

TORONTO BILL WAS APPROVED BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE BUT VOTE MUST BE SEPARATE

Negotiations For Purchase of Toronto Electric Light Company Must Be Made Under Old Bill, But Street Railway Purchase Was Approved—Personalities Exchanged at Meeting and Hon. Thos. Crawford Called a "Bulldozer and Bullchaser"—"Man Who Says That Is a Liar," Says Crawford.

To ratify an agreement upon purchase price of the Toronto Electric Light Company, two bylaws must be submitted to the ratifiers. This was decided by the private bills committee, on a vote of 22 to 9. Mayor Hocken states that negotiations for the purchase of the two properties will now proceed upon the basis of the agreement reached, and the bylaws submitted and carried.

Hon. J. B. Lucas, chairman of the committee, insisted, however, that the majority of the members were in favor of granting legislation at once, and that it was to be decided whether one or two bylaws should be submitted to the ratifiers of Toronto. The chairman's ruling was accepted.

W. K. McNaught introduced the case of Toronto, and was most ably supported by Mayor Hocken and Controller McCarthy. Hon. Thos. Crawford interrupted Toronto's representatives repeatedly, but did not succeed in preventing them getting the case before the committee.

No Breach of Faith. "Toronto does not want this bill, if it makes a breach of faith with the group of municipalities," W. K. McNaught declared. "The bill safeguards the interests of the group of municipalities. It provides for purchasing the two properties together. Sir William Mackenzie having made his offer of the two properties together, and stipulating that Toronto can take the offer in that form, or leave it. The properties are owned by one group of men, and for a united purpose. Thus it is that the offer of the two properties is not divided."

"We have had more squabbles with the Toronto Electric Light Company, than any other municipality has had with the Toronto Electric Light Company," said Mayor Hocken. "Notwithstanding all the efforts of the hydro-electric system, Toronto still has the skin milk of the business. The bill has come now, or go now for a year, when the opportunity may have passed. I admit that the purchase of the hydro-electric system is more important than is the electric light and power system, and as the purchase of the Toronto Electric Light is the weak spot in the business position, I expected the attack to concentrate upon the Toronto Electric Light, and that the opponents might secure the advantages of getting both properties. An agreement to purchase the properties cannot go to the ratifiers until the hydro-electric system is purchased. The committee has first passed upon it, and if the commission division is made, the agreement, the bylaws cannot be submitted. I want the matter to go to the people with all the advantages and disadvantages stated, and let the people decide. We have serious trouble with the Toronto Electric Light, because our wires must be six feet apart from their wires, and this handicaps extension of our wires. We have also to extend the civic car lines, and the money for that purpose is nearly expended."

Favors Two Bylaws. "The general impression in Toronto is that the proposition is some scheme," said George Gooderham, "understanding that when the Toronto Electric Light Company and the Toronto Street Railway Company are purchased, some of the securities in England, they put forward the claim that the Niagara Power Company was behind paying two or three millions more than the railway system is worth to get it for Toronto."

"That's my stand," said Thomas Crawford. "If there is not good ground and reason for every step the city takes in this matter, then we will withdraw the bill at once," said Controller McCarthy. "We have been diverting every possible cent to the hydro-electric system, and will continue to do so."

"The majority of the board of control don't think so," interjected Thomas Crawford. "We have thousands of people on the fringe of the city limits and the Toronto Railway Company refuses them service," Controller McCarthy continued. "We're spending much money to build stub lines to serve these people, but they have to pay double fare and we are losing money on operation. Radial lines are shut out of the city, increasing the cost of living. With the T. E. L. we have continual warfare. Our streets are becoming a forest of poles and overhead wires, and we can't stop it until we get rid of the T. E. L. We are advised that the Hydro will soon have to spend two millions to parallel the T. E. L. lines in the city. The consumers in Toronto will have to pay that expense. To submit the bylaw in the present form is to submit the whole proposition. To separate it is unfair, because if one fails, both fail. That would be dishonest dealing with the ratifiers. After proceeding with the ratifiers of the Toronto Railway Co. and the T. E. L. have been unified. If the Hydro buys the railway system, the T. E. L. would be bound to keep the auxiliary plant, and we would have to depend solely upon Electrical Development for power. The reason for buying the T. E. L. now is that it has tentatively entered into contract for three millions more of plant, and cannot wait a year for the city to decide about buying."

Mr. Beck's Idea. "Toronto has now the power to acquire the T. E. L., and at the same time safeguard the interests of the Hydro system," said Hon. Adam Beck. "The present policy would be violated if one bylaw for the two properties was submitted. We should not ask the citizens to forego their freedom to vote for one or the other proposition. I suggest that we ask Toronto to abide by her present power to acquire the T. E. L., and that we give her further legislation to acquire the Toronto Railway Co. property. The voters will take the T. E. L. if they want the railway system."

