

CRITICISMS ON FINANCING ARE ANSWERED

Manager Yates of Public Utilities Presented Statement Regarding Financial Post Editorials to Commissioners on Wednesday.

The following statement regarding the criticisms of Hydro Electric Financing and of the Clarkson report on the accounting of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario was presented to the Public Utilities Commissioners by Manager Yates at the meetings of the Commission on Wednesday evening and was approved by the board:

The March issues of the Financial Post contain several severe criticisms of Hydro Electric financing and of the Clarkson report on the accounting of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario. This is of especial interest to the citizens of St. Catharines, as the report made in 1917 by the City Auditor, Mr. Jamieson, is used as the terrible example of the Accounting System. Apparently the Financial Post has not observed that the criticism given by Mr. Jamieson is not a criticism of the accounting system used by the Hydro Electric Commission of Ontario in its own book-keeping covering the entire Provincial System, but is rather a criticism of the Municipal Accounting System drawn up by the auditors of various Hydro Electric Municipalities and enforced as a standard by the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario. It would appear that the Post either is not acquainted with this fact, or else they are trying to make a presentable article out of several unrelated items.

THREE PREMISES.
The Post judges that the report is made for public consumption and not for comparison by an auditor, and then satisfies itself that the Hydro system of accounting is "damnable" and that power is sold at less than cost, making its conclusion from three premises.

It first points out that the report is only to the end of the fiscal year of the Commission, that is October 31, 1917, and leads one to believe that any further investigation might be dangerous to the Commission. Of course, if the Auditor had waited until the report, up to October 31, 1918, had been completed and printed, the Post would have blamed the Hydro again with withholding the report for another session. In this connection I know that the report is completed for 1918, but I cannot say whether it is in the printer's hands or not.

The first point is that no sinking fund has been charged against the Municipalities during the first five years of operations. This is in accordance with the agreement with the Municipalities, and in accordance with the Act, but the Post interprets the Act as meaning that this Sinking Fund is to be charged to the Municipalities during the first five years, but the Municipalities are not required to pay the same until five years have expired. The Commission's interpretation of the Act, and the one which was given to the Municipalities, and the one which is accepted by the Provincial Government is that the Sinking Fund is to be completed during the last 25 years of the 30-year debentures, meaning a higher rate of Sinking Fund for 25 years rather than 30.

REPORTS COSTS.
The second big point is that the Province has expended, through the Commission, over \$1,100,000 during the years of operation of the Commission, practically all for engineering information of some character. This is no mystery as it was reported in each Annual Report by the Commission, and includes expenditures on the part of the Commission covered by an annual grant of the Provincial Government to make water power reports for the Province, such as stream flow data, reports on power developments, power supplied to different Municipalities, Hydro Radial investigations, and various other reports in accordance with the Government Act and instructions. These activities of the Commission are similar to the activities of the Agricultural Department or some other Department of the Government as an aid to the industrial life of the Province. The Clarkson Report does not uncover this; the Clarkson Report merely tabulates these expenditures during all of the years of operation of the Commission, while the Annual Reports of the Commission merely give this expenditure from year to year.

It may be stated, in this connection, that the Clarkson Report shows that where these investigations of the Commission result in construction of a water power development or a dis-

TELEPHONE MERGER HELD UP BY HOLDERS

Chippawa Subscribers Insist That They be Brought In With Welland County Company.

Bridgeburg, Ont., April 11.—The fact that Chippawa subscribers of the Welland County Telephone Company insist that they be brought in with that company when the proposed merger of the Bell and Welland County lines takes place, is holding up permission from the Ontario municipal and railway board.

H. C. Small, secretary of the Board wired the officials of both companies here today that unless some arrangement is reached whereby the application of the Chippawa subscribers is met, the merger will be held up for some time being. Chippawa was to have been included in the Bell system, but wants to come in under the merged system to be operated by the county telephone company.

RADIAL TO BE BUILT AT ONCE THROUGH HERE

Hydro Commission Has Made Formal Request to the Government for Order-in-Council Authorizing Work.

The Ontario Hydro Commission has made formal request to the Government for an order-in-council authorizing immediate beginning of construction work on two Hydro Radials—one from Toronto to Bridgeburg, the other from Toronto to London.

In connection with the construction of Hydro Radials, a bill is to be submitted to the Legislature to amend the Radial Railway Act of 1916, which prohibited the construction of radials during the war.

