

LET GOVERNMENT CONTROL

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enterprise. I don't think the municipalities ought to be asked to develop this power on their own responsibility. It is too large a scheme and would involve too many perplexing questions. The only plan is to have the government undertake the development, transmission, and charge of the power to the municipalities to provide interest and sinking fund on the debentures issued, in proportion to their respective investments in it. The government should produce, transmit and deliver the power to the municipalities and finance the entire scheme. Then the municipalities can distribute under regulations safeguarding themselves and all interests concerned.

"The popular plan is to have the municipalities served enter into bonds guaranteeing the government an outlay on the understanding that no interest on sinking fund should be charged up to them, but merely be met by the prices received for the power produced and transmitted to their boundaries."

"As I said it is a government work, not a scheme for municipalities. It is primarily, if the government is either going to buy or create Niagara power no time should be lost. There is a tide in the affairs of the world which runs in right here. Let the government act and act at once. The people have confidence in their ability to deal with this supremely important proposition safely and satisfactorily."

LONDON IS JUBILANT

London, April 4.—(Special.)—The whole city is enthusiastic and it is assured that a crowded mass meeting will hear Hon. Mr. Beck here on Friday evening. The mayor and city council are arranging an excursion on Wednesday to Toronto, and will attend the conference in a body.

The power question affects London in many ways. It will enable the city to run the Port Stanley Railroad, the present lease of which expires in seven years. It would thus have traffic with the city. London's share of the power cost is one million dollars. The board of trade is strongly in favor, and President Wray considers it a revolutionary step. Mayor Judd refuses to talk for publication on the power question.

Why Hamilton Stayed Out

Hamilton, April 4.—(Special.)—The mayor and council have kept aloof from the project to establish a municipal electric plant at Niagara Falls, because they believed that the scheme was that a uniform rate was to be fixed for all the municipalities which would be a disadvantage to Hamilton. They are of the opinion that Hamilton should reap the advantage of being near the source of supply, and as it now enjoys cheaper power than nearly all other municipalities, they think it would be in the interest of Hamilton to be placed on the same footing as other places further from the source of supply.

Mayor Biggar, the president of the board of trade, and other business men were asked to give their opinion of the plan. They have all been very careful and they had read the report carefully enough to express an opinion, but they all said that it was a matter that should be inquired into very carefully. It is probable that the board of trade will take the matter up soon.

The report of the power commission was an eye-opener to them. Judging from the report, power could be delivered here to the consumer at about \$12 a horsepower a year, for a 24-hour service. That is less than the rate to rate the Cataract Power Company charges, and the opinion appears to be that it would be to the advantage of the city to be put on the same footing after all. The average charge made by the Cataract Power Company is \$22.50 a horsepower, per annum for ten-hour service.

Woodstock, April 4.—(Special.)—Public opinion here practically unanimously favors the Ontario government undertaking the development of electric power at Niagara and transmitting it to the municipalities of Western Ontario. Mayor Butler and John White, president of the board of trade, are enthusiastically in accord with this proposal and their views are generally shared by the commercial and industrial interests of the city.

The question has not yet been formally discussed by the city council. It comes up for consideration next Monday evening and it seems reasonably certain that the aldermen will vote to have the government proceed with the work and the municipalities share the cost of the cost. There is a strong feeling that the rate for power should be uniform for all the municipalities over the project and are fully conversant with the fact that the obtaining of cheap energy from Niagara Falls will mean much to Guelph and its many industries. The city owns all its public utilities and the consequence will be a big saving in the cost of their operation, and a greatly increased revenue for the city coffers. The council of the electric light plant is taxed and additions are proposed, but with Niagara power this difficulty will be solved much more economically.

The consensus of opinion is that Guelph should not invest sums of money with other municipalities in the establishment of a plant, but to urge the government, which has control of all developing agencies, should transmit the power at a low rate through arrangements with these companies, or otherwise.

Mayor Sleeman has secured a mass of figures from the Ontario power commission, and said that he stated at the meeting in Toronto last week when

CANADIAN ENTERPRISE.

(Extract From the Report of the Municipal Power Commission.)

Your commissioners do not hold the opinion that there is some radical inherent defect in Canadian enterprise as compared with others that will foredoom to failure a civic enterprise such as that under consideration. There does not seem to be any legitimate ground for complaint on the part of existing power companies in the proposed development to be carried out. Aid to railways, regulation and control of railway rates, government control of the postal service, regulation and control of telephones, and many kindred undertakings, have been sanctioned by public opinion, and the corporate undertakings, affected by the proposal herein have been developed under these conditions and subject to these risks.