Should the legislation now asked for be confined to the railway proposition? the chairman asked. The reply was the following division: Brover, Carscallen, Crawford, Duggan, Ellis, Ferguson, Fraser, Godfrey, Gooderham, Jamieson, Johnson, McKenna, McPherson, Owens, Ross, Thompson, Torrance, Whiteside, Nays-Atkinson, Hanna, Hendrie, Marshall, McDonald, McKillop, McNaught, Pratt, Preston.

I understood you to state to the committee that the city council this year is no better than the council of Thomas Crawford, and the committee adjourned. "This year the council is made up of honorable men, I want you to understand."

"I did not say any such thing," Mr. Crawford asserted. "You did," Alderman McBride insisted.

Nearly a Fight. "The man who says so is a liar," Mr. Crawford said, and he got into position of defence against a swing to the jaw.

"I'm not going to get into a row here with a bulldozer and a bull-chaser," Alderman McBride said, and moved away.

"Take him out of the building or we'll murder him," yelled one of the members of the committee, as Alderman McBride passed out of the room. Mayor is Satisfied.

Discussing the action of the committee, Mayor Hocken said: "I would rather that legislation permitted one bylaw for the whole proposition, but don't think the change to two bylaws will be made now. It is a matter of prices on the properties. We have to rush legislation because we would have had to put off an agreement for a year, and that did not seem wise. If the agreement cannot be made now, it never can be. We would never get the T. E. L."

CLEARING THE WAY.



CHARGES AGAINST WHITNEY AND HANNA CLASSED AS SLANDER AND BLACKMAIL

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he was challenged to bring it to the floor of the house. In view of the seriousness of the matter, he introduced it with great reluctance. This sentiment brought jeers from the government benches. After proceeding with the sections of the charge he asked that a royal commission be appointed to act. He asked such a court because the premier at the present time was chairman of the regular one of the house.

"It is not so and the hon. gentleman knows that it is not so," cried Sir James across the floor. The member placidly continued to state that to deal fairly and squarely and avoid political atmosphere it would be better to have a commission.

Amid a burst of howls and scoffings from the government, the opposition leader urged the same. By the very nature of the house members were not qualified or impartial in such a matter, but it should be free from all partisan considerations.

"None can regret it more than I do," he said. "Certain!" cried someone across the floor. "Ha! ha! that's good. 'Crocodile!' called another."

When the division came, the amendment was carried by 64 to 15, and the Labor member stood with the government members to have the regular house committee appointed.

The announcement was made that at 12 o'clock today the committee will sit for the preliminary investigation. For the first two hours of the day's session the proceedings were characterized by a rebuff of almost all the suggestions that the opposition made since the house met last January.

As the numerous bills came up for their third readings the members of the opposition who were to their feet in rather lethargic fashion and after short unsprited speeches, moved amendments which, without exception, were voted down by the government members.

Public Lands. To Hon. W. H. Hearst's bill respecting public lands and the department of lands, forests and mines, J. C. Elton moved an amendment to provide that in future all sales of timber lands should be submitted to the legislature for approval. The amendment was voted down.

In committee of the whole house, and a moment after it was moved a second time to the third reading of the bill.

Sir James Whitney protested against the procedure, but Speaker Hoyle allowed the amendment to be put a second time in spite of the premier's remarks. In the second time the vote was identical with the first and the opposition gained nothing.

Dr. James McQueen, North West, worth, didn't like the bill respecting the public service of Ontario, which was drafted by Sir James himself. He moved the following amendment:

"That this bill be not now read a third time, but be forthwith recommitted to the committee of the whole house, with instructions to amend the same by providing for the creation of a non-partisan civil service commission, with adequate powers, and that all appointments and promotions in the public service, where practicable, shall be by merit after suitable competitive examination."

Mr. Rowell called for the yeas and nays, and the count was 17 yeas to 63 nays.

Municipal Act. Hon. W. J. Hanna's Municipal Act went through the fire before it had its third reading, but it proved to be as fireproof as asbestos. The first amendment was by William Proudfoot of Centre Huron, and provided that corporations should not be allowed to vote on money bylaws. The amendment was defeated on division.

T. Marshall of Monck stated that he had two amendments to make to the act, and the government members cried "Come on with them." His first amendment provided that tenants who held leases for three years should be allowed to vote on money bylaws. As the act stands those having leases for 21 years only can vote. The second amendment was to give married

RECORD NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS

More than 25 additional immigration steamships are now bringing immigrants from Europe to Canada than was the case last year. This was the statement made to The World yesterday by one of the leading immigration authorities of the Dominion, who stated that Canada was now rapidly gaining on the United States in immigration.

Among the new steamers are included: The French Line SS. Niagara, from Havre, and SS. Ruthenia; Australia-America, SS. Argentina, from Trieste; Canada Line SS. Belgic, from Rotterdam; Hamburg Line Bremen and the steamships Wilhelms, Pelsa, Barcelona, Frankfurt, Hanover and Waldersee.

