

HYDRO ACT NOT TO BE AMENDED

Premier Drury Promises To Aid Electrical Project.

Tells Delegation Expense Will Prevent Aid To Rural Lines.

Toronto, April 27.—The government will consider the appointment of a representative of the municipalities of the Chippawa investigating commission, provided it is given a list of six or eight nominees, from whom to choose.

Municipal representation on the hydro-electric power commission is receiving careful consideration, and may become an accomplished fact in the near future.

Government assistance to secondary hydro lines in rural districts, is desirable, but financially impracticable at the present time.

No changes in the hydro-electric power act are contemplated by the government.

These assurances were given by Premier Drury early this afternoon to a large delegation from the Hydro-Electric Association of Ontario.

For the sake of hydro development, the government intends to get down to the truth, the prime minister declared, in touching on discussion of the Chippawa investigation. The delegation requested that no change be made in the hydro electric power act, and that government aid by way of a 50 per cent subsidy be extended to secondary rural lines along similar lines as it is to the primary lines, in addition to representation of the various interested municipalities on the hydro electric power commission.

Acting as spokesman, T. J. Hannigan, secretary of the association, introduced the various speakers, and informed the premier of the association's requests as given above.

Mr. Willoughby Ellis, president of the association, appealed to the premier for the required assistance on secondary rural lines. He pointed out that it would make power cheaper for the farmer, and in that manner cut down the cost to the consumer in the province by creating a larger market.

Sam Carter of Guelph gave the premier a brief recapitulation of the history of hydro in this city. He stated that the money would come from the city, which would have been ruined had not the scheme turned out all right.

Replying to the delegation's requests, Premier Drury stated that aid to rural power lines was close to his heart, but he did not know where the money would come from. He was inclined to think that it would mean a further tax on the people of the province as a whole.

Why do you not consider it from that standpoint? he asked the delegation. The premier stated that the request for representation on the hydro-electric power commission was well worth considering, admitting that under the present constitution the people had no representation except through the government.

If things in the hydro are not the best we are going to make them the best. If you want to turn us out on that you may.

A commission of businessmen who would not be influenced by sentiment was needed to investigate the Chippawa project, Mr. Drury continued.

Referring to the work of the commission, the premier stated that it was chiefly to deliver into capital expenditure, which, in his mind, was the only way to secure cheap power.

"There can be no return to private ownership," stated the premier. "I am for public ownership, and there is nothing to be done that will destroy hydro."

The requests made by the delegation were:

No flat rate or zone rate for hydro power.

No change in hydro power act.

Representation on hydro power commission.

More aid to rural power lines.

No change in hydro power act without consulting municipalities.

ACCEPT WAGE REDUCTION. WINNIPEG, April 27.—After prolonged negotiations, motormen and conductors employed by Winnipeg Electric Railway, have accepted a reduction in wages of 40 an hour.

Admits German Exhibits Not To Be Shown At Toronto's Exhibition

MONTREAL, April 27.—The Germans will not exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition this year, it was stated today by Ludwig Kempff, German consul-general for Canada.

Mr. Kempff denied that his application for a catalog meant that Germany would officially apply for space at the exhibition for the showing of merchandise from that country.

"I sent for the catalog only because I wanted to see what Canadian industries would be represented there," he said today.

"It is the Canadian National Exhibition and not an international, according to its name, and therefore we did not consider exhibiting."

When asked if Germany were permitted to enter by the directors of the fair, would she take the opportunity, Mr. Kempff stated that it was not likely, as they had not intended to do so in the first place.

"The Little Tycoon" Not To Be Presented Friday Night.

Owing to the illness of one of the star members of the cast of "The Little Tycoon," the musical comedy, which was presented Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Catholic Club auditorium, will be cancelled for Friday evening.

The play, which scored two great successes, was under the direction of Capt. M. Ryan of the R. C. R. band and the auspices of the London Catholic Women's League.

The management announces that those holding tickets for Friday's performance may obtain a refund by presenting the tickets at McPhillips' music store, Dundas street.

REPORTS INDIAN SLAYER ESCAPED

PEMBROKE, April 27.—According to reports received here this afternoon, Xavier Buckshot, the Indian half-breed who is alleged to have shot his brother Michel at Rapides des Joachim, Quebec, yesterday, has succeeded in evading the cordon of men that had surrounded a shack in which he was hiding. Although he had apparently been tightly hemmed in on all sides his native craftiness assisted him in slipping out of the small building. The shack was guarded all day, men being posted on each side of the building in which the house had been built, but during the night the Indian escaped, according to the unofficial reports received here today.

PLAY ABSENCE OF R. LE SUEUR

Lambton Voters Criticize Failure of Member To Take Seat.

Representative of Riding Prolongs Holiday Trip To South America.

Special to London Advertiser. SARNIA, April 27.—There is considerable criticism in the constituency of West Lambton of the fact that the Conservative member, R. V. LeSueur, has not yet put in an appearance at the House of Commons.

The results of the election of November last were barely announced when the member-elect shook the dust of the battle and the constituency from his feet and embarked on a holiday trip to South America.

Expected to Return. At the time he stated that he would return for the opening of the session to bring his weight to bear in aid of the faithful few, but apparently has found the sunny climate of the South much more congenial than his seat in the opposition benches at Ottawa despite the need

of his assistance. It was announced here today that the executive appointed by the Dominion Alloy Steel Company to take full direction of the erection of the plant and carry out the plans of the company will consist of Harry R. Jones, Canton, Ohio, one of the best-known figures in the steel industry on the American Continent; W. B. Boyd, Toronto, chief consulting electrical engineer of the Toronto Power Company, and George A. Simpson, Hamilton, who was associated with the Berger interests.

Plan New Tower Line. R. H. McCreath of Toronto, one of the directors, stated today that arrangements had been made with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the erection of a steel tower line from London to the plant, which, with the new transforming station, will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

It is also announced that open-hearth furnaces will be used for the supply of hot metal for the electrical furnaces. This feature, while considerably increasing the original outlay of the company, will enable 100,000 tons of alloy steel and kindred products to be turned out in a year.

AWARDED SCHOOL CONTRACT. STRATFORD, April 27.—Pounder Brothers, local contractors, have been awarded the contract for the new public school on Downie street for \$58,500. The building will provide four rooms, with provision for adding four more rooms later.

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