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27TH YEAR

CARRY THE POWER BYLAW—THAT IS THE DUTY WHICH RESTS WITH TORONTO NOW

MAKES PROPOSAL FOR EXPROPRIATING BOTH POWER PLANTS

W. T. White and P. W. Ellis Address Large Meeting of Canadian Club Presenting Both Aspects of the Power Problem.

GOVERNMENT TAKE ONE AND THE CITY THE OTHER

W. T. White had the advantage of speaking last at the Canadian Club last night when a presentation was made of the opposing views of those who support and those who are against the power bylaw. Mr. White was against the bylaw as trustee for many bondholders in the electrical companies, and P. W. Ellis, a member of the first Ontario power commission, represented the ratepayers.

While the important points of the direct gains to the citizens of a city-owned plant were not dwelt upon in detail or denied, and the advantage to Toronto of cheap power was not gained, the tendency of the symposium was towards a consideration of the status of the companies at Niagara and in Toronto in the situation, and the justice of the treatment to which they were subjected by the provincial power policy.

Mr. Ellis showed clearly that the Development Co. when it went into the business in 1903 was aware of the intentions of the people, announced as early as 1900, and went into the investment with its eyes open.

Mr. White's argument was chiefly directed to a plea for fair treatment of the companies by expropriation of the Development Company by the Ontario Government and of the Toronto Electric Light Co. by the city. The city could buy out the company for \$7,000,000, and give bonds which at 3-4 per cent. would cost say \$7,000,000 a year. The annual revenue of the company was \$480,000, leaving a profit of \$205,000. As Mr. White represented the Electrical Development Co. this presumably may be accepted as the new basis of negotiation for the city.

The Situation at Niagara. P. W. Ellis stated that he spoke under the impression that the power commission, and as possessing firsthand information. As a member of the Niagara Falls Park commission he also had special information. The three companies at the falls were the Canadian Niagara Co., chartered about 1880; the Ontario Power Co. in 1900, and the Electrical Development Co. in 1902. The rights of Toronto and other municipalities in the province had to be protected in the face of these companies. Mr. Ellis read extracts from The Globe and The News of those dates to show that the stockholders of the Development Co. were aware that the people of Ontario were aroused and determined to maintain their privileges. (Applause.)

The Ontario Power Co. had been accused of dumping power into the United States. Canadians would welcome the capital into the country if it came from. He was exceedingly sorry for the sneering remarks made at the Ontario Co., as they had taken special pains to co-operate with the park commission in beautifying the park. When they were asked by the commission what they would do to keep their elevator out of sight and tunnel thru the rock they said \$5000. The commission accepted the offer, but eventually lost the company \$50,000. (Applause.)

In view of the talk of duplication and waste it should be considered whether it would be cheaper for the three companies to build separate transmission lines or for the government to build and operate a single system. If a sufficiently wide view had been taken Canadians would never have allowed the companies their minds back to 1877 when they had an N. P. policy placed before the country. That policy had brought about its present position. They had another N. P. policy to-day, Niagara Power. (Applause.) And they could have saved \$15,000,000 a year to the province by preserving the water powers of Niagara, and a million of that might be kept in the country. Could they wonder the people had been aroused and that this had become a great national question? (Applause.)

Bargaining With the Company. With respect to the Toronto Electric Light Co. he thought they were dealing fairly and generally. He had noticed that the debentures did not come into existence till next July—ample time for negotiations. The matter had been pending at this point for five years, and it seemed strange the company should wait till now before they began to complain. Rather than drive a hard bargain with the Toronto Electric Light Co. the saving would be so great he would be willing to pay \$2

FIVE TRAINMEN DIE IN WRECK

G. T. R. Express Runs Into Coal Train at Lenox, Mich.—No Passengers Injured.

DEAD.
James Bennett, engineer, Detroit.
Andrew Bohuski, engineer, Detroit.
Willard Tyler, switchman, Detroit.
George Boughner, fireman, Detroit.
Albert McCall, fireman, Fort Huron.

INJURED.
Edward Duval, baggageman, Lenox, Mich.
J. Washburn, fireman, Lenox, Mich.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—In a dense fog a collision took place at Lenox, Mich., 35 miles north of here, at 7:30 to-night between Grand Trunk thru train No. 5, southbound, from Fort Huron to Detroit, and a northbound coal train half a mile long, which had taken the switch, and the passenger train at 40 miles an hour left the main line and plunged headlong into the front of the two engines of the coal train, plowing underneath the leader and upending the second.

Three of the dead are still in the wreckage. Tyler's body was recovered, and McCall died two hours after being extricated. He had lost one leg and received other severe injuries.

Engineer Fred Haug and Fireman Washburn were in the second engine of the doubleheader. The former was caught in the wreckage, but escaped uninjured, while Washburn, who jumped, was only slightly hurt.

