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## HAMILTON AND HYDRO RADIALS

There is a peach of a contest now going on at Hamilton between the Hydro Commission and the Cataract Power Company. The bone of contention is the proposed Hydro radial from Toronto to Hamilton, and ultimately to the Niagara frontier.

Shortly after the municipalities between Toronto and London endorsed the construction of a Hydro radial between these points, Hamilton electors, swayed by the private interests, defeated a by-law, having for its object the building of a line from Toronto to that city.

Owing to a privately-owned radial, serving Burlington, having demanded increased rates and ceasing operation, which the town council declined to grant them, this Hydro radial project was revived, at request of the citizens of that city and district.

The voting on the by-law will be held next Saturday. For weeks the fight between public and private ownership has been bitterly contested. Chips are flying in all directions.

After the advent of Hydro power, the citizens of Hamilton obtained Hydro power at one-half of the price they formerly paid to private companies. Notwithstanding this they seem to be unable to see wherein the public ownership of such utilities as power and light and radials would benefit them in service and in costs.

Hamilton has been a private-ownership city. It is the home of several leaders of the group which sell power developed at Dacaw falls and which own the street cars and radials operating in and out of the city.

In this Hydro radial fight the three Hamilton newspapers are said to be opposing the by-law, leaving Sir Adam Beck, Mayor Brooker, Mayor McBride of Brantford and other public-ownership men, to rely upon their individual appeals.

In an address, Sir Adam discussed the action of Mr. D. B. Hanna, manager of the Canadian National Railways, in announcing that the Dominion would probably construct a line of railway from Toronto via Hamilton to the frontier. Mr. Hanna is a man who was taken over by the authorities at Ottawa with the Canadian Northern. For years he had opposed Beck, apparently because Sir Adam opposed Mackenzie & Mann's electric interests.

Mr. Hanna, whatever his motive, chose the physiological moment to announce his purpose to have the country build a road from Toronto to Hamilton. Perceiving how full the Ottawa government's hands now are, with its present railway undertakings and prospective acquisitions of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Grand Trunk, has it millions to expend in a duplication of railway lines between Toronto and Hamilton? Ought it to allow Mr. Hanna to oppose a municipal enterprise or play the game of his former employers and business associates?

Why are private interests so determinedly opposed to the Hydro undertakings and projects? Is it not because these give and agree to give the people light, power and radial services at cost?

No stone is being left unturned at Hamilton to defeat the radial by-law. Discussing this opposition, Sir Adam shed some light on the cause of this opposition when he said that the Cataract Power Company obtains water power from the Welland Canal and used it to develop power at Dacaw falls, from the Ottawa authorities at 57 cents per horsepower. Obviously they want to retain this privilege and be at liberty to charge whatever rates they can exact for light, power and radial railway services.

In their estimation the Hydro Electric enterprise and its doughty leader are unalloyed evils, whose cardinal sins are giving the people services at cost. It is more difficult to part a she bear from its cubs than corporations from their profits.

The two hundred odd municipalities that have so greatly benefited from Hydro services before, and particularly during the war, are at a loss to understand the density of Hamilton in preferring to wear the private-ownership collar.

To revert to Mr. Hanna, he proposes to build a federal government line from Toronto to the Niagara frontier chiefly in order to haul coal. Would a Hydro radial not be able to do this?

Adam Beck has a greater plan in mind. He would develop electric current to such an extent and sell it at such a low price that Western Ontario would practically be freed of the necessity of buying soft coal.

Within a week 50,000 h.p. is to be derived from the Chippewa development. The Hydro Commission's plants at Niagara Falls are being developed to a point where they will turn out the equivalent of 8,000,000 tons of coal and when the waters there are fully harnessed, power equal to another 8,000,000 tons would be available.

Western Ontario is only mildly interested in the Hamilton contest, but it is a pivotal point. Were the by-law to be defeated, it will dent the bigger Hydro radial project. To operate a radial line from Toronto to London will call for power line from the Falls to Toronto. It would be more economical to have the stretch between Niagara and Toronto a revenue-earning line.

Furthermore, there is much passenger and freight business to be had in that district.

## ITEMS OF PROVINCIAL REVENUE

Ontario, whose fiscal year ends on October 31, received considerable revenue last year from special taxation, as the following items show:

Succession duties.....	\$3,108,826
War tax.....	2,054,212
Corporation taxes.....	1,578,182
Amuse cent and movies tax.....	531,565
Motor Licenses.....	1,214,000

The Succession Duties tax is one levied upon the estates which residents of the province leave behind when they depart life. It is a tax on wealth. The Provincial Treasurer's report shows that the estates of deceased persons in this county contributed \$60,309 in succession duties. The smallest sum recorded was \$4.57, contributed by the estate of James Keegan, and the largest \$26,398, paid by the estate of the late Hugh McCullough.

