

HEAR CASE AGAINST HIGHER PHONE RATE

Hamilton Deputy Treasurer Quotes Estimates at Railway Board Meeting.

PHYSICIANS PROTEST Chamber of Commerce Declares Bell Company's Action is Premature.

Hamilton, Nov. 4.—Representatives from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Medical Society appeared before the railway board at the city hall here today regarding the proposed new rates of the Bell Telephone Company.

Commissioner S. J. McQueen was chairman of the board and the other commissioners were A. S. Goodie and A. C. Boyce, K.C.

At comparison of revenue and of revenue under the proposed new rates as submitted by Eric Bower, deputy city treasurer, gave the Bell Telephone Company's estimate of revenue under the new rates, and the estimate of the city of Hamilton. Under the present rate the total is \$407,919; the telephone company's estimate under the new rate is \$447,418, and the estimate under the new rates is \$778,681.

The increased revenue from Hamilton would thus amount to \$70,769 under the city's estimate. The telephone company's estimate, the increased revenue from the city, would total \$129,496.

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce expressed the opinion that the stipulation set forth in the company's previous judgment to the effect that no permanent basis of rates could be established till normal conditions were returned. The chamber declared that the telephone company's application premature.

Explicit information has not been forthcoming from the Bell Telephone Company regarding numerous matters, and in its statement the Chamber of Commerce declared that among other questions, answers to which were not to be had from the Bell Telephone Company, it would like to have information from the telephone company concerning the following:

Cost of operation in Hamilton; cost of maintenance in Hamilton; number of residential calls in Hamilton; actual expense of operation; actual revenue under present rates; estimated revenue under proposed rates applying to a representative private branch exchange having, say, ten trunk lines; necessity for the increase of wages granted May 1, 1920; the larger increase granted in Hamilton than in other points; book value of telephone company's plant in Hamilton; actual cost of installation of a telephone ready for service; on the present Hamilton basis, what does the telephone company estimate the revenue would be under proposed rates?

Even assuming that normal conditions had returned, the chamber of commerce expressed the conviction that the company's application was not one which would give the most efficient possible service at the lowest possible cost.

Dr. J. E. Davey, who presented the case of the physicians of the city, declared that an increase of from 300 to 400 per cent. was too much, and entirely out of proportion compared with this particular vocation. He stressed the fact that the charity calls should not fall on the medical profession alone. Dr. Davey also pointed out that private phones were not charged a measurable rate, and that, therefore, business phones were made to bear extra burdens.

J. J. Cockburn, attorney, representing subscribers of the Guelph Rural Telephone Company, appeared to protest against the increase in rates. Commissioner McQueen suggested that as a matter of business, somebody ought to check up the business methods used by J. Hopewell, R.R. No. 1, Puslinch.

H. D. Innes of Simcoe registered a protest on behalf of Simcoe, the town council considering the rates at present sufficiently high for the service given, and Mr. Innes asked the board to inquire into the phone company's revenue in Simcoe before allowing an increase of rates.

R. Waddell, K.C., asked Commissioner McQueen if the board intended to order the Bell Telephone Company to give the information sought by the city and chamber of commerce. The commissioner stated that so far as the information wanted by the chamber of commerce was concerned, he understood the Bell Telephone Company's representatives and the chambers were to get together today.

Regarding the City of Hamilton particularly, Commissioner McQueen told the city solicitor that what was desired was the board that the fullest information re the telephone company should be forthcoming. Tomorrow City Solicitor Waddell and others interested will go to Toronto, where the report made by Waddell, Waterhouse and Col. Gordon, accountants, from a survey of the books of the Bell Telephone Company at its head office, will be available, and from which they will glean information.

HAMILTON THIRD CITY IN INDUSTRIAL WAY Hamilton, Nov. 4.—The report from Ottawa that Hamilton is the third city of the Dominion, in an industrial way, is not surprising to the business men of this city. It is well known that as a manufacturing city it is only led by Toronto and Montreal. The industries are capitalized at \$112,516,422, employing 30,944 men, which goes to show what a big place this is.

TO OPEN NEW HIGHWAY. St. Catharines, Nov. 4.—The new concrete highway from St. Catharines to Port Dalhousie, will be formally opened next Tuesday afternoon when Hon. F. C. Byles, minister of highways, will be present.

CHILEAN LEGATION IN BERLIN ROBBED. Berlin, Nov. 4.—The Chilean Legation here has been entered by thieves and rugs valued at 200,000 marks stolen. The thieves left no trace behind.

HONOR HAMILTON MAN. Kingston, Ont., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Queen's Theological Alumni Association elected the following officers: president, Rev. William Kinawin; vice-president, Rev. D. W. Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, Rev. B. W. Taylor, Dale, Kingston.

