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TALK OF AN INJUNCTION REACHES EARS OF CIVIC OFFICIALS STOP VOTE ON POWER

City Solicitor Refuses to Discuss It, But Can't See How It Could Hold—Mr. McWilliams Suggests Some Possible Means of Finding Fault, But Knows of No Action Contemplated.

MR. BECK'S SPLENDID ADDRESS TO N. TORONTO CONSERVATIVES

Controlleur Hubbard created a sensation at the North Toronto Conservative Club last evening, when, in discussing the power bylaw, he said he had been informed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon that an injunction was to be issued to prevent the bylaw being issued. But they would see about that, he said, for the bylaw was the safest and the council had never asked a vote upon it.

Mayor Coatsworth, when asked about the statement, said he had heard something of the rumor, but knew of no good grounds for it. As to whether there could be legal grounds for such a procedure, he said he did not know, but he would see about it.

City Solicitor Chisholm positively declared that he had no announcement to make. He did not care to say who had let fall the hint, or to give any more definite information bearing upon the subject.

Feasible Grounds.

An injunction might rest, he said, that it was always possible to make application for an injunction upon some claim of another, he could see no basis for a successful appeal.

W. G. McWilliams, ex-city solicitor, who has been in the city since his habit in strenuous opposition to the bylaw, said he was not aware that any legal action would be brought against the city to prevent the bylaw being submitted.

"I would seriously consider the matter, but I am not in a position to carry out any such step," said Mr. McWilliams, who explained that he had been unwell for some time past, and went on to say that the bylaw had not been submitted to the commission.

"They are proceeding upon a statement from the Ontario Bank, which doesn't follow the commission's own report and statement from Mr. Beck, that they could distribute power city-wide at 20 cents per hour, but he afterwards named \$8 per horse power, while under the second scheme in the report the cost would be \$20 per horse power," said Mr. McWilliams.

"Secondly, the commission was to furnish the municipalities with the amount of power at so much per horsepower, and the people might be able to judge the future liability. The commission is not going to prepare a contract, so that the people might be able to judge the future liability. The commission is not going to prepare a contract, so that the people might be able to judge the future liability. The commission is not going to prepare a contract, so that the people might be able to judge the future liability."

REMEMBER

To-night's mass meeting in Association Hall, when Hon. Adam Beck, Cecil E. Smith and others will prove to the electors of Toronto that the government's power program is to the interest of the municipality at large and demanding of the support of every loyal citizen.

The council of the Montreal Board of Trade yesterday unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, that electric power and light being important factors in the industrial development of a city, especially as closely affecting the manufacturing interests thereof, the council of the Montreal Board of Trade most earnestly prays the city council not to enter into any contract for the supply of electric power and light which provides for a monopoly of such supply."

EDUCATION BILL KILLED OFFERS TO COMPROMISE REFUSED BY LANSDOWNE

Motion That House of Lords Insist on Their Amendments is Carried By 132 to 52 Votes—Concessions Were of No Avail.

London, Dec. 19.—The education bill received its death blow in the house of lords to-day.

Both sides spent the last three days in practically incessant conferences, with the object of discovering an acceptable compromise, but the opposition found themselves unable to accept the concessions offered by the government.

These were formally presented by lord Lansdowne, the leader of the opposition, in the house of lords to-day, and the education bill was thus killed.

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SIFTON GIVES HIMSELF UP PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGES

E. I. Sifton, wanted in connection with the London election trial, and who, from the beginning, has been conspicuous by his absence, surrendered himself in police court yesterday morning. He was accompanied by his solicitor, J. W. G. Wynne of London, and pleaded guilty to the same charges that O'Gorman and the others were sent for trial on.

He presented a statement, which he afterwards swore to, giving an account of his connections with the elections of 1904 and 1905. Magistrate Denison considered it sufficient evidence to send him for trial at the assizes, which open Jan. 7.

At the request of J. W. Curry, K. C., Sifton's statement was not made public.

Sifton, who has been in New York for some time, was given his liberty on his own bail of \$200.

James Delaney, the young Scotchman, pleaded guilty to the theft of a number of articles from the R. Simpson Co. He was remanded until the 27th.

Edward Lassalle pleaded guilty to stealing from his employer, Abraham Ball, 215 College-street, and was sent to jail for 20 days.

J. W. Curry, K. C., counsel for Winifred McVey, pleaded not guilty in the charge against her of stealing a fur stole from the J. F. Brown Co., and elected trial by jury. The preliminary trial will take place on Dec. 27.

