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## Hydro-Electric in Detroit

Mr. Adam Beck's speech at Detroit last week was sufficient to bring the feeling in Detroit over the hydro-electric power question to a critical point. The Detroit papers, or one of them, reported Mr. Adam Beck as having said that the Detroit City Council could be bought up for \$120,000 any day. What Mr. Adam Beck said, he declared, was that various corporations in the United States boasted that they could fix councils, even if they had to spend \$100,000 a year to do so. It is by no means satisfactory to Detroit that such a statement should be made by a man who is known to be a man of high character and integrity. It does not matter in the least whether Mr. Adam Beck said it or a corporation said it. The point is whether any city council is amenable to such influences. Of course all councils would utterly repudiate the suggestion. Political influence, perhaps, but pecuniary influence, never!

The special question in Detroit interesting to Canadians is in connection with the hydro-electric system. When the line to Windsor was first proposed it was believed that the business might not justify the construction. The suggestion was made that by exporting a certain amount to Detroit the deficiency might be made up. When the line was built in a short time it was found that the consumption of power was much greater than had been anticipated, and there was therefore no need for export. A company had been formed to handle the proposed exportation, and some money was expended in flotation. When it was found that no power was going over the company tried to get privileges, but appears to have been unsuccessful. It is stated that Detroit will give no pole franchise to any company for the city streets. Detroit is to be commended for taking this stand. But some say that it is not merely civic virtue that dictates this policy, but that the Edison Electric Company, which is the leading local electric corporation, has sufficient influence to abate any possible rivalry.

The street railway situation is one something akin to that in Toronto, and purchase is recognized as the only possible way of cleaning up the situation. If the city buys the railway it is further stated that there might be a possibility of the city-owned railway lines taking power from the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission. This must not be confused with a recent incorporated hydro-electric company of Detroit, which has nothing to do with the Ontario Commission.

## German Threats and Performance

If the latest reports are accurate, Germany's declaration of a submarine blockade against shipping entering or leaving British ports has ended much more inconspicuously than did Napoleon's Berlin decree to much the same effect. This particular German menace appears to have been taken much more seriously abroad than it was in Britain, except in lay circles. Lords of the great maritime barometer, sized German prophecies of war at their real value and remained quite unmoved unless to the extent that underwriters took advantage of the scare to advance premiums. British experts recognized that German threats were only theatrical and designed mainly to stimulate German sentiment in favor of the government.

Submarines have proved to be more dangerous in theory than in action. The German raiders have managed to sink some slow-moving craft, but their attacks on merchant liners have been futile of result. If, indeed, their potentialities had measured up to expectations, Britain might well have been more perturbed now. But in the opinion of those best qualified to know, an effective blockade thru the agency of submarines is an impossible accomplishment. Germany might have done something to prevent the regular and steady service maintained between Britain and the continent. But Ger-

## A POOR BARGAIN

### The Silver Bullet

Time, as has often been said, is on the side of the allies. Mr. Lloyd George in the early stage of the war laid emphasis on the influence of the "silver bullet" as the decisive factor and in financial resources the allies have a large preponderance. Russia, undeveloped as its national resources are, has one huge asset. Russia possesses the largest stock of gold in Europe, valued at no less than \$800,000,000, while France is little behind with some \$500,000,000 less. Altogether the allies have actually in holding not less than two billions in gold, while Germany and Austria have less than half of that amount and also suffer from a serious loss in credit.

Even if the war were to last a full five years, Britain could finance the whole of it at the present rate of expenditure out of British foreign investments alone, and that after making full allowance for depreciation and for loss of income by dividend and interest defaults. France, too, has large assets in foreign investments. Russia has been and remains a borrowing nation, but the security she has to offer is undoubted and the opening of the Dardanelles will give immediate release to her surplus grain. The decision of the allies to maintain their wealth, present and prospective, was thereby wise and will establish among them a solidarity of interest that cannot but be fruitful in result.