In effect they operate no more harshly than existing commercial conditions and tendencies operate against private industry. The public interest is not to risk its capital in competition with highly-organized and heavily-capitalized concerns in the production of modern growth. The ordinary manufacturer risks his capital with great corporate combinations.

Individual enterprise was neither insured against these risks nor indemnified against their consequences. In the development of industrial efficiency, the corporations in turn are exonerated from the risks they have created for others in this service. There is a continuance of common experience.

The industrial future of the province is in question. The leverage arising from the proposed power, as his already been pointed out to great effect in the competition of the present day it is to be ignored. Moreover, it is not proposed to monopolize the market. There is an ample field in the electrically-aided railways and the growth of inter-urban electric systems. None of these, for the future, for the existing companies to operate in, and by wise and prudent management to conserve their capital.

The report was read, that he considered it a good one, but he is strongly opposed to the municipalities going into partnership with other municipalities for the erection of the plant. This should be controlled by the government.

Farmers to Benefit. Ald. G. B. Ryan, president of the board of trade, did not think it would be wise for municipalities to go into partnership with other municipalities for the erection of the plant. This should be controlled by the government.

Berlin's Willingness. Berlin, April 4.—(Special.)—Although Berlin is not one of the municipalities that assisted financially in the preparation of the municipal power commission, it was in Berlin that the commission was appointed, and naturally the town is interested. At the present time this town is in possession of the power plant, and it is estimated that about \$235,000 has been expended in the purchase and improvement of its lighting plant, and another bylaw to raise the rate of electricity has been passed. The town is anxious to increase its capacity to supply the demand of an increasing number of consumers. The light commission has recommended that Niagara power be delivered to Berlin in the future, but the growth of the town requires that additions be made to the plant. There are a large number of ratepayers who are of the opinion that no further addition should be made to the plant until Niagara power is delivered here. The commission reports that the town will have to maintain a plant equipped with machinery sufficient to carry a load in case of accident.

When Mayor Bricker was asked whether Berlin would be prepared to spend between \$500,000 and \$800,000, as its share of the cost of the power plant at Niagara Falls, he firmly stated that it was impossible for the town to do so, but if the government will develop and transmit the power to the municipalities, Berlin would use between \$250 and \$300 horsepower. A joint meeting of the town council and board of trade will be held next Wednesday to discuss the report and appoint delegates for the deputation next Wednesday.

Too Costly for Stratford. Stratford, April 4.—(Special.)—Prominent citizens who have taken deep interest in power scheme state that the cost would be too great for the city. Mayor Ferguson is of the same opinion. The scheme is a good one, he says, but should be under government control. A special meeting of the council has been called for to-morrow night to discuss the report. Hon. Adam Beck will give an address on the question here on Saturday night.

The board of trade tonight nominated five members to join the deputation that will interview the government on April 11. Vice-President McHargy was elected secretary of the deputation. He thought the government should provide for the carrying out of the plan. This was the opinion of other members.

The Other Fellows. The publication of the details of the commission's report has duly aroused the "public criticism," which the commission has been bandying conservatively in its estimate of the saving that is to follow the production, transmission and distribution of Niagara power. Its figures show an average reduction of 63.3 per cent on the charges now exacted by private ownership for arc lighting, incandescent lighting and electric power. This average percentage now exacted by private ownership for arc lighting, incandescent lighting and electric power. This average percentage now exacted by private ownership for arc lighting, incandescent lighting and electric power.

Hamilton Times: The most enthusiastic and unfeeling municipal socialist—even W. F. Maclean himself—has no reasonable excuse for finding fault with the report of Mr. Whitney's Niagara Falls power commission on the score of discouragement to the advocates of municipal planning. True, some of them had hoped that the government commission would commit the province to the cost of the scheme and thus leave the municipalities free to get anything out of it that might offer. But Mr.

Whitney knows a trick worth many of the kind in the commission evidently had the hint to the province to get out of it and to report in such a form that if the municipalities wished to plunge they should understand that they must foot the bill.

