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Hydro Independence

One of the weaknesses of all governindependent or outside opinion. The papers so opposite in views as result is that they only hear interested touch with public opinion in general from the seriousness. and by and by find themselves in a The pressure upon the governmen

direction. It listens to its party mand for more troops, and if they are friends, and rarely takes heed of what the outsiders have to say. It seems so easy to do what the people want to will provide a remedy. have done, that the wonder always is

strength of the Ontario Government, they do, they must be careless of the It rests on the platform which Sir fate of the nation to which they be-James Whitney built up, and the long. There is no escape from these strongest plank in it is the hydro-el- alternatives. Already we hear the ectric policy. If the governments mutterings of those who care nothing would only continue the policy which for the empire as long as they get Sir James inaugurated, continue the application of the principles he work- They may boast that one government ed on, there would be no difficulty is as good as another, but this will do ahead of the party for years to come. them little good should they ever, on But instead of devising new means of account of their own poltroonery, fall applying these great principles, the under the rule of alien enemies. They government has arrived at the stage of will not be asked whether they were considering how the great power that peace or war men. They would rethe previous application of these prin- ceive the treatment which ruthless ciples has given it, can now be used to secure advantages for those whom the

ment is that of robbing the hydro of sation. The British nation has done and other countries, its independence and seeking to bring much more in a military way than was its independence and seeking to bring much more in a military way than was st under political control. It is impos- ever expected of it. No one two say that this charge is not without Great Britain would have two and a many are selling at a premium. Good, foundation. Had a Liberal government half million of men in France at this for long terms. moved to legislate similarly, a Conservative opposition would have rended accomplished. Other mirecles at this for long terms, will yield from 4.75 to 5.50 and 6 per cent. ative opposition would have rended accomplished. Other miracles have the skies with denunciation. What is been wrought and there are still bad for one is bad for the other. To some to come. We do not think that the independent voter all politicians the British people will fail to solve

tem because it is their own construc- are leaders, and there still is loyalty. ted with their own money, depending on their own credit, chargeable to them should it fail. The legislation of the government, whatever may be said, is an attack upon that independence. It leads in due course to the politicalization of the system, which hitherto has been conducted only with a view to efficiency. Political influence and efficiency are impossible BEAURICH CIGARS partners. Toronto knows this as well as any municipality in the union. The effort that has been going on for years make the city hall departments independent and free of all interference has made but slow progress, altho now nearly having attained its object. But the reactionary element is always MICHIE & CO., LIMITED st hand, as may be observed in the

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ement in the hydro situation portance. Sir Adam Beck has un ubtedly loomed large, but when Si Adam Beck and all his generation have will still be a problem. The Hearst Government has no right to disturb that indepe It is a heritage of the people, and i is a credit to the party which created it. To interfere with that independ ence, and to deprive the party of its credit in that respect, is the work of short-sighted politicians and not of statesmen. Even did the government desire to get rid of Sir Adam Beck, it would be foolish to destroy the hydroelectric system in order to do so When it comes to a decision between the independence of the hydro unde Sif Adam Beck, and the politicaliza tion of the hydro, the people will prefer Sir Adam and independence, for the very good reason that whether they love Sir Adam or not they are determined that the independence of the hydro shall be preserved.

According to Mr. McGarry none o us who disagree with him know anything about the matter. It he thinks over the situation he may discover that he may have overlooked some things of importance when he set about egislating for the municipalities' in vestments in hydro power.

The Enlistment Crisis

That the crisis in Great Britain over the proposal, or the necessity for the proposal, for compulsory enlistment is ments is that they will not listen to a serious one, nobody can deny. When Times, The Post, The Mail and The views from those who for their own Manchester Guardian are agreed upon ends flatter and cajole. They lose the issue there is no getting away

minority at the polls. It was utterly comes from the military authorities impossible to convince the late Sir They need more men. They know George Ross, when he was approach- how idle it is to begin an attack on ing the election in 1905, that he was on the scale which the present war the brink of defeat. He would listen demands without adequate reserves to to no one but the party hacks and follow up every advantage and to be these who intended to get something prepared for any possible emergency, out of their party connection. Those The big advance which has been so on the outside of the game saw plainly long anticipated cannot in the nature enough what was coming, but they of things be compared with any of the were not heeded. The reforms that actions which have taken place herewere needed were turned down. The before. It must of necessity be a far weaknesses that were pointed out bigger and more effective thing than were regarded as features of strength. the Germans launched against Verdun. There was no real knowledge what the people in general desired. The inevit- outrival Verdun the British forces must to at the hands of the legislature. We do not mean to say that the sponding reserves. It is evident that request to grant the desire of the citi-Hearst Government is in anything the British command does not feel like as bad a state as the Ross Gov- equal to the task before it with the nually. Mr. Houston counts more ernment was, but it is headed in that forces now in hand. Hence the de-