The two radials which are to be built will have a total mileage of 215 miles. It will cost \$6,000,000 to construct the two lines, the road to London costing \$5,000,000. The line to Bridgeburg will run via Hamilton and St. Catharines, and the road to London will be run via Guelph and Stratford.

"Four Chinese were gambling on Sunday"—newspaper heading. But no hint is given of the number of white men who were at the same work.

tribution system for a municipality or a district, these costs are then transferred from the Provincial Account to the cost of development, being then paid by the municipality or the district served.

MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS.
The third large point made is that there is no report made on the Municipal accounting systems, brought to the front by the Auditor's Reports in Hamilton and St. Catharines. Naturally, nothing is being said about this feature as the report, which has been tabled in the Legislature, merely covers Clarkson's Report on the financial operations of the Provincial Commission, and would not include the investigations on the Municipal accounting system independent from the main investigation. This Report, I know, has been completed because I have read it, and being made, I understand, at the request of the Provincial Commission, is now probably in the Provincial Commission's hands, possibly to come out in their 1918 Year Book.

From the issue of March 22nd I will quote as follows:
"Common business sense demands that sinking fund charges should be set aside every year. If the Hydro has not made proper allowances, and the investigations at Hamilton and St. Catharines have indicated that it has not—eventually and inevitably the bill must be paid by someone, and that someone is the general taxpayer of the Province."

Anyone reading this would assume that St. Catharines has not been paying Sinking Fund charges. As a matter of fact, St. Catharines has paid to the Provincial Commission all charges for Sinking Fund from the date the Provincial Commission made its expenditure for St. Catharines. The success of the local System permitted payment of all charges for St. Catharines Debentures which were issued for the construction of the local System. St. Catharines is not in arrears one dollar for Sinking Fund or interest either to the Provincial Commission or to the City Treasurer.

The criticism of the Financial Post, when analysed, appears to be an effort to support their own case with very little material.

MERRITTON

The departments at the Riordon Paper Mill that have been closed down for the past three weeks expect to resume operation on Monday next.

A game of football between the local team and the G. W. V. A. of St. Catharines, will take place on Saturday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock.

During the past three months immigration officers at the Falls dealt with 1,889 cases of persons trying to enter Canada. In three months 1,205 were rejected, and only 375 admitted.

It was stated this morning that the Greek, Stefano Sparfinto, who attempted to commit suicide by taking phosphorus poisons last week, died in the hospital here during the night.

It is admitted on all sides that the south side of the market grounds are sadly in need of a good coating of Macadam and experts say that now is the time when the earth is moist it should be put down.

The Junior Ladies Auxiliary of the G. W. V. A. will hold another of their popular Old Country dances in Queen's Hall on Monday night when a special programme of music will be rendered by a first-class dance orchestra.

THE CANADIAN EXPRESS MEN ARE ON STRIKE

Unanimous Decision of Employees Was for Walk Out. St. Catharines Men as a Whole are Well Satisfied.

Toronto, April 11.—Acting upon the strike order of their national President, Mr. A. R. Moshier, local employees of the Canadian Express Company, embraced in the Canadian Brotherhood of Station Employees, went on strike last night. A meeting was held in Victoria Hall, where the local organizer, Mr. McPherson, presided, and discussed the issue with the three hundred-odd men who attended the meeting. Many of those present only became members of the union last night.

The meeting was a closed meeting, and when it adjourned Mr. McPherson called the newspaper reporters in, and in the presence of the men gave a statement of the dispute and the attitude of the strikers. Many of the men were disposed to go to some length to press their case, but Mr. McPherson refused to discuss its features.

"There is only this: The men are out on strike one hundred per cent. They are determined to fight it to a successful conclusion, and not one of them expressed a desire to go back to work. They want the award of the Board of Conciliation, with its eight hour day and wage increases. They will not accept the decision of the Labor Appeal Board. The mileage rate for messengers they are willing to submit to the Board of Adjustment. No. 1 Railway Board," said Mr. McPherson.

Two Men Out Here.
Regarding the situation locally, Mr. Hudson, manager of the St. Catharines branch of the company, told a Journal reporter early this afternoon that there had only been one or two men walk out so far and that the general opinion of the employees in this section of the province was to the effect that the award of the Conciliation Board which was accepted by the company is very satisfactory. The local men claim that that the employees should remain at work until such time as they are all given a chance to vote on the question of a strike or not.