Theoretically, the commission sees great saving in the scheme. Assuming municipal infallibility and the absolute correctness of the estimates they make power could be furnished vastly cheaper than at present. The margin is large enough to permit of considerable of the waste, mismanagement and corruption which ought to be expected in any scheme of the kind, and still show a saving. We should, however, prefer to have the figures inflated, to consider before concluding that there is no color of enthusiasm in the final report obscuring many things that the hard-headed business man has to consider, but which too many "statesmen" studiously ignore in ventures where the money of the public and not their own is at stake. It is too large a question to be merely guessed at. The report is an important one, but it leaves many questions unanswered. Such a crude and indefinite pronouncement is hardly excusable for plunging into a scheme of this nature. We would wish to commit the municipalities, but if information is required upon which to intelligently base a business plan, the commission has still a great deal more work to do.

NIAGARA POWER. Hamilton Herald: Would Hamilton be certain to get power cheaper by participating in a co-operative enterprise with other municipalities? This is a question for experts to decide. The commission estimates that the cost per horse power (twenty-four hour service) delivered at the municipal switchboard in this city would be \$3.29. This would be the cost of distribution. The cost of transmission to Hamilton would be less than the cost of transmission to Toronto. The cost of motor service in Toronto per horse power per annum (twenty-four hour service) delivered at the consumer's premises is estimated at \$14.50. This should mean that the cost of the same service in Hamilton would be more than \$12. This is the average cost. It is not to be supposed that small consumers would be supplied at as low a price as the great consumers. There is no doubt that \$12 is far below the average price paid for power in this city.

Our city authorities would do well to keep an open mind on the question of the expediency of having Hamilton participate in this co-operative enterprise. Perhaps it would be well to obtain expert advice on the subject. It would be naturally more favorably situated than any other large industrial center in the matter of electrical power, actually having a considerable advantage in comparison with rival centers.

MAYOR SLATER CORRECT. Editor World: An editorial in today's World states that the International Paper Co. has contracted for 600 horsepower at only 9¢ per horsepower. The facts are that the Niagara Power Co. simply furnish a tailrace for the power companies, thru their tunnel, and for this receive the 8¢ per horsepower, the paper company having sunk their own shaft, put in the shaft, and for this receive the 9¢ per horsepower, except the tail race, which is paid for by the power company's tunnel.

Mayor Niagara Falls, Ont., April 3.—(Special.)—The Niagara Falls city council has taken from a special article in the New York Herald—Editor World.

JUVENILE HORSE THIEVES. Drive Animal to Verge of Collapse—Four Under Arrest. In the arrest of William Greengrass, 14 York-street; John Cate, 23 Cornwall-street; Arthur Pearce, 182 Oak-street, and John Kirkpatrick, 103 St. Lawrence-street, the police have today arrested four boys for several cases of theft recently. Greengrass, Pearce, and Kirkpatrick were charged with the theft of a horse from the residence of John Bell of 83 Mansu-street. It was ascertained that the horse was driven to the residence of the police on Sunday evening by the three boys. The horse was severely able to pull the cart, and the boys were taken to the police station. Among the places which they visited was the residence of the police. The tools were found in the house of Peacock and E. G. Beard, and were stolen from a building on River-street.

TORONTO'S HOUSE-FAMINE. Worse Than That of London, Says English Speaker. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, April 4.—Advocating home colonization, Joseph Pels at an unemployed conference in London, E.A., F.W. Kerr, B.A.; D. W. Lane, E.A.; S. H. Meyer, B.A.; W. A. Macdonald, S.H.; W. D. McDonald, B.A.; J. G. McKeay, B.A.; J. A. Sharra, B.A.; H. P. Pickup, B.A.; R. B. Stevenson; C. Stewart, B.A.; W. R. Taylor, B.A.; A. C. Cameron, B.A.; H. Andrews, B.A.; S. G. Gordon, B.A.; W. H. Christie, J. W. Currie, E.A.; D. S. Dix, M.A.; W. L. Finlay, B.A.; J. A. MacKay, J. D. McRae, B.A.; T. D. Park, E.A.; J. B. Paul, B.A.; J. C. Ross, M.A.; J. A. Sharra, B.A.; W. H. Smith, P. Taylor, B.A.; T. M. Wesley, B.A.

TRAINING HOMES. For English Boys, Should Be Established in Canada. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, April 4.—In connection with the report of Bogue Stuart on child emigration to Canada, Sir Kinloch Cook says the Canadian government should set up a training home where all children sent might receive special farm training, starting at 10 or 15 years of age. At this point, the report says, the government should make a special provision for the training of these children.

