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C. F. HAYES,

THE ATHABASCA POWER PROJECT.

The question of whether or not the Provincial Government should undertake the development of electricity from the water powers in the Province is interesting enough and im portant enough in its own time and place. But that is not the question before the people of Edmonton today and should not be allowed to detract attention from the real point under consideration

The problem which the Council power-house, the project is one to be of the whole situation.

If the resolution was offered as a be wise for the city to put most, is an idle game. If the scheme does not offer a chance to deliver current in Edmonton at low enough cost to make it worth the city's while to take make it worth the city's while to take can be developed on each of our to do with it as much as upon ing to do with it as much as upon project, there certainly would assume to do with it as much as upon ing to do with it as much as upon as against whom the hostilities are the government responded to the government responded ject. The Province cannot and seem to be the business of the Do-

the which not be especially the continue of the business of the Dominion rather (than the Province) and all the especial to do for the distribution of the continue of the the ways of the labor union are some perfect willing the ways of the labor union are some remaining the ways of the labor union are some remaining the ways of the labor union are some remaining the ways of the labor union are some remaining the ways of the labor union are some remaining the ways of the labor union are some remaining the ways of the labor union are some remaining the ways of the labor union are some remaining the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the continue for any great length of the public in a certain brief but viscous familiary to the public in a certain brief but viscous are not said in some way. It is the ways of the labor union are some the count of the ways of the labor union are some the count of the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the count of the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the public that the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the public that the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the public that the would be the ways of the labor union are some remaining to the pu

Province to put unnumbered millions | which he is connected. into power projects which must benefit the residents of the cities only.

investigate the water power resources of the Province. It might be better not charged with the administration of the water powers and to undertake a survey of the kind would be a costly departure from its ordinary ousiness. There would be little advantage in making such survey unless it were both comprehensive and thorough; unless it covered every spent by the Province would be withdrawn from other and equally import. ordinary course of things as they now to the wages or terms demanded from stand the Federal Government would them. probably have to spend this sum or most of it in the course of time, making surveys in connection with appli-

taken up in a practical way. If not, It does not follow of course that then it should be dropped-and no because Ontario has gone into the development of elecricity from water have very properly taken steps to as- paratively densely populated, with certain. At considerable cost an ex- towns and cities studded thickly over pedition has been sent up to survey a large part of it and with numberthe rapids, and arrangements have less manufacturing concerns; thus been made to secure concessions for having a ready market for an imthe use of water should the report be mense amount of energy. Ontario, vey will, it is understood, be used in the greatest water power in the world veloping it would likely be. That water powers elsewhere, though the can effect a saving enough in the pro- toinly greater than that of all the duction of electric current to make it streams in Alberta combined. With the work shall not be done. Were an immense market ready to hand, they not sure that they could get the

There is some reason to suspect the Ontario Government has not carpenters and other unionists to that the resolution calling on the thought it wise to undertake the de-Government to go into the power velopment of any but the one most business originated in a case of "cold easily developed power in the Province."

hold him up later on there would be Edinoid to Ask Other Cares to John Trade raising the sum of \$5,000, and the power behind the dictum that work vestigate—May Have Five Minute as this requirement has been combusiness originated in a case of "cold easily developed power in the Province. must stop now. Its relation to the feet"; that it arose from a suspicion Nor has the Ontario project been that the cost would be found too long enough in operation for its mer- the plasterers' union relies upon to large to make the project feasible or its to be accurately gauged. That it desirable, and that it would be as well is a boon to the cities and towns situto unload the elephant on the Pro- ated close enough to the Falls to be do so the law is laid down that the with other cities and towns of the vince if it could be done. It is cer- within the distributing area is untainly not a re-assuring circumstance questioned. But the people of these that the proposal for the Province to communities did not bear the cost of investigate the water powers was not producing the power they are using. made until after the city had done The cost came out of the pockets of some investigating on its own ac- the whole people in the Province, and ing or not. The union simply sets by Alderman Hyndman and passed by count. If it is desirable that the how the nine people out of ten who itself in array against the whole the unanimous vote of the aldermen Province should make an inquiry now derive no benefit from the expendiit was more desirable that it should ture are to be compensated, or whethhave done so before the city had er they are to be considered at all, is spent its money in making an inquiry a matter yet to be seen. To argue on its own hook. The sequence that because Ontario with such favof events suggests that the Province is orable circumstances has gone into now called upon because it is known the power business with results not ing to carry on the "hostilities" in appear to be reliable, of the existence or suspected that the undertaking yet apparent, therefore Alberta with would require more money than the poorer facilities for producing power city would be willing to put into it or and a smaller demand for power buildings, the investor is brought would be warranted in putting who should go into the same line of busi-

project chiefly or solely would be ill- opment of the whole possible water advised in putting their money into power in the Province or whether it it, the Government could certainly should be left to the municipalities not be expected to put into it money concerned to develop such power as which belonged mostly to people who they find available may be determinwould get no benefit from the pro- ed. The making of such survey would