Four years ago at the same place there was a collision from a similar cause, two engineers being killed. The passenger coaches remained on the rails, and no one was hurt, but the first end of the baggage car was demolished. It is said that the engineer was unable to see any signal owing to the heavy fog.

ARTILLERY COMPETITION.
Winners of the Most Important Contests.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The results of the competitions of the Canadian Artillery Association for 1907 are announced. The winners in the more important contests are as follows: Field Artillery—Competition for general efficiency—1, 3rd Field Battery, Montreal, \$50 and Governor-General's Cup; 2, 6th Field Battery, London, \$40 and Lansdowne Challenge Cup; 3, 9th Field Battery, Toronto, \$25; 4, 17th Field Battery, Sydney, N.S., \$20; 5, 15th Field Battery, Granby, Que., and 16th Howitzer Battery, Guelph, equal, each \$17.50.

Competition practice—Special prizes—For 12-pound batteries—6th Field Battery, London, Association Challenge Cup.

For Howitzer Batteries—16th Howitzer Battery, Guelph, Association Challenge Cup.

For Ontario batteries—6th Field Battery, London, Montzambert Challenge Cup.

Battery manoeuvres—1, 6th Field Battery, London, Grant Challenge Cup; 2, 22nd Field Battery, Sherbrooke, Que., Gowaski Cup.

The Tetawawa competitions resulted: 1, 6th Field Battery, London, \$150; 2, 7th Field Battery, St. Catharines, \$125; 3, 9th Field Battery, Toronto, \$100; 4, 2nd Field Battery, Ottawa, \$75; 5, 4th Field Battery, Peterboro, \$50; \$20 to be divided among the Nos. 1 of the 6th and 9th Batteries, \$10 to be divided among the Nos. 1 of the 7th and 4th Batteries.

Personnel and equipment—The competitions regarding efficiency of personnel and equipment resulted as follows: 1, 13th Field Battery, Winnipeg, \$50; 2, 9th Field Battery, Toronto, \$40; 3, 2nd Field Battery, Montreal, \$25; 4, 23rd Field Battery, Ottawa, \$20; 5, 17th Field Battery, Granby, Que., \$15; 6, 6th Field Battery, London, \$10.

CANADIAN PASTOR'S DEMAND.
Asked for Salary That Astonished Corporation.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—Howard Colson Peast, educated in Toronto University, came to preach on trial at Salem, Mass., Congregational Church and was hired for six months afterwards and subsequently for six months more. He has stirred the congregation by asking an increase of salary and a settlement as pastor. The church committee offered him another term of six months, but were astonished at his demand for pay that would break the church funds and so informed him. He is wanted badly, but at the old rate.

WOULD-BE HIGHWAYMAN.
Samuel Case of Gananoque, who has been in the city since Monday, was found by Detective Tipton selling a fur-lined coat worth \$25 in York-street. He admitted he had stolen it from a guest in a Gananoque hotel, where he says he wanted for assault. He told the officer that he intended buying a gun and going into the highwayman business.

HOIST BY HIS OWN MULE



SIR 'ENRY: Kicked up a tree by my own mule, by Jove!

MURDER MYSTERY STILL Baffles Newark Police

No One Has Yet Identified the Body of Beautiful Woman Found in Marsh.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—While the mystery surrounding the circumstances of the murder of the unknown young woman whose body was found near submerged in a pond on the outskirts of Harrison, N.J., appears no nearer solution to-night than when the body was discovered, the theory which the detectives are now working on is that the woman came to her death in Newark park and her body carried to the lonely pond, that the real scene of the crime and the identity of the slayer might be concealed.

The Newark police are to-night searching for the slayer, who is believed to have met the young woman by appointment in Newark and then lured her to her death. Evidence was obtained to-day that the woman was seen in Newark on Christmas evening.

BRANTFORD LABOR SOLID.

Trades Council Pass Resolution in Support of Power Bylaw.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Trades and Labor Council were addressed to-night by President Sanderson of the board of trade and Ald. Andrews, chairman of the power committee of the city council, in connection with the power bylaw, as a result of which the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Resolved, That we, the members of the Trades and Labor Council, believe the passing of the power bylaw enabling the city council to secure power from the hydro-electric commission to be in the general interests of the city, conferring a benefit on all classes of citizens."

DOCTORS SHOULD CONSULT.

Jury's Verdict in the Ross Street Car Fatality.

"We find that John Ross came to his death in a purely accidental manner. We attach no blame to anyone. We recommend that cases of this kind should have a more thorough examination, made by competent surgeons upon entry at hospitals, and where necessary to hold a consultation."

This verdict was returned by the coroner's jury enquiring into the death of John Ross of Weston, who died in St. Michael's Hospital of a fracture at the base of the skull, inflicted in a street car accident at Bloor and Dundas-streets two days previously. The man's case was not immediately diagnosed as fracture by the house surgeon, but Dr. G. Silverthorn called, testified that such cases were almost impossible of either diagnosis or treatment.

