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FRIDAY MORNING FEB. 16.

Nationalize and Electrify the Railways

y favorable report of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission: the meetand progress of the hydro-electric movement in all the various ramifications which the distribution of power and light thru the province has entailthe year in an admirable and encouraging speech, dealt in a practical and in- allotted to the home defence force. sistent way with the immediate prob-

be extended, and Sir Adam logically than the British army under Wellingaccepted the situation and its lessons, and pronounced unqualifiedly in favor of nationalizing the railroads, of action we have no standards outside electrifying them, and of developing the present war by which to judge the The interest on Canada's indebtedness all the available water power in the probable outcome. But we know that abroad, to Great Britain and the Unitprovince. He emphasized the need of extended hydro-electric development, hold out with most determination, reparticularly in the building of the turn freshest to the attack, will win, four hundred million dollars more for bydro-radial line betwen Niagara and These things cannot be done without war purposes purely by domestic Toronto, which has been approved by reserves of an unlimited character. The the greater number of the municipalities, and is being proceeded with as ed to provide for the necessities of the tention to try home experiments on rapidly as possible. The Chippawa de- case. velopment is being pushed forward, but Sir Adam contemplated the development under improved engineering methods of a million horse-power at Niagara and another million on the

car vards.

A resolution was passed in this conplaced entirely in the hands of the lation will be introduced to enable victory for politics or penuriousness. cylaws to be submitted to the people direct when any municipal council should happen to refuse, as in a faw cases last year, to do so.

Sir Adam recognized a serious danger to municipal rights in the charter of the Toronto and Niagara Power Co., and legislation would be sought to require the permission of a municipality to be given before the corporation could invade the municipal territory. Operating between Toronto and Guelph, day's reports brought the tonnage to the towns along this route which are 218,096, which has been sunk, and not now supplied with hydro-electric power all of this has been of the merchant would be subjected to competition by service strictly, as trawlers, which may the corporation under a charter which be mine sweepers, are included, and yesterday on a charge of sening distance had been granted by the Dominion, and the list includes neutral as well as Fred Holman produced a letter purin which the usual clause requiring the allied vessels. Another important porting to be from the boy's mother, consent of the municipality before phase of the matter is the decreasing in which she stated that a truancy of operation was allowed had been omit- daily average since the first week of ficer, suspecting schoolboys of smok-

Already the investment of the Hydroyears it would be \$100,000,000. Be- authorities like President Butler of sides this the municipalities also had Columbia University, and Dr. Herbert an investment of \$17,000,000. They had Bruce indicate that the captures are to been supplying 80,000 horse-power to be numbered by the hundred, and necessities of the case the convention build, the British navy can keep ahead devoted considerable attention to the of the supply with an insatiable apcalling for the establishment of munigipal or general coal yards, so that mercy of the railways.

country would not now be the poorer most important development of recent take a lot of terrifying. days. If Sir Adam throws his weight into the agitation backed by the municipalities in the power union the government must realize, as the government of 1905 realized, that the people are in earnest for their own rights and

Delay No Longer

Premier. Hearst has a great opportunity to distinguish himself in the prices for food in Canada, and an agpresent session of the legislature as he gravation of present transportation had in the last by passing another and the border. necessitous piece of legislation, for the enfranchisement of the women of Ontario. The measure is bound to difficulties which in all belligerent come soon, and the sooner it comes the nations have been brushed aside by better. The women who have been so little courage and daring, few doubt that Canada will raise what money diligent, so faithful so loyal and so that canada will raise what money she requires without taking any specself-sacrificing in this war merit the tacular steps. franchise. No questions are to be asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote. There should be no questions are to be asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote. There should be no questions are to be asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote. There should be no questions are to be asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the policy of the can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier is a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier is a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the age of a soldier is a soldier in the can vote asked of the can vote asked of the age of a soldier. If he fought he can vote asked of the can vote asked

regulations in all other respects equally with a man her sex should impose no additional barrier to her enfranchise-

Several of the United States and our own prairie provinces have conceded this ustice to women in late years, and it is a decided reproach to the banner province of Optario that it should lag behind in such a humane and progressive policy. The opposition is pledged to the measure and the premier has no excuse for delaying longer the step which must be taken.

