

POWER OFFER TO TORONTO.

Partial Ownership of Power Plant or Purchase

With Representation of the City on the Board.

Result of Conference With Controllers Held Yesterday.

Toronto, Nov. 22.—First, an arrangement between the company and the city based on the general features of the agreement made some years ago between the city and the Consumers' Gas Company.

Second, an agreement whereby the company would issue \$1,000,000 of capital stock at par to the city, to be paid up as may be arranged within the next few years, the city to have a representation on the Board of Directors of three in a board of ten.

Third, a sale to the city of the plant and assets of the company at a price based upon its present earning power.

These were the propositions in brief made by the Toronto Electric Company to the Board of Control yesterday afternoon at the private conference in the Mayor's office. They were made in writing. In connection therewith the controller pointed out that the first of the three propositions is the one which would work advantageously for consumers, as well as for the city at large, and no objection had ever been raised to it in the past or elsewhere.

The advantages of the second proposition were stated as follows: (1) The \$1,000,000 of stock being issued at par would give a present dividend profit to the city, and when the present financial stringency is relieved and the stock goes back to its normal rate it would mean a profit of from \$500,000 to one million dollars on the amount invested by the city.

(2) The city could borrow at 4 or 5 per cent., and as it would receive dividends at the current rate (whatever that may be, say 8 to 10 per cent.) would secure to the city a net yearly profit of from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

(3) The company and the city being partners, there would be harmonious working and as a result aided by the natural increase in population there would be increased profits.

Profits to Go to Reduce Price. In accordance with the basis of the present city agreement with the Gas Company, all profits over an agreed rate of dividend (after providing for necessary renewals, improvements and reserve) would be applied to the reduction of charges to consumers.

(5) This proposition amounts to a partial public ownership and gives to the city the advantage of an established and successful business, not only self-supporting, but also profitable, as above shown, from the start.

(6) The large representation of the city on the board would secure full information to the city as to the business and the operations of the company.

His Worship Mayor Cortisworth speaking for himself and colleagues, assured the representatives of the company that their propositions would be very carefully considered and laid before the Council at its meeting on Monday.

Personally he would be very glad if any arrangement could be arrived at which would be in the interests of the city and also of the company and their shareholders.

He was satisfied that the lucid explanations of the company's representatives would do good and not harm to their cause. The representatives of the city, like those of the company, were simply trustees and must submit the matter for decision to the Council. He said that a combination of the first and second propositions would be a very valuable one. The company he said, claimed that the experts showed that the proposed prices of the Hydro-electric Power Commission were the same as the company was charging. His Worship supposed that a contract, if agreed upon, would have to be ratified by legislation, and the Legislature might also fix the rates. As an alternative scheme to that of the Hydro-electric Power Commission, the Mayor said he would like to think it over before committing himself. "With three men on a Board of Directors," he said, "and a million dollars of stock at par, it would give us an immense leverage. With three directors, out of ten we could carry anything. That has been my experience, with three united men with one object."

Controller Hubbard characterized the company's propositions as most undesirable. He wanted time to consider the matter before expressing an opinion. He said the propositions were much better than he had expected.

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ANOTHER CHARGE.

GEORGE RAYMOND ACCUSED OF FORGING LETTER.

Fire Chief of Blind River, Now Held on Charge of Arson, Believed to Have Forged Letter to Himself to Throw Suspicion on Others.

Sault, Ste. Marie, Ont., Nov. 22.—George Raymond, the Blind River fire chief, confined in the Soo jail on a charge of incendiarism, will have still another charge, a very serious one, to answer when he appears in the criminal Assize in December. Yesterday he appeared before Magistrate Elliott on a charge of forgery in connection with a letter which he himself received, dated in October. The letter is signed "Thomas and Adelaide Ouellette, Blind River," who appeared on a charge of arson recently, and were dismissed. The letter is in the nature of a suggestion from them offering Raymond five hundred dollars to fire the Terrier building. The authorities claim Raymond wrote the letter himself, but for what reason is not yet apparent, other than that he wished to divert suspicion from himself upon the Ouellette brothers.

NEW SENATORS.

MESSRS. CAMPBELL, DERBYSHIRE AND N. A. BELCOURT.

Understood That Names Have Been Forwarded to His Excellency by the Government—By-elections Necessary—Ottawa Liberal Nominees.

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—At a meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon a final decision was reached as to the filling of three Senatorial vacancies from Ontario. It is understood that the names forwarded for the approval of His Excellency are those of Mr. Archibald Campbell, M. P. for Centre York; Hon. N. A. Belcourt, M. P. for Ottawa, and Mr. D. Derbyshire, President of the Eastern Ontario Dairy-men's Association and ex-M. P. for Brockville. The appointment of Messrs. Campbell and Belcourt will necessitate by-elections in Centre York and Ottawa, and the writ will be issued in the near future.

