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## A Deep Mystery Veils a Proposal From Electric Co.

Mayor Oliver Submits an Astonishing Offer to the Controllers, but Mentions no Names.  
Col. Pellatt Denies It

And the Fine Hand of Wm. Mackenzie is Discerned—  
Alleged Offer for Stock.

That William Mackenzie has either already gained complete control of the Toronto Electric Light Co., or is within measurable distance of bringing his negotiations to a conclusion highly satisfactory to himself, before the company's annual meeting on Feb. 9, are inferences to be drawn from the developments at a private conference of the board of control yesterday afternoon.

At this secret meeting, called by Mayor Oliver, a mysterious proposal, whereby, in consideration of extending the Electric Light Co.'s franchise 30 years from 1919, the year of its expiration, the company, it was stated, would allow the city to use its poles and conduits for supplying electric power, thereby saving the city the expense of duplication, was received and rejected by the board.

There were other considerations also whereby the company, in return for the right to continue its monopoly of supplying private users, would give the city preference in contracts with manufacturers and other wholesale consumers.

Mayor Oliver submitted this tentative argument without a word of explanation to the board as to its origin, leading them to assume naturally that it was a company proposition.

President Sir Henry Pellatt, directors of the company, and its counsel, Henry O'Brien, K.C., declare with all positiveness that they know absolutely nothing of the offer.

William Mackenzie was reached by phone last night at his residence on Avenue Road Hill.

"Is it true that you have made an offer of \$150 for Electric Light shares?" he was asked.

"I have nothing to say," replied Mr. Mackenzie.

"Are you not negotiating for control?"

"I have nothing whatever to say," he repeated.

Mayor Saw Mr. Mackenzie. He called on him yesterday afternoon, and when spoken to again last night to give any enlightenment, he remarked that he had seen Mr. Mackenzie during the day, but refused to say whether this meeting had anything to do with the offer or proposition as he chooses to call it.

The mayor was asked whether the offer came from Mr. Mackenzie.

"It isn't an offer, it's a proposal," he returned. "I don't want to say any more about it."

Asked whether the supposition that Mr. Mackenzie had affairs to do with the offer, he replied: "You can assume anything you like. I have given all the information necessary."

The mayor made the following statement after the conference:

"They proposed that we should use their poles so far as they extend to us without interfering with their business, without cost to the city. If the city required any additional poles, the company would undertake to put them up. The company offer to let us have their conduits and to build more should the city require them. The company would be agreed upon on the basis of the cost of construction and maintenance. The city would take the street lighting, public buildings and waterworks and supply the larger blocks of power, though no definite amount of horse-power was mentioned.

## Newest Electric Light Offer

The Company's Wants:  
(1) Renewal of franchise for 30 years.  
(2) Continuance of monopoly for supplying power to stores, residences and small users generally.  
(3) To be allowed to pay dividend not exceeding 10 per cent., any surplus after providing for depreciation of plant to be used in reducing rates.

## The Company's Offer:

(1) To allow the city to use their poles and to erect more if required.  
(2) To give the city the use of the company's conduits and build more if required on a rental based on cost of construction and maintenance.  
(3) City to have control of the lighting of streets and public buildings, to supply power to the larger consumers, manufacturers and business houses generally, with the city not conceding any monopoly in this respect.

## VESSEL OWNERS COMBINE TO INSURE THEIR FLEETS

Mutual Organization on an Extensive Plan May Be Launched at Detroit This Week.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 19.—A form of government for a vessel owners' insurance organization was circulated to-night among the vessel men from ports all around the Great Lakes, who have come to Detroit for the annual meeting of the Lake Carriers' Association, which opens to-morrow, and that of the Lumber Carriers' Association, which was held to-day. H. Goulder, of Chicago, who spoke out the form of agreement, stated that the men interested in the movement to have an organization of the owners take over the assets of the insurance on the Great Lakes fleet representing an insurance valuation of fully \$100,000,000. Many signatures were attached to the document to-night.

## TO BE WOUND UP

Order is Issued Against the Chandler and Massey Company.

A winding-up order was granted at Osgoode Hall yesterday against the Chandler & Massey Co., Ltd., chemists and manufacturers of surgical and dental instruments. Assets are placed at \$114,000 and liabilities at \$220,000. Oslor Wade has been appointed interim liquidator. The stock is all paid up, with the exception of about \$29,000, and except for a small amount held by doctors and druggists, is held by the firm. H. Chandler is president and L. J. Harvey manager. Neither could be seen last night.

## SUICIDE AT MONTREAL

Herbert G. Temple Fires a Revolver Down His Throat.