KING STREET PROPERTY SOLD

The sale of the property adjoining the Bank of Nova Scotia, including the building occupied by the Harold A. Wilson Co., on King-street, and Buchanan & Seagram, on Melinda-street, was sold yesterday to the G. A. Cox Co. by 122 articles from the R. Simpson Co. He was remanded until the 27th.

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Mr. WHITNEY: The man on the hill is the only one that never puts out any garbage.

MANITOBA WILL BUILD LONG DISTANCE LINES

Premier Roblin Accepts Result of Voting as a Mandate That Government Provide a Public Owned Phone Service.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Premier Roblin said in an interview to-day that he considered the vote on the telephone question to be sufficiently favorable to justify the government in proceeding at once with the construction of long-distance lines.

"Returns so far as received from places where the Bell Company has an exchange, are most significant," he said. "Take the vote in Winnipeg, St. Boniface, Brandon, Carberry, Selkirk, Souris, Carman, Morris, Emerson, Hartney, Killarney, Dauphin and many other places, and it shows that the people who have telephones are dissatisfied with the price and the service, and want a more efficient system and cheaper rates, which are now assured after yesterday's vote."

"We will commence at Winnipeg, building south to connect with the tri-state system at the boundary and west to Portage and Brandon and intermediate points, northwest by way of Neepawa and southwest to points in southern Manitoba. In all at least 1000 miles of long-distance lines will be built in a year, and more as possible."

"What about the local exchanges in the municipalities?"

"They can only be constructed when a sufficient number of contracts have been secured from subscribers to justify proceeding, which number of subscribers will be sufficient guarantee that only those using the telephones will have anything to pay. In other words, the municipalities and the government are mutually bound not to proceed until every financial safeguard has been secured."

"What will be the policy of the government in connection with those municipalities where there was not sufficient percentage to pass their bylaw?"

"The policy of government," said Mr. Roblin, "will certainly not be to discriminate or to shut them out. It is the intention of the government to give long distance service to any municipality that may not have passed their bylaw, when they can be served by government long-distance lines without unnecessarily increasing the length of the line. The policy of the government is settled and fixed unalterably by yesterday's vote, and we consider it our duty to obey the mandate of the people."

"The returns from the rural municipalities, heard from to-night, show the bylaw has carried in fifty-five by large majorities. Many of the rural districts polled heavily against the bylaw, principally thru the belief that as they had no phones and did not want them it would mean increased taxation."

"In nearly all large towns except Portage is Prairie the bylaw carried."

WRIT AGAINST MCGILL TO RECOVER \$1,800,000

Bankers' Association Take Civil Action Against the ex-Manager— Interest at Five per Cent. is Also Asked—23 Amounts

Repayment to the Ontario Bank of the sum of \$1,814,800 is demanded of Charles McGill, ex-manager, by writ issued yesterday afternoon at Osgoode Hall by James Mitchell, K.C., on behalf of the Canadian Bankers' Association, claiming that amount, which is made up of 23 items, dating back to 1904. It is stated that the money was paid out by the Ontario Bank at the request of McGill.

"I will also claim interest on the several amounts from the respective years of payment until judgment, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum."

The following are the particulars, as set forth in the writ of summons:

Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	\$ 7,500
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	250,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	185,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	13,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	300,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	11,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	10,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	32,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	100,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	5,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	25,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	11,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	22,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	4,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	5,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	5,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	30,000
Paid Laidenburg, Thalman & Co., 1907	25,000

\$1,814,800

At a meeting of the new directors of the Ontario Bank yesterday morning, the proposal to issue the writ was concurred in.

Knox Gifts—Geddes, 431 Spadina.

SPECIAL THOUGHT FOR LADIES.

Careful Attention Given to Their Selection of the Popular Gifts.

The golden seal of certain quality which appears on every box of Havana cigars bought at G. W. Muller's, is a surety for any lady who may wish to make a popular gift of either cigars, a humidor, or a good pipe. The extraordinary purchases made by Mr. Muller in anticipation of opening his new store in the Traders' Bank before Christmas, make No. 9 King-street an overstocked store with the consequent better opportunities for buyers.

Mr. Muller's establishment will remain open for the convenience of Christmas shoppers till 10 p.m.

SAVING INSURANCE COMPANY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF BAKER

Settled With Him for \$490, When Policy Called for Better Terms.

