

## TEN HEADS OF TORONTO HYDRO DEPARTMENTS HAVE RESIGNED

### CITY ABANDONS EFFORT TO CLEAN WATER TUNNEL ALL POWER CONTRACTS MUST GO TO PEOPLE MILLION DOLLAR PROPERTY FOR A NEW POSTOFFICE

## WASTE OF WATER BY CITIZENS CAUSED ABANDONMENT OF PLAN TO CLEAN WATERWORKS TUNNEL

All the City North of College Street Was Without Water, and at Nine o'Clock Works Commissioner Harris Announced That Cleaning Operations Had Been Stopped—Water Will Be Turned Into the Tunnel Today and Supply Will Again Be Normal—Thoro Investigation to Be Held Following the Discovery That the Valves at the Island Would Not Work.

THE attempt to clean the sand from the tunnel under the bay was abandoned last night at 9 o'clock, and will not be renewed until next fall. The water is to be turned into the tunnel at noon today, and the full water service restored. Responsibility for the failure of the attempt to clean the tunnel is placed by Commissioner Harris upon the citizens, who failed to co-operate by wasting the water. He feared a water famine, and a dangerous lack of protection against fire. He states that the pumps were supplying water at the rate of 80 gallons per head per day of the population, and yet there was not enough supply for the district north of College street late yesterday afternoon, and the reservoir was empty. The second bulkhead placed in the 6-foot pipe had stopped the flow of water into the tunnel at 2 p.m. yesterday, and the water was well lowered in the tunnel shafts at 9 p.m., but the inability of the pumps to supply the district north of College street was so evident that to continue cleaning operations was too dangerous.

CAUSE OF THE DELAY. Delay in emptying the tunnel of water was caused by a refractory valve in the 6-foot pipe, and Commissioner Harris will investigate conditions which permitted so faulty a valve to have been placed there. It has been there since 1908, and there was great difficulty in placing it in position at that time. The commissioner made this statement last night: "The reservoir ran dry at 2.45 p.m., and from then to 8 o'clock the district north of College street was practically without water. This means that the district south of College street was using 36,000,000 gallons per day, although the supply going thru the two old conduits could not be made more than 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 gallons per day at best.

WITHOUT FIRE PROTECTION. "After consulting with my assistants, we concluded that we could not possibly continue operations without a water famine, which, aside from serious inconveniences from sanitary and other standpoints, left the section of the city north of College street practically without fire protection. Mayor Hocken concurred in our belief, and the contractors, in the face of obstacles which have confronted us at every turn, and which could not possibly be foreseen, at 8 p.m. we had the work well in hand, and had demonstrated beyond doubt that, with the co-operation of the citizens, the even a slight degree, we could have been successful. The water in the tunnel shaft about 40 feet, and most of this had been accumulated after 2 p.m., when the second bulkhead had been completed. We will again attempt the work during the fall months.

VALVES WOULD NOT WORK. "The valves placed at the south tunnel shaft, and to the north, between the shaft and settling basin, and on the 6-foot pipe, could not be worked, they were installed only in 1908. I am informed that when the valve at the tunnel shaft was opened by the contractors in 1908, the services of four horses were required to open it. I purpose making a thoro investigation in order to ascertain who was responsible for those valves being placed and accepted in the condition which the pumping has disclosed.

"While we do not know anything as to the physical condition of the tunnel our experience today, when we lowered the water, would lead us to believe that any leak there is, if such there be, is a serious one. "The staff is removing the bulkhead, and we hope by noon to be again supplying water thru the tunnel."

R. C. HARRIS

### Works Commissioner For the City of Toronto, Who Announced Last Night That the Attempt to Clean the Waterworks Tunnel Had Been Abandoned.

## TWO NOTORIOUS BURGLARS ARE ARRESTED

### Albert Ferguson and Bill McCowan Said to Have Entered a Number of Houses and Stolen Jewelry, Some of Which Was Found in Their Possession.

Traced thru many sections of the city Albert Ferguson and "Bill" McCowan were finally rounded up by Detectives Miller and Tipton late yesterday afternoon in an hotel at Queen and Sherbourne streets. They are alleged to be a notorious pair of burglars. Jewelry was found in their possession, which the police claim, connects them with at least five robberies. McCowan made a clean attempt to escape, but was foiled by Detective Miller.