MONTREAL, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Herbert Grenville Temple, formerly of Nova Scotia, and for some time past manager of the Traders' Collecting Agency, New York Life Building, committed suicide this afternoon in his office by firing the contents of a revolver down his throat.

Financial embarrassment was probably the cause. Temple was a widower, 51 years of age, and had three children. His mother died a few days ago in Cleveland.

## HANDS OFF THE I.C.R.

Toronto Young Liberals Send a Protest to Ottawa.

A special meeting of the Toronto Young Liberals last evening discussed the following resolution: "That the interests of Canada demand that the full ownership and control of the International Railway should remain in the hands of the Dominion Government."

L. S. Fairly introduced the subject, and H. R. Frost and L. M. Singer spoke.

The resolution carried unanimously, and a telegram in accordance therewith was at once despatched to Hon. G. P. Graham.

## G.T.P. TO MAKE CROW'S NEST PASS

Will Ask B. C. Legislature for Special Permission to Enter the East Kootenay Coal District.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Apart from rushing the main line construction in the north this year, the Grand Trunk Pacific is about to formulate plans for building branch lines in British Columbia on a scale of magnitude never dreamed of by the public.

Nothing less than an invasion of the Crow's Nest Pass coal district in east Kootenay is contemplated.

This project constitutes one of the principal objects of the mission of D'Arcy Tate, assistant auditor of the G. T. P. Railway, who arrived from the east to-day. Necessary authority to build into east Kootenay will be sought at the forthcoming session of the British Columbia Legislature. Formal application has not been made and it is certain that the rules of the legislature will have to be suspended in order to grant the required authority.

The east Kootenay branch line will be an extension of the proposed G. T. P. branch lines in Alberta, construction of which, in accordance with arrangements, is to be rushed in the spring.

The main line thru British Columbia is to be rushed from both ends and with all possible speed. A link to Vancouver is also contemplated in the near future, but no date is assigned.

Mr. Tate will endeavor to have a final settlement of the Prince Rupert town site with the provincial government and has an impression that lots will be on the market in May.

Mr. Tate visited Edmonton and conferred with the executive of the province regarding lines which the government are assisting in that province, which projects will be shortly embodied in a resolution of the legislature.

The company will also push the Saskatchewan branches which were recently laid before the legislature of the province.

## HOW RUNAWAY RECTOR IS KNOWN IN CLEVELAND

Rew. Evan Evans of Sarnia Was Drinking Heavily—Girl He Betrayed Spent Her Time in Tears.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Rev. Evan T. Evans of Sarnia, Ont., alleged bigamist, is being rapidly traced.

Rev. Mr. Evans went to Sarnia, presumably from a city in Eastern Canada, some eighteen months ago. Posting as a bachelor, he became popular with the ladies of his congregation. To one of them, Miss Nellie St. Clair Davis, his attentions were most marked. On Sept. 26th last Miss Davis quietly left home and Evans did not hear of her until the two met in a town in Niagara County, N.Y., where they were married.

Where the clergyman succeeded in inducing his bride to turn over to him a large sum in cash which she had, then he sent the girl back to her home in Sarnia, after exacting a promise that she keep the wedding a secret until he could secure another parish. She took ill and died.

Evans lived for three weeks at the home of K. K. Black, a prominent Cleveland real estate dealer, with Miss Davis.

"Evans came to my home in September," Mr. Black said to-day. "He introduced a young woman who accompanied him as Mrs. Evans, and induced my wife to rent them a room. When he first came he wore conventional business clothes, but one day he came down stairs in a suit of a clerical cut and announced that he was a minister."

"We suspected something was wrong. Evans was rarely at home, and the young woman could be heard sobbing heavily."

"After they had been there two weeks she left. Evans told me that his wife had gone back to Sarnia, that she had received word that her father was ill. He stayed on for a week longer. When he left he said he was going to join his wife."

The Cleveland police, learning that Evans bought a ticket to Liverpool from a steamship agency Oct. 11, have wired Scotland Yard to that effect and discontinued their search for him. Evans has a wife and four children in Wales, it is said.

## BIG MINERAL DISCOVERY

Accidental Find of Great Value Reported From Northwest Ontario.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—John Fisher of Rosport recently discovered and laid bare a 28 foot seam of zinc, lead and gold, which has been traced for nearly a mile. When the snow goes a great many claims will be developed along the discovery.

The discovery is about 7 miles north of the Zenith mine and was made quite accidentally. Extensive developing work is being carried on in Black Bay copper claims this winter.

Michael McCormick of Sudbury secured an 80-acre coal claim near Rosport, which he will develop in the early spring. He has uncovered a promising 3 foot seam.



