

CITIZENS OFFERS CRITICISM OF THE POWER CONTRACT

Says it Presents Features Which Are Not Favorable to the
Municipalities—Their Liability Greater Than Was Supposed
—Items Which Add to the Cost of Power.

Here is a comment upon the hydro-electric commission contract offered by a citizen, a manufacturer who is also a user of power:

"Some features are revealed in the contract which are new to the public and which are not to the advantage of municipalities."

"For instance, you will notice that in addition to the price at which the commission says it will deliver power at the doors of the municipality, the latter must agree to pay the line loss and the cost to operate, maintain, repair, renew and insure said line. I am quoting the exact words of the commission. This clause means that the municipal corporations must be liable for every accident or calamity that could possibly happen along the line from Niagara Falls to London, even to the killing of a horse or a man. The line loss is in itself a big factor."

An Exclusive Contract.

"Then take the clause which binds a municipal corporation to take power exclusively from the hydro-electric commission. This means that each

Trying to Save School Money At Expense of Kindergarten

Some Novel Ideas on Education
Presented at Trustees'
Meeting.

There was some sweeping things said at the meeting of No. 1 committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon, when the members came to the consideration of the public school estimates.

"What is the estimated increase in the public school salaries this year?" asked Trustee Teasdale.

"Not less than \$20,000 increase will let us out," replied Secretary McElheran.

"I think I will move to Byron," remarked Trustee Teasdale.

A Farce.

"I tell you, gentlemen," said Trustee Graham, "London's system of kindergarten teaching is a farce, and needs revision throughout. I intend to make a recommendation to that effect to the board of education. I have talked to a number of city principals, and they all agree with me that the kindergarten system of this city is costing alto-

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.			
	1907.	1908.	1909.
Examination	\$ 400 00	\$ 400 00	\$ 400 00
Library and laboratory	650 00	607 48	550 00
Printing	200 00	92 00	200 00
Stationery	225 00	183 63	200 00
Salaries—teachers and substitutes	25,500 00	26,554 00	27,400 00
Superintendant	1,000 00	1,300 00	1,300 00
Domestic science	1,000 00	67 73	150 00
Proportion of officers' salaries	325 00	325 00	400 00
Totals	\$30,550 00	\$28,870 22	\$33,800 00

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.			
	1907.	1908.	1909.
Printing	\$ 425 00	\$ 377 40	\$ 425 00
Art supplies	1,200 00	1,345 14	1,500 00
Model School	600 00	675 81	700 00
Kindergarten supplies	600 00	82 50	100 00
Boyle memorial	75 00	82 50	100 00
Salaries—teachers and officers	\$9,787 00	\$8,838 75	\$10,000 00
Substitute teachers	1,500 00	1,455 24	1,500 00
Normal Training School	1,300 00	1,500 00	1,700 00
Maps and appliances	200 00	—	400 00
Totals	\$96,487 00	\$94,614 02	\$115,825 00

Daughters of Empire Elect Officers Outline of the Work of Past Year

Twelve Months the Most Successful in the History
of the Order.

The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire held its annual meeting recently, when a very large number were present.

The regent, Mrs. F. E. Leonard, presided.

The secretary read the annual report showing the year just closed to have been the most successful in the history of the society and giving in detail some of the work in which the ladies have been interested in during the year.

Prominent in this line is the school work. One object of the society is the instilling of patriotism in the youth of the country, and every year valuable prizes are given in the public and separate schools to the children writing the best essays on given subjects, always on patriotic lines.

The Monument.

The erection of a soldiers' monument in Victoria Park has been a long-cherished hope, which is now about to

Street Railway Puts In the Derail

The London street railway has had installed the 25-foot derail on the Ottawa avenue crossing.

For some time the Pere Marquette Railway has had the matter under way and has at last installed it for the street railway.

This is in accordance with the order made by the board of railway commissioners.

The west derail is 25 feet, but the east derail is 75 feet, according to the

New Modern Factory For Hobbs Co. To Replace the Destroyed Building

Total Loss in the Recent Big
Fire Will Exceed
\$150,000.

Secretary-Treasurer Platt of the Hobbs Glass Company stated to The Advertiser this morning that the total loss in the recent fire will not exceed \$150,000.

A Large New Factory.

