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Drury Government Decides on Further Investigation of Hydro Radials

CABINET WILL APPOINT COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE HYDRO RADIALS

Ultimate Mortgage on Province of Scores of Millions of Dollars Too Vital a Matter To Be Dealt With Hastily—All Further Outlays Stayed on Radial Matters Until Report Made.

All action in the direction of further outlays or responsibilities in Hydro radial matters is stayed, and the appointment of a commission to inquire into them was the announcement made by Premier Drury yesterday afternoon in a lengthy statement, which gives the government's reasons for coming to this decision. Each of the radial lines which should, it is proposed, be taken over by the provincial Hydro-Electric Commission, is exhaustively dealt with, and the statement thus concludes: "Some of the foregoing arguments may not be valid and none of them may be conclusive against the ultimate adoption of the proposals. They are, however, as it appears to the government, conclusive against their adoption at the present time and until the whole subject has been fully and exhaustively examined, because, if and when the government goes ahead, the province will be committed not only to the present proposals, but to a province-wide publicly owned radial electric scheme operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, involving an ultimate mortgage of the province and of the municipalities interested of scores of millions of dollars. The matter is of far too great importance to be dealt with hastily or lightly. The government has, therefore, decided to appoint a commission to go into the whole problem from every point of view and present a report for its information and guidance.

"The commission will be requested to proceed immediately with its task, to hold public inquiries and to report without unnecessary delay. In the meantime, all action in the direction of further outlays or the assumption of further responsibilities in radial matters by the Hydro-Electric Commission will be stayed."

The names of the members of the commission have not been announced yet.

The Full Statement.

The government's statement is as follows: While the government realizes the importance of rapid and economic transportation and is much impressed by the case presented by Sir Adam Beck and the municipalities, it cannot disregard the many serious problems involved in the proposals now presented for the purchase and construction of Hydro radial railways under government guarantee, and having now reached a conclusion as to the action it ought to take in the matter, it conceives it to be its duty to give reasons for the course it proposes to follow.

Under the provisions of the Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914, and amendments thereto, the commission is authorized to enter upon the construction (or purchase) and operation of electric railway lines when the municipalities interested shall, in respect of any proposed line, have signed agreements containing terms and conditions laid down by the act, and deposited with the commission debentures to the amount of their respective shares of the cost of construction and equipment of the line. The commission then issues its own bonds guaranteed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council. The bonds thus issued and sold are to all intents and purposes the bonds of the province.

The only railways now being operated under this legislation are the Sandwich, Windsor, Amherstburg, and the Windsor and Tecumseh Railways. These railways run from Tecumseh to Amherstburg thru Ford City, Walkerville, Windsor, Ojibway and Sandwich, a distance of about 55 miles. They were acquired early this year by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission at the price of \$2,029,000, which was paid by the issue of forty-year bonds of the commission, guaranteed by the province.

The report of the commission for 1919 referring to these lines states that "the estimates indicate that some \$30,000 will have to be spent to bring the lines into fair operating shape." The Hydro-Electric Power Commission is also operating the Peterborough street railway, which was purchased by the province in 1916 along with the Seymour power system. In the report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for 1919 there is this statement: "It was found that the service given was much better than supplied any other city of corresponding size, and that the revenue was really not sufficient to cover all legitimate charges."

In his report of last March respecting the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Mr. Clarkson states that this road showed losses in 1918 and 1919. These are the only street railways at present operated by the commission.

The London and Port Stanley line is owned by the city of London and operated by a local commission.

The scheme now submitted for the approval of the government covers the (Continued on Page 8, Column 1).

No Bread Cards for France, Says Council of Ministers. Paris, July 6.—The council of ministers today rejected a proposal to re-establish the issuance of bread cards. The ministers said they hoped soon to overcome the bread shortage.

RUMANIA'S QUEEN TO VISIT CANADA

Montreal, July 6.—It is highly probable that Canada may have the honor of welcoming Her Majesty the Queen of Rumania. While no definite date has been announced by the Rumanian consul here, preparations are being made in the Rumanian colony in Montreal to tender to the queen the reception her position among her people warrants.