Business Held Up.
The majority of the men out on strike today are express messengers and as a result of this there is no express matter moving in this section at all today. The messengers are evidently satisfied with the new scale of wages awarded by the Conciliation Board but are striking for the eight hour working day.
As to this Mr. Hudson said he felt sure that the matter of an eight hour day would be satisfactorily settled by the first of May at the latest as the Government at Ottawa have the matter in hand and by that time he was of the opinion that the working day for all employees on the entire system would be of eight hours. At the time of going to press there was no change in the situation as far as this city is concerned.

The Welland people are complaining because their city is not included in the latest rates announced by the Hydro-Electric. The five cities which will come under the preferred rate are St. Catharines, London, Woodstock, Hamilton and St. Thomas.

QUEBEC GOES WET BY OVER 100,000 MAJ.

Beer and Wine Referendum Showed Some Startling Turn-overs in Many Cities and Towns—Some Old Election Cries Raised.

Montreal, April 11.—(By C. P.)—The referendum taken in the Province of Quebec yesterday on the question of wine and beer licenses showed, according to early returns, that an enormous majority voted "wet".

The referendum was decided on by the Provincial Legislature to settle the future of the liquor question. In 1918 the Legislature passed a total prohibition measure to come into effect on May 1, 1919, for "the duration of the war". The war ended before the act could be applied, the Government compromised on the demands made from the liquor faction, who demanded a continuance of complete "wet" privileges, and those calling for the enforcement of the act by submitting the question of the sale of beer and wine alone to the electors.

Some Old Cries Raised.
Both liquor and temperance factions in the Province waged an energetic campaign, the former securing powerful support from a number of the most prominent men in Montreal. The Protestant ministers were unanimously in favor of complete prohibition, but the Roman Catholic priests did not support the "dry" proposals as a body. The strongest temperance organization in the Province, the Anti-Alcoholic League was split. A number of speakers in favor of wine and beer introduced the race and religious cry into their campaign address; arguing that English-speaking people, Orangemen, and Methodists of Ontario were anxious to see prohibition introduced as a blow to the French-speaking Roman Catholics, who needed wine for the sacrament.

No woman voted on the referendum. **THE VOTE IN QUEBEC.**
At 2:30 o'clock this (Friday) morning all estimates computed on returns so far received indicate that the Province as a whole polled over 100,000 majority for beer and wine.

The cities all went on record by large majorities: Montreal (complete) by 57,147 majority; Westmount (complete) 1,342; Quebec (incomplete) 9,892; Three Rivers (incomplete) 2,751; Sherbrooke (incomplete) 1,576; Riviere du Loup (incomplete) 2,751; Sherbrooke (incomplete) 46; Hull City (complete) 1,485; St. John's (complete) 789.

The counties and rural parishes reported, with the exception of Lennoxville, Huntingdon and Richmond, all "wet" by a majority. In eleven parishes reported, the "dry" did not score on only one vote. At least fifty per cent. of the voters went to the polls out of 40,000 registered, and, though all results are not yet in, the outcome of the voting is not in doubt.

How they voted.
Riviere du Loup (incomplete) Wet Dry
Montreal 63,654 6,507
Westmount 1,342
Three Rivers (incomplete) 2,752 891
Sherbrooke (incomplete) 2,255 680
Quebec City (incomplete) 11,530 1,638
Hull City 1,485
St. John's (incomplete) 1,553 949
St. John's 1,139 184
St. John's 1,678 193
St. John's 1,340 351

The best rural poll reported last night for the "drys" was Huntingdon, and recorded 51 dry and 6 wet, while the "wets" one reported from St. Jean Champlain is recorded as going 83 wet and none dry.

The weekly Whist Drive at the G. W. V. A. club house will be held tonight when some valuable prizes will be offered for competition.

Symptoms that Tell of Bilioussness.
HOW TO PREVENT AND CURE
Are you dizzy?
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Does everything turn dark when you rise after stooping?
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Results prove the merits of Dr. Hamilton's Pills, 25c per box.
The captured U-Boats in possession of the U. S. will be allowed for exhibition purposes, to visit all harbors on the sea coast and on the Great Lakes which are accessible.

HON. DR. CODY, Minister of Education in Ontario, whose bill on Educational matters has been arousing animated discussion in the Legislature.

THOROLD

A valuable dog owned by Mr. Everett, the Front Street baker, was killed by an automobile from Chippawa on Thursday.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist Church held a well attended meeting at the parsonage, Pine Street, on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Fred Peav gave a very instructive paper on "Easter", which was listened to with great interest, after which a musical program was supplied by Rev. R. S. E. Large, Miss Laura Large, and Mrs. Swayze-Walktr. At the conclusion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Honorary President, Mrs. J. Miller. President, Mrs. Rev. R. S. E. Large. 1st Vice-President, Mrs. D. E. Miller. 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. L. I. Hunt. Secretary, Miss Jessie Miller. Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin. The boxes and envelopes for missionary funds were opened and a neat sum realized.

