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THE HYDRO RADIALS PROJECT.

There will be a series of meetings held at convenient points in Western Ontario to discuss the railway situation of the province. The first took place at Guelph on Thursday and was attended by several hundred municipal representatives, from Hamilton on the south to Owen Sound in the north.

The interested municipalities have, as a whole, voted \$30,000,000 for the purpose of constructing these radials and their ratepayers have not changed their minds as to the necessity of providing them. Since voting their guarantee, they have, moreover, become convinced that it would, if it can possibly be avoided, be an error to duplicate the G.T.R. line, including its branches, from Toronto to London.

The main purpose of the meeting held and those to follow is to stimulate public opinion and focus it on the federal government, to the end that it may acquire the G.T.R. lock, stock and barrel. The municipalities are ready to proceed but desire definitely to ascertain what Ottawa purposes doing in the G.T.R. matter.

Preferably they desire the G.T.R. to be acquired. This done they would approach the government and ask it to sell to them the G.T.R. line and its branches from Toronto to London.

The prospective Hydro plan seems wholly practical. It suggests that the government of Canada retain that part of the G.T.R. constructed between Sarnia and London and Windsor and London and the southern main line from London to Toronto, utilising it as a through freight and passenger road.

The G.T.R. line from London to Toronto, running through this city, is regarded as a local road and when obtained would be used as a railway for the district, handling its passengers and freight.

Sir Adam Beck stated that it is the intention to construct a Hydro Radial railway from Toronto, via Hamilton to Bridgeburg (Niagara) whether the country takes over the G.T.R. or not. This for the reason that the business available along the proposed route warrants its construction.

The municipalities linked up in this project are strongly of the opinion that a duplication of G.T.R. lines should, between Toronto and London, be avoided but if the country fails to take over the G.T.R., that they should build their own electric line and feeders between these points.

Assuming that the pressure which the municipalities can bring to bear upon the government will result in its acquiring the G.T.R. system, it is proposed to electrify the line from Toronto to London and the Galt-Elmira branch and other branches in the north.

The conveyance of freight and passengers over electric lines is no longer an experiment. The Chicago and Milwaukee Railway has electrified 600 miles of its system and experience demonstrates that it is able to haul 50 per cent. more tonnage at 40 per cent. less cost.

It is estimated that given electric railway service as planned for this district, passengers and goods can be conveyed from place to place at one half the present cost. The increasing difficulty of obtaining coal, and its mounting cost, should also serve as an urge upon the district to obtain these radials and utilise to its fullest extent the power heritage at Niagara.

Complaints were made, and emphasised, that the Hydro undertaking and projects are not receiving the support it merits from parliament. Private corporations appear to have all the say and the majority of members of the Hydro districts to be impotent to assist Hydro. The series of meetings to be held are then not only to acquaint the municipalities directly interested with the details of the Hydro radials project, but to bring pressure to bear upon M.P.'s and through them upon the government, to the end that the G.T. may be acquired and the section of the system in mid-Western Ontario purchased, electrified, and operated as a people's railway system.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

General interest is being taken in the local housing question. The T. and L. Council has gone on record as being in favor of the adoption of adequate measures to supply homes for the homeless. Public opinion is crystallising in the matter and would indorse action.

Observant citizens ask: What is the use of industries enlarging their plants or of bringing in new industries when we cannot house the mechanics' families already here? Clearly the hopper, as well as the spout, will have to be enlarged.

Our readers will have noticed that Sarnia has passed a bylaw adopting the Provincial Housing Act, and named a Commission to build homes. This commission has found that it will be able to erect three classes of houses, namely at \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000.

The \$3,000 house will, it is estimated be sold to purchasers at \$20; the \$2,000 house at \$13.50 and the \$1,000 house at \$6.50 per month. All very reasonable instalments.

While it may be assumed that this city would not desire to erect any \$1,000 houses, since it would probably mean small frame dwellings, the hopeful aspect of the matter is that even a substantial \$3,000 home can be erected and sold on monthly instalments of \$20.

One of the stumbling blocks that has presented itself to the minds of the aldermen has been the present high cost of building, as compared to prewar days. Yet \$2500 to \$3,000 should, even under present building conditions, build a substantial, comfortable home.

Where a city appoints a commission and it erects homes, these are sold at cost to the purchaser. The element of profit disappears and should to a considerable extent offset the increased cost of building.

Were our council to appoint a commission, it would probably prove quite as capable of observing economy as is the Sarnia commission. Granting this, then the best class of house authorised in general under the Act, could be sold on a \$20 per month basis.

This sum is considerably below the average rental now being paid by employees, who are obliged to rent homes.

Those who are pressing the Council to take action should not overlook the fact that it has made an investigation of the Housing Act and progressed to the point where it has invited the Provincial Housing Director to visit the city early next month and explain its workings in detail.

The Record is sanguine that the Council will, after it obtains the desired information, feel itself warranted in adopting the measure and proceeding to provide sufficient number of homes to at least relieve the situation.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.

At the Hydro Radial meeting at Guelph there was a deal of criticism of party government. Had a tithe of what was expressed Thursday been voiced five years ago, the audience would have considered the critics as being daft.

The complainants were agreed on the point that the majority of members, both in the federal and provincial parliaments, seem soon after they take their seats to lose their individuality and become mere pawns on the political chessboard. Greater independence on the part of members, to whichever party they may belong, was the conviction expressed.

The statement has recently been made that railway corporations have in the past been the main source of dependence for campaign funds. These have gone to both political parties. The party whose particular fortune was most favored received most. It was not philanthropy which led the railway companies to make these donations but expectations of favors to come. As a result of this practice, instead of governments ruling the railways the railways have ruled the governments.

