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EASTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES ENDORSE HYDRO ELECTRIC POLICY

Municipalities Represented by Nearly One Hundred Delegates at Meeting in Belleville Yesterday—Election of Officers—Addresses by the Secretary of the Association and Mayor Buller, of Peterborough.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) It was an enthusiastic gathering of nearly one hundred representatives of municipalities in the district of Eastern Ontario who crowded the Belleville city council chamber on Tuesday afternoon so that standing room only was to be secured. These men had met to discuss the great problem of radial railways in which every one in western Ontario is already so well versed and to hear Mr. Hannigan of Guelph, secretary of the Hydro Electric Radial Railway Association of Ontario. The meeting was productive of much good and no doubt this portion of the district will devote attention to the question of radials as never before. Naturally the western counties and the smaller numbers of delegates represented Peterborough City, Peterborough County, Northumberland, Cobourg, Campbellford had large deputations. Ald. Prince Edward, while Hastings, Lennox and Addington, and Frontenac had smaller numbers of delegates. This is explained by the fact that electric problems have been before the people in the western part of the district owing to the predominance of electrical power in Northumberland and Peterborough. Ald. Prince Edward which has been dealing with a radial scheme had no less than fifteen delegates.

THE REPRESENTATIVES

- The representatives were: T. J. Hannigan, Guelph, Sec. Hydro Electric Association, Ontario. W. H. Pantor, Mayor, Belleville. W. R. Membery, Adolphustown. J. W. Darling, Adolphustown. D. W. Roblin, Adolphustown. E. B. Harrison, Adolphustown. M. E. Mallory, Adolphustown. W. D. Roblin, Adolphustown. C. F. Allison, Adolphustown. Thomas Chalmers, Adolphustown. W. P. Niles, Wellington. R. W. Longmore, Ernestown. J. L. F. Sproule, Kingston Tp. S. J. Dolman, Campbellford. P. S. Ewing, Warwick. J. C. Fowlds, Campbellford. Ald. G. W. Green, Peterborough. W. Buller, Mayor, Peterborough. Albert Chalmers, Aillsville. W. G. Fretts, Napane. Thomas Mellow, Bath. Ald. J. Smith, Napane. W. H. Chalmers, Sillsville. J. H. Horkins, Campbellford. H. F. Ketcheson, Belleville. Ald. H. C. Earle, Belleville. W. E. Barrett, Wellington. Ald. A. H. Stratton, Peterborough. C. L. Owea, Campbellford. Major Dr. A. W. Heaslip, Picton. Dr. T. S. Philp, Picton. J. H. Porte, Picton. D. C. Stuart, chairman commission. Brighton Township. James Irwin, Campbellford. A. Haig, Campbellford. Dan Denton, Cobourg. N. A. Morden, Wellington. F. S. Harris, Concession, Wellington. G. G. Gilber, Picton. J. Stewart, Cobourg. Chas. Ketcheson, Warden Hastings Co. A. M. Chapman, Belleville. J. A. Armstrong, Reeve Brighton Tp. W. J. Roberts. S. A. Tucker, Rosemeath. W. H. Hoat, Wellington. H. Y. Cooper, Bloomfield. M. B. Clark, Wellington. E. B. Purtable, Bloomfield. W. H. Gough, Bloomfield. Chas. H. Skyles, Bloomfield. J. F. Barker, Bloomfield. C. A. Sterwin, Alnwick. Carleton Woods, Reeve of Richmond. J. Elliott, Belleville. Walter Turner, Hastings. J. J. Wade, Hastings. C. H. Fowlds, Hastings. J. M. Thomson, Hastings. Wm. Fowlds, Reeve Hastings. J. A. Glenn, Crumache. G. A. Skyles, Campbellford. J. Shide, H. Innes. G. A. Gunnor, Reeve Crumache. Edmund Quinn, D.R. Crumache. W. H. Cochrane, Crumache. H. McGuire, Cobourg. A. Carruthers, Hamilton. E. A. Duncan, Mayor, Cobourg. Geo. Greer, Reeve, Cobourg. D. Denton, D.R., Cobourg. W. G. Corbett, Con. Cobourg. Geo. Bond, Councilman, Cobourg. Ben. Ewing, clerk, Cobourg. A. H. Atkinson, Warkworth. J. Maynard, Campbellford. A. E. Cahan, Picton. H. B. Beaton, Picton. W. J. Lettiner, Ontario. W. J. Armstrong, Mayor, Campbellford. A. E. Caddy, Campbellford. A. E. Eagleson, Hamilton Tp. Cold Springs. W. W. Hoey, Cobourg. N. A. Morden, Wellington. D. S. Ainsworth, Wellington. O. B. Scott, Belleville. M. Moore, Belleville. H. M. Johnston, Adolphustown. M. B. Trunpaur, Adolphustown. F. E. Deacon, Belleville. S. R. Armstrong, City Clerk, Peterborough.

