The Power "Ring" Opposes the Bylaw---What Better Reason for the People to Support It?

PROMOTION STOCK ISSUE FOR COBALT SYNDIGATE STIRS UP A MALCONTENT

Ottawa Interest in the Big Deal Proving Troublesome - Average Issue Only of Stock it is Announced - U. S. Syndicate Makes Offer of Million Advance.

Certain statements respecting the Cobalt Lake Mining Co., made by City Auditor Cluff of Ottawa, in a letter to a newspaper there, meet with straight denials locally. The whole matter will, or should, be cleared up to-day, when the directorate will be selected and details arranged for the carrying out of the company's plans. In the meantime Mr. Cluff's protest is declared to be only what might be expected from a group so bulky and unwieldly as the Ottawa section of the syndicate has preved to be.

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Objection is taken to Auditor Cluff in the following words:

"It appears that \$360,000 in stock has been granted free gratis, for nothing, to Sir H. M. Pellatt for his services, and that it is proposed to allot a considerable portion of \$140,000 paid up stock to the promoters of the Ottawa syndicate for their services, altho it was stated publicly at a former meeting by H. K. McDougal, M.L.A., that there was to be no promoters' stock, that everyone stood on equal terms so far as the original subscribers were concerned. It appears that these gentlemen have also kindly drawn up a list of directors, in which Toronto, with 25 per cent. of the capital, will have four representatives, and the Ottawa Valley, with 75 per cent, will have three; also that Sir H. M. Pellatt, with his \$360,000 of free stock, is to be president, and another Teronto syndicate man vice-president. It also appears that an office has been In fact it appears as if the 25 per cent.

tail was wagging the 75 per cent. dog."
The Other Side. "Incorrect from beginning to end,"-was Sir Henry Pellatt's comment, while Britton Osler stated last night that the figures mentioned were altogether

"Sir Henry Pellatt does not get a dol-lar of the promoters' stock," said Mr. Osier. "The firm of Pellatt & Pellatt receive a share for services rendered, but all the promoters' stock issued here including that of the brokers, is less than \$140,000. While Sir Henry Pellatt has been pressed to accept the presi-dency, owing to his reputation with financial interests, it has not been intended to make a Torontonian a vice-president. In fact, the whole matter of a directorate rests with Thursday's meeting. Roughly speaking, however, it has een planned to have one director from Montreal, one from Detroit, from Toronto and five Ottawa, Head offices are located in Toronto because of its proximity to Co-balt, and as many of the officers with which business must be done are located here. No staff has been engaged except a clerk to look after the Issing of certificates.

Three in One Continuing, Mr. Osler explained that the Cobalt Lake Syndicate was composed really of three separate syndicates. One from Detroit and one from Toronto had already linked interests, and when the Ottawa syndicate evinced a willingness to go in the offer was accepted in order that as big a tender as possible could be made. The Detroit and Toronto syndicates were made up of large amounts

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PREMIER SCOTT VERY ILL. Regina, Sask., Dec. 26.-Prem-

ier Scott's condition is reported unchanged to-day. He is very seriously ill, but the best of medical attendance is being given and all possible is being done.

CANADIAN MAY HELP BRYCE BUT OTTAWA IS UNINFORMED

Said That New Ambassador Favors Such an Appointment.

Ottawa, Dec. 26-(Special.)-It is understood in Ottawa that a Canadian will be attached to the British embassy at Washington, and that Mr. Bryce has notified the imperial authorities that this would be a desirable appointment. The Dominion government, how-ever, has not yet received any official communication on the subject.

PORTO RICO WILL ADJUST RAILROAD RATES IN ISLAND Governor Winthrop Appoints Expert to Assist Government.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- Upon the recommendation of the inter-state commerce commission; Gov. Winthrop of Porto Rico has secured James Peabody of Chicago as a railway expert to advise and assist the government of that island in adjusting its railroad rates upon a fair and reasonable basis and in reviewing the freight classification now in use.