THEODORE: "I can't tell a lie, pop. I did it with my little tomahawk."

## MARCEL SNOT TO BE OPPOSED

But Mr. Borden Will Suggest That the Speaker Should be Appointed for a Life Term.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—There was a large influx of members of parliament to-day, and it is expected that there will be but few absences when the signing of the roll and the swearing-in ceremony commences at noon on Wednesday.

This will engage the attention of the members from 12 till 1 o'clock, and then there will be nothing doing till 2 o'clock, when the members of both houses will gather in their respective chambers.

In the senate chamber, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, the deputy of the governor-general, will take his place in front of the throne and will dispatch the usher of the black rod to summon the members of the lower chamber, whom he will instruct to elect a Speaker.

When the commoners return to their own chamber Sir Wilfrid Laurier will move that Charles Marcel be elected Speaker of the eleventh parliament.

It is not expected that there will be any opposition. R. L. Borden, in seconding the motion, it is understood, will express the opinion that it would be better for Canada to adopt the British custom of electing a Speaker for life. He will, it is said, point out that a Speaker so named is in a more independent position than one named for a single term of parliament.

The Speaker having been elected the house will adjourn till Thursday, when the formal opening will take place, and the address of the crown will be read by His Excellency.

R. L. Borden has addressed a letter to the Conservatives of Carleton County formally announcing to them his intention to sit for Halifax in the house of commons. Mr. Borden thanks the leaders of Carleton for the past three years and has accepted of him as representative on two occasions, and returned to many warm friendships made by him thru his connection with the county.

He will place his resignation as member for Carleton in the hands of the Speaker at an early date.

## CONGDON IS ELECTED

Ex-Commissioner Has Majority of 200 in the Yukon.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—This was election day in the Yukon and reports received to-night indicate the election of Fred Congdon, K.C. (Lib.), by 200, over Geo. Black (Con.). There were four candidates.

Fred P. Congdon, K.C., was defeated in 1904 by Dr. Thompson (Ind.). He since served as commissioner in the Yukon. His newly opposing George Black, is a lawyer from Fredericton, N.B. He has been a member of the Yukon Legislature for the past three years and represents the straight Conservative element.

"Bob" Love is a Sifton Liberal, a merchant at Whitehorse. He comes from Brandon, Man. He has had the support of the Dawson News and World and The White Horse Star in the campaign.

Joe Clark is a lawyer, nicknamed "Junction Joe." He ran against George H. Ross in 1902. He represents radical Conservatives and Socialists.

President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation of the University of Berlin to give a lecture to the students and faculty of the university in May, 1909.

## To Be Speaker of New Parliament

Hon. Charles Marcel

LITTLE GIRL A FORGER AND FOOLS BANK TELLER

Foiled At Raising \$1.50 Cheque to \$5.50, She Writes New Out One and Cashes It

About the crudest forgery that has been seen in these parts for years was pulled off at the market branch of the Standard Bank Tuesday by 15-year-old Mabel Marian Archer, 455 East Gerrard-street, and that when she had failed to work a better bluff at the same place the day before.

The little girl, who barely looks her age, worked for the Cuttall Box Factory at 137 Jarvis-street. Monday she was given a cheque for \$1.50, which she raised to \$5.50 and took to the bank. There it was refused, but the next day when she returned with a cheque for \$5.50 which she had made out to her own credit and to which she had signed the name of C. F. Cuttall, manager of the company, later the forgery was discovered and the girl who knew the girl was set to watch for her. He saw her yesterday and followed her until he met P. C. Phillips (230), to whom he pointed her out. She is in the shelter, having admitted the forgery to the police.

## NEW LINE TO QUEBEC

M. and H. Route Will Be Open on the First of May.

MONTREAL, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—It is officially announced to-day that Mackenzie and Mann's new route to Quebec along the north shore of the St. Lawrence, 115 miles, will be opened for traffic by the first of May.

This latest section of the Canadian Northern will run trains between the political and commercial capital of the province in 5 hours.

## GEO. SMITH UNCERTAIN

WINDSOR, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Word comes from Woodstock that Geo. Smith has not yet decided whether he will accept the position of junior judge of Essex.

C. J. Mickie of Chesley was appointed to resign before he took the office.

## LOSES LIFE IN BLIZZARD

MEDICINE HAT, Alta., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—The body was brought into the city to-day of John Thomas Holdren, aged 23, who was lying with his uncle, John Holden, and was lost in Thursday night's blizzard, while trying to return home on foot from a neighbor's, only three miles away.

## OIL AND GAS BOOM TO THE WEST OF CITY

Field That May Develop Into Very Important One Said to Exist in Locality of Cooksville.