BRITAIN TO TALK TO NEWFOUNDLAND

Wireless Communication by Telephone is Being Now Prepared.

St. John's, Nfld., July 6.—Preparations are now under way here for the establishment of wireless communication by telephone between Newfoundland and Great Britain. The object of the new project is to keep the Empire Press Conference about the Victoria in constant touch by telephone with Great Britain from the day they leave Liverpool until the day they dock at Halifax. This will be done by means of a station in Cornwall, England; a second at Signal Hill, St. John's, Nfld., and a third on the Victoria.

ADAM BECK REPLIES TO DRURY PROPOSAL FOR REPORT ON HYDRO

Points Out That Government is Already Committed to Radial Extension, Both East and West of Toronto, Totalling Nearly Four Million Dollars.

Sir Adam Beck issued the following statement last night upon receipt of the government's letter, enclosing the memoranda announcing the intentions of the ministry to appoint a commission to consider the advisability of proceeding with the Hydro radial development contemplated at this time: "I have received from Mr. Drury this communication, which will be of interest to the municipalities concerned:

Drury's Letter to Beck. My Dear Sir Adam: In reply to the communications from the Hydro-Electric Commission of June 30, regarding the Toronto Suburban Railway and the acquiring of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway, I beg to say that the government has given this matter its very full and careful consideration, and have decided, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying letter, to defer action in regard to the acquisition of these roads until such time as we have satisfied ourselves by means of a thorough inquiry as to the advisability of going on with this project. Meanwhile we would request that pending the results of such inquiry further expenditure on these roads be not gone on with. This action is taken, I beg to assure you, not because of any feeling of lack of confidence in either Hydro-Electric projects in general or in the Hydro-Electric Commission in particular, but because the government, being responsible to the people of Ontario, feel that it should employ every means to fully inform itself of the feasibility and advisability of these great projects. The inquiry will be pushed with all possible speed so as to avoid every unnecessary delay should the government finally decide to proceed with the project.

JAPAN WILL EXCLUDE TROOPS FROM SAGHALIEN

Washington, July 6.—Japan is understood to regard the province of Saghalien as excluded from the territory to be incorporated in the newly founded Siberian republic, and it will not submit the entry of any armed forces into this province, until compensation has been made for the massacre of the Japanese guards and civilians at Nikolievsk.

AERO CLUB'S COUNCIL ELECTS TORONTONIAN

Winnipeg, July 6.—J. M. Loggie, of Winnipeg, was elected honorary president of the Aeronautical Federation of Canada at the closing session of the Aero Club's convention here today. E. Greenwood, of Montreal; T. Spencer, Regina; G. Joy, Toronto; and J. Gee, of Calgary, were among those elected to the council. The officers elected will hold office until the annual conference at Camp Borden in October.

More Troops at Belfast. Belfast, July 6.—A battery of artillery arrived here today and proceeded to the Victoria Barracks.

SAY P. C. AIR RAPIDLY BECOMING CHAOTIC IN OTTAWA

Bringing White to Capital to Advise Governor on Leadership Situation.

DELAY BRINGS A CRISIS

Ottawa, Ont., July 6.—(Special)—The capital has been rife with rumor today over the leadership. Sir Thomas White's statement has cleared the political atmosphere somewhat, but the situation is rapidly becoming chaotic, and without an immediate decision is reached it will be impossible for anyone to form a new administration. The vote by letter by the ministers is now recognized as being farcical in the extreme, and then opinion plays no part in the selection of the successor to Sir Robert Borden. It is known that several members of the cabinet have not been consulted. Outside influence will be the chief factor in the decision.

Outcome is Very Doubtful.

It is now very doubtful who will be leader. Of those available some are strong with the party and weak with the cabinet. Any who have the support of the cabinet, secure the support of the party. The problem may be solved, but today in the capital there is a very positive demand. It was reported that Sir Robert Borden would make known his decision tomorrow, but in view of Sir Thomas White's statement this now seems impossible.