GRANGERS NOT YET IN PROVINCIAL FIELD

Saskatchewan Body Also Demands Reinstatement of Wheat Board.

Prince Albert, Sask., Nov. 4.—(By Canadian Press.)—A protracted discussion as to whether the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan should enter the political field in that province was precipitated when the convention of district 13 met today.

Eventually the resolution favoring entry to provincial politics was withdrawn and one substituted condemning the provincial executive for failure to draw up a provincial platform in accordance with instructions at the annual meeting.

A resolution was also passed demanding the reinstatement of the wheat board under the direction of the old chairman and vice-chairman.

CRERAR'S FIRST SHOT IS REPLY TO MEIGHEN

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The first speaker being Andrew Knox, M.P. for Prince Albert. Mr. Knox dealt principally with the necessity for the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway. He declared the road was necessary for the progress of the west, but the present government was not very sympathetic to the west, and that portion of the road already completed was rapidly going to ruin.

Princes Crerar. In introducing Mr. Crerar, the chairman referred to him as the man who stepped out from the government rather than betray his principles. He was a leader of a party in the making—a party which had been so busy as to be almost without time to choose its own name, but at present known as the Progressive party.

Mr. Crerar paid "a tribute of respect" to the local member, Andrew Knox.

Speech of Crerar. Canada had many problems before the war, said Mr. Crerar, but the war had magnified and intensified these problems. For instance, before the war the public debt was \$333,000,000 now it is \$2,500,000,000. Yet nobody in Canada begrudged that increase. (Applause) There was also the great problem of taxation. History shows that it is not the amount of taxation, but the manner of imposing taxation which counts.

There is also the question of Canadian unity. If Canada is to be built up, harmonized and unified, there must be a broad spirit of tolerance. There are evidences in the past that these have been lacking.

Answer Critics. Some criticism had been directed against the farmers' organization, the declaration of political principles laid down by the farmers before the people were not the product of a few men, but were produced by great conventions in many provinces and in succeeding years. And yet this platform was criticized as a class policy and all the old bogies were raised of class against class.

Surprised at Premier. Mr. Crerar declared he was surprised to see even the prime minister make statements such as this. On August 23 Mr. Meighen had spoken at Toronto. Upon that occasion Mr. Meighen said:

"Does anyone in front of me think that the strongest group among our foes, and the strongest by far is not the free trader, the tariff destroyer, joined unfortunately and unattractively to the free wrecker, who wants everything also destroyed as well?" And later on in the same address he made this statement:

"Dangerous doctrines taught by dangerous men—doctrines of the state—poison and pollute the air. We are asked to believe, not in some words, but in fact, that we should have class domination instead of a true democracy with government of all classes and for all classes."

Says Meighen Misrepresented. "Now," said Mr. Crerar, "is that the type of the new statesmanship we are going to have in Canada at a time like this? The prime minister, who were as loyal as any citizen in this country. I repeat I regret that the prime minister should make such statements."

Mr. Mackenzie King, speaking in Winnipeg, made many statements "with which I do not agree," added Mr. Crerar, "but I do agree when he said 'the efforts (at political recognition) of the farmers and labor men, the returned soldiers of this country were to be welcomed rather than discouraged.'"

Takes Up Tariff. Mr. Crerar then went into a discussion of the tariff question. Personally he did not agree with the principle of the protective tariff. If trade was good for a country, then why interfere with it? The greater-trade done, the bigger progress.

British Unions May Admit Ex-service Men to Building London, Nov. 4.—The ministers concerned with the housing shortage have had a friendly discussion with officials of the building trade unions concerning the proposed employment of non-union ex-service labor on housing schemes. The unions have hitherto shown great hostility to the employment of such labor, but it is believed they may modify their attitude if guarantees are given that non-union labor will be withdrawn when the slump comes in the building industry.

CRERAR IS STRONG FOR HUDSON LINE

Tells Grangers Convention It Means Greatest Wheat Route in the World.

Prince Albert, Sask., Nov. 4.—(Canadian Press.)—Tariff questions did not come strongly into the presidential elections in the United States, therefore, it is very difficult to say what effect the result of the election will have with respect to Canada's dealings with the States," said Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the Canadian Farmer party, to the Canadian Press today.

On arrival here Mr. Crerar went at once to the city hall, where the Grain Growers are holding a district convention. Speaking to the Grain Growers' convention, Mr. Crerar affirmed his faith in the Hudson Bay Railway. He declared every effort should be made to develop the natural resources provincially, and was especially emphatic with reference to the Hudson Bay Railway. It means, according to the west, he said, to have a port as near to Liverpool as Montreal, and he was confident that this route was destined to be the greatest wheat route in the world.

