

KINGSTON SENDS BECK CHALLENGE

War on in Limestone City Over Who Shall Determine Hydro Tariff

MAYOR NICKLE ACTIVE

Kingston's Agreement Said to be Unlike That of Any Other Place in Ontario

KINGSTON, Sept. 22.—The Public Utilities Commission members are preparing to have a show-down to decide which is really the boss of the electrical plant in Kingston—Sir Adam Beck's Hydro-Electric Commission or the local Commission. This has been a vexed question ever since Kingston hitched up with the Hydro power line to the Trent.

KINGSTON'S AGREEMENT

Several years ago the Kingston Commission entered into an agreement with Sir Adam Beck's Commission at Toronto for the supply of power to this city, and it made an agreement considered the best of any existing in Ontario. Kingston agreed to buy and the Hydro-Electric Commission agreed to sell power at \$23 a horsepower for 1,200 horse-power, with gradual reductions as the block of power purchased was increased. This is a different agreement from any other in force in Ontario, for Kingston does not own or have an interest in the power line from the Trent. It also has the acknowledged right to purchase power from J. M. Campbell, at Kingston Mills, and also to operate its steam plant when it sees fit in order to keep down the peak load. The Hydro people wanted the Kingston Commission to scrap its steam plant when it started to take Trent power, but this it refused to do.

THE POINT IN DISPUTE

Under the Hydro Power Act, the Provincial Commission claims full power with regard to the adjusting of electrical rates in all places where it supplies power. This has been disputed in Kingston owing to the nature of the local agreement, but the local Commission, to be agreeable, referred to the Hydro Commission any changes in rates it decided upon. Now, however, there may be wig upon the green. Some time ago the local Commission, at the instance of Mayor Nickle, decided that the finances of the electrical departments were such that there should be another reduction in rates, preferably power rates. The matter was referred to the Hydro-Electric Commission, which desires more information before it gives sanction.

THEY CHALLENGE BECK

At a meeting of the local Commission, Mayor Nickle took the stand that according to the Kingston agreement the Hydro Commission had no say whatever in fixing Kingston's rates, and intimated that when all the data the Hydro engineers desire is secured later in the year, he will move that the street lighting rates be reduced without asking Hydro for permission. "We will accept Adam Beck's challenge and see what he will do," declared Mayor Nickle.

AWAIT CONTRACTORS

The Work on Queen's Rink Quiet at Present Time

Kingston—The work around the site of Queen's rink is rather quiet at the present time, while the arrival of the steel contractors is awaited. The steel supports of the old rink are nearly all down and nearly all the holes for the supports for the new structure have been dug. The work of filling in the foundation holes with concrete was started on Monday. In all, about one hundred and eighty of these foundations have to be prepared. Until the curing rink is removed, little more can be done. The site on Arch street is completely cleared, the last houses having been removed the latter part of the week.

EXPLOSIONS DESTROY TOWN OF OPPAU

Paris, Sept. 21.—The town of Oppau itself was entirely destroyed by explosions in a chemical plant there, advice received here state.

Accepts Nursing Superintendency

St. John, N.B., Sept. 22.—Miss Naomi Frances Melkiohn, of Toronto, has accepted the position of superintendent of Provincial Nursing Service, in connection with the Department of Health of New Brunswick. She is a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital in New York, and was for a time engaged in private nursing in that city. Miss Melkiohn, who is a graduate of the University of Toronto, served overseas during the war.

A Washington apartment house has barred dogs, cats, parrots and phonographs.



Lloyd George.—"I sometimes think St. Patrick was more of a snake charmer than I'll ever be."

—Shield, in the Telegram, (Toronto).

The Baxter Home, Near Kingston Mills, One of the Oldest in the Province

Along the shores of the lake, and on the banks of the rivers in the neighborhood of Kingston, are some of the oldest homes in the province of Ontario, the stone houses with their thick walls being the only alternative in the early days of the log houses of the less fortunate settlers. To-day some of the original homes, where at night the wolves were heard howling in the forests, and the red men encamped close by are surrounded by green pastures and fields of golden grain, great barns, up-to-date machinery, the telephone, the rural mail and in the near future electricity, make it seem almost impossible that little more than a century has elapsed since the forefathers of the present owners came over the seas from the homeland, or from the republic to the south, where the United Empire Loyalists, refusing to make their home under another flag than the banner of England, brought their splendid contribution of loyalty and sacrifice to the blood of the Canadians of the future.

