessity in the conduct of modern business. The refusal to allow the telephone to be installed in the Locust Hill C. P. R. station unduly limited the facilities for conducting trade and commerce by depriving subscribers of means of rapid communication with the railway company and telegraph station.

He compared the action of the Bell Company to that of the dog in the manger; they would not put in a line themselves and would not let anyone else do it; they were apparently trying to restrict all trade that did not bring grist to their mill. He also charged that the Bell Company had shown discrimination in allowing Dr. Eastwood's line to have connection with the C. P. R. station at Claremont, while refusing it to the Farmers' Co-operative line at Locust Hill, the next station.

Mr. G. Lynch Staunton, for the defendant, contended that there was absolutely no evidence to warrant the

magistrate in sending his client to trial. He quoted English authorities to show that efforts of one person or concern to drive rivals out of business and secure a monopoly, provided the motive was his or their own gain, were not illegal; in fact, it was a recognized principle of trade. He argued that the contract between the companies was reasonable, in view of the necessities of each, and as it was entered into before the connection with Locust Hill station was suggested, the fact that it could not have been any conspiracy within the meaning of the act.

Steps will be taken at once to secure the indictment of the Bell Telephone Company for conspiracy before the grand jury at the next sessions for Ontario and York counties. The evidence elicited in the case against Mr. Sise is such that the promoters of the Co-operative Company have been advised that the case against the company will be exceptionally strong.

The case arises out of the fact that a number of farmers in merchants in York and Ontario counties, who have constructed a co-operative telephone system, to put a telephone on the fact that the surviving caraboes have increased over tenfold in value. At the same time a peculiar Oriental horse disease became epidemic, further crippling transportation. The rise in price of the surviving caraboes has been caused by various causes to but a fourth of its ordinary size, has been damaged by locusts, so that the price of rice has nearly doubled.

Under these circumstances there is imminent danger of famine in the islands. Congress is in course of generously appropriating \$3,000,000 to meet the immediate needs, but the indispensable and pre-eminent need is the restoration of productive industry from the prostration into which it has been thrown by the causes above enumerated. I ask action in the tariff matter not merely from the standpoint of wise governmental policy, but as a measure of humanity and response to the appeal of this great people should not close its ears."

The tariff bill referred to provides for the reduction of duties on products imported by the United States from the Philippines.

FAMINE THREATENS THE PHILIPPINES

An Urgent Message From the Governor of the Islands.

PRESIDENT MAKES AN APPEAL

Asks Congress to Pass the Tariff Bill—Cause of the Suffering Described.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Gov. Taft, of the Philippines, yesterday cabled the President in an alarmist vein. The conditions of productive industry and business were growing worse each month, and the necessity for the passage of the tariff bill by Congress was most urgent. Customs duties had fallen off one-third.

President Roosevelt at once addressed the following message to Congress: "As Congress knows, a series of calamities have befallen the Philippine

EAST ELGIN LIBERALS

Elect Officers for the Ensuing Term—Resolutions Passed.

Aylmer, Feb. 28.—At the annual meeting of the East Elgin Reformers' Association, held in the town hall here, there was a good attendance and a most enthusiastic and satisfactory meeting was held. Alex. Grant, of Bayham, the president, occupied the chair. The following officers were elected:

President, Dominion purposes—Alex. Grant.
Vice-president, Dominion purposes—M. A. Glover.
President, Local purposes—C. M. Wonnacott.
Vice-president, Local purposes—R. Francis.
Secretary-treasurer—George A. Bingham.

Addresses were given by Messrs. Wonnacott, Haight, Hepburn, Lewis, Sinclair, McIntyre, Caron, Stevens and Harris.

A resolution was moved by Dr. Sinclair and seconded by G. H. Haight and signed by the officers of the association, urging the appointment of Dr. Wilson to a seat in the Senate.

Mrs. Curzon was able to notice what was going on. Today she is improving with every chance of recovery.

