

Why Hamilton Should Vote For Power Bylaw Good All Round

What Opposition Has Developed is From Interested Sources and is Argued on Misrepresentation of Facts.

HAMILTON, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—It is inconceivable that the property owners of Hamilton should stand back at the present juncture when the opportunity has been presented by the hydro-electric power commission to obtain an adequate supply of electrical energy from Niagara Falls at absolutely lowest cost price.

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Very little opposition, outside of the Cataract Power Co. itself and its two papers, who have personal interests in the company, is in evidence, but occasionally one hears it said: "I don't vote for the bylaw; it means loading up the debt of the city and higher taxes."

This is an absolutely false statement, so far as the suggested increase in the rates is concerned. There, of course, is bound to be an increase in the rates, but the amount estimated by the experts of the commission to cover the installation of a pumping machine, the street lighting plant, and the saving of \$30,000 a year in the cost of these services to the citizens must mean a reduction of the rate, or the amount necessary public works.

But John Patterson, who has acquired vast interests in the Cataract power schemes, doubts the accuracy of the figures of the commission, and in his circular to the ratepayers, offhand he supplies an abundance of "information" which he asks the electors to accept.

He ventures the assertion that instead of \$275,000 (including \$50,000 for the pumps) it will require nearly \$800,000 to complete the installation.

Instead of engaging the city's credit to the amount of \$800,000 the Cataract advocate would have the city negotiate with the Cataract Co. for a reduction of the price of arc lights. He says the company is willing to sell its street lighting plant at a valuation of \$100,000 and to rent its poles at a low rate and then sell power at \$15 per horse-power. He bundles the ordinary property owners by a learned discussion of voltages, all of it going to show that the Cataract Co. (the real friends of the people) can sell the hydro-electric commission, which does not propose to make one dollar profit out of the energy it will bring to the city's front door.

Mr. Patterson must be regarded first as a Cataract man, and his statements should not be accepted without the fullest investigation. Instead of trying to belaud the issue Mr. Patterson should avoid technical phrases and a puzzling array of figures and copy the mayor's example by a plain statement of the number of even dollars the city will save by continuing the Cataract monopoly. This is the mayor's statement based on reliable figures of the hydro-electric experts:

Comparison of the proposition of the hydro-electric commission with the Cataract Power Company for pumping water at the beach pumping station: Commission's figures, including all fixed charges, based on water pumped in 1908, 16,362 Cataract Power Company's figures, 22,804 Saving in six years in favor of hydro-electric commission, 60,200 In both cases the city will own the pumps without further charges, and after the six year period the relative yearly charges will be: Hydro-electric commission, \$12,582 Cataract Power Company, \$6,713 A yearly saving in favor of the hydro-electric commission of 14,185 STREET LIGHTING—MAGNETITE

The lowest tender received for street lighting (10 year contract) was \$15 per lamp. Under the hydro-electric commission contract the street lighting would cost the city \$43.46 per lamp; on 500 lamps (the number required) the saving in favor of the hydro-electric commission in ten years would be \$157,700.

BRAKEMAN CREA DEAD. TILLSONBURG, Jan. 4.—John H. Crea, brakeman, who was seriously injured in the Washaw wreck here Thursday, died early this morning, at the Emergency Hospital. The remains were taken to Windsor this afternoon for burial.

Roorback Shows Himself

HAMILTON, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The Cataract people, who have remained very quiet during the campaign for cheap power, have apparently been working hard just the same. At the last moment, a circular, bearing the signature of John Patterson, and attacking the cheap power scheme, was issued, and dumped into nearly every house in the city.

Mayor Stewart characterizes it as very false and misleading. Now that the company has shown its hand, the friends of the bylaws consider that the only thing necessary to make the passage of both bylaws certain has come to pass, as the unanimous verdict is that if the Cataract Power Company is opposing the bylaws, they must be in the interests of the city.