During the month of March and the earlier part of April the following houses were entered and valuable goods stolen: 12 Hazelton avenue, 121 Carlton street, 128 D'Arcy street, 603 Markham street, and 81 Metcalfe street. There were several other places broken into. After various clues had been followed Inspector of Detectives Kennedy decided that the burglars were Ferguson and Tipton set out to locate them. Ferguson was found in a store, and McCowan was found in a hotel at Queen and Sherbourne streets.

When the detectives entered the hotel Ferguson and McCowan were drinking at the bar and consequently failed to notice them. Before either man could get away, the officers seized McCowan and Tipton held Ferguson.

At George and Queen streets McCowan slipped some jewelry from his pocket and hid it in a few feet away. The action, however, caused Detective Miller to become suspicious. Instead of reaching down to get possession of the jewelry Ferguson took a firmer hold on his man. He then forced him to walk over to the spot where the brooches and rings lay. When Miller stooped to secure the goods McCowan twisted in an attempt to get away. He failed as the detective had prepared himself for this ruse.

A search of the men at detective headquarters revealed a large quantity of jewelry hidden about their persons. Ferguson's room at 648 West Wellington street was also searched and more stolen articles found. McCowan comes from Detroit, but would not tell where he was rooming. The detectives believe they know and expect to find more of the jewelry there.

## The Pope is Sinking

ROME, April 15.—(Wednesday, 2 a.m.)—Copyright.—The Pope is having a restless night. Both Dr. Marchisava and Dr. Amicari are in continual attendance. The fever is increasing. Temperature is now 38.5; breathing is somewhat laborious. Strophantins has been administered tonight to assist the heart action. Pulse very irregular.

## ALL AGREEMENTS FOR POWER MUST BE VOTED UPON

### Hon. Adam Beck Introduced a Bill in the Legislature Which Takes Away From Town Councils the Right to Sign Contracts For Power With Private Corporations.

### NEWMARKET IS AFFECTED

People Must Vote in Favor of Signing a Contract Before the Agreement With the Private Company Can Be Sealed and Council's Action of Monday Is Void.

It is a question of the present hour whether the Newmarket Council will be able to turn down the proposals of the Hydro-Electric Commission after all. A gathering sentiment among certain members of the Ontario Legislature is that public ownership by a direct appeal to the people is going to triumph and that a few days will show in emphatic manner that regardless of the influence of private corporations, the power of the commission will be called upon to supply the needs of every municipality in the future.

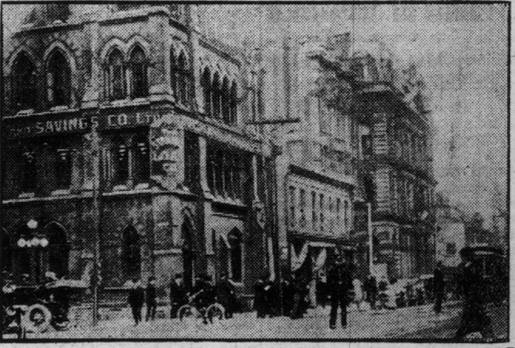
What appears to be a very shrewd, if not spectacular, move on the part of the power minister appeared at the closing moment of the session last evening in the introduction of a bill dealing with the granting of contracts to power companies by corporations. It stipulates that in future every power contract must have gained the approval of the people in a public vote, after the manner of a by-law, before any such arrangement can be sealed. This action, it is felt, will meet with universal public sympathy and will place before the voters the option of supporting a private interest in their midst or in sharing in the public ownership.

A Radical Change. At the present time it is only after a vote has been taken that the commission has the right to enter and supply any power to a municipality, but town councils have until this date been allowed the privilege of making agreements to obtain power from private sources without the direct permission of the electorate. The new bill asks that the same restriction be applied to this latter case, and in that event the outcome will at least have the sanction of the whole town and not alone of a small body of representatives.

The bill will not go thru, and if it comes into force at an early date it will create a radical change in the present situation of some municipalities.

## POSTOFFICE WILL BE ENLARGED BY EXPROPRIATION OF MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF PROPERTY; NOTICE FILED

### Buildings on New P. O. Site



ADELAIDE STREET SIDE OF THE BUILDINGS TO BE TAKEN FOR THE NEW POSTOFFICE SITE.

## HEADS OF EVERY DEPARTMENT IN TORONTO HYDRO-ELECTRIC RESIGNED THEIR POSITIONS

### All Subscribers to the Petition Which Caused the Dismissal of Acting-Manager Sweany Tendered Their Resignations to the Commission—Signed Petition After Mature Deliberation and We're Not Led by Sweany.