"We are already using an old frame house on York street to manufacture stained glass in," said Mr. Platt, and as soon as we can possibly get our insurance adjusted, or get permission from the valuator, we will start on temporary premises. I expect that a large new factory will be built as soon as possible. It will be the case the new buildings will be spread over a much larger area than the old ones, which were most unhandy in many ways. We own the most of the land north of the buildings destroyed, and at present are thinking of erecting a plant on the modern style, that is, a one-story building, divided into many apartments as necessary.

"The beautiful stained glass dome, which the Hobbs firm had just completed for the new portion in front of the Grand Opera House, was completely destroyed in the recent fire. The dome was only completed the day before, and it was the intention to deliver it yesterday. It was one of the largest and most beautiful of its kind in the city. Work has already been commenced upon a new dome."

Licenses Same as Granted Year Ago No Changes Looked For in the List

Annual Inspection By the Commission Takes Place on Monday.

There will be few changes in the hotel roster this coming year. Only a couple of transfers of licenses will be granted, one being the transfer of the Britannia House to Mr. W. Cook, and the transfer of the Richmond House license from Cook Bros. to Mr. John Cook.

The licenses for the year will be: Teasdale House, George O'Neill; Griggs House, J. D. Evans; City Hotel, A. H. Brenner; London House, W. Lashbrook; Richmond House, J. Cook; Metropolitan Hotel, W. Wright; Savoy Hotel, C. E. Bernard; Iroquois, Jerry McDonald; Hotel Cecil, W. P. Hanford; Dundas House, J. W. Park; Hotel, J. Menhinick; Hotel, J. H. McLean; Britannia House, W. Cook; Thompson House, A. Thomson; Sadler House, A. Sadler; Grand Central, W. Mahon; Barrell House, E. Barrell; Morton House, E. Morton; Hotel Windsor, C. James; Hotel Columbia, Alex. Ferguson; Homister Hotel, James H. Homister; Western Hotel, John P. Jennings; Walpole House, L. L. Walpole; Fraser House, John Fraser; Queen's Hotel, A. L. McNeill; Hodgins House, J. A. Hodgins.

Shop licenses—J. W. Scudrett, P. J. Watt, Ed. Shea and Hawkins Bros., who are Somerville's old place of business. Renewals are granted the 1st of May.

East-Middlesex Nominatio Today

A very large delegation of East-Middlesex Liberals met this afternoon in Hyman Hall to choose a candidate for the Provincial House.

Some time ago Mr. John L. McDougall, of this city, was nominated.

CITY WILL PAY FOR POWER

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Transmission.

"Then there is the matter of transmission. All the municipalities must pay for the transmission lines. The price will be figured on the maximum requirements of the municipality. London has said that it could use 5,000-horsepower. The transmission line to London from Woodstock must be figured on that basis. This will mean that the city will have to pay for a line to carry 5,000-horsepower or the maximum amount. At all events, the city is bound to pay 4 per cent on the money invested, and provide for a sinking fund for thirty years, in addition to all cost of maintenance and operation. Tenders will be asked for the transmission lines very shortly, I am told."

The Other Company.

Nothing definite has been heard from the Detroit capitalists, who are interested in the Leamington field. Some time ago Ald. Ferguson was communicated with regarding the gas proposition, and it was expected that those interested would visit London and look the situation over.

In the meantime, however, a number of Chicago capitalists have become interested in the Leamington fields, and are anxious to get control of them.

Large tracts of land are being bonded in Southwold and Delaware Townships, it is stated, and drilling for gas will be commenced within a short time, it is rumored.

Nothing has been heard of late from the company operating the Port Rowan field, but it was stated that the company has given up the idea of running a line to London in view of the competition.

The Available Supply.

The present flow of the Dover fields is four million feet. With that supply of gas at hand for use in the city of London, it will mean a great thing for the many industries of the city.

There will be an abundance of gas for domestic use, heating, lighting, and so on. It will also be a great thing for the present consumption of gas in the city is about half a million feet daily, but this can easily be trebled with cheaper gas.

Adelaide Street Baptist Church.

In Adelaide Street Baptist Church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dr. Townor will sing his latest song, composed while in London; the pastor will preach on "A Woman With a Painted Face."