there must be taken the steps which The people who object to this view that a government should not do it. of things cannot be thought to under-There is no mystery about the stand the condition of affairs, or if what they want for their private needs.

unavailable by voluntary means, then

enemies mete out to hated foes. Meanwhile the cabinet crisis secure advantages for those whom the party favors or whom the party is compelled to favor.

Hon. Mr. McGarry made a strong defence in the legislature against the charge that he had no interest in the hydro-electric system. This is not in Meanwhile the cabinet crisis in a very active season is ahead. A look into some of the newer Canadian cities shows them far and away ahead of cities in the States of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and great electric lights down the centre, making them a veritable "White Way" at high the newer Canadian cities shows them far and away ahead of cities in the States of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and great electric lights down the centre, making them a veritable "White Way" at head of the newer Canadian cities shows them far and away ahead of cities in the States of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and great electric lights down the centre, making them a veritable "White Way" at head of cities in the States of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and great electric lights down the centre, making them a veritable "White Way" at head of cities in the States of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and great electric lights down the centre, making them a veritable "White Way" at head of cities in the States of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and great electric lights down the centre, making the newer Canadian cities shows them far and away athead of cities in the States of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and great electric lights down the centre, making them a veritable "White Way" at head of cities in the States of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and the centre in the states of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and the centre in the centre in the states of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and the centre in the states of a similar size, with broad, asphalt-paved streets and the centre in the centre in the size of a sim hydro-electric system. This is not is said to be opposed to any computing real charge. Of course the government is interested in the hydro system. The ministers would be all defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system described in the hydro defenders of the voluntary system. hydro-electric system. This is not is said to be opposed to any compulsystem. The ministers would be al- defenders of the voluntary system desystem. The ministers would be altogether foolish and incompetent if
they were not. It is another charge
that is not repelled but which is of
the so comparatively few in number.

If canada has gone ahead in the much more importance, that the be so comparatively few in number much more importance, that the be so comparatively few in number past too rapidly, she has settled down people of Ontario are considering. If and worthless in morale that they now into a more sedate and sober frame the government shows that the charge is ungrounded, the people will say struggle and and the creation of ill-

the problem of getting every avail-The municipalities have loved and able man into khaki without bringdevoted themselves to the hydro sys- ing about a revolution. There still

> Influential Mr. Houston It will scarcely be regarded as credit-

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"Now I wonder if I shouldn't have sent the troops to Germany and the notes to Mexico?"

able that Chairman Houston of the board of education stood up in parliamentary committee and opposed the will of the people expressed by a majority of 17,000 at the polls last Janu-It has always been known that the Liberal government contained numbers of the fine old crusted Tories, but this is the most reactionary of the most crusted demonstration that has been seen in Toronto for many a

The city bill had the usual recepzens to elect their school board anthan 17,000. The union of the medical health services was also left over for a year, and once more Mr. Houston had his way.

CANADIAN MUNICIPALS IN DE-

New York Financial World, April 8 In some quarters among investment bankers it had been feared that the recent offering of \$75,000,000 bonds of the Dominion of Canada would ob scure and eclipse Canadian municipal bonds, but the exact contrary has been the fact. The instant success of the sale, with the bonds now quoted substantially above the offering prices, called attention to the favorable situation in Canada as a whole and to the tonds and notes of the large cities. which are to be had now on an attrac-

Canada, despite the war, is very very active season is ahead. A look

is ungrounded, the people will say nothing, but if it turns out that the charge is a true one, then the government will find itself losing support, and facing the inevitable.

The real charge against the government is that of robbing the hydro of sation. The British nation has done and other countries. were put out for short a short time after the

AT OSGOODE HALL

The first divisional court list at Os-goode Hall for today is as follows; Iloyd v. Robertson (continued); re C. L. O. and W. Railway and Clarkson; Ridd v. Lea; James v. Birch; Arnold v. Cook; Drain v. Catholic Mutual (two

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BILL TO REORGANIZE A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year Was Passed by Private Bills

By John Kendrick Bangs. THE WEAVE.