A Big Increase. It is estimated that the immigration to the United States this year will show a decrease of approximately 30 per cent, while it is now generally conceded that the immigration to Canada this year will be double that of any previous year. This has been the case since the beginning of the year, compared with the same period of other years, and every indication points to the continuance of a 50 per cent. increase in Canadian immigration right thru to the end of the year.

Striking proof of this is found in the figures of British immigration into the Province of Ontario this year, in which regard this province can show not only an increase of 60 per cent. over all previous years, but can show an increase that is nearly four-fold for the first four months of this year, during which period more than 15,000 persons from the British Isles have settled in Ontario.

Five Hundred Daily. Immigrants at the rate of more than 500 daily are now arriving at the Toronto Union Station by special trains from the Atlantic coast. In fact, all immigration accommodation on the steamships has been taken for months ahead, and an uninterrupted and record-breaking stream of immigration into the Dominion will be the result.

In this connection it is interesting to note that during this period it can be said at any time that three million laden steamers are bound for Canada.

RINGWOOD. William Law's house was burned to the ground on Sunday. The fire started in the chimney and was well under way before it was discovered. The structure and contents were destroyed. The loss totals at least \$3000, \$1000 being covered by insurance.

THE HOME BANK OF CANADA

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY DIVIDEND. Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of Seven per cent. (7 p.c.) per annum upon the paid up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the three months ending the 31st May, 1913, and the same will be payable at its Head Office and Branches on and after Monday, June 2nd, 1913. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st May, 1913, both days inclusive.

ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The Home Bank of Canada will be held at the Head Office, 8 King St. West, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 24th day of June, 1913, at 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the Board, JAMES MASON, General Manager.

Toronto, April 16th, 1913.

BYLAW TO INCREASE CAPITAL

It is the intention at the above Meeting to submit for the consideration and approval of the Shareholders a Bylaw to authorize the increase of the Capital Stock of the Bank to \$5,000,000.

PRINCESS

ALL THIS WEEK MAT. SATURDAY. The Henry B. Harris Estate Presents the Musical Hit of Three Continents "The Quaker Girl" with Victor Morley and original company of 100 singers, as presented in London, Paris and New York. Prices—Evenings, 50c to \$5; Saturday Matinee, 50c to \$1.50.

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And a Large and Distinguished Company IN SHAKESPEARE'S GREAT HISTORICAL PLAY. "JULIUS CAESAR" A NEW MASSIVE AND BEAUTIFUL SCENIC PRODUCTION. Seats 25c to \$2.00. Special Wednesday Mat. 25c to \$1.00.

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Seats Bell's 145 Yonge St. Curtain at 8 Ev'g. 2 o'clock at Sat. Mat. Annual Shakespeare Festival. E. H. JULIA SOTHERN MARLOWE TONIGHT—"Twelfth Night"; Fri., Merchant of Venice; Sat., Hamlet; You Like It; Sun. Night, "Hamlet." Good Seats Still on Hand for All Performances.

SEATS NOW ON SALE. HENRY W. BOY BLUE

Mingling of Savage Musical Sensation. Seats 100c to \$1.00. 100c to \$1.00. 75c to \$1.00. 25c to \$1.00. 25c to \$1.00.

CANADIAN NATIONAL HORSE SHOW

AT ARMOURIES APR. 29 to MAY 3. Reserve seats now on sale at Tyrrell's, 35 King Street E. A. Milne, Secretary, 701 Traders' Bank Building.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH. ANNUAL SERVICE OF PRAISE. THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH, AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M. Choirmaster: Mr. R. G. Kirby. Assistant Choirmaster: Mr. D. S. Linden. Organist: Miss Ada Twiby.

SOLOISTS. Mr. Sanderson, Miss Quarrington, Miss Lillian Kirby, Mr. Arthur Baxter, Miss Ada Twiby.

ASSISTING ARTISTS. Messrs. Geo. D. Atkinson, Frank Converse Smith, Edwin Bell.

OPENS TONIGHT. Interesting to Every Business Man and Woman. BUSINESS SHOW. MANY SPECIAL FEATURES. Model Office, Kinemacolor Pictures, Orchestra, and Harry Bennett in Harry Lardner's Latest Songs. MASSEY HALL. APRIL 24th to 30th. Admission 50c.

STAR BURLESQUE. GIRLS FROM RENO. Paragon Score Board Every Matinee. Next Week—Girls from Dixie.

GAYETY. BURLESQUE & VAUDEVILLE. COLUMBIA BURLESQUERS. CHARLES HOWARD. Next Week—THE "COLLEGE GIRLS."

SHEA'S THEATRE. Matinee Daily, 25c; Evenings, 25c, 50c, 75c. Week of April 21. Bessie Clayton, Julia Nash & Co., Zeno, Jordan & Zeno, The Kinetophones, Alder and Atkins, Roehm's Athletic Club, Buford and Chad, William Weston & Co.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE. "MADAME X" Next Week—SEVEN DAYS. PARKDALE RINK. Exclusive Patronage. Now open. Read every night and Saturday matinee. Morning and afternoon sessions for beginners. Instructors present. New floor.