One of these old stone houses with a history bound up with the history of Canada, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baxter on the road to Kingston Mills in the township of Pittsburg. The handsome old house on the high bank of the Cataraqui River, with its wide verandah, smooth lawns, gay with flowers, is well known, but to many who remark upon its beauty, its history is a sealed book. Mr. Baxter has in his possession the original deed of gift from "George IV, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth," to the Honorable Richard Cartwright, of the town of Oxford, England, Dec. 31st, 1798. The property is described as being on the banks of the Great Cataraqui River. Mr. Cartwright was a U. E. Loyalist who had returned to England, after services to the crown in the war. The stone house now standing, was begun by him, and some clearing of the land done in accordance with the conditions of the deed of gift. In 1807 George Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baxter, who were living in Dundee, Scotland, graduated from Oxford University, and soon afterwards sailed for Canada to try his fortune in the new land. Mr. Baxter's parents had hoped that he would enter the ministry of the Church of England, but after his course at Oxford, he felt that his vocation was that of a teacher, and coming to Kingston became the master of the grammar school, then a log house, near what is now the south corner of King and Lower Union Streets. Here he taught as boys, men destined to become Canada's leaders, among them, Sir Oliver Mowat, Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Sir John Macdonald, who used to refer in his brilliant speeches to the vigorous canals received at the hands of Mr. Baxter, who was a dominion of the old school. In 1822 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baxter, Dundee, Scotland, came out to join their son in the new land he spoke of so highly. At Quebec, they were met by an old friend and neighbor, William Lyon Mackenzie, to whose adventurous spirit the call of the wild had come some years before.

He had been a school fellow of Miss Isabel Baxter, and the impetuous nature of the young Scotchman made his wooing such a rapid one, that he and Miss Baxter were married in Montreal three weeks after her arrival in Canada, on the 1st of July, 1822. The young couple went to Dundee where William Lyon Mackenzie began his career as a journalist and issued first number of "The Colonial Advocate" on May 18th, 1824. Mrs. King, the mother of Hon. W. Lyon Mackenzie King, the Liberal leader, is a granddaughter of Isabel Baxter. When his parents arrived in Canada, George Baxter was teaching in Kingston, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baxter went to live on the farm, then in the midst of the forest. The stone house, only partly built, was completed and made as like the home in Scotland as possible. The wood work, carved by hand, is admired today by Mr. and Mrs. John Baxter's visitors, one especially being the handsomely carved mantel-piece in the large room on the second story, then used as the drawing room, as was the custom in the home land.

The present owner has in his possession a curious contract drawn up in 1827 between Peter Baxter and Alexander Fraser, in which the latter promised to clear land for two dollars an acre, having the timber for himself with the exception of the pine; "By order of Capt. Myers, of the town of Kingston, lying at the foot of this lot." The Mackenzie alliance was in some respects an unfortunate one for the Baxter family, who disapproved of the part the young Scotchman took in the rebellion of 1838-1837, for in spite of his lack of sympathy with his brother-in-law's policies, George Baxter was forced to give up his position as master of the grammar school, and retired to Cataraqui Grange. His wife, Grace Baillie, whose people were old people in Scotland, and who owned the tract of land, now the site of St. Mark's church, Barriefield, and whose log house, built about 1809, is now part of the Milton property, was a daughter of Miss Parlow whose father was one of the early pioneers who settled at Iroquois, and Miss Baillie and her little brother were captured by the Indians in the War of 1812, but well treated, as they spoke the Iroquois language, and acted as interpreters. When the rebellion was at its height, and William Lyon Mackenzie was sought for high and low, it was thought that he might have taken refuge with his wife's people, and Cataraqui Grange was searched for the rebel leader, a cordon of British red coats surrounded the farm house and Mrs. Baxter was not allowed to go to the spring near the house without an armed escort. But Mackenzie knew well the loyalty of the crown of his wife's relations and did not come to them for shelter.

After the country became quiet again, George Baxter removed to Kingston and became manager of what was then called the Building Society, now known as the Frontenac Loan Company. After the custom of the old land, Mr. Baxter gave part of the property to his son, Peter Baxter, who built the comfortable brick house, "Maple Close," now the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Baxter, George Baxter was much interested in the building of Cataraqui bridge, now replaced by La Salle Causeway, and in the erection of St. Mark's church, Barriefield, and many a fat sum came from the pockets of former pupils who never ceased to love and revere their master, and for his sake, even if not members of the Anglican church, gave liberally to the object dear to his heart.

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KLU-KLUX-KLAN TO BE UNMASKED

More Than Hundred Unlawful Acts Charged Against Society

PROBE TO BE DEEP

Washington Officially on Trail of Notorious Band of Men in South

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—"Unmasking" of the Klu Klux Klan today was under way in Congress, and by the Department of Justice.

