

ONTARIO POWER SCHEME ATTACKED

Blue Ruin Cry Is Raised by New York State Legislators Who Oppose State Ownership Idea.

A BIG DEFICIT ALLEGED

Toronto Is Said to Have Shown Net Loss to June 30th of a Large Sum.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—The joint legislative committee appointed in 1911 to investigate the Niagara water power resources and recommend a possible plan for conservation and utilization, reported today that "it would be impossible for the State of New York to develop a sufficient amount of hydraulic power to make any appreciable impression on the power demands of the state."

For Private Charter

The committee renew their recommendation made to the legislature in 1912, and ask for the passage of legislation introduced at that time. They point out that there is within the state a daily consumption of over 2,000,000 horsepower, and that to deliver this to the point of utilization would take over 8,000,000 water horsepower at the penstock.

Heavy Losses Alleged

The committee report regarding the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario, that it has never developed any water power, but has acted merely in the capacity of middleman in the merchandising of electric energy; that it furnishes power to the municipalities below cost; that if the same methods were applied to it as are employed in business transactions of a similar nature, it would show an annual loss of at least \$52,170 a year; and that in addition to this loss to the province, the local municipal distribution power systems of the City of Toronto showed a net loss to June 30, 1912, of \$263,384.

Limited in Scope

The report says that while there are three smaller districts in which the hydro-electric power commission operates, known as the Port Arthur, the Ottawa and the Big Chute, the great majority of its operations are confined to what is known as the Niagara system; that the commission has expended upon its operations provincial funds amounting to approximately \$6,000,000; that its annual administration expenditures are \$275,000; that its operations have involved the municipalities served in expenditures for distributing public lighting and power service exceeding \$8,000,000; and that the result of this expenditure of \$16,000,000 has been to distribute without any consideration either hydraulic or steam, less than 35,000 horsepower, or, as the committee point out, about the amount utilized in and about Glens Falls and Hudson Falls.

Burden Variable

Attached to the report is a financial summary, showing that the operations of the provincial hydro-electric commission are conducted at a loss of \$269,080, in addition to its administration expenses, which have never been charged against the cost of power; that the burden placed on the several communities by the expenditures of the hydro-electric power commission is of a variable character; that some have been bonded to the extent of \$3.11 for each individual in the community, while others have been bonded for \$21.

REDISTRIBUTION IS NOT YET IN SIGHT

Senator Loughheed So Intimates—Cloran Would Debar Divorced Persons From Marrying Again.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—

The senators came back today after their Christmas holidays. Senator Belue asked: "Is it the intention of the government to present a redistribution bill during the present session of parliament?"

Hon. Mr. Loughheed replied for the government as follows: "From present intentions, no."

Senator Cloran introduced a bill, "Respecting the evils of divorce." It provides that where divorce has been granted the offending party shall not have the right of remarrying.

Sensor Davis gave notice of a motion declaring that in view of the rapid increase in the value of western lands school lands should be withdrawn from sale for a time.

Tributes of respect were paid to the late Senator Campbell. Hon. Mr. Loughheed said: "Few men had the esteem of their fellow-men to a greater extent than Senator Campbell. Few men will be more missed in public life than he."

Sensor Campbell had identified himself with much of the useful legislation of the parliament during the last twenty years, said the speaker. Sir George Ross said it was kind to hear such a political compliment from the government party. Thru his death parliament and the country had suffered a great loss.

Radial Entrance Into Galt

GALT, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The Lake Erie and Northern Railway is having difficulty in obtaining an entrance into Galt and securing a central position for the northern terminal. The objective point is Main street, but the R. McDougall shops stand in the way. A considerable figure is advanced in the proposition to secure the necessary right of way to this part of the town.

MANY ELIGIBLE UNDER OLD AGE PENSION PLAN

Preliminary Report of Special Committee at Ottawa Furnishes Some Illuminating Data.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—According to a preliminary report of the special committee of the commons appointed to investigate an old age pension system for Canada, the number of persons sixty-five years of age and upwards eligible for old age pensions, according to the last census figures, would be according to the British scheme about 145,000, and should Australian conditions apply, about 121,000, or 1.68 per cent. of the total population.

