RECK RETRACTS

The Hydro organs have been crowing good deal over a statement made by Hon. Adam Beck at Brantford to the intee its power estimates, and in event of them being exceeded would bear the loss, thus protecting the municipalities word as final, and brushed aside the A. G. MacKay's objection to Mr. Beck's cement was treated as churlish. and the Government was regarded as in suring the power-plunging municipali

Mr. Beck has had new light, and he astens to withdraw his Brantford state ment. The Government guarantees noth ing, and the municipalities must bear the cost to the last cent, no matter how large, they protecting the Government loss, as the act provides. Mr. Beck makes the astonishing and humiliating enfession that he knows so little abou the Power Act that when he made the at Brantford he really thought that the act so provides, but he has since been advised that it does not! Think of that for a power oracle

the Hydro scheme about which Mr. Beck has been talking through his hat. The statement that the Government will contract with the municipalities to furnish power at a given price per h.p. is one of them. He should take a day off and read the act. It might save him from being suspected of trying to deceive the nicipalities, when his statements are probably due to ignorance or misunder tanding of the matter on which he poses as an expert.

A WASTE OF MONEY.

"To Shelve the Good Roads By-law—Present Not an Opportune Time to Ask Ratepayers to Vote Money—Aldermen Have Enough Important Schemes to Submit for Approval."

That is the way the Hamilton Herald ates that the city cannot afford to put its streets in good repair, and the eason therefor-"aldermen have enough Important SCHEMES to submit for approval," it says; and it goes on to add royal," it says; and it goes on to add:
An objection to asking the people to
rote \$200,000 or \$300,000 for good roads
that they will liave to vote at least
\$25,000 for a civic street lighting plant;
and \$50,000 for new waterworks pumps.
I the ratepayers are asked to add anrher \$200,000 or \$300,000 for good
toads it is feared that they will think
he aldermen have gone mad, and will
aun down all the money by-laws. An
ther objection is the state of the money
market. Bonds cannot be sold to adantage now.

In other words, the city is so poor and culd not borrow money for the legitiate needs of street paving, but that no atter how much the taxpayers' burden, nd no matter what loss may be inared in realizing on debentures the eple ought to be taxed "at least \$225,for a light distribution system that e city needs no more than a cart needs

Let the "intelligent and public-spirit ed" citizen beware the snare of the graft. peration, and before any honest, intellicent man seeks to waste money in dupliating it very strong reasons must be presented to him. It must be shown that the city will certainly save money by it over anything possible to be done the present system. And that cannot

The Hydro-Electric engineers have freely admitted that the Cataract Company can generate and distribute electricity cheaper than they and the city can hope to do. But how does that help us? say the hydromaniacs, Muchif the aldermen will but do their duty. If the prices charged for light to the city and to private individuals are too high, they can force a reduction. The law provides that at any time the coun cil can compel the company to furnish light at a price to be fixed by arbitra-The aldermen know that, but they have for some reason or another, negicted their duty and refused to move in the interest of the citizens. The Herald was forced to admit that.

Now, with a supply of electricity gen erated and delivered at less cost to the contracting company than that we propose to draw from; with a distributing law provided that enables us to fix by arbitration the prices to be charged to duce the taxpayers to shoulder a contion, with all the incompetence, waste to remain an Englishman, in spite of all temptation.

ment, while the city cannot even afford to raise money to repair its streets? Isn't the proposal a foolish or a knavis

LONDON HARD UP.

A committee of the City Council o ability of arranging for a popular loan to be subscribed for by the citizens only bearing 5 per cent. interest, and has sult the city solicitor and to consider other ways and means of raising the unds necessary to meet the liabilities of the city, and report back to the coun

cil. It is proposed to have the deben-tures issued in sume as low as \$50, and are enough public-spirited people in the city who have money to spare who would gladly come to the city's aid in their present predicament. Some of the alder en say the scheme will affect bank in terest rates, if it goes through. London big Hydro-Electric scheme to finance, if it goes through. The debt of the mu cipalities has increased so much of late years that many expedients have bee suggested to keep up the spending and provide funds. Already one municipality at least is trying to hypothecate its waterworks system to raise money, so that the London plan is not the oddest yet. It might be feasible to get legislaion to allow it to issue \$50 debentures or even \$10, but whether there would be a great rush of citizens to buy them at par may be doubted. The situation to which the proposal calls attention, however, is one that should warn municipal councils to go slowly in loading up the taxpayers with further debt and interest. Have mercy on the man who pays.

UNCLE SAM'S PINCH.

