

Was Much Padding of the 19th Regiment Pay Sheets

The Firemen Decide to Hold Out Till 6 Tonight

Efforts Being Made to Bring About a Settlement of the Dispute With the Firemen; Men to Take Their Positions

Fire and Light Committee is Meeting This Afternoon, With Ald. Rose to Take Charge—Applications For the Positions Received By the Committee.

The firemen did not carry out their intention to quit at noon today. They have been staved off until 6 o'clock tonight. The Fire and Light Committee will hold a conference with the firemen this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There are some prospects of a settlement. A former mayor this morning spent some time with the men urging them to at least hold a conference with the committee before they took any drastic action. Ad. Rose said this afternoon that his committee last night did nothing but receive applications of men to fill the firemen's places.

Chamber of Commerce Has New Quarters; Will Take Interest in Sports

The Board of Directors of the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce held a special luncheon meeting at the Welland Hotel at 12 noon yesterday and got through with a number of important items of work.

The committee on committees, appointed at the previous meeting of the Board have already settled down to business, and the committee to handle the housing problem is already under formation, and a committee has been appointed to co-operate with the Arts & Crafts Guild, to assist in the promotion of their exhibition.

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The Chamber is taking steps to obtain an act of incorporation from the Dominion Government and Mr. E. H. Lancaster was appointed as a delegate to attend a conference with the Secretary of the Board.

Recommendations from Forum meetings, held recently were taken up by the Board, and the Committee on committees was authorized to set a committee on Town Planning to thoroughly investigate the needs of St. Catharines in this important work with the view of urging the appointment of a Town Planning Commission.

A sports committee was also authorized to be formed to go into details of improving facilities for, and encouraging various forms of Sport. The committee was also appointed to represent the Chamber of Commerce

in the Niagara District Industrial Association. The committee composed of Mr. W. A. McKinnon, Lt. Col. F. C. McCordick and J. A. Forster.

Protest of Trades and Labor Council Receiving Consideration at Ottawa

Following is a copy of the telegram from the Minister of Labor to Peter Grant, President of the Trades and Labor Council:

Ottawa, April 7

Your telegram to Minister of Labor received. Matter receiving immediate attention.

Gerald H. Brown, Acting Deputy Minister of Labor, is in reply to the following resolution passed by the Trades and Labor Council:

That this special meeting of St. Catharines Trades and Labor Council after hearing the representatives of St. Catharines Fire-fighters Association, and being assured by said representatives "That Ald. Graves did explicitly promise members of the Association that their increases would not be less than 25 per cent." does heartily endorse their action. Furthermore, believing that the members of the above association have no alternative but to resign, and also that the above mentioned breach of faith has brought about a serious crisis in the city's affairs, we advise the members of the Trades and Labor Council to acquaint the Federal Minister of Labor with the seriousness of the situation and ask that he should make an investigation, in order that justice may be meted out."

Sir Adam Beck at Ottawa With Reference to Taking Over Road; Situation Same

Sir Adam Beck yesterday at Ottawa had a conference with Hon. Dr. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals. It was stated that the question of the taking over of the N. S. & T. Ry. by the Hydro was not discussed but it is known that it is the errand of Sir Adam to the capital.

Sir Adam says he is anxious to work in the greatest harmony with the National Railway Board which controls the N. S. & T. Ry., and to avoid duplication of Hydro lines where there are government owned lines as is the case here.

Soldiers in Large Numbers Were Found With Names On Various Pay Sheets

That there was extensive padding of the payrolls of the 19th Regiment was clearly brought out this morning at the military enquiry. Duplications galore were found, and were item by item put down in the records of the court.

Dyke said he had never received the money on the staff pay roll and believing that after the reorganization, the old list had been destroyed, he signed the second pay list and drew only that pay. He never knew any other pay had been claimed for him.

When the military court reconvened today at the armory Capt. S. A. Dyke was called and asked why pay had been claimed for him on two separate pay sheets, in other words why he had drawn pay for 47 days in August 1914. He recognized the 20 days claim signature on the staff pay roll as his own. The pay sheet, he believed was prepared for men who were to go back to civil life owing to a reduction in the canal force. He said he never drew the pay for 27 days to the best of his knowledge, but shown the pay sheets for No. 2 Company for August the admitted the signature opposite 27 days was his own. There was however, possibility of men being impersonated.

Gen. Cruickshank pointed out that both rolls were signed and certified by the same officer on the same day.

HYDRO FARMS BEING RUN AT CONSIDERABLE LOSS ON THE CHIPPAWA-QUEENSTON POWER CANAL AREA

BAN ON FREIGHT INTO BUFFALO

RAILWAY YARDS TIED UP BY ILLEGAL STRIKE OF EMPLOYEES

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 8.—An embargo on all freight entering or leaving or passing through Buffalo was announced late tonight after a conference of officials of the seven railroads whose yards were tied up today by a strike of switchmen. Milk shipments into the city will be continued, and passenger service will be maintained as far as possible, it was said after the meeting.