In Ottawa the Liberal candidate will be Mr. J. B. T. Caron, a prominent local barrister. Messrs. Emmanuel Tasse and Auguste Lemieux, who have both been aspirants for the Liberal nomination, have agreed to withdraw, so as to avoid any disagreement in the party ranks, and Mr. Caron has consented to run. His fitness to represent the capital city in the Commons is unquestioned, and his election a forgone conclusion.

The new Senators are younger than the generality of appointments to the upper Chamber.

Hon. N. A. Belcourt was born in Toronto in 1869, and is, therefore, 47 years old.

Mr. Arch. Campbell is a native of Kent county, was born in 1845, and is, therefore, 62 years old.

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Mrs. David Taylor Hill.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY AND WIFE.

Dr. Hill, whose home is in New Jersey, is the present minister to the Netherlands. He was formerly an assistant secretary of state.

PASSES THEM ON.

Some Powerful Power Questions That Need Answers.

Mr. Man in Overalls.—Would you mind troubling yourself to answer a few simple impertinent questions that have just cropped up in me noddle?

1. What's all this bother about peak loads, amperes, volts, watts and what-nots?

2. Is it because the Electric Light Co. wants to get the people to pay the peak load on what they don't use, that they are going to put meters into all the houses, and charge 25c. per month for the same?

3. Is it this same peak load that will cost at least \$1 per month during the summer, when we will only use 15 or 20 cents worth?

4. Would it save trouble and money, too, if they put a meter into one house in every dozen and attach the others to it? They could then charge the meter and what it reads up to the bunch, and the thing's done, nothing easier.

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WON GOLD PRIZES.

Final in the Skating Contest at Britannia Rink.

An even dozen of the best skaters among the young men who patronize the new Britannia Rink skated last night for the two prizes given by the management, a five dollar gold piece to first and \$2.50 in gold to the second.

A large crowd of skaters was present to see the final contest, and to enjoy skating to the strains of music by the excellent band of the International Harvesters' Company. That the judges who had selected the twelve had done their work well was shown by the difficulty which last night's judges had in making the final selection. The contestants were Messrs. Edward Pellerin, W. Mainville, J. Toner, G. Edwards, A. Peters, J. Porter, L. Young, B. Dayman, W. Cliffe, Lockie McMaster, M. Waterfield, and C. Hyde. The choice fell upon Edward Pellerin for first and Lockie McMaster second.

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CHEERED FOR THE WINNERS.

Thirteenth Marksmen Received Their Prizes Last Evening.

Large and Fashionable Gathering at the Event

And a Most Enjoyable Dance Held Afterwards.

The Drill Hall was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large crowd that was present at the annual presentation of prizes and dance of the Thirteenth Regiment, which was held last evening. The scene was a brilliant one, the uniforms of the officers and men, contrasting with the varied costumes of the ladies with pleasing effect. The officers' gallery and the sergeants' gallery as well as the officers' quarters of the 91st, were filled with a large crowd of interested spectators during the presentation. Col. Moore presented most of the prizes, and on the platform with him were Col. A. H. Moore, Col. Stone, Major Ross, Capt. Pain, Major Herring, Col. Logie, Capt. Munro and Capt. Brown of the Corps of Guides, Sgt. Major Huggins and many others. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested by the officers and men during the presentation, as each team or man walked forward to receive their award for the good work done during the season. Among the various cups that were presented during the evening were the N. C. O. officers' cup, the Walker Cup, The Tait Brasse Cup, of Toronto, and the McLaren Shielder Competition cup. Sgt. Major Huggins read off the names of the men who had been successful at shooting during the season. Col. Moore again had the pleasure of presenting to B. Company, the cup for all round efficiency in company work, shooting, attendance, company drill, trench competition and manual firing for the year. B. Company led with 837.4 points. H. Company was second with 777.7 and C and A. Companies came next with 750.8 and 750.7 respectively. D had 645.4, E 638.7, F 627.7 and F 615.5.

Col. Moore in a short address at the close of the presentation said that the close of the year in military work had found the 13th in a very satisfactory condition. He personally wished to thank the non-commissioned officers and men for the excellent results that had been obtained during the season. He thought that the friendly rivalry that existed between the 91st and 13th regiments was productive of splendid results, as was shown by the recent inspection held a few weeks ago. The inspecting officer had given Col. Moore to understand that he was greatly pleased with the work of the 13th at the recent inspection. Col. Moore hoped that the regiment would make greater strides in the spring and thus keep up the high standard that has always been maintained by the 13th, year in and year out.

Upon the conclusion of Col. Moore's address, the dancing was begun. The spacious floor was filled to capacity during the evening, and the music and dancing were very frequent. The 13th band again supplied the music for the dancers, and it was pronounced par excellence. It was the wee wee wee hours of the morning before the dance was concluded, but not too late to give Bandmaster Robinson and his musicians rousing cheers for their good work during the evening.

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