CHEAP LIGHT FOR THE SUBURBS.

A resident of the suburbs in York Township, and who is also a property-owner in Toronto, says he will vote for the power bylaw because he expects, and rightly so, that the power wires can be distributed thru the township before they can be put in place in Toronto. A bylaw will soon be submitted in York Township, where there is more need of cheap light than even in the city.

S.S. MT. ROYAL LONG OVERDUE

Much Uneasiness in St. John, N.B.—Sister Ship Reports Gales and Heavy Seas.

PROFESSOR CLARK RETIRES.

Resignation of Trinity College Professor After Many Years.

Announcement is made that Rev. William Clark, M.A., professor of English literature, who has been connected with Trinity College for a quarter of a century, is to resign his position at the end of the academic year next summer, while he is to be relieved of a considerable portion of his work at the end of the present year.

C.P.R. SAID TO HAVE BOUGHT C. & G.W. RY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—It is rumored here that the C. P. R. have bought the Chicago & Great Western Railway, thus securing lines into Chicago and St. Paul. English capitalists are now said to be in control of the Chicago & Great Western.

SMOKE SALE AT DINEEN'S.

A smoke sale is somewhat unusual and so it ought to be. There are a lot of valuable furs at Dineen's, which have been exposed to smoke owing to a neighboring fire. They are being sold regardless of cost to get them out. They are good, but Dineen's must get rid of them. Call to-day at Yonge and Temperance-streets, and see the prices on them. You will know

CHINA ALARMED AT THE APPRESSING

Edict Issued Ordering That No Meetings be Held—British Patrol.

PEKIN, Dec. 27.—The Dowager Empress has given verbal orders to the interior department and to the police to suppress all public meetings in Peking and there is reason to believe that this order will be extended to the provinces.

The popular agitation along the lines of "rights recovery" is growing in a phenomenal manner. The question of provincial as against federal sovereignty enters largely into the matter. Women's societies, schools for boys and for girls, the family newspapers and the political press all are participating in the agitation, and for a month past the government here has been receiving telegrams in increasing numbers expressing the strong desire of the readers that the rights which have been alienated from them by foreigners be restored to the Chinese.

The government is alarmed. The movement has reached such magnitude that the government is thoroughly alarmed and it is to-day striving to find a conciliatory position between the revolutionary agitators and those who consider themselves to be aggrieved. The agitation embraces the question of the patrol of the waterways by Great Britain, in an effort to put an end to the piracy there, and leading Englishmen here expressed that the present popular hostility will result in an enquiry into the British trade.

The government is relying on the support of Great Britain, whose assistance upon China's maintenance of her original position has produced an apparent solidarity among the Chinese ministers. The pressure of the British government is strengthening the position of Yuan Shikak, whose security and influence in Peking is regarded by foreigners as essential to the safety and progress of China.

It is declared here that the foreign agitation in the matter of the attitude adopted by Great Britain with regard to Manchuria, and the warning of Russia concerning the maintenance of the telegraph convention, have led the British foreign office to take action and it is understood that this has been in the form of representations to the Tokio government. China, it is stated here, considers the attitude taken by Japan to be based upon impossible claims and Japan, it is averred, is taking advantage of China's complications with Great Britain in order to postpone the negotiations regarding Manchuria.

Travelers arriving here complain of what they call the organized incivility, and in some cases, even the "brutal conduct" of the Japanese trainmen and guards on the Manchurian railway.

Messing Forbidden. It is believed that the Imperial order is in consequence of the menacing tone assumed by the British and Japanese allies in reference to various outstanding questions now agitating the country and in regard to which there is undoubtedly much right upon the Chinese side. Surprise and ridicule are general among foreigners in China and Japan at the daring Japanese official attempt in London to read out Okuma's speech as simply meaning or implying the stimulating of Japanese commercial shipping enterprise. Almost all the foreign press in both countries commented on the speech at the time as being direct incitement to India to rise against the British, with Japan sympathizing in the movement.

AFTER FORTY YEARS.

State of New Jersey is Giving Medals to its War Veterans.

John A. Macdonald, insurance agent, has just received from the State of New Jersey a neat gunmetal medal commemorative of the civil war. The medal, which is suspended from a clasp bearing the state coat of arms, shows a soldier on guard, with a cannon and flag in the background, and the words: "Ready to die for the honor of our country." The reverse side bears the inscription: "Presented by the State of New Jersey to John A. Macdonald, veteran of the Union forces in the Civil War." Mr. Macdonald served with the 7th New Jersey Regiment.

GOUIN TO BE MARRIED.

Engagement of Premier of Quebec Announced in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—It is announced here to-day that Hon. Lomer Gouin, prime minister of Quebec, will be married in a short time to Mme. Theresaboudin, a wealthy widow lady. Three Rivers, and that the premier and his bride will pass a few weeks in the City of Mexico, returning in time for the opening of the session of the Quebec which will be called some time in February.

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