Mrs. Janet Parkinson, of Toronto, is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Turner, Sr., Carlton Street.

Mr. M. J. Buckley of the Dominion Corset Company, Toronto, is spending a couple of days in town on business.

The Bank of Montreal at the head of Front Street, is now in the hands of liquidators, Messrs. Grenville and Turner, having the contract.

A special meeting of the Thorold Township Council was held on Wednesday, when the police question was dealt with. Bell, of Niagara Falls, who had been appointed at a salary of \$12 per month, did not go on the job, and John Flett was given the appointment. Flett is a returned soldier who reached home only a short time ago, and his duties will be to do general police work wherever most required, and to enforce the law.

The regular meeting of the Thorold Board of Health was held on Thursday evening in the Library Building with all members present.

Moved by A. Martin and seconded by A. B. Begg: That the application for milk licenses of Leigh Biny, Hugh J. Grant G. A. Winter, Albert Campbell and William Bradley, be granted the same on payment of the usual fee—Carried.

Moved by A. B. Begg and Adam Martin: That notice be published in the "Post" notifying all property owners that sanitary connections must be made with sewers, on streets where sewers are provided, and that same be done in conspicuous places.—Carried.

Moved by Adam Martin and A. B. Begg: That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to insert a notice in the "Post" calling on all householders to clean up their premises on May 1st and that cards be also printed and posted in conspicuous places.—Carried.

The members of the Board gave their very serious attention to some conditions in St. Andrews Ward, where many of the foreigners, and even some of the best of others, seem to have little regard for sanitary considerations, and none whatever for the comfort of their neighbors.

Mrs. Robert Savage is spending a week very pleasantly in Brantford the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Phillips.

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ADVERTISE IN THE JOURNAL

BOARD DECIDES TO BUILD TWO NEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ADOPTS REPORT TO THIS EFFECT AND WILL REQUIRE \$58,000 FROM COUNCIL—OTHER REPORTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING.

At their regular meeting last night the Management Committee of the Public School Board urged upon the Building and Supply Committee the necessity of completing the new schools by September. The Board accepted the report of the Building and Supply Committee recommending the expenditure of \$58,000 for sites and new buildings. One school is to be built on Welland Avenue, at the foot of Queen street and the other on the Western Hill. A site is to be purchased in the 4000 Street District at a sum of \$6,000.

Present were Chairman Byrne, Trustees Paxton, Dunlop, Burleigh, Rutherford and Jones. Inspector Hetherington and Miss Riggins.

Communications.
Communications were read from: Dr. Smith of Knox Church thanking the Board for the use of Alexandra Grounds for the Y.P.S. tennis club.

Genevieve Robinson asking leave of absence until after the summer vacation.

Fleda W. Filson tendering her resignation to take effect April 17th.

Harriet A. Rolls thanking the Board for increase in salary.

N. Griffiths enclosing a list of seeds necessary for her class home garden.

Geo. A. Ison, A.T.C.L., A.T.S.C., asking for the position of musical instructor for the Public Schools.

The Finance Committee submitted their report recommending payment of salaries and accounts amounting to \$6,294.61.

Trustee Dunlop submitted the report of the Management Committee recommending that Miss Marjorie Elliott be appointed to the St. Catharines Public School Teaching Staff at an initial salary of \$750 per annum.

That Miss Annie McDonald be appointed to the teaching staff of the St. Catharines Public School at an initial salary of \$750 per annum, duties to begin April 17.

That the resignation of Miss Fleda Filson be accepted to take effect on April 17th.

That the resignation of Miss Annie Carnochan be accepted to take effect April 1st.

That permission be granted for the taking of the Protestant Orphan Home Easter Offering in the schools in conspicuous places.

That the banking system in the schools be discontinued and that the purchase of thrift stamps be introduced to take effect at once.

That permission be granted the Y. P. S. of Knox Church the use of the grounds at the Alexandra School under the supervision of the caretaker.

That a football league be organized in the Schools under the supervision of Principal and the Football Association.

Again this Committee wishes to urge upon the Building Committee the necessity of the now proposed schools to be completed by September. Children are being turned away for the want of accommodation and is now getting a serious matter.