Fifteen-Year-Old Lad Drowns Near Ottawa

Ottawa, July 6.—The finding this evening of the body of Francis Graveline floating in Neeshitt's Pond, near Ottawa, ended two days of suspense of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young Graveline disappeared from his home in Aylmer about noon Sunday, and nothing had been heard of him till his body was found about 6 o'clock this evening. It is presumed that the lad, who was about 15 years of age, was playing on a raft on the pond and fell into the water.

Another "Gusher" to Meet the Adverse Balance!

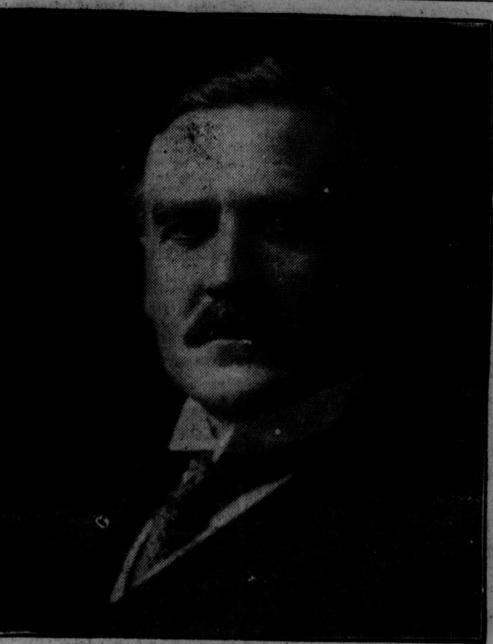
Not only has the "hard stuff" gushers along the Canadian banks of the St. Clair, the Detroit, the Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers helped to take the place of the reduced output of the pumping plant at the Ottawa treasury in helping to meet the adverse balance of trade against Canada and in favor of the States, but further alleviating showers are falling in a sister province to help even things up.

There is a city therein that is the greatest centre of blending, adulteration and substitution in America. There isn't a label for "wet goods" used any place in the world, but it is to be had equal to the original; even bottles with the name blown in on the glass; dies for printing corks; metal capsules equal to the best; and all the other accessories down to the aging of the corks, the wrappers, the cases with the marks of a rough passage in the hold of ships; also corks with all the marks of age!

Government Commitments.

The government validated and made legal and binding on the commission the agreement for the construction and operation of electric railways and guaranteed the bonds on the Sandwich, Amherstburg and Essex district Railway to the amount of \$2,100,000. Validated agreements made by them legal and binding on the commission. (Continued on Page 2, Column 6).

WHITE GOES TO OTTAWA TO RECEIVE OFFER OF CANADA'S PREMIERSHIP



SIR THOMAS WHITE. He left Toronto for Ottawa last night, at the summons of the governor-general, who will today call upon him to take over the premiership.

Governor's Secretary Comes to Toronto—Sir Thomas Reiterates His Determination Not to Accept Post—Friends Urge Him to Change His Mind—Will Decide Today.

Sir Thomas White left for Ottawa last night. The World believes that, notwithstanding his guarded statements to our reporter, and to the Associated Press, he will accept the premiership of Canada if offered to him this morning by his excellency the governor-general, the Duke of Devonshire.

Col. Henderson, secretary to his excellency, reached Toronto from Ottawa yesterday morning and saw Sir Thomas White. Both left for the capital last night.

Interviewed by The World. Sir Thomas White was in the city for several hours yesterday on his way from Muskoka to Ottawa, and left for the capital on the Canadian National night express, in company with Col. Henderson, private secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General. This led to the report that Sir Thomas had been summoned to Ottawa to be sworn in as prime minister. However, when seen by a World reporter at his home in Queen's Park last night, Sir Thomas put a quietus on this report, and said he had been merely summoned to attend a conference at Ottawa. He said he had given a statement to the Associated Press, which would inform the country on his position, and went on to say: "Altho many of my friends throughout the country, in and out of parliament, have urged my selection as prime minister, I desire to state in the most earnest manner that I am not available for that position. I resigned my portfolio as minister of finance because I felt that my health could not longer stand the strain, and also because I wanted to rehabilitate myself financially. The same reasons might militate against my accepting the premiership, but I would not let financial considerations stand in the way of my plain duty. I must, however, consider my health. I do not wish to advertise myself as an invalid, but I feel that I have not the health and strength to assume the duties of prime minister. Will Support Leader. I am satisfied that if my name is eliminated from consideration, an acceptable leader will be chosen, and he will certainly have my hearty support.