The principle is that when the union to be on the war path, quite regardless of whether in going out he incommodes the party against whom to ask the Dominion Government to noted the man who represents the clearings. take up the matter. The Province is public is made to suffer directly and ion is in disagreement. In substance, States tariff lowered. the position is taken that there shall large stream in the Province, and be no plastering done in the city for every practicable power site on each anybody unless and until the union Swift Current, headed west. Formof them; a survey which would tell of the contractors agrees to the terms of the plast-demanded by the union of the plast-and latterly ther have come on trains oped on each stream and what the erers. It makes no difference whethcost of developing it would be. A er the man who wants the plastering survey of this kind would cost a done is a contractor or not. He canlarge amount of money, which if not have it done by union men, whatant lines of public enterprise. In the one else until the contractors agree

have before them is whether it would or would not pay the city to establish a power plant at the Grand Rapids on the Athabasca, and bring the elective current so developed into the tric current so developed into the city. If by so doing, electricity would be secured more cheaply than it can be generated by burning coal at the power-house, the project is one to be done any way in the course of a general view secured of the whole situation.

| Also have his carpentering and plumbing and all the other artisan work done have his carpentering and plumbing and all the other artisan work done have his carpentering and plumbing and all the other artisan work done have his carpentering and plumbing and all the other artisan work done have his carpentering and plumbing and all the other artisan work done have his carpentering and plumbing and all the other artisan work done have his carpentering and plumbing and all the other artisan work done by non-unionists—a task so difficult as to be impracticable. Were it simply that the union plasterers quit work there would be no criticism be generated by burning coal at the power-house, the project is one to be of the machine will be ing and all the other artisan work done by non-unionists—a task so difficult as to be impracticable. Were it simply that the union plasterers quit work there would be no criticism coming to them. Whether he works of the individual in the provention on the provincial government to the next of the action in the next done have his carpentering and plumbing and all the other artisan work done have his carpentering and plumbing and all the other artisan work done by non-unionists—a task so difficult as to be impraction of the whole strength of the machine will be taken to early the city to dear the minister of the next of the action in the next of th ual plasterer as of the individual in partment of Labor as a separate de- presented for five or six weeks, as a ground can be found for commenda every other line of occupation. But partment. He is the author of an great deal of preliminary work will every other line of occupation. But act that has done more to prevent be necessary before the results of the charge of the work in the past where the union says not only that its own act that has done more to prevent expedition can be made subject. members will not do the work, but disputes and preserve industrial peace expedition can be made public. Which of these prospects the Grand power that Alberta should do the that non-members will not be allow-than all the legislation previously Rapids holds out for us the council same. Ontario is a Province com- ed to do it either; that if they do it passed for this purpose. Perhaps it union men will not do the carpentry out for destruction, has been assailed and plumbing and heating and other with provided by the commissioners were instructed to report to the council on the advisability of establishing favorable to the enterprise. The sur- too, has the Niagara Falls, perhaps able to secure enough non-union men For once the Opposition judgment is of these classes to carry on his work correct. Mr. King is a dangerous having a worse delay in the operainformation available, it will be aggregate power of the other streams tions later on. And it is the certainty simply a question of whether, by in the Province is undoubtedly great- that they have the builder in this putting in the required capital, we er than that of the Falls, and cercorner that makes it possible for the PROVINCE TO CONTROL

union plasterers to say that other unions is the "mailed fist" which make its command effective.

building activity of the city and says present.

squarely into the firing line, is made ness is not very safe reasoning. The to suffer for the loings or non-doings first taken up by a number of the been hastened and was nearly comof an organization with which he municipalities. As a result of their scheme for unloading on the Province Province should rest on a purely busi- has nothing in the world to do, and investigations they ascertained that much further delay in completing the priation to the association had been already exceeded by \$15,000. an enterprise designed for the city's ness basis and proceed along purely no member of which has anything there were many serious difficulties benefit, but into which it would not business lines. What Provinces or to do with his building. The merits be wise for the city to put money, it States under different conditions have of the strife between the plasterers upon the initiative of the municipali-

reason or justice that requires the tween two parties with neither of sinners, but that they were published where their prejudiced articles might be seer by the jurors or might be is at war every men in it is supposed communicated to them that got them

trial conflict. But in the incident ness there would be no increase in

tractor with whom in theory the un- found against trying to get the United

chiefly: now it tems they are beginning to come on the wing-unless the observers.

