

Senator E. D. Smith Says He Fears Hydro Radial Projects Are Likely to Result in Frightful Loss

Well Known Fruit Man Calls on Government to Save Municipalities From Going Into Wild Hydro Schemes

He Urges Electrification of Government Railways Where Competing and Refers to Duplication—Saving of Coal By Electricity and General Advantages.

OTTAWA, April 16—When urged by the Senate yesterday afternoon that the Government should electrify such portions of the Grand Trunk and other railways, to be in the Canadian National System, as municipal authorities now propose to parallel with Hydro Electric lines, Senator E. D. Smith claimed that only in this way could the municipalities be induced to abandon radical projects which he believed were bound to result in "frightful losses."

It would cost \$40,000 a mile to electrify sections of the Grand Trunk Railway in Ontario which would mean an interest charge of \$2,000 a mile per year, but it was better to face that than to face the loss of \$1,000 a mile for steam as a motive power upon the lines of railways as soon as and wherever economically possible.

Lawn Tennis to Be Given Big Boost in City; Big Club Is Now Under Formation

Efforts are being made to boom lawn tennis in St. Catharines. In connection with the forward movement for all kinds of healthy sport in St. Catharines, plans are being made to form a city tennis club organization which will have a large membership and include all who wish to indulge in this attractive outdoor pastime.

Mr. W. Marquis was present and made a wide open offer on behalf of the Golf Club to take over the proposed tennis club and offer any persons who wished to play tennis all the desired privileges. He said tennis and golf could be carried on together satisfactorily.

Major Gould, who is chairman of the chamber of commerce sports committee said he felt sure the Chamber of Commerce would put itself behind the movement to promote lawn tennis and promised to bring the subject before the committee tonight.

Weather Variations All in Twelve Hours

Today's sunshine followed a perfect riot of weather variations ranging from real April showers to a healthy winter now fall and freezing. This all came within twelve hours yesterday. In the afternoon came a warm April rainfall just such as was needed for growing things.

County Council Gives Port Permission to Lay Main On Ontario Street to City

The County Council is back in special session to deal with the good roads question. They are meeting again today. Yesterday afternoon the council passed a resolution to the effect that if the Village of Port Dalhousie passes its waterworks by-law permission would be granted to lay a twelve inch main along Ontario street to connect with the St. Catharines waterworks.

Six Months' Sentence is Given To A. D. Moore, Who Got Away With Brewery Funds

Six months imprisonment was the sentence yesterday afternoon given by Magistrate Campbell to A. D. Moore, local agent of the Labatt Brewery of London who stole funds of the Company to the total of at least \$1290.

Holiday For Mid-Summer

Largely Attended Meeting of Merchants and Clerks Decide to Close Stores Wednesday Afternoon for June, July, August and September. On a request of the merchants, a meeting was held last night in the Standard Hall, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Atrocities Cause Reds of Ruhr to Get Ready to Fight Until Death

Reichswehr Brutalities Worse Than Those of Germans in Belgium—Workers May Have 35,000 Men Under Arms Soon—Terrible Murders Continue—Many Women Are Violated.

IN SIX YEARS HYDRO BUSINESS IN ST. CATHARINES HAS QUADRUPLED; 945 TAKERS IN 1914, 3838 THIS YEAR

Records of the Six Years Indicate That Hydro Has Been a Splendid Success in St. Catharines—Property For Large Sub-Station Has Been Purchased to Hold Till Required.

It has occurred to the St. Catharines Public Utilities Commission that the citizens of St. Catharines who are the owners of the local Hydro System, might appreciate a simple statement of the financial condition of the system aside from the full statement made at the end of the year, and published in the local press.

Police Court

Christine Harkinson was charged in police court with failure to support her wife and children. The wife said her husband had moved to Hamilton and when she went there he refused to support her, so she came to St. Catharines. She had been confined at the hospital here at public expense, her husband having refused to pay her a cent. Yet he had been making \$7 a day and had bought a motor car for \$400. He had visited her at the hospital but had not offered her any money.

OPENING OF CANAL

The Welland Canal will open for navigation for the current season on April 17th, at 7 a.m. "Her Elephant Man" an entrancing circus story is the film head liner at the King George for tonight and tomorrow.

Daylight Saving

The question of the application to Daylight Saving of time, to the ten o'clock closing rule for Saturday nights was raised and a motion by Mr. E. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. L. Hattey, that the merchants close at ten o'clock daylight-saving time on Saturday nights was carried. The question was raised as to whether the intention was to close on Wednesday afternoons of a week in which a Government holiday occurred, regardless of the holiday, and a motion by Mr. A. M. Stofie, seconded by Mr. A. M. Stofie, that the merchants close on Wednesday afternoon during the months of June, July, August and September whether a government holiday occurred or not, was carried.

Daylight Saving

The balance sheet for 1919 shows a total debenture issue of \$23,022.83. We have paid \$9,481.94 of these debentures, and have paid to the City St. Catharines therefore has an equity of \$1,509.00 in this transmission line, all paid up. The Hydro Electric Power Commission had made no other expenditures for the supply to St. Catharines.

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Belgium have not moved across the bridge but the reichswehr continues to extend its field. The minister of the interior's amnesty proclamation has resulted in thousands of workmen returning to Essen where immediately a majority were arrested, beaten and kicked, several were shot without trial by the Reichswehr. Headquarters of the Worker's Central Council now is in Barmen. Ludwig Ernst, Duwell, Stern and Eckhardt, communist leaders declared, the reichswehr must quit the industrial zone. They said the one defeat had not killed the workmen movement, but had only encouraged them to try again and that they were more than ever against militarism and the monarchistic reichswehr.