STRATHCONA FOR SENTIMENT. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, April 4.—Interviewed by The Tribune regarding the efforts to preserve Niagara Falls, Lord Strathcona said Canada has a great loss in the beautiful and it would be a national credit if international enterprise was permitted to irretrievably lose one of the greatest wonders of the world.

Rosie Metcalf Arrested. Rosie Metcalf, the Toronto girl, who was in the love of the late Robert Bennett, the alleged safe blow, when he was arrested in Montreal, returned to Toronto yesterday. Detective Newcomb saw her on York-street and took her in custody as a "vag." It is rumored in police circles that Bennett is very sore at the Metcalf girl for a reason.

G. T. R. Earnings. Montreal, April 4.—(Special.)—Grand Trunk Railway System earnings from March 22 to 31, were: 1906, \$1,114,320; as for the period in 1905, \$1,947,271, an increase of \$67,532.

DIVERSION OF FALLS WOULD BE DISASTROUS

Americans Petition President to Join Britain in Preventing Commission's Recommendation.

Washington, April 4.—A remonstrance against the recommendations of the International waterways commission regarding the diversion of the water of the Niagara River at the Falls, was filed with President Roosevelt to-day by J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Civic Association, and Frederick B. De Bernard of the Merchants' Association of New York. The commission recommended that legislation be enacted authorizing the diversion of 65,000 cubic feet of water per second. The remonstrance urges that the diversion of that amount of water would have a disastrous effect on the falls. The concluding paragraph says: "In view of the undoubted power of the United States over the Niagara River as a navigable stream and as an international boundary as fully set forth in the opinions of Attorney-General Wood, Secretary-General Griggs, we respectfully urge that the secretary of war be directed to interrupt, at substantially his present point, all developments involving additional diversion, and that the secretary of state be advised to bring this action to the attention of the government of Great Britain with a request for similar action on its part, pending final international adjustment of the whole question."

At the president had approved the recommendations of the commission in a message to congress, he regarded the remonstrance as important and promised to refer the subject to Secretary Taft and to the members of the commission.

KNOX COLLEGE EXAMS.

Students Who Win Scholarships and Those Who Have Failed.

"Ralph Connor," properly known as Rev. Charles W. Gordon, was hailed with enthusiasm as he entered the banquet hall of Knox College last night, where the graduating class was assembled. He spoke of the important part the graduates were to play in building up the country. Other speakers were Prof. Kennedy, Rev. Dr. Crummy, L. C. Fraser, W. L. Nichol, J. W. Gordon, W. H. Black, J. McRae, Rev. James Faulds, Mr. Barker, D. W. Kerr, B.A.; J. B. Paul, B.A.; E. A. Eastman (\$50); H. A. Pickup, B.A.; John King (\$50); H. A. Allen, B.A.; Gillies (\$50); H. M. Oyer, B.A.; Mrs. Morrice (\$50); W. D. McDonald, B.A.; J. G. McKeay, B.A. Second year—R. H. Thornton memorial (\$100); J. A. Sharra, M.A.; Knox Church Toronto (\$50); D. W. Kerr, B.A.; J. B. Paul, B.A.; R. B. Stevenson; C. Stewart, B.A.; W. R. Taylor, B.A.; A. C. Cameron, B.A.; H. Andrews, B.A.; S. G. Gordon, B.A.; W. H. Christie, J. W. Currie, E.A.; D. S. Dix, M.A.; W. L. Finlay, B.A.; J. A. MacKay, J. D. McRae, B.A.; T. D. Park, E.A.; J. B. Paul, B.A.; J. C. Ross, M.A.; J. A. Sharra, B.A.; W. H. Smith, P. Taylor, B.A.; T. M. Wesley, B.A.

PORT ARTHUR CAN BUY. Given Permission to Invest in Site for City Wharf. The success of municipal ownership in Port Arthur was pointed out in support of a bill before the private bills committee of the legislature yesterday for the power to buy 1400 acres of land for a waterfront and site for a municipal wharf. It was shown that last year \$11,840 was netted from the municipal electric light department, \$10,179 from the municipal electric railway, and \$2301 from the telephone department, a total of \$24,320. This included \$4000 for repairs and the plants were stated to be in good shape, no attention to it, but would discharge his duties as financial manager of Zion City.

IMMIGRANTS ARE STALLED. Basted Train Keeps Them Somewhere on the Way. Two hundred immigrants from England expected in Toronto last night are on a broken-down train somewhere with lack of definite knowledge as to the place and the authorities here who shelter them did not know whether to wait up to start this morning. There was also an indefinite knowledge as to where the newcomers are from, but it is presumed they are a bunch for the most part from the down-town thoroughfares.