Hon. Mackenzie King is marked for kinds of technical work necessary in with persistent bitterness by the Op- a five-minute service along Jasper a large business block. And in the position press and is now marked as avenue. The suggestion came from existing order of things a builder can- one against whom the forces are to not count with assurance on being be concentrated in the next campaign.

the preparation of estimates showing excepting the Victoria falls on the with promptness. His choice is that man. At the end of another term his hasten the order of new carrs. "We with promptness. how much power could probably be Zambesi. So far Ontario has done developed and what the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiable to the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiary the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiary the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiary the cost of denothing toward the development of plasterers or of taking chances on familiary the cost of denothing toward the development of the cost of denothing the c

## THE WATER POWERS

A resolution embodying the recom So far as the plasterers' union can mendation that the city co-operate buildings which are now under province to urge upon the provincial way must stand unfinished until the government the advisability of invesway must stand unfinished until the contractors agree to their terms, no matter whether there is a contractor matter whether there is a contractor of such power by the government, was connected with any particular build- submitted to the council last evening

Ald. Hyndman said that he had in this must stop until the small section of the citizens who happen to be engovernment of a power scheme similar stalled. While the understanding was to that which had been carried into that this plant would be ready for come to agreement with them. So far effect in Ontario. They had reports, from considering the public, and try- many of them from sources that would stated that there had been delays besuch way as will least inconvenience a supply of power which if developed the men who are putting money into would be practically unlimited.

The Ontario Scheme. In Ontario, he said, the matter was Works. But recently the work had issue.

the man who is willing to pay union not therefore be controlled by any output and demand: the man who is willing to pay union not therefore be controlled by any wages and employ union men on a one individual or corporation. It was building of his own, and of saying that his building must stand unfinished and idle because another party of ed and idle because another party of ings will not agree to pay the wages.

A further request was made by the because in the account of the association for expenditure during the province had rights. If their expectations as to the existence of practically unlimited power at Grand Rapids were realized, and if the city of ings will not agree to pay the wages.

Edmonton succeeded in gaining constant and the city of its development other towns. It is necessary willing to pay. It is trol of its development other towns and the same of the account of the association for expenditure during the present year, on the ground that a grant had been made in the Spring for expenditure during the present year, on the ground that a grant had been made in the Spring for expenditure during the present year, on the ground that a grant had been made in the Spring for expenditure during the present year, on the ground that a grant had been made in the Spring for expenditure during the present year, on the ground that a grant had been made in the Spring for expenditure during the present year, on the ground that a grant had been made in the Spring for expenditure during the present year, on the ground that a grant had been made in the Spring for expenditure during the present year, on the ground that a grant had been made in the Spring for expenditure during the present year. he is perfectly willing to pay. It is trol of its development, other towns rect current output is increased by The matter was referred to the comdifficult indeed to locate the exact dif- would wish to purchase a share of it. operating a motor generator of 250 missioners for report.

Edmonton's bank clearings ara The city council has decided to ask the union is nominally at war or the growing twice as rapidly as those of the other cities and towns to join in great third party on whom both the any other Canadian city. Growth in urging the Provincial Government to disputants live. Indirectly, of course, bank clearings does not always accurthe public always suffer more than ately measure the growth of business, either of the belligerents in an indus- but if there were no growth in busi-

> purposely. The man who is building The high tariff and the consequent a building without the intervention of high cost of living is said to be a a contractor, who employs only union factor in driving people from the Unmen and who offers to pay these any- ited States to Canada. Canadian prothing they ask if they will do the tectionist papers should seize upon work, is treated precisely as the con- this. It is the best argument yet

0 65 50 65 50 60 60 60 60 lateness of the hour and the way they rai situation, and could not be in any ever wages he is ready to pay. They the visual powers of the Swift Current simply will not work for him or any cities would have an equal share.

To Secure Co-operation. The matter will be taken un with Neither will the union allow the in-Neither will the union allow the investor to get his work done by nonunion men. If he does this he must is to run against him at the next have before them is whether it would cations for water power privileges. If also have his carpentering and plumb-

ject of considerable discussion, as a under lack of responsible and com result of which the commissioners petent directions." . Ald. Lundy and met with general favor

Would Increase Revenue. Commissioner Boullion said that he would be glad to have instructions to no liability in the matter and their five-minute service on Jasper, at east as far west as Sixteenth street, we should have a much larger rev-

A request was received from the Board of Trade for payment of \$4,000 on account of the grant for the current year. The payment of the grant was conditional upon the Board of Service on Jasper Avenue—Complied with, it is understood that the amount will be paid. No motion was tion was filed.