Enforce the Militia Act

As nothing but a miserable makeshif and a side-stepping of the real issue can the government's suggested call for volunteers for home defence under the Militia Act be regarded. The service board recognized the need as practical-We have already dealt with the highly everybody does, and mentioned the remedy, which is known to all. The ing of the municipal union yesterday at the city hall demonstrated the success and all eligible men from 18 to 45 should be called to the colors for home defence. After training, should they desire to volunteer for overseas service, well and good. But, meanwhile, ed. Sir Adam Beck, who summed up they can replace the volunteer oversea many of the results and prospects of troops, who are now detained in Canada doing the work which should be

Major-General Lessard has pointed lems of the hour and the relation which out that 100,000 men will be needed very the hydro-electric system bore to them, soon to replace the casualties likely to consumption of ten million tons of result from the spring offensive which coal has been obviated by the use of may begin any day now. This is to electric power. It is easy to imagine be on a scale utterly inconceivable to what a state the province would be in those whose ideas of war are derived with an extra demand for ten million from the historical accounts of battons of coal added to that which now tles like Waterloo, which, important ties up the railways and blocks all the tho it was, would be merely an incident in the present war as far as numbers It follows from this that the remedy are concerned. There are dozens of which has lightened the burden should armies on the western front all larger

> When these masses of men go into the side which can stay the longest, Canadian Government has totally gail- altho it was not the government's in-

In war explanations, party politics, not pacify the nation that has lost a battle on account of the timidity of a nection calling for the operation of the leader. "The wild mob's million feet," hydro-electric and radial systems to be as Tennyson wrote in the navy crisis in the eighties would trample the gov-ernment into the mud which swapped Buildings for Remainder of Hydro-Electric Commission, and legis- ernment into the mud which swapped

18 to 45 called for home defence. Not Sufficient Terrification

in their submarine raiding has been the result of their fifteen days operations. They calculated upon destroy- the 228th Battalion, for housing the ing a million tons a month. Yesterthe month, which makes it evident that the prowlers of the sea are being shep- The father of the boy had been ac-Electric Commission amounts to \$40,- herded in a way they did not anticipate, customed to send the boy for tobacco 000,000. Sir Adam expected that in five Unofficial statements made by reliable

The speculation of the German party never again the people would be at the of frightfulness was that, if the German nation could endure for three The radical and only effective remedy, months more, the submarine campaign however, which Sir Adam expounded, with a million tons a month of British and which aroused the cordial approval shipping destroyed could reduce Engof the members of the union, is the land to starvation and the necessity of nationalization of all the railways, and suing for peace. As the vessels enter- peal; Byrnes v. Symington; Roblin v by the government. If the railways had number about 200 a day, the sinking try Company; Re Jeans; O'Brien v. been nationalized, said Sir Adam, the of the few which have been destroyed is no more than an ordinary war risk. g 20,000 skilled workers who had de- and does not constitute the menace with arted across the border. This en- which Germany had hoped to terrify rement of the movement for nation - the British Empire. By this time the alizing the railways and speedily is the Germans must be aware that Britons

kalser and his pirates.

CANADIAN BORROWING MIGHT BE DISARRANGED BY WAR.

Wall Street Journal, Feb. 13: Ot tawa—Government authorities and Canadian bankers seem agreed that present plans for government borrowing in the United States will be considerably disarranged in event of a declaration of war against the Teutonic powers. Andifficulties both north and south of

tions asked of a woman any more than a man. If the complies with the canada borrowed in New York about

Can You Beat it? The Baron, a Knight and a Plain John



ies of Peculiar Mutual Benefit

Society.

Benefit Association, which contrived by

various devices to assist its needy

brethren financially. The scheme favor-

ed most was to have each member pay

select members therefore contributed at

each session a total of \$625, which was

Judge Winchester struggled thru a

maze of evidence with the aid of in-

QUOTE LORD KITCHENER

terpreters and finally made the above

Sudbury is Service to the

Empire.

Before Mr. Justice Middleton in the

farm property owing to the diffused

ing plant, which is located in the

Ont. The claim of J. H. Clary is scat-

made up of \$9293 for 1915 and \$8704.01

The defence claim that the lands are

mining lands and as such the owners

are entitled to mine and carry on

operations there. They also refer to

the statement made by Lord Kitchener,

late minister of war, who requested the

defendants to increase their production

working for the defendants were

serving the empire as much as sol-

diers in the trenches, and in view of

the above statement the defence submit that it would be a national calam-

ity were the operations curtailed or

interfered with in any way. Prof. M.

C. Boswell of Toronto University re-

ported after examinations of the soil that he found no indication of any

sulphur dioxide or impairment thereby

of these soils for agricultural pur-poses. Another witness declared that

there was no damage done to crops during 1916. The case is proceeding.

VENERABLE JURIST DIES.

James Robb, K.C., Was County Judge of Norfolk for Many Years.

Death removed a very well-known

nd highly esteemed resident Wednes-

day afternoon, when James Robb, K.C.

passed away at the home of his nephew John Holmstead, 52 Admiral road. He

was county judge of Norfolk from 1890

to 1914, making his home at Simcoe.

