

A VOTE "YES" FOR HYDRO IS A VOTE FOR A GREATER AND MORE PROSPEROUS TORONTO

WHAT--

is the origin and meaning of the question which will be submitted to the ratepayers of Toronto on New Year's Day.

In 1916 a bill was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by the Attorney-General to provide for the development of the unallotted water at Niagara Falls, or what is known as the Chippewa-Queenston Development, and as new agreements between the municipalities and the Commission would be required before the municipalities could assume the liability for the cost of the development, the Ontario Government in the meantime undertook the development of this power through the Commission.

On the introduction of the bill in the Legislature, the Prime Minister made a statement that, should the municipalities desire to undertake the responsibility for the ownership of the development and assume liability for the payment of the debentures issued to pay the cost of same, as they have already done in the case of the transmission lines and transformer stations, the Government would consider making the necessary arrangements to vest the ownership of the power development in the municipalities being supplied, as has already been done in the case of the transmission lines.

The question now is, how is the power required to be supplied to the municipalities? Whether the development shall be held in trust by the Commission for the municipalities, or whether it shall be held in trust by the Commission for the Province.

This Bill provides that the municipalities shall buy power from themselves and sell it to themselves, whereas the Bill provides that the municipalities shall buy power from the Government and sell it to themselves.

If the By-law carries, the municipalities are justified in asking the Provincial Government to vest in them the ownership of the power development, as has already been done in the case of Eugenia, Wasdell's and Muskoka Developments.

The question is, that the power development, which will be completely paid for by the municipalities in thirty or forty years, become the property of the Province at large, or shall it become the property of the municipalities, who, in their power bills, will make the debenture payments on the cost of the development?

The Chippewa Development Scheme will cost about nine millions, and it will be built by the Hydro Commission.

A twelve-mile canal will be constructed from the Chippewa River to Queenston, where the power works and plant will be erected. The electrical equipment to do the work will cost from \$300,000 to \$500,000, but the entire cost of the equipment and construction will be saved to the people because of the Commission undertaking to do the work itself.

WHY--

will the Hydro measure contribute towards the making of a greater Toronto?

BECAUSE Toronto will be owning, operating and controlling its own generating station through the Hydro Electric Power Commission.

BECAUSE Toronto will reap the benefit of the cheapest power possible from Niagara Falls.

BECAUSE electrical energy is a most vital factor in the development of Toronto and every other city and town in this Province, and each in the present scheme will be co-operating with the other for the common weal.

BECAUSE the load on the Hydro Niagara System in 1915 was 110,654 horse power; in 1916, over 150,000 horse power; the estimated load for 1917 is 200,000 horse power, and for 1918, 250,000 horse power, figuring only on natural growth of the system, and the total present power arranged for is only 150,000 horse power.

BECAUSE it means that the municipalities, including Toronto, wish to own and control the additional power development on the Niagara River, in a manner similar to their ownership of transmission lines.

BECAUSE the passing of the by-law does not commit Toronto to nor any other municipality to any financial outlay.

WHERE--

is the guarantee that the scheme is not illusory? Is the Hydro in a position, in other words, to deliver the goods?

The Hydro is now delivering 200,000 h.p., and if all that is wanted could be obtained the commission would be delivering a quarter of a million horse-power.

The accumulated surplus on the Hydro is \$2,647,070, utilized for the extension of plant, on which the municipalities pay interest or sinking fund charges.

The saving to consumers because of the Hydro in 1915 was \$2,731,000; this year it will be well over \$3,000,000.

The Hydro, after paying all cost of operation, interest and sinking fund charges, will this year have a surplus of \$50,000.

Two hundred thousand horse-power at a cost to the consumer of between four and five millions, would cost in coal \$40,000,000.

As long as there is a treaty there can be no international complications over the Hydro. Only power not available for use to the people of Canada can be exported, and hence the perpetuity of the Hydro's existence is assured from this standpoint and the capital invested in the enterprise safeguarded.

STATE MAY BUY OUT BRITISH DRINK TRADE

Matter Being Closely Considered by the Liquor Control Board.

LLOYD GEORGE FAVORS

It is Believed Bill Would Pass Thru Commons Easily.

London, Dec. 29.—The purchase of the drink trade in Great Britain by the state is believed to be imminent, says The Daily Express today.

"The matter has been closely considered by the liquor control board during the past fortnight," continues the newspaper. "Several members of the board have long advocated the purchase, and the change in the government has brought a renewal of their argument."

The Express quotes Sir Thomas Whitaker, member of parliament, as saying that David Lloyd George, the prime minister, is known to favor the step, while several of the cabinet ministers are understood to agree with him. Sir Thomas says he believes a bill calling for the purchase would pass the house of commons without difficulty.

Further Restrictions. The Daily Express asserts that further great restrictions in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic are certain in the immediate future, whether or not the purchase plan is put into effect.

It is known from other sources that the liquor question has lately become an urgent one for the government in consequence of renewed complaints of the hindrance of munition work and other industries due to excessive drinking. Also due to the fact that much freightage and vast quantities of food material are absorbed in the liquor industry. Memorials from such centres as Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow have reached the government warning of the danger in munition, shipbuilding and similar industries and urging total prohibition. It may be recalled that Reginald Lloyd George advocated the nationalization of the drink trade in the spring of 1915, but failed to achieve the success of the scheme. At that time the plan was regarded as impracticable, but since then it has been strongly advocated, and the demand is being continued by a section of the press.

REPLY TO GERMANY IS LONG DOCUMENT

It Will Probably Be Delivered Thru American Channels Today.