Gas enough to supply the whole City of Toronto with light and fuel, is promised within a very few months by the Toronto Oil and Gas Syndicate. It will have leased up many acres of land in West Toronto, Cooksville and Port Credit, and will start drilling in Cooksville to-morrow.

A "rig" or drill, has already been set up on A. Roumegeau's farm about 80 yards west of the village, just north of the Dundas-road.

To-day Thomas Cox, oil expert and "diviner" of Brantford, with Thomas Bull of Cooksville, will go to Port Credit to lease up more property, with the understanding that he has since that time organized a strong company, secured enough property rights and raised sufficient capital to see the project to a decisive issue.

After a careful geological survey of the Cooksville district, Mr. Cox, whose original intention was to have confined his operations to West Toronto, is convinced that there is a wonderful field for gas and oil production there.

He received an intimation of this nature during a brief visit to the locality six years ago. While working quietly in West Toronto he bethought himself to re-visit the place Dec. 27, and was as strongly impressed with the indications, that he has since that time organized a strong company, secured enough property rights and raised sufficient capital to see the project to a decisive issue.

Those Who Are in It. The syndicate represents about \$200,000 capital, and among those interested are: Henry Hunter and George A. Snyder, brokers, 112 Manning Chambers, Toronto; James W. McCutcheon, oil and gas contractor, Oshawa; Dr. R. E. Murray, Cooksville; B.W. Young, Brantford; William J. Turner, Streetsville; Dr. Bull, Leamington; Dr. H. J. Cole, Brantford; Conductor A. Sullivan, Paris; A. Roumegeau, Toronto; Thomas Bull, Cooksville; and Thomas Cox, Brantford, promoter and oil and gas expert. Herbert Thompson, manager of the Cooksville branch of the Sterling Bank, is provisional secretary of the syndicate.

The syndicate is not connected with the company that sunk a drill north-west of the village on Arthur Gordon's farm over a year ago, when so much interest was centred in the district. From the fact that over 500 acres of land had been quietly leased up.

That well, it will be remembered, shot out 45,000 feet of gas for a short time at 250 feet down, in the Hudson River shale, but on account of being sunk deeper than night have been, was practically flooded out by water.

At present there is sufficient gas pressure there to hold 100 feet of slush, mud and shale to the top of 400 feet of water, thru which low gas still bubbles in considerable volume.

The Port Credit, Cooksville and Brantford sections of the syndicate are much excited over the sudden revival of the "oil boom" and the already prosperous farmers are beginning to draw life-size pictures of themselves in the role of "oil kings" and gas magnates.

It has been a pet reflection with them since the mysterious and rumbling of 1896, that they had indeed been planted in a land of milk and honey, and their disappointment at last year's exploration having failed was a bitter pill.

At the present time they are electrified by their faith in Mr. Cox's predictions is unbounded. They are determined to have never failed to secure both oil and gas in paying quantities wherever they have drilled, and they are now waiting the discovery of many of Ontario's chief gas and oil belts.

Like Those of Pennsylvania. He characterizes the deposit as identical with that of Pennsylvania, and Ohio, a continuation, deepening and widening of the Trenton strata as found in shallow layers at Collingwood, Owen Sound, Thornhill and Orillia.

The experience of the drillers of last year has proven that the Hudson River, Utica brown shale and Trenton, this is precisely the formation in the Pennsylvania oil fields.

Mr. Cox speaks more than hopefully of the surface indications that first called the attention of oil prospectors to Cooksville. He says the gas that bubbled up thru the creeks, wells and swales, which, when lighted would throw up a blaze four feet high, will not "marsh gas" nor sulphur, but the purest oil gas yet found in Canada.

He describes the conditions thus: "Oil belts in the Hudson River are sometimes narrow, sometimes broad and tortuous. The two never run together, but near each other and sometimes cross the gas being nearer the surface than the oil. The veins, whether gas, oil, sand, glass, coal or mineral, are protected by an extremely hard iron coating. On account of a tremendous pressure, due to a great volume, this coating has become ruptured, in the Cooksville neighborhood, and consequently the gas finds its way to the surface thru fissures in the upper strata or earth."

## Richest in Canada Perhaps

"I am convinced this is the very richest oil and gas field in Canada," declared Mr. Cox yesterday. "The time is the great gas and oil rock of America, and we have it here, from 550 to 750 feet in thickness and extra good. Don't be surprised to see enough gas found here to supply the whole City of Toronto with cheap light and fuel."

The well that is to be started by Conductor McCutcheon to-morrow will be for gas. It will be finished in about 20 days, and others, both oil and gas, will be started this month and pushed to a productive state with all possible speed.