The Corporation tax is an impost upon Life and Fire Insurance Companies, Loan and Trust Companies, Banks, Street and Electric Railways, Gas and Coal Companies, Independent Telephone Companies and Telegraph and Express Companies.

To the sum of revenue obtained from the Amusement tax, the public contributed \$531,565. Moving

Picture licenses brought \$35,760. These taxes are for the present to remain.

As is generally known the War Tax of one-mill on the municipalities, which amounted to more than two millions, has been removed.

## INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION SAFEGUARDS PUBLIC HEALTH

Several years ago the Governments of Canada and the United States requested the International Commission to investigate the causes and extent of pollution throughout the boundary waters between the two countries, and to recommend such remedies as would adequately safeguard the public health of the people on both sides of these waters. This investigation naturally fell into two branches. In the first case the Commission brought together and secured the views of representatives of the Federal, State and Provincial Boards of Health. As a result of this conference the Commission was able to outline in a general way the scope of its investigation. It then engaged a corps of sanitary experts who under the general directions of Dr. Allan J. McLaughlin of the Public Health Service of Ontario, and Mr. F. A. Dallyn, Provincial Sanitary Engineer of Ontario, carried out what has been described as the most extensive bacteriological examination of waters the world has ever known. It embraced in fact the entire system of international boundary waters between the two countries, extending for a distance of some two thousand miles from the St. John River in the east to the Lake of the Woods in the west. One of the most gratifying results of these bacteriological surveys was the assurance that the great bulk of the Great Lakes water remains practically in its original purity, in spite of the fact that eight or ten million people have contracted the very bad habit of dumping all their sewage into these waters, and that the entire shipping of the Great Lakes, carrying in one season not less than fifteen million passengers, has followed the same evil practice. Serious pollution was found at many points along the boundary waters, and particularly in the Detroit and Niagara Rivers, where the cities of Detroit and Buffalo, with a number of smaller communities on both sides of the boundary, have been doing their best to make the water of these rivers unfit for human consumption. Severe epidemics of typhoid fever have for years past warned the lake cities that, while they were spending hundreds of millions of dollars on their streets and buildings, and parks, and in other ways adding to the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants, the most vital consideration of all, that of public health, was being grossly neglected. If the International Joint Commission should achieve nothing more than to awaken the cities of the Great Lakes to the vital importance of protecting their water supplies, it will have more than justified its existence.

Having completed the first branch of its investigation, that is as to the sources and extent of pollution, the Commission took up the very important question of remedies, and as an initial step held a conference in New York with a group of sanitary engineers, including men of international standing such as George W. Fuller, Earle B. Phelps, and George C. Whipple of the United States, and W. S. Lea, F. A. Dallyn and T. J. Lafreniere of Canada. As a result of this conference and the subsequent deliberations of the Commission it was decided to adopt, at least tentatively, certain fundamental principles for the preservation of public health upon which the experts were in agreement. The most vital of these principles is that, while in certain cases where the ratio of water to sewage is unusually large the discharge of the latter into boundary waters may be made without danger to the public health, "effective sanitary administration requires the adoption of the general policy that no untreated sewage from cities or towns should be discharged into boundary waters." The other principles adopted relate to methods of sewage purification and water purification.

Field work in connection with the second branch of the investigation was carried out by a corps of sanitary engineers under the direction of Earle B. Phelps of the U.S. Public Health Service and F. A. Dallyn of the Ontario Board of Health. The elaborate reports of the bacteriologists and sanitary engineers on the two branches of the investigation have already been published. The Commission has now issued its own Final Report to the two Governments, embodying its conclusions and recommendations. In that report, after setting forth the character and extent of the pollution, and the remedies recommended, it is suggested that the two Governments confer upon the Commission jurisdiction to regulate and where necessary to prohibit the pollution of boundary waters and waters crossing the boundary. While nothing has yet been done in the direction of conferring upon the Commission jurisdiction to carry out its own recommendations, the two Governments have within the past few weeks requested the Commission to draft rules and regulations designed to meet the needs of the situation.

## BY THE WAY

Canadian branches of American firms are not to be subjected to double taxation. As a result of protests to Washington by the Canadian Reconstruction Association and Canadian branch companies, unsatisfactory clauses in the United States Revenue Bill have been amended. Legal opinions secured by a prominent Canadian firm are in agreement that the amendments met all objections which were taken and that the Bill as it now stands will be satisfactory to Canadian branches of United States companies.

Public works on a large scale are now being constructed by the Italian Government. It is spending more than \$300,000,000 in re-organization of the railways. A great deal of new track construction is under way. Factories which were producing guns and ammunition during the war have already transformed their plants and are making locomotives, rolling stock, rails, and other equipment of all kinds. Construction all over the country.

