

CITY READY TO FIGHT PHONE RATES INCREASE

Mayor Calls Representative Meeting at City Hall to Wage War on Company—Popular Outcry Against Proposed Boost Continues—Provincial Government Alone is Silent.

The popular outcry against any increase in rates being allowed the Bell Telephone Company continued throughout the city and suburbs yesterday. The only attitude of undignified silence was assumed by Premier Drury when he declined to say what, if any, action would be taken in the matter by the provincial government, which supposedly represents the people in general.

Mayor Church announced at the meeting of the board of control yesterday that he had called a thorough representative meeting at the city hall for next Wednesday to prepare to fight the application of the Bell Telephone Company for higher rates.

"You are a thunder," said Controller Ramsden, who had a committee appointed some weeks ago to go into the question of municipalizing the Toronto telephone service. The controller advised that he did not know when he moved for a committee to act, that the company contemplated an increase of rates for the year.

The mayor reported that the city solicitor advised engaging F. Dager, an expert in telephone affairs, to prepare the city's case. The application was a most outrageous one and should be opposed by every means possible.

"They are trying the method of the boa constrictor," said Controller Ramsden. "They want us up a little and then try to swallow us."

Mayor Church said the company did not have a perpetual franchise established by a public-law system. In fact with hydro poles all thru the country Ontario offered a splendid opportunity for a public-owned system.

"So long as they have a man like Frank Carvell at the head of the railway commission, the corporations will get all they want," said Controller Ramsden.

Next Wednesday's meeting will be open to the citizens.

The British Industrial Association, of Eglinton, will discuss the matter on Friday night, while the War 2 rate-payers will plan a meeting in O'Neill's Hall.

No Montreal Co-operation.

A year and a half ago Montreal more than half acquiesced in the then application of the telephone company, and their chief witness, Mr. Hagenaw, turned out to be a far better witness for the Bell Telephone Company than for the municipalities.

I. S. Fairly, assistant solicitor, who conducted the case for Toronto at that time, stated yesterday that he would certainly advise against any co-operation with Montreal. "The Bell's chief help at the last fight was the Montreal expert witness," he declared. "In fact about all the railway board had to go on in granting the increase was his evidence. It would be inadvisable to co-operate with Montreal again. Hagenaw made their bed, let them lie in it."

J. E. Walsh, general manager of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said yesterday that "What's the rate, they will no doubt investigate very carefully."

"We checked up on the outgoing calls yesterday and found we had three hundred," stated Rev. S. W. Falls, head of the Methodist Book and Publishing Company.

"This is our slack time, in August, so it is hard to say what the normal business would be; but if the rates are increased, as the Bell Telephone Company want them, it will mean a complete reconstruction for us."

PROFICIENCY STANDING LIST WITH SCHOOLS

Thru an oversight in the publication of the award of the University of Toronto matriculation scholarships, the schools which sent up the successful candidates were omitted. The following is the list of candidates who obtained proficiency standing with their schools. The Prince of Wales scholar is a student of Ottawa Collegiate Institute.

Johnston, J., Ottawa C. I.; Huggill, H. R., Harbord C. I.; Spence, Miss M.; Jarvis, C. I.; Croyer, J., Chatham C. I.; MacEwan, Miss M. J.; Goderich C. I.; Couch, H. N., University of Toronto schools; Endicott, N. J., Oakwood C. I.; Crow, Miss L. E., Chatham C. I.; Matenko, P., Harbord C. I.; Washington, C. F., Ottawa C. I.; Reid, Miss B. M.; London, C. I.; Scott, H. C.; Galt, C. I.; O'Neill, Miss K. M.; Brantford C. I.; Gogo, Miss J. L. M.; Cornwall H. S.; Irwin, Miss E. F.; Parkdale C. I.; McKay, Miss H. G.; Parkdale C. I.; Relyea, F. B.; Perth C. I.; Boyle, Miss E. J.; Oakwood, C. I.; Carter, Miss R. A.; Galt, C. I.; Carr, D. G.; St. Maria C. I.; Kitching, O. C. H.; Woodstock C. I.; Currie, P. N. W.; Ottawa C. E.; McLean, J. L.; Ottawa C. I.; Rotenburg, H.; Jarvis C. I.

MINISTER GIVES FACTS TO PUBLIC

Tells of Wonderful Change Tanlac Brought in His Wife's Condition.

Yet another minister of religion to give his unqualified endorsement to Tanlac as a medicine of remarkable merit is the Rev. John Zaetschly, pastor of the Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Synod, Calgary, Alberta, who resides at 1920 5th Street W. in a statement made at the Liggett-Findlay Drug Store recently.

"For nine years my wife suffered from dropsy," he said, "and for the past five years had been in a very bad state of health. Her appetite was very poor, and also she ate but very little she always had a full swelling after meals. She had a drowsy feeling all the time, from which nothing could arouse her, and felt tired both mentally and physically. She often complained of acute pains across the back, which were so bad that she had to let her work go entirely and at night her sleep was very disturbed. Her nervous system became so shattered, that the least thing would alarm her, and she was getting worse year by year. She tried all kinds of treatments and even went to the hospital on several occasions, but always failed to get more than temporary relief.