Auditor Calls Attention to Cost of Running the Farms and Also Draws Attention to Other Items of Expense; Ontario Power Company Assets.

Reporting voluminously as auditor of the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission, G. T. Clarkson repeats much information conveyed in his recent special report to the Government, including a reference to expenditure of \$54,811 for purchase of radial right-of-way between Port Credit and Toronto without statutory authority, but with assurances as to validation from Premier earst.

The statement shows the assets of the commission from Oct. 31 last were \$51,081,982, of which \$19,931,961 is represented by the nine distribution and development systems. Liabilities include advances by the province of \$25,517,816; cash advances to the Chippawa power development works of \$11,975,000. To cover the purchase of the capital stock of the Ontario Power Company the commission assumed a debenture liability of \$7,994,000. Against the Essex and Thorold systems, which are treated as assets of \$473,262, there are debentures of \$326,000 standing as a liability. Among other liabilities is one to the municipalities of \$586,249 balance of sums paid by them in excess of the cost of power supplied.

DEFICITS IN FARMING

In buying land for the Chippawa power canal the commission bought whole farms intending to resell the parts not required. To keep the price up they continued to farm this land. The report shows that there is a deficit of \$53,408 and the auditor declares that the farming operations exceeded those necessary for the work and weren't required to keep the lands favorably for sale. He also doubts the authority to conduct them.

The amount of capital invested in rural lines of the system was \$475,085, and the year's operations showed a net loss of \$310. In the report on the accounts of the Ontario Power Company and of its subsidiary, the Ontario Transmission Company, Limited, the assets of the company are shown as \$25,113,388.63 of which \$61,676.07 was for equipment purchased last year. The expenditure on the third pipeline to the works of the company has been \$3,510,441.02. The original estimated cost was under two million. The Park Commissioners have agreed to let the pipe remain beyond 1923, but the report recommends that the company be authorized to repay the costs of the third pipeline and equipment on a sinking fund basis over an extended period of years, instead of increasing the cost of power to municipalities.

Evening Industrial Classes At Collegiate Close After A Very Successful Year

All the evening Industrial Classes which have been held during the winter in the Collegiate Institute and in the basement of the Public Library are now closed, with the exception of the class for engineers which will meet a few times yet on Wednesday evenings. The reason for continuing this class is that a number of the men have applied for stationary engineer's certificates and the result of their application is not yet known and those who fail to obtain what they want will have an examination as soon as the Department can arrange for the holding of the same. During the season 176 women registered of whom 78 attended three quarters of the lessons and are therefore entitled to a refund of the \$1.00 deposit. The men who registered numbered 160, of these 43 attended the required number of lessons and will receive their deposit from the Advisory Industrial Committee. Those in the list of lucky ones are:—Mesdames Bennett, Brett, Bulger, E. Baker, F. Baker, Callander, Cameron Christie, Chrispell, Gayman, Elson, Filkins, Gilbert, Graham, Greig, Helstrom, Hennegan, Hughes, Hardwick, Howitt,

Jeffs, Kenning, Kaye, Leman, Mackey, Mansell, Marriott, John Marriott McKinnon, McMahon, Nottley, Payne, H. Parsons, I. Parsons, Pocknell, F. Pople, G. Pople, Prestridge, Reid, Reynolds, Roberts, Secord, Stewart, Spurling, Spurling, Schenck, Taylor, Tracey, Waters, Webster, Welch.

Misses Arnott, Aathur, Boyce, Croft, Crowley, Dick, Fager, Graham, Griffiths, Gundlach, Hastie, Martin, McClelland, Mitchell, Moyer, Nash, E. Page, M. Pace, Ross, Shadd, Smith, Stewart, Tasker, Thompson, Tracey, Upper, Cunningham, Dandlop, Messrs Abbey Alexander, Antici, Appleton, A. Brisson, G. Brisson, Croft, Cust, Dick, Disher, Dutcher, Fraser, Flummerfelt, Graham, Harris, Hayter, Hughes, Hinks, Jones, Kay, Klock, Laird, Longhurst, Leach, Logan, H. Lowe, Miller, Osborne, M. Page, Playford, Pettit, Renale, Scrivens, Harvey Stevens, Harold Stevens, Scarlett, R. Smith Reg Town, Withersone.

The principal will be at the Collegiate Institute on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week from 7.30 to 9.00 to return the deposits.

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HARRISON GETS FROM GOVERNOR MONTH'S REPRIEVE

ALBANY, April 8.—Richard Harrison, condemned to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison today was granted a reprieve by Governor Smith today until May 10. The stay was granted on the representation of Harrison's attorney, Joseph R. Truesdale, that an investigation might disclose new evidence.