To Users of Homeopathic Remedies

Everyone doubtless knows that drugs lose their strength with age, and that fresh, full-strength remedies are to be had only from the original source. Our trade in Homeopathic Specifics is so large that we can supply you with fresh remedies at frequent intervals, and our Specifics are therefore fresher and more effective than those usually sold. Let us furnish yours.

Strong's Drug Store
184 DUNDAS STREET.
Strong's Baking Powder, used once, used always. Try it.

Local Items

—Mrs. Frank Stagg (nee Hooper) of Brockville, will sing at the evening service in Dundas Center Methodist Church tomorrow.

—Mr. Justice Riddell will preside at the Kent assizes, which open at Chatham Monday, instead of Chief Justice Falconbridge, who was originally scheduled to preside. Mr. Riddell expects to get through the Chatham work in time to take charge of the adjourned sitting of the Middlesex assizes, which begins on the 9th of this month.

Jolly April Dance.

The opening April hop given by Messrs. Dayton & McCormick last evening resulted in one of the most pleasant and enjoyable dances held at the Palace Academy this season. A 200 guests were present and were tendered a delightful programme. Another sociable will be given next Friday evening.

Remembered Mr. McGregor.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Life Insurance Underwriters' Association of London, Mr. A. S. McGregor, of the Sun Life, who is leaving for the old country shortly for the benefit of his health, was presented with a handsome traveling bag by the members of the association. Mr. H. E. Gales, president of the association, made the presentation, in which he paid a tribute to the worth of Mr. McGregor, and wished him health and happiness on his voyage. Mr. McGregor in the organization of the association, and wished him long life and happiness. Several other of the members spoke along a similar strain, and thanked the members for their kindness.

PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT

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services rendered by you as its president, during the two years just past. We would also, in further appreciation with such unanimous resolution, beg to request your acceptance of the accompanying cabinet of silver cutlery as a slight token of recognition and appreciation of the value of such services.

"The association will always be under a debt of gratitude for your very able assistance in building up and conserving and increasing its valuable benefits and privileges."

"We shall always most cordially wish for yourself and family every happiness and prosperity."

"Signed on behalf of the association, J. T. Green, president; R. E. Davis, first vice-president; D. Ferguson, second vice-president; W. L. Underwood, treasurer; Alf. Robinson, secretary."

Secretary's Report.

Secretary Alf. Robinson presented the following report, which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the association:

"Your committee of management have much pleasure in reporting continued progress and prosperity. There is every indication that the business of the country is materially reviving from the enforced restriction consequent on the late financial stringency. The preparations being made for large contracts lately entered into for extensive new railway building, and also the large and favorable immigration taking place, all go to guarantee the continued great development of our enormous natural resources and consequent commercial activity."

"Since our last annual meeting we have had to mourn the loss by death of a number of our members, several of whom were amongst our oldest and most highly respected associates. Prominent among these may be mentioned the late C. F. Allison, William Davis and Clarence E. Reed, late of Windsor."

"The late Mr. Morrison."

A resolution of regret over the death of Mr. Morrison, an old member of the association, and formerly in business here, was moved. Mr. Morrison died yesterday in Windsor.

Among those at the meeting were: Secretaries: Messrs. R. E. Davis, Ald. Donald Ferguson, vice-presidents; and W. L. Underwood, treasurer; W. M. Dillon, Wm. Turnbull, W. R. Grant, William Lind, Samuel Munroe, C. W. Nicholls, W. Smithson, L. C. Johnson, H. W. Lind.

**LATEST STOCK
MARKET REPORTS**

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Wheat—Open 92 1/2, High 93 1/2, Low 92 1/2, Close 92 1/2.
Corn—Open 88 1/2, High 89 1/2, Low 88 1/2, Close 88 1/2.

NEW YORK.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Amalgamated Copper, 68 1/2, 68 1/2, 68 1/2, 68 1/2.
American Sugar, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2.

Canadian Pacific, 104 1/2, 104 1/2, 104 1/2, 104 1/2.
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Mechanics, Factorymen and Warehousemen

You can drop in at the NOON HOUR, open a savings account or make a customary deposit and leave WITHOUT DELAY.

We give you SPECIAL ATTENTION at this hour, as we are aware that your time is limited.

The hard winter is over and you should now be able to save part of your weekly earnings.

ONE DOLLAR will open an account. We add interest to your account four times a year.

Bank of Toronto

LONDON. John Pringle, Manager.

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