PRUSSIAN JOINING LITHUANIAN ARMY

Irregular Polish Troops Are Checked Along the Entire Front.

Riga, Nov. 3.—Offensive operations by irregular Polish troops commanded by Gen. Zeligowski have been checked along the entire front by the Lithuanians during the past few days, and as a result the evacuation of Kovno has been postponed. The only point where the Poles have not been defeated is on the northern sector of the line, where they have occupied the railroad station at Dushki.

Reports from Kovno attribute the Lithuanian successes to the assistance given by Prussians, who are said to have been joining the Lithuanian army. Whole units, it is declared, have crossed the frontier with their arms and ammunition, large quantities of which are said lately to have disappeared from German government arsenals. It is asserted the Lithuanian government fears these Prussians may later turn to marauding.

The Lithuanian government is massing troops south of the Dvinsk frontier, fearing an advance in that direction by Gen. Zeligowski's forces.

FINDS WIFE DEAD IN BURNED HOME

Mrs. James Young, Aged Sixty-Five, Meets Death Near Kaladar, Ont.

Kaladar, Ont., Nov. 4.—A sad fatality occurred about three miles from this place yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Young, wife of James Young, was burned to death about 3 o'clock. The husband left the house and went to the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Young, returning about 6 p.m. to find his home and contents in ashes and nothing to be seen of his wife but the charred bones in the debris. Mrs. Young's maiden name was Miss Rogers of Elzevir, Ontario. She was in her sixties, years, smart and active and highly respected by all who knew her. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Young.

PAY RESTRICTED BY LIBRARY BOARD

Balks on Increasing Workers' Salary to Over Twelve Dollars Per Week.

Hamilton, Nov. 4.—Miss Florence Oliver appeared before the Public Library Board this evening and stated that she would resign at the end of the week unless more than \$11 per week was granted, which she held, was totally inadequate to buy the necessities of life. She informed the members that she started at \$8 in October, 1919, was permanently appointed in January, 1920, at \$10, and in March, given \$11. She was requested to reconsider her resignation, an offer of an increase to \$12 in January was made.

Report of Committee. The report of the building and finance committee showed expenditures of \$14,100, while the circulation committee reported that a total of 36,876 books had been issued from the two libraries, which exceeded the figures of any previous months by 1,000.

Librarian Hunter asks permission to close the library for two days near the end of the year for the purpose of taking stock, but the members would not consent and asked that some other means of taking stock be devised.

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HEAR PROF. REYNOLDS. Hamilton, Nov. 4.—There was a large attendance this evening at the meeting banquet in the Church of the Ascension, when President Reynolds of the Ontario Agricultural College delivered an interesting lecture on the social aspect of the church. The affair was held in connection with the church attendance campaign.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN FINE NEW OFFICES. Sixty-Two Million Florins Are Paid to Ex-Kaiser. Hamilton, Nov. 4.—The new Hamilton chamber of commerce has now removed from its old quarters on West Main street to their fine new offices in the Imperial building, corner Main and Hughson streets.

"Scotch & Soda". HERE is a new dance number in which the Saxophone means the pretty old Scotch melodies accompanied by the effervescence of the Xylophone and Piano, in sure-footed Fox Trot rhythm. "Idle Dreams" on the reverse side, is also a Fox Trot, featuring a piano solo by Harry Thomas. Really two fine selections, both played by the Harry Thomas Trio. "His Master's Voice" Record 216199. New "His Master's Voice" Dance Hits: AVALON—Fox Trot. Raderman's Novelty Orch. 216194. Hiawatha's Melody of Love—Waltz (Intro. "Tired of Me"). Raderman's Novelty Orch. 216197. Just Like the House that Jack Built—Fox Trot. Yerkes Blue Bird Orch. 216197. Scandal Walk—Fox Trot. Yerkes Blue Bird Orch. 216197. Su-Ex-Za—Fox Trot (Intro. "China Boy"). Coleman's Orchestra 216200. Fox Promised Me—One-Step. Raderman's Novelty Orch. 216200. Any Place Would Be Wonderful With You—Fox Trot. Raderman's Novelty Orch. 216195. Kismet—Fox Trot. Yerkes Blue Bird Orch. 216195. The Japanese Sandman—Fox Trot. Raderman's Novelty Orch. 216203. Silver Water—Fox Trot. Raderman's Novelty Orch. 216203. All on 10-inch, double-sided—Price still remains at \$1.00—WE PAY THE TAX.

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