In compliance with instructions received from the council at their last meeting the commissioners submitted a complete report on conditions at

The New Power House. The new power house as reported be in a satisfactory condition for operation of the plant during the coming winter. With regard to the gas plant it was stated that the shipment of generators and accesyond control. Everything, however, tion. The work on the pump house ture of \$5,000 to carry on the work had been delayed owing to inability to obtain steel, orders for which were placed with the Edmonton Iron

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pletion, so that there would not be

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> "Generally speaking the conditions about the power plant have been un satisfactory to this date owing t causes hereinbefore mentioned, which nowever are now largely removed and will continue to disappear from this time on. On the whole we believe that the conditions are as satisfactory

tion of the officials and men in have no doubt been doing their ut The street car service was the sub- most as far as directed, erring only

> In reply to questions concerning th gas producer plant Commissio Boullion stated that he believed would be December 1st before the plant would be in good shape. The contract had called for completion by the 15th of October The company, however, had assume action could not be forced by the city. He thought they could safely rely upon the integrity of the Allis-Chalmers Company. The commissioners had endeavored to demonstrate to them that the machinery as supplied was a in British disgrace to the company. He thought they recognized this and were making columbia every effort to effect the necessary repairs.

The report was held over for further consideration at the meeting of the council to be held on Tuesday

Fourth Street Improvement, The report on the proposed im- to the growing of fruits, berries, vege-Victoria and Hardisty avenue also held over for consideration at the next meeting of the council. The proposed change will make

possible only a 15 or 16 per cent. grade | Okanagan. Prices the lowest; terms the on Fourth between McKay and Hardisty, and in view of this several of the aldermen were disposed to regard the proposed improvement a

useless. A bylaw was passed diverting Ottawa avenue in the neighborhood of the Alexander Taylor school, and con veying a portion of the existing avenue to the Edmonton School District

Association, composed of A. B. Camp bell, the president, and H. E. Harrison, the manager, was present to ask the council to authorize the expend

Manager Harrison explained that BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR already exceeded by \$15,000. the association had been at a dising on structural alterations had re- advantage from the fact that, not



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WESTBANK, BRITISH COLUMBIA ture of \$5,000 to carry on the work of boulevarding in the exhibition grounds this fall, the amount to be charged against the next debenture issue.

Some discussion arose on the matson of the street of the street

### FREE TRADE—LODGE

Northampton, Mass., Oct. 25 .-'While the Democrats in this State ave been chatting about reciprocity with Canada, I have been working and elping to get things done which really will advance it," declared Senator Lodge in a speech at a Republican rally here tonight.

"Negotiations with Canada for re ciprocity, which have been steadily pressed by every Republican adminis tration from President Harrison to the present time are now more promising inder the skilful management o

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25.000 miles of rai ada that has no r the map you may white limbo that r No. 1 hard to the whale. It's one of Canada is beginning that Hon. Frank ( first cabinet minis last human outp He has had an country. From possible for a man The Minister of

railroad at Edmon At Athabasca Lan miles north, he canoe-which he left kon, on the eastern Arctic Rockies. He man car again two mo later at Vancouver, by measuring not less th sand miles; carrying l delta of a river whose trickle out of the Rocl in Southern British great reservoirs. Lake Peace River system c that lies vast and alor Barren Grounds reachi tic Sea. And when the greatest-river syst America he pushed o great westerly waters into the Yukon by w and the Porcupine; d dred miles in Alaska version to Fort Yukon out to the baby railro Klondikers who went

from White Horse to S A great deal of the r and men bleaching al Things have changed used to take some of Edmonton to Dawson the Mackenzie, the Pe pine and the Yukon The minister wanted fi and sub-Arctic hinterla Up till four months had never been farther Athabasca Landing, wh ginning of the great w that culminates in the kenzie.

greatest rivers in the to the Canadian Courier "Compared with the

"Pshaw! It makes He spoke with the youth; though he vears that have left ! bulldog optimism tha ways the livest man in Frank wan country. kind of man that was I trail. He is a bundle When he hits a trail To him there is no disc velling. He is just th that prefers to see th talked about.

What was there beyon up by the settler? Oliver's business to an in the prairie country, valley will soon be ov what lies beyond.' ney. From Athabasca

Grand Rapids; down

ray rough water by s

board: 200 miles easy

Chipewyan, on Lake

miles per small steam Landing with a 16-mil Fort Smith, where the his secretary began th by steamer of Hislop ers, to Fort Resolut Slave Lake. Here the olic Mission steamer of men and the canoe cle Arctic Red river, bey Circle: past Forts Pro son, Wrigley and No Good Hope. Where joins the Mackenzie north Roman Catholic canoe was towed on. steam launch up the Macpherson, most n the Hudson Bay Com to the great Mackenzie n the middle of the t under the midnight Oliver and his secreta of Lochieux Indians a Sergeant Ackland, fro had pushed down th pherson-began to t the sub-Arctic Rock from the basin of Here began the sixty Lapierre's House, heading north and w cupine, that gets within the circle; fr up the Yukon to Da years, and where an providing he has the steamer five days pu eight hours' run to S couver, calling at Pri

mons assembles or there will be no m whether from north west, who has seen

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