Ten officials in the employment of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission—the heads of every department in the service—have tendered their resignations. The dismissal of Acting-Manager W. R. Sweany by the commission caused them to take such action last night. These men are: J. G. Jackson, chief engineer; J. C. Smith, general superintendent; A. G. Lang, engineer of distribution; A. C. MacCullum, engineer of operation; I. M. R. Widdifield, superintendent of meter department; H. G. Ord, chief inspector; E. C. Clarke, manager of application department; H. G. Jacob, sales manager; F. R. Ewart, contract agent; H. C. Barber, assistant to acting general manager.

### Reason for Petition.

The following letter received by The World states their position:

"On account of various statements which have recently appeared in the local press regarding the inside condition of the Toronto Hydro-Electric System, the undersigned wish to correct some false impressions which may have arisen. "In the first place, we wish to emphatically deny that any of the undersigned, who constitute all the original subscribers to the memorial presented to the mayor and board of control, were in the way drawn into this action without mature deliberation. It is entirely unfair to draw the inference that Mr. W. R. Sweany was the prime mover, and that the others have merely fallen in line. As an indication of the fact that every man was prepared to follow up his action to its logical conclusion, we have today severally and individually tendered our resignations to the commissioners. "We also wish to make it clear, that we are in no way responsible for the publicity given this matter. The original letter was presented personally to the mayor on Thursday afternoon last, and presented to the board of control, either privately or publicly as might seem best to him. To the best of our information the communication was not formally presented to the board by the mayor up to the time he gave it to the press on Monday. "We must insist that conditions are such that the situation is in no way discredited by the summary dismissal of Mr. Sweany without a hearing and without giving the staff a fair chance to vindicate their position. It is scarcely possible to go into details directly in the public press, nor advisable to descend to personalities such as those leveled against us by certain critics. We, therefore, ask for a complete investigation under the direction of the board of control and city council, who are the representatives of the people, whose interests we have tried to protect.

### FALSEHOOD, SAID PREMIER.

At the opening of yesterday's session of the legislature, Sir James Whitney took occasion to refer to an item made in The Globe on Tuesday, under the heading, "Speaker Hoyle Admits Mistake." Sir James stated that the report was an absolute falsehood, and he expects a retraction. Speaker Hoyle, he said, did not reverse his decision, but simply stated that he did not wish his decision to be taken as a precedent.

### WILL GO TO ALBERT COLLEGE.

SULLY STE. MARIE, Ont., April 15.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. E. M. Baker, pastor of the First Methodist Church here, said tonight that he had accepted the principalship at Albert College, Belleville. Dr. Baker had asked until tomorrow to consider the matter.

## New Building Will Front on Victoria Street Between Adelaide and Lombard—Land to East of Present Building Will Also Be Taken—New Site Three Times Size of Old.

The government will extend the Adelaide street general post-office over to Victoria street, taking in the whole block between Adelaide and Lombard streets. Property lying on the east of the building will also be taken. Notice to this effect, dated at Ottawa, April 11, has been filed in the registry office by the Dominion Government, the property to be taken under the expropriation act.

The new site will be 325 feet on Adelaide and Lombard streets and 185 feet on the Victoria street side. The federal square scheme has apparently been abandoned.

None of the property owners affected has received official notice from the government, although the depositing of the notice of expropriation is understood to give right of eminent domain over the land from the date of filing. Property valued at close to a million dollars will be taken.

Build First on Victoria. No intimation as to when will be expended in the new buildings has been given, although one of the owners who had heard something about the proposal understood that the Victoria street buildings would be pulled down first, and that side of the new building erected and used while the old post-office was being demolished.

To the notice of expropriation is attached a blue print of the area to be secured, although no details of dimensions and description of lands are given. The notice is signed by the secretary of the department of public works, R. C. Desrochers.

Properties Expropriated. The properties affected, and their sites are: Standard Loan Company, five storey building at the northeast corner of Victoria and Adelaide streets, ground

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## MEN IMPORTED IN DEFIANCE OF LAW?

### Charges Arising From Photo Engravers' Strike in Toronto and Montreal Aired in House—Opposition Apparently Biding Time Until Alberta Elections Are Over.