London, Dec. 29.—The allies' reply to Germany, which will probably be delivered thru American channels tomorrow, is a very long document, much more lengthy than the German note. This point has been one of the matters of discussion during the conferences, the objection having been raised that it is too long, and should be short and sharp. But there were so many points for elucidation, and such a complete difference of conception of the objects and purposes for which the two sides went to war, that it was found desirable to extend the note to considerable length. The presence here of Alexandre Ribot, the French finance minister, permitted the French ministry to be represented during the conference. Unusual optimism is shown here as a result of the final form which the reply has taken, which is believed to be such that it will meet with satisfaction at Washington. The reply to the American note will follow within a few days after the delivery of the reply to Germany.

VATICAN MAKES DENIAL

Rome, Dec. 29.—The Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, prints today an official denial of reports published abroad to the effect that the Papal Nuncio at Vienna informed the Vienna press that the Austrian emperor had requested him to ask Pope Benedict's intervention for peace, and that the Pope had given a favorable reply.

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Capt. Macleod of Prince Albert Authorized to Secure Recruits.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 29.—Commission has been forwarded by the

British Government to Captain J. M. Macleod of this city to recruit fifty boatmen to be employed at river transport service on Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in carrying up supplies to British troops fighting the Turks. Captain Macleod was the pioneer in steam navigation on the Peace River, and he has operated boats on practically every large river in Canada.

It is understood that 500 river men from all over Canada are to be assembled at Montreal to go to England for training.

MAY DEFEAT PROHIBITION.

British Columbia Soldiers' Vote Reported Strongly Adverse.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—Private

cables received in Vancouver plain that the "wets" have received sufficient of soldiers' vote cast by British Columbia soldiers overseas to overturn majority of six thousand secured for prohibition in the home vote of the province on Sept. 14 last. The "wets" claim to have voted nine or ten thousand men. The ballots are not yet counted.

LETTERS TELL OF BRAVE MAN'S END

Officer-Comrades of Late Major Alex. Miln Write of Death in Action.

FELL LEADING MEN

"Dig for Your Lives, Men, I Am Done," Were His Last Words.

A number of letters have just reached Toronto telling of the brave manner in which Major Alex. Miln of this city met his death while in command of a company of the 5th Battalion during the successful attack on "Devil's Trench." The letters are all addressed to Miss Isabelle Miln, his sister, and sent by officer-comrades of the late major.

The message from Forbes Keith states that: "Alex's company and C Company were attacking side by side, followed by A Company and D Company. The enemy's trench was about a third of a mile away and the attack was to start at an hour when dawn had just advanced far enough to see fairly well. It was snowing heavily. At the exact second, hundreds of guns opened battle with a terrific roar, the shells bursting with great red flashes thru the falling snow."

"At the same time our men left their trenches in waves and reached the enemy's trench with very small losses. The Germans surrendered by the dozens. The next thing was to dig a new trench. Alex laid this out. All this time they were under heavy machine gun fire. Alex was constantly up and down the line until he was hit. One of the men who was close to him at the time, says that he suddenly called out: 'Dig for your lives, men, I am done,' and was dead almost immediately. It was a splendid soldier's death and an example to us all of devotion to duty and self-sacrifice."

Lies Behind Trench. "Largely owing to the splendid work he did before he was hit, our men held the position and consolidated it and it is now part of the British front line trench on the Somme. His body is buried just behind the trench, close to where he fell and is marked by a rough cross, which we are replacing by a more permanent one."

Jeffrey Bull writes: "No officer was more fearless and none more popular and more respected alike by officers and men. To the former he was the

A BRAVE OFFICER

Letters just received in Toronto tell how the late Major Alex. Miln met his death leading men in successful charge.



inimitable Alex, and to the men, "The Little Major."

A. B. Lindsay says: "As you know I have been with Alex since the regiment was formed, and I always trusted to his good judgment to pull us thru, whether in service at home, or out here."

"Even tho he has paid the supreme sacrifice, we all knew that it was his desire, that if he had to die as a soldier, he wished it to be as it was, leading his men in a victorious charge."

SPRING-RICE MAY LEAVE WASHINGTON

Ill-Health May Cause Him to Resign as Ambassador.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special cable to The World from London says: "A rumor is prevalent that Ambassador Sir Cecil A. Spring-Rice, whose health has never been robust, may elect to retire from his post at Washington following upon the change of government."

"There has been some severe criticism in certain quarters of his alleged inability to cope with the German ambassador's presentation of the German case at Washington, but Sir Cecil has generally been regarded as filling a position of immense difficulty with success."

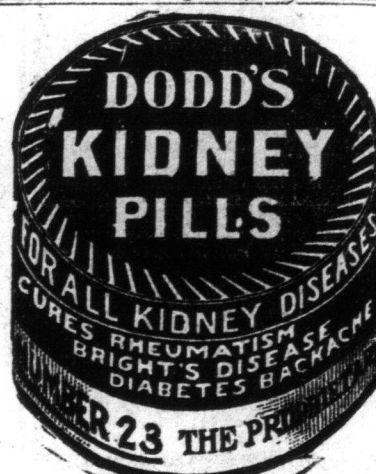
Three Hundred Chinamen Reported Lost in Wreck

New York, Dec. 29.—A News Agency despatch from Tokio today says: Three hundred persons, mostly Chinese laborers, perished in the wreck of the Sankaku Maru, off Chefoo. Some of the victims, survivors said, were killed by Chinese pirates who boarded the grounded ship.

KILL FIVE WITH AX.

Minden, La., Dec. 29.—Two Negroes, held as suspects in connection with the killing of five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves, nine miles north of here, on Christmas Eve, have confessed, the police say, implicating Henry Waller, a farmer, and neighbor of Reeves, and John Long, 20 years. Long declares Waller indicated the crime, and "with an ax killed Reeves, his wife and three children."

Robbery and an old feud between Waller and Reeves were given as the motives.



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