### Germany's Self-Deception

Britain is accused by the German Imperial Chancellor of responsibility for the war because Sir Edward Grey did not intimate to France and Russia that Britain would not on any account take part in a European war. On the other hand the British foreign secretary also incurs censure because he did not make it known plainly to Germany that Britain would join France and Russia as their ally against German aggression. Under ordinary circumstances blame incurred from both the immediate parties to a dispute affords reasonable ground for the claim that a third party has favored neither of the principals in the quarrel. The inference is quite justifiable and would be enough to exonerate the British Government.

It is easy, of course, to be wise after the event. Looking back in cold blood, later historians may find ground for the charge that had Sir Edward Grey acted in some other of various ways war might have been averted for the moment. But we think the judgment of posterity will in the end be that Sir Edward Grey labored earnestly to secure the continuance of peace. He and the government whose spokesman he was, felt their responsibility deeply and were to the last degree scrupulous in offering no encouragement to either of the contending powers immediately before the British Government.

But the British Government at the same time refused to give any pledge of intimate neutrality. It refused too to accept the bribe offered by Germany, rightly stigmatized by Mr. Asquith as an infamous proposal. Up to the last moment Germany was under no illusion caused by British action—the only illusion Germany suffered from was entirely of her own origination. It has proved to the hilt that the Kaiser and his advisers believed the British Empire to be on the verge of disruption and they struck in full expectation that the hour had come when Germany would enter upon an era of world domination. They deceived themselves and in their extremity have lost all sense of reality.

## FREE AGRICULTURAL PUBLICATIONS

Following are the titles of some of the bulletins and publications issued by the Canadian Department of Agriculture, referring to cattle, that can be had free on request to the publications branch, Ottawa:

- "Canadian Record of Performances of Pure Bred Dairy Cattle, Covering Five Years," by J. G. Rutherford.
- "The Cattle Trade of Western Canada," by J. B. Spencer.
- "Report of the Commission on the Sheep Industry in Canada, Great Britain and the United States," by W. A. Dryden and W. T. Ritch.
- "Sheep Husbandry in Canada," by J. B. Spencer.
- "Beef Raising in Canada," by J. B. Spencer.
- "Horse Breeding and Rearing of Colts," by J. G. Rutherford.
- "Some Facts Worth Serious Thought by Canadian Farmers," by T. Reg. Arkell.
- "Advice to the Beginner in the Selection of Breeding Stock of Sheep," by T. Reg. Arkell.
- "Care of the Ewe and Lamb," by T. Reg. Arkell and Norman Stanfield.
- "An Historical and Descriptive Account of the Dairying Industry in Canada," by J. A. Ruddle.
- "Cow Testing with Some Notes on the Sampling and Testing of Milk," by J. A. Ruddle and C. F. Whitley.
- "Tuberculosis: A Plain Statement of Facts Regarding the Disease, Prepared Especially for Farmers and Others Interested in Live Stock," by J. G. Rutherford.

## LARGE ESTATE LEFT.

The will of James Bicknell, K.C., who died last October at his home, 87 Cluny avenue, after prostrating, shows an estate of \$110,000.

The late Mr. Bicknell was an authority on Canadian banking and commercial law, and his library, valued at \$3,500 was very complete. He carried life insurance amounting to \$141,197.04. His wife, Miss Bicknell, James W. Bicknell, his son, two daughters, Miss Bicknell and Kathleen, and a sister, Miss Bicknell, are his beneficiaries.

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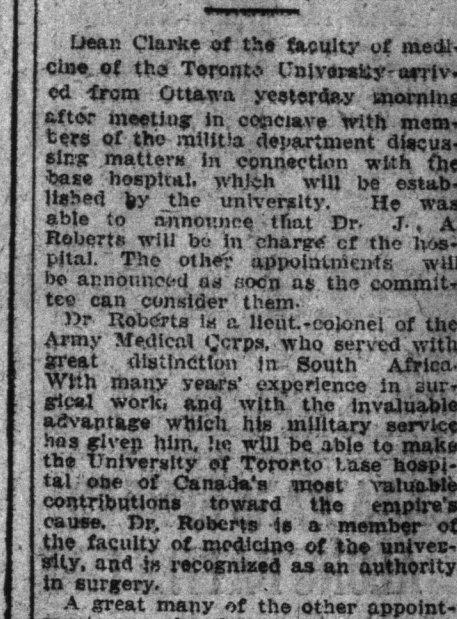
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## Mrs. Wiseneighbour Says:--

"I should have told you the other day, when I was speaking of Eddy's Washboards, that it is just as necessary to have an Indurated Fibreware Tub to hold your clothes if you want to make a success of washday."