BOMB EXPLODED IN KANSAS BANK

3 Persons Injured and Building Damaged—Customers Are Seized with Panic.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—The explosion of a bomb at noon today in the basement of the magnificent three-story marble building at the northeast corner of Tenth and Baltimore, occupied by the First National Bank and other offices, caused some damage and resulted in a semi-panic among the scores of customers in the banking rooms.

Three persons were injured: Elbert Ward, negro porter in the bank, who was thrown into the air; Logan Wilson, bank clerk, rendered unconscious, and recovered; J. Donaldson, bank clerk, cut by falling glass.

Montreal's Majority. ALTHOUGH it is quite likely that Ald. Payette will be Montreal's next mayor, there will be an interesting contest. Hon. J. D. Belland would have made the position of mayor, so he will leave leave well enough alone.

Gets Chance to Reform. KINGSTON, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Ravind Smith, sentenced to nine months in the Central Prison, and in jail here awaiting removal, was released today on ticket-of-leave, after serving two months.

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Baroness Leaves Call on Militia in Strike Riots

\$400,000 for Relief of Israelites—\$200,000 for Dept Milk for Poor Mother.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The will of Baroness Adolphe de Rothschild, who died Nov. 18 last, donates over \$1,600,000 to charity. Four hundred thousand dollars are given specifically for the relief of Israelites and the remainder of the fortune of the baroness is allotted in sums ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000 to general charitable institutions, but particularly for the maintenance of a house of refuge for orphans, prospective mothers and working girls.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 4.—Twelve companies of infantry, one battery and accompanying hospital and signal corps gathered here today under orders from Gov. Hanly to maintain peace during the strike of the employees of the street railway. Cars began running on regular schedule and there has been no disturbance.

Street Car Riots at Muncie, Indiana, Assume Serious Phase—Two Days' Street Fighting.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—After 14 hours deliberation a verdict of not guilty was reached today by the jury trying Geo. A. Pettibone, charged with complicity in the murder of ex-Governor Frank A. Steenbergen.

Pettibone Acquitted Jury Out 14 Hours. No Demonstration to Mark Close of Trial—Defence Didn't Argue Case.

FOURTH JURY DISAGREES. Fate of Caleb Powers Accused of Murdering Governor, Still Undecided.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Jan. 4.—After being out more than 48 hours, the jury in the case of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel, today reported for the second time that they were unable to agree upon a verdict, and were discharged by Judge Morris.

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Rescued the Crew. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The steamer Arva has arrived at the Tyne with the crew of the St. John's schooner Dictator, which foundered in the Atlantic. Dr. Parkin sails on the Carmania to supervise the selection of Rhodes scholars for 1908 through Canada.

Want 50,000 H. P. PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Jan. 4.—A syndicate of United States capitalists, represented by William Scott, manager of the Pigeon River Lumber Company, has applied to the city for 50,000 horse-power electrical energy to use in the operation of large pulp mills they propose building here.

Dynamite Judge's Home

WELLSVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The residence of Justice E. R. Carpenter, at Andover, was badly damaged by dynamite early today. The explosive was placed in a cellar window under a bedroom usually occupied by Justice Carpenter. Fortunately the family were sleeping in another part of the house and were uninjured. The damage will exceed \$600.

Justice Carpenter has rigidly enforced the liquor laws, and the crime is attributed to someone angered by his action.

Retraction Produced But Witness Denies It

Jordan Again Subjected to a Bitter Cross-Examination—Personal Charges Are Touched on.

Saturday's proceedings in the park investigation before Judge Winchester produced a serious cross-examination of light certain personal charges made in Jordan's affidavit, to which, up to that time no reference had been made. That something was going to happen was indicated by the fact that as soon as Judge Winchester had taken his seat on the bench all the counsel retired.