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And even when your fingers Use freely of the strands of

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE OF MUSKETRY RESULTS

Officers and N. C. O.'s Success ful in Passing Special Course

tario carned the gratitude of all lovers of out-of-doors when it set apart, in 1893, over two million acres of heavily timbered land starred with beautiful lakes and winding streams, at Exhibition Camp. as a preserve for the wild things and a recreation ground for the people. Announcement is made that the following officers and N.C.O.'s were successful in passing at the special course in musketry, concluding at Exhibition camp on March 25: Lieut. E. D. H. Boyd, Lieut. R. C. Burlingham, Lieut. F. A. Taylor, Sergt. M. Bryans, Sergt. V. S. Kingsmill, Sergt. J. J. McCord, Lieut. E. B. Baines, Lieut. K. S. Drummond, Lieut. Miln M. Hart. Sergt. J. B. Day, Sergt. R. R. McGregor, Sergt. J. McLachlan, Sergt. Geo. Miller, Lieut. H. A. Blake, Lieut. K. C. Brooks, Lieut. G. H. Elwell, Lieut. R. E. Plcard, Co. S.M. F. G. Dunn, Co. S.M. E. G. Dunn, Co. S. Sergt. J. J. McCord, Lieut. E. B. Baines, Lieut. K. S. Drummond, Lieut, Miln M. Hart. Sergt. J. B. Day, Sergt. R. McGregor, Sergt. J. McLachlan, Sergt. Geo. Miller, Lieut. H. A. Blake, Lieut. K. C. Brooks, Lieut. G. H. Elweil, Lieut. R. E. Pleard. Co. S. M. F. G. Dunn, Co. S. M. E. Woods, Sergt. E. Brownridge, Sergt. Crouch, Lieut. R. L. Ellis, Lieut. R. B. Gibson, Lieut. F. McFaren, Lieut. J. T. Sneath, Sergt. A. W. Arnott, Sergt. C. Crabtree, Sergt. Wm. Gibson, Sergt. R. H. McDonald, Lieut. C. Howcroft, Lieut. E. W. Stores, Lieut. Wm. Wallace, Lieut. W. L. K. Williams, Sergt. Wm. Beach, Sergt. A. E. Grant, Sergt. F. D. Hawkes, Sergt. A. E. Grant, Sergt. Wm. Beach, Sergt. A. E. Grant, Sergt. Wm. Beach, Sergt. A. Seskith, Lieut. W. P. Clifton, Lieut. V. C. Williams, Sergt. R. Bates, Sergt. A. Hammond, Sergt. G. Henderson, Sergt. N. D. Stapley, Lieut. A. N. Gurney, Lieut. W. P. Hanna, Lieut. G. Machell, Lieut. T. B. D. Trudball, Sergt. W. G. Lennox, Sergt. A. Macdonald, Sgt. S. Mitchell, Sergt. J. Rogers, Lieut. D. Carlyle, Lieut. G. M. Fraser, Lieut. J. M. Massey, Lieut. G. W. Frakinson, Sergt. W. K. Allen, Sergt. J. R. Redwood, Sergt. M. S. Sutherland, Lieut. A. R. Minard, Lieut. W. H. Gregory, Lieut. R. A. Scott, Sergt. H. Fuller, Sergt. C. N. Hurd, Lieut. H. C. Hutchinson, Lieut. A. R. Martin, Lieut. J. D. Sheppard, Sergt. J. Betteridge, Sergt. J. Young, Capt. G. W. P. Every, Lieut. R. A. Scott, Sergt. J. G. McDonald, Sgt. Sergt. J. Betteridge, Sergt. J. Young, Capt. G. W. P. Every, Lieut. R. M. Cockburn, Lieut. J. J. Dohle, Lieut. F. G. Wallis, Sergt. J. G. McDonald, Sgt. S. W. Archibaid, Lieut. W. J. Colguhoun, Lieut. G. F. Moore, Lieut. B. Donald, Sgt. S. W. Archibaid, Lieut. W. J. Colguhoun, Lieut. C. E. Daw. Lieut. A. H. Wilson, Sergt. W. S. Grubb, Sergt. H. O. Smith, Corp. A. E. Randle, Lieut. J. D. Sheppard, Sergt. W. S. Grubb, Sergt. H. O. Smith, Corp. A. E. Randle, Lieut. D. McCaughrin, Lt. C. S. Newton, Corp. W. J. Painter, L. L. H. C. Lieut. M. B. Preston, Lieut. C. H. Wallone, Lieut. D. R. Crawfo MISSION TO LEPERS. The regular meeting of the Mission to Lepers was held in the Bible College. In the absence of Mrs. Trees, Miss Lilu Watt presided.