"We had read much about the merits of Tanlac and finally I bought a bottle. It seemed to do my wife good and so I continued with it. She has now taken three bottles, in all and a decided change for the better has been the result. She now sleeps the whole night through and has lost that tired, drowsy feeling. She is so much improved that she can now do her housework with perfect ease, and the pains in her back have disappeared entirely. I would not go so far as to say that she is entirely relieved of the dropsy, but it does not bother her half as much as it did, and she has not been so well for many years. Tanlac has helped her wonderfully and we wouldn't be without it on any medicine and I take pleasure in recommending it."

Tanlac is sold in Toronto at Sandberg Drug Stores and by an established agency in every town.

IMPERIAL PRESS PRAISE SERVICE AT CHATEAU LAURIER.

In a message to Mr. Angus Gordon, manager of the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, which is owned and operated by the Grand Trunk System, Mrs. C. F. Crandall, honorary secretary of the Imperial Press Conference, says:

"The pleasant memories of our stay at the Chateau are still with the members of the Imperial Press party. Your arrangements were perfect and everybody was happy. I congratulate you."

PARRY SOUND LIBERALS.

The annual meeting of the Parry Sound Liberal Association was held at Burk's Falls on Tuesday and was attended by an unusually large number of delegates practically representing the whole riding. The officers elected were: H. E. Stone, Parry Sound, president; Joseph Hillier, Burk's Falls, vice-president; and John Perks, Parry Sound, secretary. Forty district vice-presidents were elected. The majority of whom were present.

It was decided that when a convention should meet to select a Dominion candidate for the district this convention would be held in Parry Sound, and it is probable that the executive will decide upon a date during the coming autumn.

POLITICAL UNION IS AIM OF VETERANS

Ask Dominion Executive to Agree Upon Time and Place of Meeting.

Union for political action of Canada's two great veteran soldiers' organizations, the Grand Army of United Veterans and the Great War Veterans' Association, is the formal proposal made by William J. Morrison, president, and J. Harry Flynn, Dominion organizer of the G.A.U.V., in a letter sent last night to C. J. McNeal, Dominion secretary of the G.W.V.A., Ottawa.

The letter is the outcome of a meeting of the board of directors of the G.A.U.V. held in Toronto last Wednesday at which a resolution was unanimously passed to take steps immediately to bring about an alliance of the two soldier societies for united political action regarding the payment of cash gratuities to ex-service men, a proper readjustment of pensions to veterans and their dependents, the re-establishment of ex-soldiers, and questions of interest to the citizenship of the country generally.

"If the two organizations can be brought together it is proposed to adopt a political platform covering these subjects and to support that platform by the utilization on his behalf of the ex-soldiers' platform in their own."

The G.A.U.V. is already organized throughout Canada on a political basis, and the letter urges that the G.W.V.A. Dominion executive arrange for a joint meeting of representatives of the two organizations at which a platform agreeable to both may be decided upon.

The letter suggests that union for political purposes might be the forerunner of complete amalgamation of the two veteran bodies into one.

According to an officer of the G.A.U.V. there is a strong sentiment in the ranks of the G.W.V.A., as well as among veterans generally, for such a union in his society proposing.

General Election Wanted.

"The letter is in part: 'It is obvious that our constant requests for a general election will soon result favorably. Such an election will be of no value to the returned soldiers of Canada and to their dependents and friends, who make up the great majority of the citizens of Canada, unless we are properly prepared to put into power a government who will see that the ideals of justice, liberty and equality, for which we fought shall be realized.

"Therefore, can it not be made possible that delegates of the Great War Veterans' Association meet with delegates of the Grand Army of United Veterans, to discuss and agree upon a united political policy? Our idea would be that such a policy be drawn up covering the payment of a proper cash gratuity to ex-service men, a proper readjustment of pensions to disabled ex-soldiers and sailors, the widows, orphans, widowed mothers, and other dependents of those who gave their lives in defence of the empire; a re-establishment of the professional, business, trades men, and all other ex-soldiers and sailors to as good a position as they would have had had they not enlisted in the defence of the empire. This policy should also deal with questions of interest to the entire citizenship.

"When such a policy is agreed upon by the two organizations, and when our members have pledged themselves to stand by such a policy, we could then, united, throw our vote-strength with the party which would see fit to adopt such a policy as part of their platform. By this immediate action, we would be well prepared for the coming election which, we are seeking and endeavoring to bring about.

"We, therefore, request that your Dominion executive immediately make arrangements whereby we can agree on a place and date for the representatives of the two associations to meet and take steps towards such united political action. Of course, you realize that no time can be lost. This political action would be a forerunner to the possible amalgamation of the two organizations on a mutually agreeable basis. However, altho, not amalgamated into one organization, we will obtain the same ends if we can unite and agree on a political policy for the coming general elections.