The inflexibility of the United States banking system has tended greatly to aggravate the monetary stringency which prevails throughout the republic, and in the effort to relieve it the Govrnment has conceived the idea of is and \$100,000,000 short time treasury notes bearing 3 per cent. interest. B it is not certain that the effect of such ment. The N. Y. Journal of Commerce s among the doubters, and fears that this borrowing will have the effect of locked up in the Government vaults, it

Nothing could be more anomalous than the present manacial situation in this country and the measures taken by an discending and the measures taken by an discending the first property care by a bad currency system, adopted in the tremendous emergency of covin war, here is the Government with a surplus of \$240,000,000 on its maints, extracted from the substance or the people by all mtoicrable tariff, proposing to borrow in baste \$50,000,000, not yet needed, for work on the Panama Canal, for the purpose of expanding a bank currency maderiged by aw, and \$100,000,000 more on short-time notes for no earthly purpose except to draw money from private hoards or from abroad to swell a volume of currency already too great. Both measures are of more than doubtful legality. With the immense surplus on and there should be no need of ourrowing for the work going on at the istinguist.

the city needs no more than a cart needs to third wheel; which may prove a cause of constant loss to the city, and every gossible benefit of which we can enjoy without taxing the people a single dollar, and without opening the way to the coulc-be grafters and jobbers to fatter their expense.

Here is one of the Herald's appeals hade in the effort to bunco the tax aayers into spending a quarter of a miltion or so in this utterly unnecessary and probably permanently wasteful scheme, while they are told that they cannot afford to keep up the streets of the sity.

As a rule there are two sides to every mestion. It is the Herald's opinion that he other side of this question—so far is the city's welfare is concerned—is a dank. If any intelligent, substantial irgument could be advanced, against the rojection it would have been advanced efter, now. But we have seen or heard to objection that deserves a minute sensition of the incapacity of both the Secre attraordnary proceeding is the reveal to the Entred States to comprenent the stuation with which states to comprenent the stuation with which attended the Treasury Department of the head of the Treasury Department of the toovernment a mere annateur, a neophyte in Imance, who has nettner the natural capacity, the training nor the toovernment a mere annateur, a neophyte in Imance, who has nettner the natural capacity, the training nor the toovernment a mere annateur, a neophyte in Imance, who has nettner the store ment and they are dealing of the toovernment will see that the people do not suffer if only the people tuennestless will act in a normal manner." This is carrying paternalism to the extreme as will act in a normal manner. This is far the toovernment were ommiscient and manipotent and the people were its far the covernment were ommiscient and manipotent and the people were its far the toovernment were ommiscient and manipotent and the people do not suffer if only the people tuennestless will act in a normal manner." This is far the covernment were ommiscient and

doing, speculation and extravagance" to or ignorant, and arouses the suspicion the exhaustion of capital and overstraining of credit, and deciares that "there must be curtailment, retrench the light. ment and a bringing down of the cost of doing things. Inflated prices and wages will have to yield and the situation is one requiring sober and judicious treatment by those who understand it and know the remedies for it." As far as the Panama bond issue is concerned it looks for no good result, if indeed it does not add to the difficulty, but it sees hope in promised legislation that may bring the United States banking system more into line with our own, and trusts that it will be at least "the be ginning of something which aims in the right direction and will ultimately lead out of the willderness into the promised land of a healthy prosperity." Canada has not been hit so hard as its neigh-

It has been reported in New York that Prince Arthur, only son of the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by a brilliant suite, will represent the King at the system already in operation, and with a celebration next year of the tercentennial anniversary of the founding of Que-bec in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain. us for the service, what is there to im This prince (who, by the way, was railroaded past Hamilton when recently in struction burden of about a quarter of a Canada), refused to accept his uncle's million, the permanent burden of opera- throne of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, preferring

EDITORIAL NOTES

the hold-up men. ce and court severity will do it.

Will Berry get a diver's suit and go lown in the basins looking for weed

Somebody appears to have been doing extensive copper wire-pulling, and now Magistrate Jelfs is at one end of the line

W. H. Bennett, M. P., protests against being coupled with that of Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Fowler, et al., in those odorous land deals. Oh. George!

A soliciter doesn't count for much with his notions of legality; we'll defy the

Phoenix Company officials blame the collapse of the Quebec bridge on changes in the design made by Consulting En gineer Cooper, thus increasing the unit

Speaking of the power question the Globe says: "The case is one for the aptitude." That may be true of Toronto, but our Mayor and some of the aldermen refuse to so regard it here.

view of Hon. Mr. Beck's retraction of his Brantford misstatement the Windsor Record will probably withdraw its ungenerous references to Mr. A. G. McKay's very pointed and sensible object

The London Free Press says it is au thoritatively told that the estimates of the engineers of the Hydro-Electric Com "are based upon the most liberal Perhaps. They allowed \$1,800 a year for wages of operating a 500-lamp electric light system in Hamilton!