A resolution asking the appointment of a special committee to investigate alleged illegal activities of the Klan was introduced in the House of Representative Tague, Massachusetts, Democrat.

Tague asserted that more than 100 acts of abduction, unlawful seizure, trial and punishment of free citizens have been charged against the Klan.

He charged that the Klan had violated constitutional guarantees of free speech, trial by jury, unlawful seizure of property, life, liberty and property, free religious worship and assembly, and the prohibition against involuntary servitude.

Acting under orders of Attorney-General Daugherty, approved by President Harding, Government secret service agencies were delving into every crevice of the Klan organization in many parts of this country. Daugherty declared the Government will not be "run or intimidated" by men behind masks. Grand jury investigations are expected in New York and perhaps other cities.

"The Klu Klux Klan, and American institutions established by our fathers and guaranteed by our constitution, cannot both survive," Tague said.

Daugherty today conferred on the Klan inquiry with William J. Burns, head of the Bureau of Investigation. It became known today that Burns for the last two weeks has had his agents busy in all parts of the country gathering evidence.

STIRLING FAIR HAS GOOD START

Many in Belleville and District Plan to go out Tomorrow, the Second Day

Stirling's annual fall exhibition began today. Indications point to one of the most successful years in the annals of the Stirling Agricultural Society. This fair is bound to grow by leaps and bounds under the favorable conditions which have been created for the association. Last year the new grounds were utilized for the first time and the results were then seen in increased attendance and in the number and the quality of the exhibits. Stirling possesses a fine ground and a good track is in the making. Good time was made on it last year.

Tomorrow will be the big day this year, and many in Belleville and the district are planning to attend the show.

Second Case of Injury to Animal Reported to Police

The second case of an injury to an animal, believed to be caused by human agency, has been reported. This morning a horse was found just outside the city suffering from a cut, thought to have been inflicted with a knife. The animal is owned by Mr. Popa.

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MODESTY

MONTREAL, Sept. 22.—Notices posted at entrance to the Church of Jesus today were, to the effect that Christian modesty must be practiced by women in regard to wearing apparel, even if denial of the sacrament be enforced.

INDIAN CHIEF SAW THE KING

Returns from His Mission Regarding Rights of Six Nations

CLAIMS A VICTORY Declares That Ancient Treaty of George III Will be Respected

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Chief Dask-ka-leh, of the Six Nations Indians, returned today on the Olympic from London, after a pilgrimage to the foot of the throne in the interests of his tribe.

The chief laid before King George V. the treaty made with the Indians in the reign of King George III, and the wampum belt that confirmed it. He declared that he with his case before the Great White Chief and that the ancient treaty will be respected.

Explaining his mission to London, Dask-ka-leh said, he seeks to perpetuate the separate racial rights of self-government and control of the tribal acres, secured by the Six Nations in 1874 by treaty signed by Sir Frederick Haldimand, on behalf of the British King. A new law in Canada, would, he said, compel the Indians to become citizens and obey the common law in all respects.

The chief also seeks to have the United States Government respect the tribal rights of the Six Nations, south of the Canadian boundary.

Voting Day Comes "Before Christmas"

OTTAWA, Sept. 22.—Nominations in West York will not be interrupted by dissolution, it was announced today but the election will not be held.

Every effort is being made to fix the date of the general election.

"It may be taken for granted, however," was the official intimation, "that the day will be well ahead of Christmas."

West York Nominations Toronto, Sept. 22.—A. P. Anderson, Conservative, and Major J. E. L. Straight, Liberal, were today nominated for West York seat by-election in House of Commons.

The Premier's Tour

OTTAWA, Sept. 22.—The Prime Minister leaves Ottawa on Friday night for Toronto where he will spend a few hours. He will then proceed to Portage la Prairie where he will speak on Tuesday afternoon. Subsequently he will go to Montreal, speaking there on September 30.

Evangelist, Miss B. Brown is making a visit in Belleville with her parents. She expects soon to return to Kingston.

SIR JOHN SIMON HOME

London, Sept. 22.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Sir John Simon on his return to England today expressed himself as full of enthusiasm for the Dominion of Canada and its people, and his delight of his trip. He would not state his opinion on the Canadian attitude to the question of legal appeals to the Privy Council.

ANOTHER POLISH WAR

MOSCOW, Sept. 22.—Leon Trotsky, Soviet war minister, back from the Ukraine, stated that an ultimatum had been received from Poland on Monday in which the Poles demanded fulfillment of the peace terms, signed in Riga. He declared Russia could also make demands as the Polish generals were supporting banditry in the Ukraine.