LLOYD GEORGE HANDS GERMANY ULTIMATUM AT SPA CONFERENCE

Germany Must Present a Plan for Disarmament, Immediate Reduction of Army and Surrender of War Munitions or Conference May Break Up—Plea Made for Larger Force.

Spa, Belgium, July 6.—Whether the conference on the peace treaty breaks up tomorrow depends upon whether the Germans present a plan for disarmament, the immediate reduction of the German army from 200,000 to 100,000 men and the surrender of upwards of 1,500,000 rifles in the hands of the people, as well as other arms. Mr. Lloyd George, speaking for the allied governments at today's session, presented what may be called an ultimatum, but which Dr. Simons, the German foreign minister, termed "a very positive demand."

MARSHALS CONSIDER AID TO POLAND

Spa, July 6.—A member of the Polish delegation said today that Marshal Poch and Field Marshal Wilson were considering the question of military aid for Poland.

COMMERCE BOARD TO KEEP PROBING EXCESSIVE PROFITS

New Commissioners Decide on Course for Future Price and Hoarding Inquiries. ASSERT JURISDICTION.

Ottawa, July 6.—(By Canadian Press)—The new commissioners of the board of commerce held their first meeting today to discuss future operations. It was decided, in view of the questions raised as to their jurisdiction to function under part two of the combines and fair prices act, 1919, which deals particularly with hoarding and taking unfair profits on the sale of necessities of life, not to institute of their own motion any new investigations with respect to these matters, but to continue the enquiries already under way. This course was adopted so that valuable time may not be lost between now and the determination of jurisdiction by the privy council in preparation for public hearings. Profiteering Complaints. The above statement, it is emphasized, is not to be understood to mean that if complaints of profiteering in necessities of life be at any time received by the board, from up immediately after the formal meeting of the allied premiers with the representatives of Germany began at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon: The German minister of defence, Herr Gessler, explained the German situation in support of the contention of the German government that it must have an armed force of 200,000 men to maintain order in the republic. He said there was little difference whether the force was labelled army (Continued on Page 6, Column 2).

"I do not know," Sir Thomas continued, "why the press or my friends consider me available. I have certainly done everything to indicate that I am not. Quite recently I made this statement last December when Sir Robert had not actually resigned, but in view of the rumors that were going round I felt impelled to speak. Since then I have notified Sir Robert, Borden and my former colleagues that I was not available, and had the recent caucus been called upon to choose a successor Sir Robert would have resigned from me would have been resigning, saying that I could not accept the position, and must not be considered a candidate.

None the less it was evident that strong pressure is being brought upon Sir Thomas to reconsider his determination. Hundreds of telegrams were received by him today urging him to accept the premiership, and many more were forwarded to Muskoka before the telegraph companies learned that he was in the city. Sir Thomas is being pressed to accept the responsibility of the premiership by members of the cabinet, members of parliament, and prominent citizens of all parts of the Dominion. Whether he will be able to withstand this pressure remains to be seen.

Sir Thomas White definitely stated tonight that he could not accept the leadership of the government, even if it should be offered to him. He arrived here this evening from Muskoka, and is on his way to Ottawa, where he has been asked, as a privy councillor and member of parliament, to confer on the political situation. To a representative of the Canadian Press he repeated the statement which he has made on several previous occasions, that he was not a candidate for any office in the government, and that his name was not available for consideration. He said that he retired from government a year ago on the grounds, first, that his health had been seriously impaired by the continued strain of his official duties, and secondly, because of the pressing necessity of rehabilitating his private affairs, which, during his period of office, he had been obliged to neglect wholly. He would not allow business or financial considerations to stand in the way of his duty, but with the matter of health it was different, as the public interest itself was there involved. It is clear that he does not regard himself as physically fit to undertake the heavy