FOR BIG REUNION OF BROADVIEW OLD BOYS

The plans for the reunion of the old boys of the Broadview Institute are now complete. There will be a reception tonight at which C. J. Atkinson, founder of the club, will preside, a good general program having been arranged. For tomorrow night a banquet will be the feature, after which old songs will be rendered and a moon pie parade held. A field day is being planned for Saturday afternoon, with a football match as the attraction. Eddie Oter, Broadview Y. M. C. A., is the secretary.

DEFER DECISION ON SHARE OF EARNINGS

Whole of Company's Assets Available as Security for Cash, Fleming Says.

After hearing R. J. Fleming, manager of the T.S.R., yesterday, make his appeal for the privilege of retaining the city's percentage of the street car earnings until the expiration of the franchise, owing to his difficulty in financing, the board of control decided to announce a final decision on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The letter written to the finance commissioner some days ago by Mr. Fleming, suggesting that the city accept notes bearing interest in lieu of cash, was read to the board.

"I can see no security for the notes," said Mayor Church.

Mr. Fleming: "You have the whole assets of the company as security."

Mayor: "But your assets have been hypothecated."

Mr. Fleming: "No matter what our obligations are, this obligation to the city will come first. I will agree to make you a preferred creditor and have the agreement confirmed by act of the legislature."

Mr. Fleming: "That would be the undertaking of a bunch of farmers; our agreement with you is no farmers' agreement."

Continuing, Mr. Fleming said that as his company had met their payments promptly for 23 years they were entitled to some consideration.

Must Not Affect Franchise.

Controller Maguire said nothing should be done that would endanger the franchise. To Mr. Fleming he said: "There is a rumor that you do not intend to give up the franchise."

Mr. Fleming smiled: "There is nothing in that," he said. "We are satisfied that our day has come."

Controller Gibbons wanted to know whether the legal department could not draw up an agreement that would protect the citizens against ultimate loss in case, thru the rejection of Mr. Fleming's request, the railway board stepped in and operated the system.

"We have nothing to do with that," said the mayor. "This is a question of policy."

Controller Maguire suggested a conference with the solicitor, and Controller Cameron said it was a very strange thing if the city could

ONE-HALF MILLION

Objects to Class of Show in Parks

Parks Commissioner Chambers does not approve of the class of show that is being put on at one of the parks this week, under the auspices of the G.A.U.V., and he expressed his sentiments to the board of control yesterday. A representative of the soldiers' organization was on hand with a request for the use of another park next week. Controllers Cameron and Ramsden backed the commissioner, but the concession was granted on the vote of Mayor Church and Controllers Maguire and Gibbons.

CONVICT WOMAN OF CARELESS DRIVING

Magistrate Brunton in the county court yesterday found Miss Lily Lamb guilty of criminal negligence and Henry Claxton of contributory negligence in the driving of their car, which knocked down Mrs. W. C. Waterhouse on the Lake Wixley road the evening of July 28. In suspending sentence his worship expressed his sympathy with the defendants.

ASK INVESTIGATION OF KINGSTON PENITENTIARY

Mayor Church placed the following motion before the board of control yesterday, which was adopted:

"That the Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister, and the dominion government, be requested to have an immediate investigation into Kingston penitentiary, with a view of having reforms introduced and the establishment of more modern plant and equipment, and better and more humane methods of treatment of prisoners, with a view to their reformation."

CONTRAVENED O. T. A.

Found guilty of having liquor in his grocery store, John Rotho was in yesterday's police court, fined \$200 and costs for three months.

WILL CLOSE FARM.

The industrial farm at Fort William will probably be closed up by the government. It is costing about \$30,000 a year to maintain. At present it contains only 45 prisoners.

ASK GRANT FOR SHOW.

The Toronto Poultry Association applied to the board of control yesterday for a grant of \$1,500 to finance their regular fair. The request was referred to Controller Maguire, the city clerk and Finance Commissioner Ross for a report.

KENNEDY AD SERVICE

Thinks It Just as Ever, as in America Europe

"Let the present rate of the service will go down," Frank Kennedy, local Bell Telephone Company representative, wants a meeting of the telephone plenary references. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Kennedy also to say that there were 9 Toronto—one telephone persons; 800,000 calls; 2,200 operators; 18,000 of the company; 18,000 of the city streets—in cent. of all wires were terminated in Toronto. There were 250 long distance calls. There were 6,000 distance calls.

Children's Industrial And Folk L

Exemplary of the zeal and the untiring effort structures at the bottom supervised play the vacation months, with the industrial work, dancing by the pupils Edwards School last gathering of proud parents brothers and sisters and the show. But for the splendid show, the entertainment provided by the board of education was indeed a success and consisted of croch work, sewing and basket wool and other material by the board of education. The collection of industrial exhibition was well organized and consisted of croch work, sewing and basket wool and other material by the board of education. The collection of industrial exhibition was well organized and consisted of croch work, sewing and basket wool and other material by the board of education.

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