The report submits the evidence submitted last session before the committee under the chairmanship of J. H. Burnham. No recommendations are made pending further investigation, but much valuable information is given as to the working out of old age pension systems in other countries.

The approximate number of wage earners in Canada is estimated at 1,237,000, and one per cent, or approximately 12,370, of these are sixty-five years of age and upwards. The old age population of the Dominion (sixty-five years of age and upwards) is estimated at 326,200, or about 4.1-2 per cent. of the whole population.

HARD TO SECURE DECENT HOUSES

Imperial Home Reunion Committee Finds Difficulty in Providing Homes For Newcomers.

The difficulty in finding decent houses at a reasonable rent was strongly emphasized at the first annual meeting of the Imperial Home Reunion Association of Toronto, held in the board of trade chambers yesterday afternoon.

The annual report, which was unanimously adopted, said: "The one serious difficulty encountered in finding decent houses at a reasonable rent. Within twenty minutes of Charing Cross a six-roomed house, well-placed and built, with a garden, and in a healthy and delightful situation can be had for \$7.50 a month. It is doubtful whether anything so good can be found near Toronto for less than three times that amount."

Your committee have been compelled to accept certain applications because of this condition of matters—since at the moment it was clearly impossible for the applicant to lodge and care for a large family at the wage he was earning. Rent made the difference."

The matter was referred to the housing committee.

Thru the efforts of the society 1204 persons from the old country have found their families in Toronto during the year. Of these 325 were mothers, 239 children under twelve years of age, and 639 children over twelve years of age.

The governing committee for the ensuing year was elected as follows: Frank W. (chairman), Frank Arnold, K.C.; W. H. Blake, K.C.; D. A. Cameron, Kenneth J. Dunstan, W. A. Frithbrooke, W. K. George, Robt. S. Gourlay, Thomas E. Lee, E. S. Macdonnes, Noel Marshall, Walter R. Nursey, R. P. Ormsby, Hedley Shaw, G. T. Somers, Benj. Westwood, E. M. Wickett, R. Brock, Walter J. Barr.

LOCOMOTIVE TO LIBERATE VESSEL

FORT WILLIAM, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—For the second time in the history of navigation in Fort William, a locomotive will be used in an endeavor to free a vessel from the ice. The ice has become worked underneath the Ames Stone to such an extent that it is practically grounded, and it is impossible to move her by tugs. Instead of raising steam on the vessel a locomotive will do it and supply the winches with the vaporized water. Tracks are being laid to the banks of the Kaministiquia River, and the attempt will be made as soon as possible.

Fall Was Fatal

BRANTFORD, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Falling on a chair while putting up curtains, Mrs. Helen O'Neill, the young wife of John O'Neill, received injuries yesterday which proved fatal.

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Dineen's Furs Must Be Sold to Bring Down Heavy Overstock



THERE is no disguising the fact that that this has been a poor winter for selling furs. The weather has been too mild. A day now and then looked promisingly cold, but here we are into the third week of January and there has been no real winter yet—not the kind of winter we are used to in Canada.

There may be plenty of cold weather ahead of us yet, but Dineen's are not going to await its arrival with an overstock of furs. We are going to sell out our stock down to the point where it should be at this time of the year, after a hard winter had set in. We cannot afford to wait, because, if cold weather should not arrive,

and there should be no increased activity in our selling, then we would be caught with a heavy overstock on our hands that we would have no prospect of moving for another eight months.

This is a plain statement of the situation. That is why we announce a clearing sale. Absolutely some of our furs have to be sold. Every article is from our regular line and at the prices we are willing to sell the values are unmistakable.

Below are a few of the lines. These furs are particularly suitable for quick selling. Among the list are several Parisian novelties in furs, most excellently stylish dress accessories for young ladies. This represents only the smallest part of our stock available for selling at this season.

Imitation Ermine

Made up of a genuine fur that very closely approaches the real ermine; trimmed with black tails and lined with a superior quality white silk. One lot, 97 Stoles, Ties, Scarfs, to sell for \$1.20 to \$7, being one-half the regular price of these furs. No article in this assortment is worth less than double the price.