Something good, La Vola Cigar

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THE GLOBE AND ROBERT JAFFRAY

The Globe newspaper does not like the exposure that The World has made of its being owned and controlled by the electric ring now trying to defeat the Beck power bylaw. Nor does it like our exposure of Senator Robert Jaffray of the Niagara Falls Park Commission as using The Globe in an attempt to rush the Whitney government into ratifying the improvident extension of water power privilege that the said commission was willing to give to the Ontario Electrical Development Co. (Cox, Pellatt, Mackenzie, Nicholls, Ross) in 1905. Nor does it like the exposure which The World has made of The Globe publishing columns and pages of matter supplied to it by the press agents of the electrical ring and paid for as advertising by the ring, but inserted in The Globe as its own news and letters and editorial contribution to the power discussion. This advertising matter was dressed up as regular Globe matter, had no advertising mark on it and was expressly compiled by the clever press agents of the ring to make the reader believe that the Beck power proposal was more or less fraudulent, improvident and against the public article to favor the Beck power bylaw. But it never attempted to answer any one of the attacks made on the Beck proposal in the bogus articles that it was publishing for the electric ring, it justified all that Robert Jaffray had done to rush the extension of the water power franchise, and, driven at last to bay by these exposures of its treachery to its readers and subscribers and its treachery to Toronto and all Ontario in that it had sold its columns to the electric ring to defeat public ownership of power—the basest thing any public newspaper can do-it has one retort to make, viz., that W. F. Maclean, M.P., is a traitor and a thief, that he is a "cheat," that he has drawn his full sessional indemnity year after year when he was notoriously an absentee from parliament and that his solemn declarations in regard to his attendance are false, and a lot of repetition to the same effect.

The World leaves W. F. Maclean for the present to take care of himself: he will have to give an accounting and so will The Globe. In the meantime Maclean is the one black and dishonorable member of parliament in connection with indemnities and the saiary grab. But The World is not so much concerned with the disreputable member for South York as it is with the traitorous Globe and Robert Jaffray, the park commissioner.

did in this power business:

co-commissioners of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission signed an agreement with Henry M. Pellatt (president) and H. G. Nicholls (secretary) of the Electrical Development Co. of Ontario giving the latter (subject to the approval of the governor-in-council and the ratification of the legislative assembly) the right to develop 125,000 horsepower of electrical energy in addition to the franchise previously granted

legislature and when the country was in the heat of a general election. On January 16, one week after (when the clouds were indeed more than black and ominous thunder was in air), three ministers (Ross, Dryden and Graham) passed the order-in-council approving of the grant. To put it another way: this was two days before nomination day-a more than suspicious time to be handling out the doubling of a power franchise to capitalists and old political manipulators of the calibre of Cox, Mac-

hopelessly shattered and destroyed by the votes of an incensed public, many of them Liberals, who had been shamelessly deceived.

But of course the public knew nothing at this time or up to and after the election of the deal between Robt. Jaffray and his co-commissioners, and Cox, Mackenzie & Co., or of the approval of the governor-in-council. A good many days afterwards The World got hold of the agreement. published it in full, and called upon the new legislature (then in session and the Whitney government in power) not to ratify it. The province was appalled, and in May Mr. Whitney, on behalf of himself and his government announced that they would not ratify the agreement because it was not in the public interest.

Robert Jaffray all this time had a many-sided role to play: (1) He was the confidential friend and associate of Senator Cox (even was he such in the Crow's Nest Pass deal); (2) he was the confidential friend and councillor of Hon. George W. Ross and financial adviser in raising money for election purposes; (3) he was on the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission that had the giving of power franchises; (4) and he was president and real editor of The Globe that he and Senator Cox controlled, and which was the recognized organ of the Ross government. Well, what did this many-sided Jaffray do after putting the additional grant thru the park commission? As soon in May as the premier refused to ask the legislature to ratify the grant of another 125,000 horsepower to Cox-Nicholls-Pellatt-Mackenzie-Ross, he caused an article to appear in The Globe of May 12, 1905, which we reprint from The World of Aug. 26 of that year, and The World's comments on it on that date,

Globe editor al (May 12, 1905): "If this statement (Mr. Peliatt's) is within the facts it discloses a situation of no small moment. It affirms that 125,000 horse-power easily utilized is running to waste. Has the government investigated that statement? If it is true it must occasion a most regrettable economic waste. The general attitude of the public towards the matter is not that of the dog in the manger. They feel no hostility towards the Electrical Development Company. They simply say that the concessions to the public in the agreement just canceled were too distant and intangible to make it worth while paying any price for them. That, however, did not preclude the government from endeavoring to get satisfactory terms. Was any attempt made, or will any attempt be made, to secure greater concessions from the company? Has the company resisted proposals for better terms? The situation is obviously one calling for the immediate attention of the government. * * If by negotiation those lower rates could be secured the result would be advantageous to both the company and the public. The waste will benefit neither. This is a case for prompt and intelligent consideration and for business-like ne-

World editorial, Aug. 26, 1905: What do these words mean? They

AND THE POWER BYLAW.