Ald. C. F. Wallbridge, Belleville. Ald. A. C. McFee, Belleville and others. Mayor Pantor extended on behalf of the city council and citizens a hearty welcome to Belleville. Mr. Hannigan, of Guelph, secretary of the provincial association, addressed the representatives on the value of radial railways and their assistance in the development of the country and the solution of problems facing country and city alike.

There need be no worry over the fact that the Seymour Power Co. has control of the electric energy of this district. The impression was conveyed that there would be something "doing" before long as far as the Hydro and Seymour were concerned.

Mr. G. A. Kingston of Campbellford asked what was the experience of radials in Ontario. Mr. Hannigan said most radials did not pay because of the large profit going to the promoters. "Is it any wonder they do not pay?" But these are not the Hydro radials. The Commission will operate the Hydro Electric radials without gross profit and the profits. These latter will pay a dividend certainly.

The Hydro Radials in Central Ontario will supply farmers with current at \$15 to \$17 less per h. p. than ordinary companies will, and people from 10 to 15 miles on each side will be served with current cheaper and better than by companies now operating.

Mayor Buller of Peterborough said some municipalities have got their power in Eastern Ontario. The commission has power to expropriate all lines; Peterborough has put up a big fight to secure control of the distribution system. The mayor outlined the arbitration proceedings taken by Peterborough. The companies desire big profits. The people in the east are not awake and are waiting for the companies to build railways. The result of the arbitration was that the company was awarded \$170,000, which they think not worth \$40,000. Now a month's account of \$2.00 is reduced to 82c by Peterborough's management and yet the city has with much less than a year's running \$10,000 or \$12,000 in the treasury.

The Seymour Co. should get only a fair value. But they also want a franchise of the municipalities. What has been done for electricity for light and manufacturing, can be done for radial railways. These must be built for the whole district, not for one city or a couple of cities. This dream must come true. There are square miles of Eastern Ontario not populated. This area will never be developed until we get the power. We are going to get the power from the Hydro Electric and we do not care where they get it. The power will be ready when we are. Peterborough has been carrying the burden of pronouncing the Smith-Napane deal like the other cities and towns. To assume some share of it. We do not want the government to give us the money, but when the dark war cloud passes, we will demand so much per h. p. from the government for the radials.

These radials will bring the country to the city. They will open up the rocky country and the good lands between the rocks. He urged the passage of certain resolutions. The committee should get over the district, decide on the route of the radial railway. Mr. Horkins, Campbellford, urged organization. The west has 12 districts and the east has 12. The committee should be considered a district. This would give a good strong representation at Toronto.

Objection was taken to this and the suggestion was dropped. Mr. Hannigan said all that was necessary was for the municipality to pass a resolution asking the commission to investigate and report in detail. The people then vote to see whether they will accept it or not. It will not give the municipalities anything as long as the pays for operation and interest on sinking fund. The commission builds and operates the radials. The cost is \$30,000 per h. p. fully equipped, all depending on the district. The operating expenses vary greatly. Mr. Horkins moved, seconded by Mr. Lettiner that the counties of Durham and Northumberland be incorporated as a district of this association.