DEATH OF AN INMATE OF THE HOME FOR AGED PEOPLE.

Possibly the oldest inmate of the Aged People's Home died in that institution last night. He was Martin Frawley, and he was credited with being within a year or two of the century mark. It is known by his relatives for a certainty that he was 95 years old.

Frawley was an Irishman, a native of County Clare, and he spent over 60 years in this country—a large portion of them in the city of London. He was at one time an inmate of Mount Hope, and it was only two months ago that he went to the Aged People's Home. He will be buried on Monday morning from the undertaking rooms of Smith & Son. Services will be held at St. Peter's Cathedral. The deceased is survived by one son, Robert Frawley, of Pittsburg.

TWO WILL CASES HEARD.

The high court met this morning at the court house, Chief Justice Falconbridge presiding. There was only two cases, both of which were of wills.

One was re Webb, of London, and the other re Morris, of Chatham. Relatives in each case wanted a construction put on the will and the evidence was heard for the different parties. Judgment was reserved.

HISCOX BUILDING PURCHASED

BY THE BANK OF TORONTO

Price \$50,000—Bank Premises Will Be Increased on the Ground Floor.

The Hiscox building changed hands this morning, negotiations which were in progress for ten days between the Bank of Toronto and Mr. Hiscox, having been brought to a successful termination. The price paid is not to be given out for the present.

Mr. Pringle, the local manager of the bank, stated this afternoon that the intentions of the bank in regard to the building are not decided yet, but it was certain that the bank premises, now too small, would be increased by the addition of a portion of the ground floor. The entire floor, however, would not be utilized, as the leases held by some of the tenants prevented that being done for the present.

The upper floors may undergo several changes before the bank gets the building in a satisfactory condition. The plan of all the alterations may be

Seven Miners Entombed.

Lafayette, Pa., Feb. 28.—Seven miners are believed to be dead from an explosion in the Hostetter-Connelville Coal Company's mine. Those entombed are: Michael Flack, William H. Besser, Michael Flack, Jun., Steve Hood, John Gaskish, Chas. O. Benny and John Penzerle.

The explosion occurred when the full force of 800 men were at work, and it is considered almost a miracle that so many escaped. The explosion was not heard outside and none except those at work knew anything of it until the refugees came running to the main entry. The seven missing may be alive, but it has been impossible to reach them on account of the dense smoke and afterdamp.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Much Colder Tomorrow.

Saturday, Feb. 28.
Sun rises, 6:57 a.m. Moon rises, 7:19 a.m.
Sun sets, 5:51 p.m. Moon sets, 6:23 p.m.
Toronto, Feb. 28.—A cold, clear day with a strong wind from the north. Mild weather has prevailed from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces today, while in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories a change to colder conditions has set in. The southwest storm has now centered west of Lake Michigan, and is causing unsettled, showery weather in the lake region.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 8 below; Victoria, 22 below; Kamloops, 8 below; Calgary, 20 below; Qu'Appelle, 10 below; Winnipeg, 12 below; Port Arthur, 22 below; St. Paul, 24 below; St. Louis, 24 below; Ottawa, 28 below; Montreal, 30 below; Quebec, 22 below; Halifax, 28 below.

WEDDINGS.

Today—Northwest gales; becoming colder; snow furries.
Sunday—Strong northwesterly winds; much colder; few snow furries.
29th of most probable in Ontario by Sunday morning.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	4	4	Clear
Winnipeg	4	4	Clear
Port Arthur	4	4	Clear
St. Paul	4	4	Clear
Toronto	4	4	Rain
Ottawa	4	4	Rain
Montreal	4	4	Rain
Quebec	4	4	Rain
Father Point	4	4	Rain

WEATHER NOTES.

The storm, which has moved to the great lakes from the Southwest States, is of great energy, and a heavy rain in Ontario and Quebec is likely to be followed by southwest gales and cooler weather.

Local temperatures: Friday—Highest, 47; lowest, 15.