That George Baker, the eldest of the three children who died in the fire which destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, at 3 Bullock-avenue, came to his death by suffocation, was the finding of the jury empanelled by Coroner Graham.

George E. Coatsworth, bookkeeper for W. Williamson, who employs Mr. Baker, stated that Baker had assigned the policy of insurance on his house for \$100 in the New York Underwriters' Insurance Co., to the representative of the company for \$400. The witness declared that he considered the damage to Baker's house amounted to \$300 at the least, and as Baker is indebted to W. W. Williamson to the extent of over \$200, he did not consider that Mr. Baker had been fairly dealt with.

Baker could give no clear account of what had transpired with the insurance man. All he knew was that he signed a paper without reading it, and the representative of the company said that only those using the telephones will have anything to pay. In other words, the municipalities and the government are mutually bound not to proceed until every financial safeguard has been secured.

Several hundred dollars' worth of material had been spent on the house by Baker, to say nothing of his labor.

SMALL FIRE, DEADLY SMOKE FOUR LIVES LOST IN BUFFALO

Man Fatally Burned—Solitude for Sick Baby Causes Three to Die.

Buffalo, Dec. 19.—Four lives were snuffed out and one person was fatally burned in a small fire in the Zenobia apartment house on Prospect-avenue, at the corner of West Huron-street, to-night. Other occupants of the place had narrow escapes, half a dozen being rescued by the firemen.

The dead: F. M. Lambrecht, 45 years old, lived at 40 Elmwood-avenue; Mrs. Lambrecht, his wife, 40 years of age; Ruth Crumblin, 3 years old, daughter of Mrs. Crumblin; Mrs. J. Fisher of New York. Her husband is said to be a theatrical man.

Injured: A Charles Besan, salesman for Weed & Co., of Buffalo.

The blaze was a small one, and was quickly brought under control by the firemen. The building was fireproof, and had narrow, winding hallways, in which the victims, confused by the flames and smoke, lost their way and were overcome. The origin of the fire is unknown.

It is supposed that the Lambrechts, thinking the fire would not be serious, delayed taking the baby into the cold air until it was too late, and all of them were overcome by smoke. The nurse, who had been dismissed for the night, escaped by jumping from her bedroom window to the roof of an adjoining house.

HIS FORTUNATE FRIENDS

Christmas Box of Cigars Has Be- come Wonderfully Popular.

The best poetry ever written was the rhapsody of J. M. Barrie on the pine he loved and the tobacco he smoked. In the Arcadia mixture he immortalized a tobacco, the name of which was created in the gifted imagination of the writer. "I have cigars and tobacco just as inspiring as Barrie's," said G. W. Muller, as he paused for a moment in the act of directing a box of Bocks to a valued customer in Ottawa. The Christmas trade at Muller's has developed into wonderful proportions. One manager of a large institution yesterday ordered 250 boxes of fine Havanas, and had them all addressed by Mr. Muller to his friends and customers throughout Canada.

Holly wreaths, very choice, at 50c, 75c and \$1. Jennings, florist, 123 West King-street. Day phone Main 7219; night phone Park 1857.

TWO FIREMEN KILLED

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—Two firemen were killed and Assistant Chief Munro was injured by an explosion at a fire here to-night.

EMPRICE HOTEL, LONGE AND GOULD Sts., K. Disette, Prop. \$1.00 and \$2.00 per day.

THE SMOKERS' CHRISTMAS

Our showing of smokers' articles will quickly and pleasantly solve your Christmas problems. From all over the world we have brought the beautiful, the useful, and the odd, to please the fancy and adorn his smoking table. Havanas Cigars, 10, 25 and 50 in a box; briar and meerschaum pipes, humidor, tobacco pouches, cigar and cigarette cases. Everything good for the man who smokes. At A. Clubb & Sons, 5 King West. "Open Evenings."

YOUR INVENTORRY needs attention this time of year—Loose Leaf 1c. Call Main 5874, Universal Systems, Limited, for particulars.

MARRIAGES

JOHNSON—FAIR—At Christ Church, Deer Park, by the pastor, Rev. W. T. Patterson, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, Frederick Franklin Johnson to Ellen Margaret Nellie Parr.

KERR—BAINNETT—On Wednesday, Dec. 19, by the Rev. Alex. Ester, Alexander Kerr to Annie Bannett.