On January 9, 1905 (hardly two years ago) Robert Jaffray and his them of 125,000 horse-power. They proposed to double it.

This was on January 9, when Hon. G. W. Ross had dissolved the

The elections came off on Jan. 25, and the Ross government was

NITUBA SKATER LAURIER : Bless me, it's cracking all over

FAIR WARNING

Disorderly Scenes in Assembly Arising Out of Open Expressions

Against Karageorgevitch Dyn a s t y - Premier Receives Threatening Letters.

Belgrade, Servia, Dec. 26.-The Na tional assembly has finally accepted the loan and armament bills which were sent to-day for signature to King

The debate on these measures today was attended by disorderly scenes on the part of members of the assembly arising from the open expression of sentiments against the present Karageorgevitch dynasty, which gave rise to reports in German and Austrian quarters of a movement to dethrone King Peter. Following the street disorders of the last few days, the con-currences in the chamber to-day have added to the seriousness of the pre-

The king is at present confronted with many difficult problems, not least of which is the renewed activity of the supporters of the late King Alexander and Queem Draga, who were murdered the night of June 10-11, 1903, and the popular ill-feeling aroused by the recent escapades of George, the

crown prince.

One of the deputies opposed the loan on the ground that the members of the reigning family would personally pocket a large proportion of it, and the final debates brought out anti-dynastic demonstrations in which a num-ber of riotous students sustained seri-

Premier Pascis has received a number of threatening letters intimating that the present dynasty will meet a fate similar to that of its predecessor. The late King Alexander was a member of the Obrenovits family.

It is asserted that secret meetings of the anti-dynastic leaders have been held here to select a European prince as a successor to King Peter in the event of a successful anti-dynastic

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HYMAN BETTER.

London, Dec. 26.—The latest reports from Hon. Mr. Hyman, who is still in the south, say that he is improving in health. He has been assured that there is no organic com-plaint. He has been suffering from insomnia and nervous troubles of an acute characand change of scene will prove effective in restoring him to full strength.

ARICA, CHILI, DESTROYED OTHER PLACES DAMAGED

People in Earthquake Zone, With Disaster of August Fresh in Their Minds, Greatly Alarmed-Located in Rainless Desert and Population is 3000.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 26.-Half of the Town of Arica, in the Province of Tacna, has been destroyed by an earthquake, and other towns in that neighborhood have suffered more or less severely. The seaport of Iquique, 120 miles south of Arica, was not dam-

With the recollection of the August disaster fresh in their minds, the people in the earthquake zone are greatly alarmed.

Tacna is in the northernmost province of Chile, and borders on Peru. It has an area of 8000 square miles. It is mainly a rainless desert, crossed by scanty and intermittent streams. Earthquakes are frequent. Arica is on the sea coast. It was formerly much more important place than now The population, once estimated at 30, 000, is to-day about 3000.

In August of this year, when a disastrous earthquake visited Santiago and Valparaiso, severe and numerous shocks were experienced in Tacn's Province.

Empress Hotel. Yonge and Gould Sts., R. Dissette, Prop. \$1.50 and \$2.60

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Dec. 27.
Empire Club—Cecil B. Smith on power question, 1.
Commercial Travelers' Association, annual meeting, St. George's Hall 1.30. City council, 3.

Banquet to Principal McAllister by
Ryerson School Old Boys, St. Charles. 7.30.
Massey Hall—"The Messlah." 8.
Jewish charity ball, Temple Build-

Bub Hotel. cor. Yonge and Alice Sts. Remodeled under new management. W. J Davidson, Prop. 246

Crown Hotel, 75 Bay St.-Commutation meal tickets, twenty-one for \$5.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 26.-From

is not expected to live. James Harris lived in a little roughcast cottage on Ferry-street, at the south end of the city. At about 5 o'clock this afternoon little Lucy Campbell, the 11-year-old daughter of C. F. Campbell, and niece of Mr. Harris, had been skating on the sidewalk and went into the house of her uncle to get warm. Sitting in his chair in front of the natural gas stove was her uncle, apparently asleep. That was her first impression, but noticing her aunt on the floor with arms outstretched toward the door, and the little baby girl, Gertrude, aged 5, both dead, and her cousin, Myrtle lying on the fipor unconscious and groaning, and smelling the strong gas and feeling herself becoming partially overcome, she dragged the limp form of her cousin Myrtle out of the house, dropping her body on the snow. She then gave the alarm to a lineman working across

alarm to a lineman working across the street.