Miss Sinclair of the Canadian Presidents of the Canadian Presidents.

Thin Folks Who Want To Get Fat Increase in Weight Ten Pounds or More.

byterian Mission spoke particularly of the Leper Asylum at Dhar in India, whose buildings were given by Mr. Henderson, formerly of Toronto, and at one time connected with Toronto

Committee of Legislature

Yesterday.

The last act of the private bills com-

mittee of the legislature in this ses-

20 or 30 per cent.

The order was stated to have been actuarially unsound.

AN IDEAL SUMMER OUTING.

The Provincial Government of On-

PAPER vs. LINEN

We noticed recently under this heading an article by Miss Brands, recommending the use of Paper Towels in the house. We heartily endorse all this lady says about Paper Towels, and would like to add that you can buy Eddy's Tissue Paper Towels made of the softest, most absorbent crepe paper, at prices varying from 10c to 50c per roll of 150 towels, perforated. ed7tf

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TEMPERANCE ACT HITS ASSESSMENT

Clause in Bill Means Big Re- Second Meeting of the Hydroduction in Toronto's Tax

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Citizens Pay the Difference.

THE UNITED WORKMEN

sion was to pass the bill to reorganize the Ancient Order of United Workmen by converting some \$30,000,000 of uninsurance.
The bill provides for the readjustment of the rates, according to a National Fraternal Congress table of mortality and for the reduction of the in-

Commissioner Forman declares that the clause the city will lose its busine tax by reason of the reduction in the a sessment, while the government will g the war tax on the full assessment tak in 1915. "It should not go into force un the taxes for 1917 are being collected continued the commissioner, "to strithe taxes off the liquor business for tyear 1916, is manifestly unfair where municipality collects taxes on an asses ment taken the previous year. By ma

Business Assessments. few of the more important business

FOR THE HOME

FURTHER PROTESTS ON M'GARRY BILL

Receipts.

May Increase Levy and Make Asking That Comptroller Be

If Clause 146 of the Ontario Temperance Act is allowed to stand, it will mean If Clause 146 of the Ontario Temperance Act is allowed to stand, it will mean a reduction of \$2,249,399 in the amount of the assessment on which the city-will collect its taxes for 1916, and a consequent loss to the city in proportion to the tax rate for this year, which is not yet fixed. It will also mean that the city will have to pay the one mill war tax to the province on an amount upon which the city will receive no income.

The clause, which was brought to the attention of the assessment commissioner yesterday afternoon, reads as follows:

"Notwithstanding provisions of the assessment Act, no distiliery, brewer, maltster or holder of a tavern or shop ilcense, or a club in which spirituous or fermented liquors are furnished, shall be liable for, nor shall any municipal corporation levy or collect from any such person or club, any taxes for the year's tax rate is based on the assessment."

Aske Exemption.

In commenting on the matter, Assessment Commissioner Forman draws attention to the fact that this year's tax rate is based on the assessment of 1915, when no one had any idea that the Temperance Act would be brought in, and his contention is that, on this account, the exemption should not be made until 1917. Toronto is in the fortunate position of not having struck its tax rate, and can increase the tax on the balance of the assessment to meet the year's expenditures, which means that the balance of the taxspayers will have to make up the difference, whereas, in municipalities when no self-should be proposed that the self-should be proposed to the commission of the commission be authorized to complete its engineering work and purchase rights of was further pointed out by Mr. Lyon that at the feet of the whole credit, and that the desire was to make a political machine of the enterprises all the risk had been taken by the municipality had refused to oppose the bill, and that this action was imported by small and selfish purpose. The municipalities where the rate for the ware has been fix-

ference, whereas, in municipalities ference, whereas, in municipalities ference the rate for the year has been fix, the reduction in the assessment will an equivalent reduction in the ex-

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