LORD BYNG AT GLENORA PAYS SURPRISE VISIT TO HOME OF MR. F. S. WILSON

His Excellency Lord Byng, and Staff, visited Glenora, Lake on the Mountain, yesterday, accompanied by Major General Sir A. C. Macdonnell, K.C.B., C.M.G., Commandant of the R.M.C., and General W.M.B. King, C.M.G., D.O.C., M.D., No. 2. The party was received by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wilson, Major H. Walker, M.C., and Captain A. B. Harper, M.C., at Mr. Wilson's delightful Country house.

The visit of His Excellency was unexpected, and occurred in the midst of a downpour, but His Excellency in his charming way made all seem at ease under the unusual circumstances. Lord Byng expressed his delight at the charming view from Mr. Wilson's home and had many kind things to say to his host and hostess at the conclusion of his visit. The party came in several cars.

Mayor Walker, M.C., who was formerly on Lord Byng's staff, was greeted by his old Chief, and Capt. Harper, M.C., also one of the "Byng Boys" had a few words with His Excellency.

FIRE DESTROYS MILL AND YARD

Conflagration at Parry Sound for a Time Threatens Town

BOAT HOUSES GO UP

Tramways and Many Million Feet of Lumber are Burned

PARRY SOUND, Ont., Sept. 22.—Once more Parry Sound has suffered from a destructive mill and lumber yard fire and only the fact that the heavy gale which was blowing from the southeast and not south saved the town from entire destruction. As it is the fine mill of the Conger Lumber Company there is nothing but a heap of embers and twisted machinery. The half-mile of tramways and lumber piles, the docks, tramways and mill products, which usually provide half the fuel for the people, has gone up in smoke. Not a board or slab remains. Nearly six million feet of lumber, over four million pieces of lath and high piles of slabs and other mill products were destroyed. In addition to this the company's large barns and stables and a double dwelling house were included in the loss, and a large section of tramway on the industrial spur line of railway owned in common by C.P.R. and C.N.R. are also burned.

Two Americans Who Sneered Help Pay British Debt

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Two Americans, arraigned here for insulting behaviour, paid fines of 5 shillings each, and received a lesson in good manners from Justice Booth, of the Thames Police Court. He was somewhat nettled when one of the prisoners declared:

"If this damned country paid all it owes it would be bankrupt."

To this the Justice replied: "You are, after all, partaking for a time of the hospitality of this country as far as it will go. You should not throw our poverty in our face. It may be true. If it is, all the more painful, but it will be much better off if you pay 5 shillings each."

The Americans sneered, the court together, but showed they knew something about poverty themselves.

\$20 a Week Asked by U. S. Unemployed

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Work, or a Federal Unemployment Allowance, will be the demand of a mass meeting of the Amalgamated Workers of America in Washington Square Park, Sunday. The plan asks for a minimum of twenty dollars per week for the unemployed.

THE ARBUCKLE CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—Preliminary hearing of the murder charge against Roscoe Arbuckle before Judge Lazarus occupied attention today and is expected to last three days. About ten witnesses will be examined.

SIR E. CASSELL DIES

German Financier Was Formerly Great Friend of King Edward

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Sir Ernest Cassel died suddenly here yesterday. He was a famous financier and great friend of the late King Edward. He was born in Cologne in 1852 and went to England when 16 years of age.

He came into prominence in the early stages of the war on account of his German origin and was the subject of very pointed comment at one time. He remained thereafter in obscurity until his death.

The merchant who doesn't advertise has plenty of time on his hands in which to explain to friends why his business is bad.

Something About The New Cabinet

On the basis of political connections four of the Cabinet—Messrs. Ballantyne, Guthrie, Manion and Spinney are Liberals. The others are of the Conservative stripe.

On the basis of creed the Cabinet comprises sixteen Protestants and four Roman Catholics, with another of the latter denomination to come.

The new English-speaking ministers are all of parliamentary or legislative experience. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, of New Brunswick, is the leader of the Provincial Conservative opposition and former Attorney-General of the province. Mr. Belley, of Quebec, was a member of the House of Commons in the thirties. Dr. Edwards has been a member since 1908, and Dr. Manion and Hon. Mr. Stewart since 1917, while Hon. Mr. Bennett was in the House from 1911 to 1917 and Mr. Stevens has had long experience.

Messrs. Norman and Monty have never been in Parliament though the former was a candidate against Hon. Jacques Bureau in Three Rivers and was defeated in 1917 by a small majority. He will run there again and the fight will be one of the most spectacular in that country.