The man rushed into the house, followed by others and found the father sitting in his chair cold in death, his wife and child both dead on the floor and a gas flame burning high up into the little living room, with two jets of the gas burner turned full on and a lid off the top of the stove.

Sick Boy Also.

Sick Boy Also. In the next room lay the lifeless form of Arthur Harris, a 13-year-old son, it bed, where he had been confined sick. He had breathed the poisonous fumer and slept away in his sick bed uncon-

Indian National Congress by Demand for Self-Government for Far-Away Colony.

Mr. Harris came here from Whithy about nine years ago and was employed as night furnaceman at the Vermillon Works on the American side. He got up each afternoon at 4 o'clock and evidently was enjoying the companionship of his wife and little 5-year-old daughter, playing with her Christmas toys on the floor when the poisonous carbonic gas fumes from the burned natural gas from the open lid of the stove gradually stole on the little family group

address, insisting upon the rights of her uncle's home. A thoro search was Indians, as British subjects, to govern made of the premises by Mr. Smith, superintendent of the Provincial Natural Gas Co., and two experts, whose pipes The speaker pointed out that the Boers whom the Indians helped to sub- no free gas or unburned gas visible jugate, had been given self-govern-and claims the family died from breath-ing air from which the oxygen had been

and urged that a large particular fund be raised to educate Indians as to their rights and to carry on the campaign

The dead are: James H The dead are: James Harris, father 4 years; Ella Harris, mother, 35 years; gates present and the speech was received with a tumult of appleause.

Arthur Harris, son, 13 years; Gertrude Harris, daughter, 5 years. Myrtle Harris, aged 8 years, is not expected to

BIRTHS.

in England.

HOME RULE GRY OF INDIA

RIGHTS EQUAL TO BOERS

RADFORD-At 83 Oxford-street, Dec. 24. 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. William Radford.

James H. Sinclair, dearly belowed son of James Sinclair, Esq., 215 Sherbournestreet, aged 40 years. Funeral Friday, Dec. 28, from 215 Sher-

bourne-street, at 3 o'clock. hospital, on Wednesday, Dec. 26th, 1906, and becoming colder at night, Daniel Whetstone, in his 41st year. Funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from

395 Brock-avenue. RICHEY-At the Western Hospital, of typhoid, on Wednesday, Dec. 26th, Louis Richey, contractor, of 964 Queen-street

Funeral Saturday affernoon, at 3 o'clock, from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Duff, 256 North Lisgar-street. ROWAN-At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Parks, 544 Dovercourt-road, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1906, Joseph Rowan, in his 81st year. Funeral Saturday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m.,

to Mount Pleasant. The F. W. Matthews Co. Phone M 2571. Private Ambulance Service.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Holly and laurel wreaths, cut flowers for Xmas decoration, at Jennings, next

WHOLE FAMILY OF FIVE POISONED BY GAS FUMES FOUR DEAD; ONE WILL DIE

Ghastly Tragedy at Niagara Falls. Ont., James Harris, His Wife and Little Ones Inhaling Deadly Carbonic Acid Fumes as They Sat Before the Stove.

THE DEAD,

James Harris, aged 44. Ella Harris, aged 35. Arthur Harris, Aged 13. Gertrude Harris, aged 5.

WILL DIE. Myrtle Harris, aged 8.

nhaling the poisonous fumes of carbonic acid gas as they sat in a circle... before the family hearth this aftermoon, four members of the family of James Harris, the father, mother and two children, are dead, and the sole remaining member, a girl of 8 years,

Former Member of British Parliament Creates Enthusiasm in
Mr. Harris came here from Whitby Indian National Congress by

Dadabhl Naorojid, formerly a member ually stole on the little family group of the British parliament, delivered an The little girl Myrtle was taken to

ment, while India was still without it, burned and charged with carbonic acid

Flowers for Xmas.

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Harris, daughter, 5 years. Myrtle Harris, aged 8 years, is not expected to live. Mrs. Harris was a Miss Warner of Whitby. A gloom has been cast over the entire city by the calamity that has befallen the little happy family. The only explanation why Myrtle had not succumbed to the fumes as readily. been out doors and coming into the house and finding the family uncon-scious completely collapsed.

COLDER TO-NIGHT,

SCHREIBER—On Christmas, Dec. 25, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Schreiber of Toronto Junction, a son.

DEATHS.

SINCLAIR—In Brooklyn, N.Y. Dec. 25, James H. Sinclair, dearly belowed son of Probabilities.

Lower Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence-Fresh to strong southwesterly, shifting to northwesterly winds; WHETSTONE-At "The Cottage" private cloudy with light local snow falls

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