The debate on this point was followed at some length. Ald. G. Walter Green of Peterborough moved, seconded by Mr. G. A. Kingston of Campbellford, that No. 2 district comprise East Durham, Northumberland and County of Peterborough. Mr. Owen of Campbellford said all agreed to amend the constitution of the Hydro Electric Radial. There is about 80,000 h. p. in Northumberland. There must be help to develop this power. The engineers of the Hydro Electric will say where the electric road will be built. Northumberland should unite with Peterborough as a district. Another motion in amendment was made by Mr. Roblin as to the district. Warden Charles Ketcheson of Hastings moved in amendment to the amendment seconded by Mr. A. H. Stratton that the association comprise Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Hastings, Northumberland, Peterborough and Prince Edward.

Enjoyable Concert With the Soldiers Program in Aid of Regimental Fund—Last Concert of Kind. (From Wednesday's Daily.)

The citizens of Belleville last evening had an opportunity of attending a concert in the city hall under the auspices of the 39th battalion and in aid of the regimental fund. Those who were present and they included many civilians, were loud in their praise of the program. They saw and heard the Canadian soldier in his hours of amusement and carried away the pleasant impression of the light-hearted and mirth-loving Canadian volunteer.

Before the program opened, the soldiers sang popular ballads for their own amusement and incidentally delighted their civilian guests. Lieut.-Col. J. A. Preston, O.C. the 39th battalion, was the chairman. He expressed his appreciation of the large attendance of citizens. The first number was a selection by the 39th "which is fast becoming some band," said Col. Preston. This organization made a hit by the excellence of its performance and as an encore played "Rule Britannia" as an encore.

Miss Anna Ponton was heard in the lyric "Annie Laurie." The singer's voice was in excellent form, the soldiers' song being sung in peerless style. A demand for an encore was satisfied. Mrs. Wilnot was accompanied by Mr. Thos. Bowie, the champion sword dancer, performed a dance to the pipe accompaniment by Pipe Major Johnstone. "Tommy" also gave an encore.

A vocal duet by the Misses Wilnot was much appreciated. Their number was one of the most artistic of the evening in its performance. The young singers received a hearty encore. Private Harmer of the 39th made his contribution to the program in accordance with Mrs. Wegner's accompaniment. He played "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching" and "Tipperary" as an encore. A pretty feature of the program was a song and chorus by Miss Sharpe and other young ladies. It was known as "Tipperary Mary." The singers wearing green bonnets. Miss Wallace acted as accompanist. Pipe Major Albert Johnstone again proved his mastery of the pipes by a brilliant number.

"The Lion" a reading by Master Charley Sankey showed this boy to possess marvelous gifts in elocution and oratory. "The Lion" was interpreted faultlessly. By his interpretation he brought out the beauties of this poem which would by other boys been unexpressed. A telegram could not let the young entertainer go without an encore and he sang "Sister Susie's sewing shirts for soldiers" with great success. Charley Sankey has also a remarkable talent in music. Mrs. A. Ponton played the accompaniment.

Mrs. Wilnot's vocal numbers were much appreciated. She sang as an encore "Coming thro' the Rye." Mrs. Lewis was accompanied. Private Harmer played several accordion numbers. Mrs. A. P. Allen in her number struck a responsive chord in the soldiers' hearts by her song. Her encore was "The Canadian Soldier." Private Harmer played several accordion numbers.

A delightful number was a song by Private Gummer and eight young ladies—"When you were a tulip." The ladies wore orange bonnets and executed a dance around the soldier laddie. Corporal Lightheart sang in fine form, "Canada My Home." Col. Preston on behalf of the battalion expressed his sincerest thanks to the soldiers to the young ladies and gentlemen who had assisted in the program, thereby aiding one more to the many act of kindness to the soldiers on the part of the citizens of Belleville. The memory of which will be one of the sweetest things which the soldiers will take to the firing line.

Much of the success of the program was due to the efforts of Mrs. McQueen of the Y.M.C.A.

Driver John Bradley Has Been Wounded

Driver John Bradley of the 34th Battery, now of the First Artillery Brigade, C.F.A., is among the wounded as mentioned in the casualty list. His home is in Tweed. He left here with the Ninth Artillery Brigade staff.