Russian Fitch

The fitch belongs to the sable family. The fur is a glossy brown, and differs from sable in its lighter and more silky quality. Five dozen neckpieces in this clearing, and every piece reduced one-half. What was \$12 now sells for \$6. There is a wide variety for selection.

Swansdown Set

This is really a novelty set of rare beauty. The swansdown is bordered with black fox, and the muff and scarf are trimmed with heads and velvet ornaments. A most luxurious dress accessory reduced to less than one-half regular price. Was \$75, now offered for \$35.

Silvered Hare

Also known as "German chinchilla." It is an excellent full-haired fur, of unmistakable richness. This is an imported line. Thirty-five sets—muff and cape—artistically trimmed with chiffon. This price reduction is not quite one-half. Regular price \$60, now priced at \$35 the set.

Gray Squirrel

Gray squirrel sets, trimmed with mouflon. A rich and delicate combination. Lined with gray satin. The muff is very large and luxurious. The regular price for these sets is \$100. Now reduced to \$65.

American Opossum

The opossum is a rich, luxuriant fur, and these sets, of shawl and muff, are unusually fine samples of the true fur. The shawl is 80 inches long and 8 inches wide. The muff is very large and trimmed to match. The sets are inserted with imitation ermine of pure whiteness. These sets are regularly priced at \$100. Our price is \$55.

Imitation Chinchilla

This is a Parisian novelty set. The chinchilla is of a beautifully rich appearance, striped with Hudson seal and trimmed with tassels. It is not possible to describe the richness of these sets. To be appreciated they must be seen. The reduction is one-half regular price—\$50 the set. Now offered for \$25.

Ladies' Fur-lined Coats

The advent of the automobile has introduced a fashion in Ladies' Fur-lined Coats, suitable for weatherable riding, walking or evening wear. The collars are full and luxuriously comfortable. The shells are broadcloth or rough Scotch tweed. The lining of hamster, muskrat, lock squirrel, Hudson seal, and other furs, reaches three-quarters the full length of the coat. The variety of this line is most complete, and all exquisitely tailored. Seventy-five (75) cents on the dollar for these garments.

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Alfred Ruthven Convicted of Fraud. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Alfred V. Ruthven of Keokuk, Iowa, said to be the inventor of a safety appliance for the prevention of railway accidents, was today convicted in the United States district court of using the mails to defraud. Judge Rufus Foster sentenced Ruthven to three years in the Atlanta Penitentiary, and to pay a fine of \$1000. Evidence showed that Ruthven used the mails for the promotion of a stock-

selling scheme, his operations covering considerable territory in the middle west and south.

Ruthven was recently committed for trial in Montreal on similar charges.

Alleged Horse Thief Arrested.

KINGSTON, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—For the theft of a horse and rig from Belleville, Walter Leasher, aged 22, Belleville, was placed under arrest. He hired the outfit last Friday, drove to Tremont and afterwards to Kingston. He is alleged to have tried to sell the outfit here.

KINGSTON WOMAN DROPS DEAD.

KINGSTON, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Miss Mary K. aged fifty, a life-long resident of Wolfe Island, dropped dead while sitting ashes in her yard. Heart failure was the cause.

Honored by Brother Masons.

GALT, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Ald. Thom's, past master Waterloo Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, on the eve of a trip to his native land, Wales, called, on Friday evening, Jan. 11, at 8 o'clock, in the public hall of the normal school.

EARL OF ASHBURNHAM DEAD.

FREDRICKTOWN, N. B., Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Hon. Thomas Ashburnham received a cable today, announcing the death of his uncle, the Earl of Ashburnham, in England.

Prof. Hutt's Lectures.

Prof. Hutt of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, will lecture on "School Gardens as a Factor in Education," on Friday evening, Jan. 17, at 8 o'clock, in the public hall of the normal school.

KINGSTON'S EDUCATIONISTS MEET.

KINGSTON, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Alexander W. McLean was elected chairman of the board of education at the inaugural meeting tonight.

W. Peters was elected chairman of finance; Percy Chown, property, and Robert Meek, management.

Six Months For Theft. NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—After confessing to the theft of \$18 from William Bell, George Walker was sentenced to six months imprisonment.