The late Judge Robb was born in

King's counsel in 1890,

few weeks.

Fifeshire, Scotland, in 1837, and came to Canada with his parents, when he was six years old. He was made

same year was appointed judge for

linquish the position three years ago

Norfolk. Illness compelled him to re-

He married a daughter of the late

Judge E. Salmon of Simcoe, who pre-

deceased him a few years. The late

Judge Robb had been in Toronto only

The funeral takes place today from

Prinify Church, Simcoe, to St. John's Cemetery, in the Township of Wood-

and in the

nickel, and stated that

IN DEFENDING SUIT

\$142,000,000, and in 1914 \$25,000,000. CHINESE FINANCIERS ed States mainly, now amounts to about \$175,000,000 a year.

Canada's ability to raise three or County Court Delves Into Mysterany such generous scale in the immediate future.

In war explanations, party politics, In a little more than a year \$200,-and no considerations whatever count 000,000 has been raised by domestic against failure. All the politics in the of such a relatively large sum made loans for war purposes. The transfer Wo, against Low John, a fellow coun- son and the Rev. T. W. Neal. Pracworld cannot explain away defeat. All no depletion in Canadian bank dethe partisanship of all the parties caned a continual and heavy increase

SCHOOLS AS BARRACKS.

the War.

Let us have the Militia Act in opera-At a special meeting of the proper tion it was decided that the Royal sociation existed for 100 weeks. Flying Corps should use two schools as long as the war lasts. The following recommendation was sent on Considerably less than half the to the board: tonnage the Germans expected to sink

That the request of Gen. Logie for pay the balance of \$540 which he owed, use of the old building at Givens Guey brought suit. Low testified that Street School and Crawford Street Lum Hin Sing owed him money, but School, which are being vacated by Royal Flying Corps during the dura-

INTERESTING CASE.

When arraigned in the police court Claim Refining of Nickel Near her son to Holman's store for cigarets. on-jury assize court, the Mond Nickel Co., Ltd., are defendants of two suits with a note, and Holman had served brought by Andrew and Justine him. The case stands till Feb. 20, Ostrosky for \$2727.59, and J. H. Clary for \$17,997.01. The claims are based on the alleged damage to crops and

GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

sulphur fumes and gases of the roast-Leave of absence of a year has been munition factories. Not ignoring the that however fast the Germans may granted to Rev. A. B. Winchester, pas-Township of Neelon near Sudbury is stated that Mr. Winchester has not tered over the crops of two coal situation and passed a resolution petite that cannot fail to alarm the sence has been granted at his own request for a rest and change after sixteen years of uninterrupted work in the church.

TODAY'S CAUSE LIST.

The following is the list for the 1st Divisional appellate court at Osgoode Hall Monday. Re McAllister v. ronto Suburban Railway and Cross Apthe taking over of all radial railways ing British and French ports are in Analstine; Woodehouse v. Ideal Poul-

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Toronto Ministers in Buffalo **EVOLVE FINE SCHEME** To Hear Famous Billy Sunday

After two days of wrestling with the odist ministers. They were marshalled intricacles of Chinese high finance, to the Lafayette Hotel by Rev. Wesley Judge Winchester yesterday in the Dean, Dr. Aikens, Dr. W. R. Young, county court awarded \$415.75 to Guey Rev. W. T. Brown, Rev. R. J. D. Simptryman. The suit devolved out of the tically all the Methodist ministers of manipulations of the Chinese Mutual \$25 a meeting, which occurred once every four weeks, and the twenty-five

MUNICIPAL COAL YARD.

deputation from St. Cathari was allowed to take the amount leave he sold out his interest to Guey glad to hear their side of the ques-Wo, but as Low John decided not to tion, but that the matter was one for the decision of the private bills com-

One hundred and forty Toronto miniters arrived at Buffalo yesterday to hear "Billy Sunday." They included four Baptists and eleven Presbyterians, the balance being made up of the Meth-Toronto are in the party, and the Bartists are Rev. Messrs, Park, Schutt Cameron, and H. H. Kennedy, while the Presbyterians include Rev. J. A. Millar, A. E. Shornloe, A. MacKenzie, John Neal and A. H. McGillivray of Handiton. The return journey will be made on Friday morning.

put up for auction and the member who bid the highest amount of dis-

BECK CALLS FOR NATIONAL RAILWAY

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say that it will be \$100,000,000 in five years. At present the surplus on hand from municipalities is \$999,000. The total investment of municipalities re-presents \$17,020,000. He expected an-other reduction in rates in the next

five years.
"Were it not for the hydro," Sir Adam continued, "we would be importing at the present time from 10 to 11 million tons of bituminous coal annually for use in the Province of Ontario, whereas last year it was less than half that amount." In the same connection, he pointed out how the power supply was getting to be more and more the vital point of interest from the point of view of the manufacturer. The big new steel plant on Ashbridge's Bay, which had been in-augurated under the auspices of the imperial government, came to Toronto because hydro was available. There were, he said, between 400 and 500 munition plants in Ontario, using 70,000 to 80,000 horsepower of hydro power, and employing 40,000 persons. Electrify Railroads.