COMPANIES GIVING UP.

Providing the Commission With Desired Information.

Ottawa, April 4.—Insurance companies are sending into the insurance commission answers to the list of questions sent them regarding the conduct and methods of their business. It is expected that by the time the inquiry resumes on the 17th inst., sufficient preliminary information will have been elicited to go ahead with the investigation to a finish.

STIRRING UP THE CITIES ON RAILWAY COAL RATES

Stratford, April 4.—(Special.)—J. H. Duffie of Toronto addressed the board of trade today on coal rates, pointing out that Stratford paid excessive rates and asking that the railway commission be requested to make an adjustment. A resolution was passed that the council of the board take up the matter with other municipalities and ask the railway commission to reduce the rates. A tramp is suspected of having set fire to buildings at Gad's Hill.

For Starving Japs.

Montreal, April 4.—(Special.)—The board of trade reports the Japanese famine fund as having reached \$12,000 to-day.

Regular Ferry Service.

The ferry service has commenced in earnest. Boats are now running regularly every hour to Island Park and Hanlan's Point.

Sure Sign of Prosperity.

Winnipeg, April 4.—Three years ago there were only six daily newspapers in Western Canada. Now there are sixteen west of the Great Lakes.

P. E. ISLANDERS PROTEST

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the point that his province was suffering from a branch of good faith on the part of the Dominion government. Mr. Carville (Carleton, N.E.) thought the situation would in time be extremely critical. With the enormous growth in Quebec and the Northwest, the time must come when the Maritime provinces would have in effect, no voice at Ottawa.

Mr. Lefurque (Prince, P.E.I.) urged the government to support the resolution. This method of procedure had been suggested three years ago by the premier. He urged that a committee should be appointed to enquire into the terms of confederation, as they were understood by all the parties in 1867. Should this committee find the facts to be as the smaller provinces contend, a serious consideration of honor should urge us to recommend the imperial parliament to amend the constitution as to remedy the present injustice.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that several members who were not present to-day desired to be heard on the subject. He gave no intimation as to his own views.

Private Bills. The evening hour was spent in committee on private bills. Mr. Fitzpatrick introduced his bill restoring traveling allowances to certain court judges, and Mr. Rivet (Hochelaga) enquired at considerable length about the Montreal Harbor Commissioners. It was understood by the way, that the commission will soon be abolished.

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DOWIE WILL FIGHT.

And Seceders Threaten Him With Arrest for Misanthropy of Fanda.

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A message was to-day received by Deacon Alexander Grant from Dowie reading as follows: "You are hereby removed from your office as general financial manager and all other offices. I warn you should you undertake to exercise any authority as financial manager, it will be regarded as criminal." Deacon Grant declared that after reading the message that he would pay no attention to it, but would discharge his duties as financial manager of Zion City.

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Removal of Cattle Embargo so Stylized by Sir John Lenz.

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NEW SUMMER RESORT.

Long Branch to Have \$10,000 Hotel and Vandeville Theatre. Toronto is to have a new first-class summer resort. Samuel Wright has purchased the amusement park at Long Branch and will commence operations for putting the place in shape for the pleasure-seekers of Toronto. A large summer hotel is to be erected at a cost of \$10,000. A vaudeville theatre will be built and equipped in modern style for the presentation of summer stock.

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GREAT WORK OF THE ARMY

Supplying Farm Labor

Will Bring Out 6000 Immigrants, Chartering Steamer for Four Trips. Just two years ago the Salvation Army began its great immigration movement and in that period it has found employment for over 6000 people. That the class of working men they have placed on farms throughout the Dominion has given satisfaction is evident by the fact that the immigration office here has yet received no complaints from any of the farmers to whom the Army supplied men. The first year the Army found considerable difficulty in placing men, who are the public mind could not be dissociated from the idea that the class of immigrants which that religious body would select would be of a low class, and the class, where the Army carries on its great work of saving the souls of immigrants which the Army bring to this country, are chosen from the class of people who are industrious and willing to work, but have been unfortunate in not being able to obtain employment. The Kensington farm proved a great success, for ever since the immigration department has been in operation, the agents have been able to find men. This year the Army estimates an immigration of 6000 men, who are expected to make four trips, one in each of the months of March, April, May and June. The boat carries 1200 passengers and the immigration will likely be over 1000, which will be a great gain to the country by different steamboat lines.

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