## Mrs. Newlywed Says:--

"I've heard of Eddy's Indurated Fibreware. What's the difference between fibre and woodenware?"  
"Fibreware is made from compressed fibre, baked at extreme heat. All in one solid piece, it cannot warp or fall apart. No chance of splinters. Wears much longer, looks better, and is light to carry. The latter point you should always take into consideration," concludes Mrs. Wiseneighbour.

## SOLD LIQUOR TO MAN WHO HAD NO LICENSE

Conviction of Orillia Brewer Up, held by Appellate Division.

## At Osgoode Hall yesterday the second and appellate division confirmed the conviction of Albert Wright of Orillia, who was charged with an infraction of the Liquor License Act, by selling to a man who had no license to sell.

The appellate court also upheld the judgment of Mr. Justice Middleton, in construing the will of the late Philip Heston, who died in June, 1914. In the will the brother, John, was named as administrator of the estate, to be divided between himself, his brother David and his three sisters. This has not been done by the administrator, and he states that the estate was to be divided according to his discretion. Justice Middleton held that the intention of the testator was that the estate was to be divided equally, and this view is taken by the appellate court.

## An order was granted by Chancellor Boyd winding up the firm of Martin & Smith Co., Limited, of Toronto.

The company was incorporated in April, 1912, with a nominal capital stock of \$40,000, and carried on business in the manufacture of women's and children's clothes. On Jan. 15, when it assigned to J. L. Thorne, Mr. Thorne is named as liquidator, with a reference to the master in ordinary. William Cowlin & Sons are taking action against J. B. Maclean, publisher of the Toronto Star, for alleged damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage.

## Fanny Pike has entered action against Louis Frank, a divorcee, for damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage.

The list in the second appellate court for today is as follows: Brown v. Walker; Buff Pressed Brick v. Ford; Davidovich v. Swarby; Knowlton v. Union Bank; Reliable Delivery Co. v. Bilton; Bowser v. Gasolite.

## AMERICAN NAMES FOR LOUVAIN STREETS

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, March 9.—The streets in the war-ridden Belgian city of Louvain are to be renamed "President Wilson," "General George Washington," "American Nation," out of gratitude for relief furnished to starving Belgians by America. It was announced today.

The American Relief Commission received a letter to that effect from the burgomaster and aldermen of Louvain.

## PRUSSIAN BUDGET APPROVED.

LONDON, March 9.—The Prussian Diet accepted the budget on third reading today, says a Reuter message from Berlin. The socialist members voted against the measure, and the Poles and Danes refrained from voting.

## HAD TRUNK RIFLED.

William T. Slater was awarded \$375 damages against the Williams Storage Company. Slater had left his trunk in their keeping, but found it had been rifled. Case was tried before Judge Denton in county civil court.

## JUDGE SCORES PRISON.

Rather than send Elmer Secord to jail because he thought he had been fined \$25 or one month.

## BULGARIA ALSO HAS MINISTERIAL CRISIS?

Premier Who Desired War, Reported Overthrown by King's Influence.

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, March 9.—A ministerial crisis similar to that in Greece has occurred in Bulgaria, according to information reaching Paris in special despatches. Premier Radoslawoff is reported to have been overthrown by the influence of King Ferdinand and the followers of Dr. Gensseff, former foreign minister, because he desired to take immediate action against Turkey by occupying Adrianople.

## KILLED FOUR WOLVES.

LAKEFIELD, March 9.—George Stephens of Aspley will receive \$50 bounty for killing four gray timber wolves this season. The heads have been forwarded to the department at Toronto.

## GRIFFITHS GETS DAMAGES.

Thomas Griffiths, 40 Wilton crescent, was awarded \$187 damages by Judge Denton in non-jury court yesterday. On Sept. 13, 1914, a civic car at the corner of Danforth and Cedarvale, ran into the auto of Griffiths while stalled in the road, causing considerable damage.

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