One of the eventualities he hoped for was to see all railways operated by electricity instead of steam. There Company. There was danger, he said. would be no shortage of coal, he said, that this company could get into company. There was danger, he said, that this company could get into competition with hydro in all the Toronto to the Fal's, he said, would transport 25,000 tons of coal per day, or 500,000 or 600,000 per month. An electrically equipped line, he said, was much more economical than a steam road, and could be operated at a fraction of the could be operated at a fraction of the

Chippawa development scheme was merely the inception of greater things. Utlimately, he said, the hydro-electric must control the whole electric system of Ontario, and he hoped a beginning would be made right at Niagara Falls. He hoped to see eastern Ontario more adequately equipped for legislation permitting the hydro with hydro power, and in this connection electric commissions to submit the tion he pointed out that the deepening money bylaws to the people when the of the St. Lawrence to make Toronto municipal councils refuse to do so. an ocean port, would necessitate three dams, from which could be secured three million horsepower, one million of which would be available to Ontario. He believed this big undertaking would be launched at some future date, and declared that the State of the Continental Light and Heat Com-New York would undertake a portion vate capital would take over the work.

of the burden of the cost or even pri-With the undeveloped powers of the Ottawa River and the northern Ontahio, this province had sufficient power to make it independent of bituminous coal for ever. Annually, he said, \$200,000,000 was spent on bituminous coal in the province. Cornwall he hoped, to soon furnish with a supply of hydro power by compelling the development company, new generating power at Cedar Rapids, to sell to the hydro 25,000 horsepower at \$10 a horsepower, delivered at Cornwall, For Cheaper Paper.

pre-war prices. If they would but get Angus McDonald, Stratford; Mayor in and utilize the power in a joint C. R. Tuson, J. E. Banwell, pulp mill. The pulp is there and the sor; J. M. Bowlby, Brantford: and pay it back subsequently. The association existed for 100 weeks,

Lum Hin Sung was the leader of the association and when he desired to leave he sold out his interest to Guey glad to hear their side of the grant of the premier and Hon. I. B. Dower is there, he said. It is up to these enterprising gentlemen to get busy. He could see no reason at all why sassociation and when he desired to were told that the ministers were this commodity at the present as S. T. Ryc. busy. He could see no reason at all ham Township; W. B. Bur why \$40 a ton should be charged for Catharines; Mayor T. L this commodity at the present as S. T. Ryding, J. T. Ramsden, G. R. compared with \$16 before the war.

In conclusion, he warned the union Wright, John R. Robinson, T. Bradabout the menace of the charter held shaw, Controller W. H. Shaw, To by the Toronto and Niagara Power ronto; G. M. Marshall, Dunnville.

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cost. Every hundred miles or so a Ellis, Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, Sanderson, St. Thomas; Willoughby steam engine must go to the repair shop and be cleaned out, whereas an electric locomotive could go on day and night indefinitely.

Filis, Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, T. J. Hannigan, Guelph: executive, Mayor Burgogyne, St. Catharines; George Lippert, Kitchener; R. C. Rleck, Toronto: L. F. Benwell, W. St. T Looking into the future, he said the hippawa development scheme was sor: Mayor J. V. Buchanan, Inger-

By an overwhelming vote the meet ing carried a resolution calling up the government to give power to the municipalities to go into the fuel busipess. It was also decided to apply electric commissions to submit their money bylaws to the people when the and that the provincial commiss pay the expenses, providing they are not submitted at the same time as municipal elections.

The association also unanimously decided to oppose the application of pany for a Dominion charter. The provincial government will also be asked to place entirely in the hands of the provincial commission the management and operation of hydro-electric power and radial scheme, and that one representative of the municipalities be placed on the commission.

There were present C. W. Schiedel, Waterloo, Ont.; George Lippert, Kitchener: T. J. Hannigan, Guelph: F. W. Martin, L. C. Gray, James A. Wiley, P. B. Yates, St. Catharines; W. H. Anderson, R. T. N. Dunn, H. G. Bell, J. V. He held out hopes to the Ontario chanan Ingersoll; Udney Richardson, newspapers of getting print paper at Elora; D. B. Detweller, Kitchener;

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