Died.

THOMPSON—In Belleville on Tuesday, May 11, 1915, Captain John Thompson, aged 64 years.

REED—At Belleville on Wednesday, May 12th, Mrs. Catherine Reed, relict of the late James Reed, aged 86 years.

Horse Races at Picton on Victoria Day will consist of Free-For-All Class mile heats, purse \$300; 2:17 Class, mile heats, purse \$150; 2:25 Class, half-mile heats, purse \$150; Named Race, half-mile heats, purse \$150. Surely this will provide an afternoon sport in horse racing that will make the blood tingle through the veins of every lover of horses. And to the above attraction will be added Motor Cycle races, Baseball Match, Collegiate Cadet Drill, Band Concerts, and a Merry-go-round has been provided for the enjoyment of the little ones. Surely this will make one of the most enjoyable days you have ever spent. See bills regarding excursion.



Trent Valley League Gun Competition

Held in City Wednesday Afternoon—Cobourg Carried off Pinnaet. (From Wednesday's Daily.)

The second of the season's meetings of the Trent Valley League was held yesterday in this city at the traps on Coleman's flats. The competition excited much interest and the day was well suited for shooting, there being but little wind to contend with. Cobourg, the holder of the pinnaet, carried off the flag again by 199 points out of 250 against Belleville's 187 points. Stirling stood third and Peterborough fourth.

Mr. George M. Dunk of Toronto attended the shoot and broke 46 out of 50 birds. Mr. Crowthers was high gun for the spoon on account of York's handicap. Mr. McCallum won the watch donated by the Dominion Cartriage Company, being second high gun. Cobourg did the best shooting individually, three men getting forty birds or over. One Belleville man only Mr. Harry Day, got into this class by breaking 40. The Peterborough and Stirling gunners did not reach the forty mark.

COBOURG Broke out of 25 25 50 Jackson 14 19 34 York 25 23 46 McCallum 18 17 35 Purser 21 21 42 Armour 17 14 31 Crowthers 21 22 43

Five best scores total 199

PETERBOROUGH Broke out of 25 25 50 Dracup 18 15 33 Cook 15 22 37 Millar 17 19 36

STIRLING Broke out of 25 25 50 Coon 12 9 29 Graham 12 9 21 Bolger 3 4 7 Hentley 18 18 36 Loucks 16 19 35

Five best scores total 128 Wootton 18 18 36 Marton 5 12 17 Woodley 15 15 30 Anderson 15 15 30

Five best scores 175

Mrs. Reed Dead.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Mrs. Catherine Reed passed away yesterday at the ripe age of 86 years, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. W. Sills, Marshall Road. She was born in Prince Edward County but for the past thirty-six years had resided here. Mrs. Reed was the relict of the late James Reed. She had been taken seriously ill only a week ago. Mourning her loss are three daughters, Mrs. A. Herring, Toronto; Mrs. G. W. Sills, Belleville; Martha Reed, also in Belleville. Toronto's widow was son Charles Wesley Reed, of Rosemeath.

She was a fine old lady whose death is deeply regretted.

Color-Sergt. Archie Cooke Missing

Mr. and Mrs. L. Cooke received word this morning from Ottawa that their son, Archie Cooke is missing. Col. Sergeant Cooke is only 19 years of age. He was a student at the Belleville High school and the day of his enlistment was his birthday. Sergeant Cooke is an efficient N.C. O and his predicament is causing much worry to his parents and relatives. Whether he fell into the hands of the Germans can only be surmised. He is the first member of the 15th detachment officially announced as "missing."

Died in Buffalo.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Mrs. Thos. Blaind, Mary street, received the sad intelligence yesterday, announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. John Jones, at her home in Buffalo. Mrs. Jones was well known in this city, having many friends here.

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Jno. Lavender Wounded

John Lavender, a brother of the late Bert Lavender, was also a victim of German gas and shell in an engagement with the Hun. John however was wounded, while his brother Bert was killed. John did not enlist here but at one time lived in Belleville. His father James Lavender lives in British Columbia and his brother Harry is in the 39th battalion band.