Wanted to Force Retraction. Mr. Boyd, who said he was from Mr. Vickers' office, and Mr. McNally, had come to clean. At their request he had met them at the hotel and was shown a typewritten document which he had made in making his original affidavit. They threatened him with imprisonment and tried to frighten him into signing the document. He had asked them to go to his solicitor, who advised not to sign anything without first consulting him.

Two Murder Trials. January Seizes Open Monday—Three Criminal Cases on Slate. Two cases of murder and one of shooting with intent to compose the list of the criminal assizes which open at the city hall Monday. The defendants are Minnie Turner, charged with murder of Rose Winters; John McConnell, charged with the murder of Noble Taylor; and Jacob Cohen, charged with shooting at Jacob Sobbe with intent to kill.

December Robins. Editor World: In to-day's World you acknowledged the receipt of several dates picked in the open garden of one of your many readers in Toronto.

Chatham Man Missing. CHATHAM, Jan. 4.—The whereabouts of James Carswell, a prominent local man, is causing considerable anxiety among his friends and relatives here. Carswell mysteriously disappeared a week ago last Friday night, and has not been seen or heard of since. At the time of his disappearance he had \$250 on his person.

Independent Labor Candidates. KINGSTON, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A special meeting of branches No. 1 of the Independent Labor Party of Ontario, has been called for the purpose of placing candidates in the field for the legislative and parliamentary.

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Banks to Unite Crown with Northern

New Stock Will Retire Old Dollar for Dollar—Head Office Will be in City of Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—It is announced that the Northern Bank has bought out the Crown Bank of Canada. Notice of the intention of the Crown Bank to sell to the Northern Bank will appear in The Canada Gazette today.

Empress in Collision Nearly Sinks Schooner. Didn't Stop to See Whether Assistance Was Needed—Will Be Investigated.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 4.—The schooner Alhambra arrived at Lunenburg yesterday with a story of a narrow escape from total loss by collision with the steamship Empress of Britain. The story told by the captain of the Alhambra is that as he was coming out of Halifax harbor near midnight, the Empress, coming up, nearly cut his vessel in two. Had he kept in his course none of the crew would have been up and had a good lookout on deck directly the Empress was coming, the schooner would have been struck.

Changes in Kingston Collegiate Staff Are "Held Up." KINGSTON, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Letters have been sent out from this city to the chairmen of the board of education in St. Thomas, Port Hope and Stratford, and the nature and motive of these communications may be learned from the refusal of said chairmen to call a meeting of their boards to consider the resignations and grant releases to the teachers who have accepted appointments on the collegiate institute staff here.

Cuts Out Barbaric Display. STOCKHOLM, Jan. 4.—King Gustave today made known his intention of abolishing the pompous ceremonies with which the Swedish parliament in the past has been opened. His majesty says these observances are a relic of medievalism and inappropriate to a modern and progressive nation.

Bruce Case Not Settled. Claimants Will Continue to Press For More Proofs. LONDON, Jan. 4.—At a conference today of the lawyers and others interested in the claim of George Hollamby Bruce to the estate and title of the Duke of Portland, it was decided after receiving the reports of the doctor and the surveyor who attended the exhumation of the Bruce coffin, on behalf of the claimant, to continue the prosecution of Herbert Bruce for perjury when the case comes up in the police court on Jan. 11.

Metropolitan Pastorate. Rev. Dr. W. L. Armstrong, at present pastor of Avenue-road Methodist Church, has received a unanimous call to the Metropolitan Church on the expiration of Dr. Cleaver's term, which ends June, 1909. Dr. Armstrong will accept, subject to the approval of the Toronto Conference.

Sunday Weather. Fresh westerly winds; fair and a little colder.

COMPANY, LIMITED Saturday, Jan. 4. Without Charge. Monks' Cloths, yard. Shades. Ordinary windows, ch. Cloth, 35 in. and, 36 inches. Insertions, 5c to. Eyes. Dr. White. SALE OF DORS. Off Prices. & SONS. West. DERS.