## WAIT A MINUTE

### "IN THE DAY'S NEWS"

One of the five British commanders cited for their distinguished services in the late war is General Sir Herbert C. O. Plumer, who celebrates his 62nd birthday to-day. He is a soldier of great skill and long experience in military affairs. It is forty-three years since he first entered the British army. He took part in the Egyptian expedition of 1884, and served in the Sudan campaign, being at the battles of Teb and Tannai, his splendid qualities as a leader being noted in the despatches of the day. In the South African War he also took an active and prominent part. When hostilities began in 1914 General Plumer was one of the first commanders sent to the western front. Later in the conflict he was given command of the British forces operating in Italy.

## ONE YEAR AGO TO-DAY IN THE WAR

Richthofen, German aviator, achieved his sixty-fifth birthday.

Five persons killed and nine injured in German air raid on London.

## THE EASIEST WAY TO END DANDRUFF

There is one sure way that never fails to remove dandruff completely and that is to dissolve it. This destroys it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

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## Letters to NewsRecord

Mr. Editor: The information specified in your publication of yesterday is philosophically impregnated with optimistic conceptions.

As you have very wisely remarked, the housing proposition introduced by the Ontario Government, is certainly of genuine importance, because in this city, abundant indications of a shortage in dwellings for the operatives in the various industries.

The idea of constructing these proposed houses, with an ornamental, sanitary and generally convenient structure is just what every right thinking citizen should and no doubt will anticipate.

A most desirable location for the introduction of such a scheme, may be found out on Queen Street, South, on what is known as the old exhibition grounds, containing a rough estimate about ten acres. This plot is beautifully located, elegant nice dry soil, the main water pipe going directly by, on Queen St., the sewer handy, the ground being high requiring little or no digging to obtain fall, the whole plot is at present unbroken and could be laid out to advantage so as to construct a central heating system, and every house have a little garden attached to it, for the gratification of the horticultural dispositions of the residents. It is evident that the Central heating plan is by far the cheaper and one thing is for sure is that there are numerous railway switches come within a few feet of the street on which the lot lies, so coal could be obtained by the car load. It may be impossible for the writer in so short an article, to fully investigate the subject on hand, nevertheless it may be allowed to presume that neither the City Council nor the Commission (if one be appointed) will view these humble efforts as an intrusion.

J. F. McKay.

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## "CHAIN STORES"

Antoinette Hat Shops Limited Will Have Branch Here. The Antoinette Chain of Millinery Stores has made its entry into Kitchener, having secured and remodelled No. 91 King Street West. Contractors have recently redecorated this store and have made it exceedingly attractive and when entirely completed it will be one well worthy of the chain of Antoinette Stores, now extending over Ontario.

The Antoinette shops have a model factory of their own located at Hamilton, Ont., and have branches in this vicinity at Kitchener, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Stratford, Guelph, Owen Sound and Hamilton. They claim that, through their extensive buying, and through the operation of their own hat works, that they are able to sell direct from maker to wearer at prices very much lower than those of department stores and small milliners. But they also say that the saving to be made is not what has made this chain of Stores famous, for their prestige comes from the fact that they show such exclusive designs.

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Most of the styles shown at the Antoinette Stores are exclusive and range from the conservative to the extreme in pattern and style.

The New York Office of the Company is located on 38th Street, just off Fifth Avenue.

## THOUGH CLAIMING SUCH STATUS SINCE 1897 IT WAS NOT UNTIL LAST YEAR IT WAS ATTAINED

Ottawa March 11—Hon. N. W. Rowell made a speech in the Commons to-day in which he reviewed the constitutional developments since the war by which Canada has become a nation in fact as well as name.

"While Canadians had been claiming the status of a nation since 1897 it was not until 1917 that she attained such," said Mr. Rowell.

Canada said the president of the privy council has now a say in the making of the foreign affairs of the empire and a say in making peace and war. This was a result of the formation of the imperial war cabinet. This cabinet of governments was a constitutional development of the war from the necessities of the war Mr. Rowell announced that a conference would be held to determine the future constitution of this cabinet and its relations to the empire Parliament would be consulted before Canadian delegates attended.

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Among Canadian manufacturers Mr. Cowan has the reputation of being one of the shrewdest and most discriminating buyers on the road. He has expert knowledge of many lines of manufacture. His opinion with respect to the excellence of local manufactures, told in his purchases made on Saturday, is very complimentary to the industrial standing of this city. He found nothing in all Canada better suited to the requirements of the Newfoundland markets; in some lines their outstanding excellence greatly impressed him. Galt's exports to Newfoundland will steadily grow. Mr. Cowan's commendation of the city's products will prove a factor in the same."

Attorney-General McAllister, of Missouri, together with several friends, have been arrested charged with hunting ducks in violation of Fed. eral game laws.

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