OTTAWA, April 15.—(Special)—It seems likely now that no bomb will be exploded by the opposition or no vote taken upon the closure resolution until after the Alberta elections. Today there was an obvious effort to mark time. The afternoon was consumed by a debate upon the grievances of the striking photo engravers of Toronto and Montreal. Mr. Carroll of South Cape Breton moved the adjournment of the house for the purpose of discussing the lax administration of the Immigration Act, under which strike-breakers had been imported from England. Hon. T. W. Crothers, as minister of labor and acting minister of the interior, made a fairly good defence, and the opposition did not insist upon a vote. Indeed, Mr. Alphonse Verreille, the Labor member, had little to say in support of Mr. Carroll's motion.

Resume Naval Debate. The curtain lifted, presented by Mr. Carroll, terminated shortly before the dinner recess, and Hon. Charles MacCallum resumed the naval debate at 8 o'clock. Mr. MacCallum made a temperate speech, in which he appealed to the government for fair play, and was followed by Messrs. Michaud (Victoria, N.B.), Demers (St. Johns and Iberia), Hughes (King's P.E.I.) and Knowles (Moncton). Mr. McCraney of Saskatchewan moved the adjournment of the debate.

As usual the government supporters stuck to their guns. Chief Whip Stainfield had anticipated a vote tonight or tomorrow at the latest, but the present indications are that the final division will not occur before Friday, and possibly not before next week. It is understood that the opposition tomorrow will vote on the closure resolution for some hours at least by discussing the homestead, granted to the son of a Conservative politician.

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## OTTAWA WOMAN CRUSHED BY AUTO

### Fern Willoughby, Popular in Social Circles, Met Death in Peculiar Manner.

OTTAWA, April 15.—(Can. Press.)—Miss Fern J. Willoughby, aged 21, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Willoughby of this city, was instantly killed this afternoon on the lawn in front of her home, when her motor-car, which she was cranking, suddenly started, plunging her against a tree, breaking her neck. Her mother was standing nearby and witnessed the accident. Dr. C. H. Brown was passing, and with other neighbors, ranto the assistance of the young woman, but before they reached her side she had succumbed.

Miss Willoughby was a well-known and popular young lady in the social circles of the capital.

The automobile had stalled as Miss Willoughby was about to start from her home, she jumped out to re- crank it without throwing off the lever. As she threw the crank over the machine lurched forward and pinned her between the tree and the car. No inquest will be held.

George Arliss Acts Superbly. It is doubtful if there has ever been a comedy presented in Toronto that made as favorable an impression as "Disraeli," with that perfect actor, George Arliss, in the title role, which he acted at the Princess Theatre this week.

Dineen's Men's Hats. Established in Toronto in 1864, Solo agents for the best known English and American makers of men's hats. The "Health" and "Dunlap" hats shown only at Dineen's, 140 Yonge Street, corner Temperance street.

## FREE WOOL NOT WITHOUT FIGHT

### Democratic Stand-Patters Preparing For Most Strenuous Struggle Today But Odds Are Overwhelming.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(Can. Press.)—With the Democratic caucus making slow progress on the tariff bill, the wool schedule probably will be reached tomorrow, when the opposition Democrats will make their most strenuous fight. The anti-free raw wool representatives have organized for the contest, and, although the odds against them are admittedly overwhelming, they propose to make a determined struggle to bind the caucus to a 15 per cent. duty on raw wool, as a substitute for its free listing by the committee, at the request of President Wilson.

Representative Ashbrook of Ohio is chairman of the free wool conference, favored by Woodrow Wilson as governor. Hoboken Bayonne and Union Hill rejected the proposition. Jersey City is the first large municipality in the east to adopt this form of government. Primaries at which candidates for commissioners will be nominated will be held May 12.

CIVIC BUREAU OF INDUSTRY. KINGSTON, April 15.—(Special.)—The city council has endorsed the plan of the board of trade to establish a bureau of industry and information, and granted the sum of \$1,000 towards support.

## WOODSTOCK TO GET RID OF CITY HALL

WOODSTOCK, April 15.—(Special.)—Woodstock ratepayers, on May 12, to vote on three by-laws. First one is to give permission to council to tear down the old city hall and leave the square vacant for a time. The idea is that after seeing how well the vacant square looks no one will want to again put the hall there. Then municipal offices will be built instead of a new hall, at much less expense. In the meantime the officials will occupy rented offices.

The second by-law is to authorize the erection of new police headquarters and court at an expense of \$10,000, and the third is to provide \$1200 for additions to water mains.