WALKER—MUNRO—At the residence of the bride's father, New Beach, Georgetown, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, by the Rev. W. F. Munro, Frederick Walker to Mrs. W. F. Munro.

FIFTEEN MILLION CHINESE STARVING

Washington, Dec. 19.—Official advice received here regarding the famine in North Kiangsu, China, confirm the stories of suffering and want in that section. The country everywhere is under water and the people are compelled to wade often waist deep and in some places up to their necks. Immediately west of Tainingho, what formerly was a fertile plain is a vast lake extending 25 miles at the narrowest point and stretching for

SHALL CATARACT DOMINATE HAMILTON CIVIC AFFAIRS ISSUE IN MAYORAL FIGHT

Ald. Findlay Supported in Hamilton Election by Two Papers That Are Under Sway of Big Power Company—The Candidates Interviewed.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—(Staff Special.)—The mayoralty campaign, which will close on the first Monday in January, will be fought on the question, "Shall Cataract Power Company influence be allowed to dominate in civic affairs?"

There is no doubt about the issue. The Spectator, which has never failed to support the party slate, bolts T. J. Stewart, who is an uncompromising opponent of Cataract control, takes to its bosom Ald. Findlay, the Liberal candidate, who, tho he professes public ownership tendencies, is nevertheless regarded as a friend of the power interests. Likewise, Findlay is strongly supported by The Times, which is honest enough to say it will have nothing of the public ownership and Beck power "fads."

The World has been sizing up the two mayoral candidates. While there is nothing between them as to what they will say they will do to boost the cheap power propaganda, the words of T. J. Stewart, the Conservative candidate, ring true. But hear them:

Stewart's Views.

"I am heartily in favor of the Beck cheap power scheme," averred T. J. Stewart, the Conservative candidate for the mayoralty chair. "We are asking the people at the January election to give authority to next year's council to enter into a contract with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for 15,000 horse power, and the terms to the City of Hamilton are so favorable that I cannot see why there should be any opposition. Under the scheme there are seven power lines running thru Hamilton for seven groups of municipalities, and we can look out to any of them. Our position as the nearest municipality of importance to the source of power will give us cheaper power than any of the other municipalities that will enter into the scheme. I have favored the Beck proposals from the first, and do what I could to give Hamilton the benefits of participation in the scheme. I put the

AGITATION HAS ITS EFFECT.

Refund System Will Be Improved For Travelers' Benefit.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The Eastern Passenger Agents' Association to-day decided to improve the refund system on unused tickets, which, to-day, sometimes takes three months.

The new scheme provides for unused tickets being paid for over the counter, and partially used tickets in two or three months.

The traveler will not have to wait for months, as at present.

MILDEE.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 19.—(6 p.m.)—The weather continues comparatively mild in the western provinces and is moderating gradually from Ontario and Maritime Provinces. There are no disturbances of any importance indicated by tonight's weather chart.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 40; Athol, 2-6; Vancouver, 20-24; Calgary, 22-26; Edmonton, 10-14; Quebec, 18-20; Winnipeg, 14-20; Port Arthur, 12-18; Perry Sound, 20-24; Toronto, 40-42; Ottawa, 8 below-8; Montreal, 2-16; Quebec, 8 below-8; St. John, 2 below-18; Halifax, 2-18.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—South-easterly winds, fair and a little milder.

THE BAROMETER.

Time	Bar.	Wind.
8 a.m.	30.22	4 N. W.
11 a.m.	30.19	2 N. E.
2 p.m.	30.16	2 N. E.
5 p.m.	30.15	2 N. E.
8 p.m.	30.14	2 N. E.

Average total, 16; difference from average, 8 below; highest, 28; lowest, 5.

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Dec. 19	At	From
Furber	New York	Glasgow
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Koenig Albert	New York	Genoa
Saxonia	Quebec	Boston
Ontario	Ottawa	Portland
Protector	Ottawa	Halifax
Cretic	Palermo	New York
America	New York	Hamburg

Crown Hotel, 75 Bay-st. Commutation tickets—twenty for \$5.00.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO

Dec. 21.
Empire Club, address by Barlow Cumberland, 1.
Luncheon Society, 4.
Meeting to discuss power bylaw, Association Hall, 8.
Education board, city hall, 8.
Trusts' council, Livery Temple, 8.

SMOKERS' PRESENTS—Cigar Cases and Cigars in boxes of 25 or 50 at lowest prices. Alvie Bolland.