The over-reaching in the matter of construction has placed two of the railway systems in the predicament where they are unable to carry on. The country is obliged to take them over. It will cost Canada a heap of money to do this and to reorganise and coordinate the system acquired and the one still to be acquired but be a lesser amount than that represented by guarantees, loans and the interest charges it has had to meet.

Were the country to take the railways out of politics and place their conduct into the hands of capable, independent business men, they would become an asset instead of a liability. Further this would eliminate from both capitals the evil of railway influences upon cabinets and members.

There is another desideratum. Were patronage abolished, the individual member would not so long as he served his constituency faithfully and well require to give slavish adherence to the wishes of the cabinet, for fear of displeasing his higher-ups and rendering himself ineligible for a public berth. In the past the public office has been the reward dangled before the members' eyes to incite him to be a good boy, and support his leaders through thick and thin.

The spirit of service is abroad. The big interests have had their innings and are to be put in their proper places. Nationalising the railways and putting the Civil Service on a business basis, will cause members, and therefore cabinets, to depend, for continuance in office, upon their records rather than upon party fealty.

Hereafter the elector who from his teens has worn the party collar his dad handed him, will exhibit more independence and vote for the man rather than for old shibboleths.

At Guelph there was a thought voiced that were neither of the two old line parties to give the municipalities that which they are asking for, a new party should be formed. This is a possibility but presently the exercise of independence in voting for the most capable candidate and of having him write his resignation on nomination day, making it presentable whenever he sidesteps his duty or supports any inimical measure, would serve to get the required results. Or the adoption of the Recall.

The main thing is that the big fellows are not subsequently to be permitted to shake the plumtree at will, while the taxpayers of the country go without fruit. Democracy is coming into its own. Slowly perhaps but surely.

A NEIGHORLY SUGGESTION.

Guelph is a good looking place. Its main street is unusually broad for a city of its class, considering that a majority of its buildings are of Scotch derivation, and accredited with being extremely economical. But there may have been methods and institutions, which they set out to correct public buildings and institutions, they may have first provided a Broadway on which to set them. However it be, there is one thing in which the city is backward, as the next paragraphs describe.

At the close of the Hydro Radial meeting, a delegate from this city said that in all the speeches made there had not been a single glint of humor. This was befitting for a gathering very much in earnest. But if there were no joking there was pantomime aplenty.

The meeting was held in one of Guelph's largest theaters. It is a fine hall but unfortunately has no stairway leading from the auditorium to the stage. Those who desired to take their places on it, had to descend into the orchestra pit and then climb over. To witness the chairman making the scramble onto the stage was amusing. It would have made a laughable one-reel film. It recalled Eliza, of Uncle Tom's Cabin, crossing the ice. There was a time when he appeared liable either to fall through a big drum or onto the small supernumerary in the pit, who was lending a hand to get the climber over.

The man finally landed on the stage without mishap but his antics were decidedly funny and the front rows did not depart for dinner until he had made the return trip. In the afternoon a short steepladder was brought into use and the big wigs in Hydrodom assisted to make the adventure in safety.

Providing Guelph will take a neighborly suggestion, let us offer to have one of our enterprising contractors furnish an entrance to the stage before it again holds a Hydro gathering. If local pride stands in the way of its acceptance of this well-meant offer, then why not provide a block and tackle to swing the big guns onto the stage?

WAIT A MINUTE

TO-DAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 1725—Admiral Sir Augustus Keppel, one of the great British naval commanders in the wars with the French, born. Died Oct. 2, 1786.
- 1810—Jonathan M. Foltz, fleet surgeon to Admiral Farragut on the flagship Hartford, born at Lancaster, Pa. Died in Philadelphia, April 12, 1877.
- 1888—Queen Victoria received Prince Bismarck in special audience at Berlin.
- 1891—Rev. Dr. Talmage's new Tabernacle in Brooklyn was formally opened.
- 1903—First stone laid for the new Campanile, St. Mark's, Venice.
- 1900—The Sultan's guard surrendered to the Young Turks.
- 1915—Turks and Germans desperately resisted the landing of Allied troops at the Dardanelles.
- 1916—German battle squadron with submarines and zeppelins attacked English coast.
- 1917—Marshall Joffre was given a tumultuous reception on his arrival in Washington.

ONE YEAR AGO TO-DAY IN THE WAR

French fought their way into Hangard after it had been captured by the Germans.
Germans struggled desperately with French and British for possession of Kemmel Hill, an important height guarding Ypres.

TO-DAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Princess Mary, only daughter of Their Majesties of Great Britain and Ireland, born 22 years ago to-day.

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WH. CH? Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce

A meeting of the Board of Trade will be held at City Hall
TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH
8 p. m.

The question of merging into a chamber of commerce or enlarging the activities, membership and fees of the present Board will be discussed. The Council will report upon its work and accomplishments; and invites criticism upon its failures. There are 225 enrolled members of the Board of Trade, every one of whom is sufficiently interested in the material welfare of our city to make it a point to attend this meeting.

N. M. Davidson, Pres.,
E. J. Payson, Sec.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER of the estate of ANTHONY SCHNEIDER, late of the City of Kitchener, in the County of Waterloo, Laborer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Anthony Schneider, who died on or about the Sixteenth day of January 1919, at the City of Kitchener, in the County of Waterloo, are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned, solicitor herein for John Schneider and Leander Held, executors of the estate of the said Anthony Schneider, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims and statements of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

AND take notice that after the Thirtieth day of April next, the said John Schneider and Leander Held will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said John Schneider and Leander Held will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim they shall not then have received notice.

DATED at Kitchener, Ontario, the Fifteenth day of April, 1919.
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