That this Committee advertise in the Toronto Papers for five new teachers, duties to commence September.

That in response to a request from the Horticultural Society for a continuation of the Home A Garden Brigade in the Schools this Board approve of such continuation.

Building and Supply Report.
The report of the Building and Supply Committee report was submitted by Trustee Rutherford as follows:

That football equipment to the extent of goalposts and balls be secured for Victoria, Alexandra and Connaught Schools and that Basketball posts, baskets and balls be secured to the extent of 8 sets for Western Hill, St. Andrews, Central, Court Street, St. Pauls Ward Schools.

That so soon as the purchase of the property 17, 17, 19 and 21 Welland Avenue is completed that the premises at 17, 19 and 21 be vacated and that preparation be made for the immediate construction of a school thereon.

That tenders be asked for the sale and removal of the barn at No. 15 Welland Avenue and that tenders be also asked for the sale and removal of houses No. 19 and 21 Welland Avenue and that this Committee be authorized to award such contracts if the same are satisfactory.

That tenders be asked for the moving of the house No. 17 Welland Avenue and that this committee be authorized to award such contract if satisfactory.

School Welland Avenue \$85,000. School Western Hill \$65,000. Making a total of \$150,000 and ask that the Finance Committee arrange with the City Council for this sum.

Nurse's Report.
The third report of the School Nurse was presented as follows: Inspections for March 2404.

Found—
Pediculosis 3.
Skin infections 7.
Parents notified and physicians consulted 7.

Contagious (Scabs) 6.
Non contagious 1.
Re-admitted by physicians certificate 7.
Ring worm 3.

Infected eye (non infectious) 1.
Home visits 10.

Inspector Hetherington gave a detailed report of the attendance at the various schools of the city showing the total absentees, both teachers and pupils, cases of lateness and corporal punishment. He also gave a detailed report of the seating capacity of the different schools. In the Alexandra School there are one hundred more pupils than room for, 62 more in Victoria School, and 8 more on the Western Hill. The school at the foot of Queen Street will relieve the Alexandra School and leave room for some from Victoria School to come. The older pupils in the second class from the Western Hill now come over the bridge. There are nearly one hundred children on the Hill who are not going to school as there is no kindergarten. The school age is five years but the parents are being asked to keep them home until they are six years old as there is absolutely no accommodation for them.

Give It To Public.
Trustees Rutherford, Burleigh and Chairman Byrne suggested that the report of the Inspector should be published in full so the ratepayers could see for themselves the necessity of new school.

Moved by Trustee Paxton and seconded by Trustee Dunlop that the Chairman, H. W. Byrne, be appointed a delegate to attend the convention of the Provincial Association of the School Trustees at Toronto opening April 21st.

That this Board request H. W. Byrne to confer with other urban trustees at the convention to request the Department of Education to assume full control of City Inspectors and be responsible for salaries and the Secretary confer with the other Boards asking that their representatives come prepared to confer on this question.

Moved by F. N. Rutherford seconded by Fred R. Paxton that the Secretary write the various Urban School Board asking co-operation in the formation of an Urban Trustees Association.

G. A. C. ORGANIZE BRANCH AT FALLS
The Grand Army of Canada held an organization meeting at Niagara Falls last night, and the meeting was well attended, about 50 being present. President Sibley and Vice President Stinn from Lincoln Post No. 2 were present, and the following officers were elected:

President: Comrade W. Wright.
Vice President: Comrade J. Hiscocks.
Secretary: H. Elliott.
Treasurer: G. Hiscocks.
The Executive Committee elected were:

Comrades Holmes, Bastabol, Buckner, Guys, Cheshire, Beatty, Pattison, Shafton and Walsh.


Thirty five members were initiated and a large number of applications were sent in, and it was decided to name this Branch Frontier Post No. 6.

ENJOYER TORONTO BANQUET
Ald. Riffert and Ald. Dakers returned this morning from Toronto delighted with the entertainment at the Armory in that city, last night. To the returned men and their wives. Seen by the Journal this morning they stated that good persons were 51. The two St. Catharines Aldermen were placed with the Toronto City Council and Controllers at the banquet. Mrs. McGhie and Mrs. Vandusen also went over and enjoyed the hospitality extended. They learned a good deal that will be helpful to them in forthcoming dinner to be given here.

An international meeting will be held in Griffine Family Theatre Sunday afternoon at 1 p. m.

Mr. Fred D. Mize, the Superintendent of Welland Water Works has tendered his resignation to the authorities there.

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