Hon. Mr. Baxter will contest St. John and Albert, Mr. Monty, Hochelaga, Dr. Edwards, Frontenac, Mr. Stewart, Lanark, Dr. Manion, Fort William, Mr. Bennett, West Calgary and Mr. Stevens, Vancouver centre. The other ministers will run in their present constituencies.

In arranging the Cabinet the Premier has maintained the same relative proportion as between Ontario and Quebec as did Sir Robert Borden in 1911. Six of the old cabinet go out—Sir George Foster, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Hon. J. D. Reid, Hon. J. A. Calder, Hon. P. E. Blondin and Hon. R. W. Wignome. The Prime Minister stated today that Mr. Doherty will receive a high appointment to be announced later. Mr. Blondin is already in the Senate, and Messrs. Foster, Reid and Calder are likely to go there.

Of the original Borden cabinet only Sir James Loughheed and Sir Edward Kemp remain.

CUT THUMB

Fireman Struck Thumb Against Ashpan and Cut it Severely

Brookville—While at Cornwall a few nights ago on his engine, Fred L. Hollister, 249 Park Street, a Grand Trunk fireman, struck his left thumb against the ashpan which he was in the act of dumping and cut it severely. The injury was dressed at Cornwall and he is now under the care of Dr. T. F. Robertson.

MEN AS DOMESTICS

Latest Thing in Ottawa—And They are Making Good

Ottawa—Men domestic servants is the latest thing in Ottawa, and, moreover, they are making good in a department that women hitherto has regarded as exclusively her own. C. S. Ford, superintendent of the Ottawa zone of the Ontario Free Labor Bureau, says that there were a very considerable number of men applying for household work.

FREE RIDE INTERRUPTED

Austrian Taken from Train at Havelock and Introduced to Police Magistrate

Peterboro—The free ride of Andrez Mielmyk, an Austrian, from Montreal to Oshawa, was rudely interrupted by C.P.R. Constable Geo. Lees at Havelock, when he discovered the passenger in an empty box car. Andrez rode in state the next stage of the journey, but Lees sat near him. He was provided with a room at the police station and was introduced to Magistrate Dumble through the medium of an information which charged him with stealing a ride on the C.P.R. The police decided a remand to look up the Austrian's antecedents would be in order and he was remanded till the 29th. Meanwhile his finger prints will be despatched to Ottawa.

IRISH LABOR DESIRES PEACE TO FOLLOW

Belfast, Sept. 21.—Irish labor desires peace to follow present negotiations, because then it would have a field clear for action, said Cahal O'Shannon, leading member of the Irish Trades Congress, at the Labor demonstration in Clonnel, County Tipperary today. He said, however, that if war resulted workers would support the national cause.

"We want not merely an Irish republic, but a workers' republic," he declared.

GUARDIAN CHILD IN LOCAL

Irwin Brown and Brown Battle Off

KIDNAPED

Mother Said Child From Whom she

The guardians Lillian Brown, in the local police court, Brown and Mary, battling for her. Yesterday, Pl. M. Trausch went brought Mrs. Brown the charge of kidnapping the child. The charge was before the local court.

The child had father, Mr. Brown, relatives on Bow. It appears that Brown had been mean claiming the under court rule at Flint, Michigan possession, according she told the police the little girl taken station while at work. She claimed maintaining the possession of the brought here son.

It is understood had been in Belleville and his child was in this here several days, ing to the information of the session of the for Toronto.

The case was this forenoon but this afternoon to the accused to read.

British Punish Rebels

CALCUTTA, Brit.—A British court defeat on rebellion, Haddala, near K. an official statement. The rebels were being pursued by

OLYMPIC'S

Riggest Storm Yet Over

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The book of the Olympic port Wednesday, the most severe which this ever passed. It Friday, Saturday the waves which as it shifted from sufficient almost hull of the ship. ed and state room a long time it passengers to vent swept decks. At drive of the sea was the liner complete

BOTH VESSES

Was Judgment of Justice McLe

Brookville—Jud the Admiralty cut Mr. Justice McLe vessel to blame in collision in Lake 16, 1920, between plehurst, of the Lines, and the tug ett, of the Georgian. Three party for the accident on the Maplehurst ing, one-quarter of George Hall Comp ada Steamship Lin cover the total lo and there was a \$6,000 for damage burst's tow, the

CHIEF ENTER TORONTO

Belleville "Force" tachment From for G

Chief of Police members of the Be parliament entertain tives of the Toronto on Wednesday at that they had the city. The visiting among the biggest athletes of the Tor present at the Ontario. McLarty was in ch athletes. During the spot considerable police precincts.