Whitney boasts that he got nearly two millions out of the mining department last year. He also got from Laurier a big increase in the Provincial subsidy. And yet he has set the jackal organs cry ing out for Laurier to come to the help of the Province in the matter of tech nical education!

Chicago has granted its telephone com pany a 20-year franchise under conditions for its regulation and control. The press generally accept it as a boon to only one service, and the Mavor says the franchise ordinance "is one of the most complete that has ever been adopted in this city for the regulation control of a public service corpora

over the power scheme. It declares that an agreement to expropriate the existing plant or an arrangement for effective čivie money and enable us to turn ou energies towards sewage and water sup Besides, ultimately competing power, lighting or water services mean a burden on the consumers through the excessive charges necessary to support the excess capital invested in the enterprises." The first thing the News knows it will be denounced as guilty of the capital offence of bringing common sense

bill these words: "But shall not construct or operate its railway " " along any highway " " without first obtaining the consent " " of the municipalities and upon terms to be agreed on with such municipality." That worse on the part of Toro ple have to do now is to go ahead with by the addition of those words. The their normal business in a normal fash- Railway Act contained exactly that proion and the whole difficulty disappears." vision. As a matter of fact all the It says there has been too much "over- outery raised last session was insincered purpose in view that would not bear

HERE AND THERE.

Buffalo Courier: Elders of the Mormon Church from Utah and Idaho are said to be making a concerted effort to convert all the ministers of other denominations in Minneapolis, making a house to house canvass among the preachers, and per-sonally pleading with them.

Ottawa Free Press: No man realizes how silly it is possible for him to be until his love letters are read in a breach-of-promise suit.

N. Y. Herald: Why did you rob this man?" asked a Chicago judge. "I needed currency," was the highwayman's an-swer.

Brantford Expositor: The dear old Courier tells us that the holding of a Conservative convention for the Commons means victory. We have a few dozen such prophecies on the part of our con-temporary hanging up on the office clothes line.

Toronto News: Evidence exists to prove that emigrants incapable of earning a living and subjects for charity are entering Canada in considerable numbers. Reports from charitable societies, hospitals, sanitaria, prisons and asylums show where these people go and how they are handled.

Ottawa Journal: Three kings and five queens were found around a table at Windsor the other night. The Peace-

from sunny Italy are at work in Ottawa. Here's an opportunity for the magistrate. To make a Col. Dennison out of himself, and be a popular fellow besides.

Most people in Toronto believe that they are breathing air, but many who pass the day down-town deciare that it is a mixture of dust, smoke, soot, fog, and automobile exhalations that is being used as a substitution of the state of the sta

Councils Should Knew

(London Assert which the council is asked to make with the hydro-electric commission, has yet been forwarded. The City Council has been asked to plunge ahead without this necessary instrument. The rate-payers want to be sure of their ground and will not censure the Council for moving cautiously, and demanding further light. (London Advertise

(Guelph Mercury.)

The akirl of his bagnipes saved citizen length McLean, late of Scotland, but new f Peterbero, from timber welves that betalin. One blast of the first but of the second field of the first betaling the fir

Dare Maclean Defend Himself.

(Kingston Whig.)
It takes a good deal to awake the Globe. But when it is aroused it knows how to speak out plainly. Its castigation of Mr. W. F. Maclean in its issue of yesterday is one of those features of Canadian journalism which are rare, though deserved.

No Hope for Borden, (Toronto World, Tory.)

(Toronto World, Tory.)

With Quebec reasonably solid against them, the Conservatives will look in vain for success at the next election. Outside of Ontario and Quebec, there will be but 70 members of the next House of Commons. If the two parties break even, outside of the two big Provinces, it will be all that the most sanguine Conservative can hope for. This then is the question: Can the Conservative majority in Ontario equal the Liberal majority in Ontario equal the Liberal majority in Quebec? It can not, if Quebec remains solid or nearly solid because there will certainly be a divided Ontario.

Blind Guides. (Goldwin Smith.)

Let municipalities while they are vot-ing millions upon millions for power or any other object, consider under what guidance they are acting. Let Toronto, for instance, call to mind the Don inprovement, the block pavement and the new City Hall, with other escapades. A new City Hall, with other escapades. A trovernment ainually elected and composed of men, respectable perhaps but without special qualifications, often without any qualifications but those of personal or party interest, constantly changing, and thinking it may be well-disposed and free from corruption, is not trustworthy, nor would anything like it be trusted in the case of a great private enterprise. Nother will the security for its wisdom be enhanced if it is awayed by a separational press.

THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Great Right House Sales Are Attracting Attention.

To-morrow is special value again at The Right House and their overtisement in to-night's papers tell I great special bargain offerings that will set the whole town astir. I very department on every floor is citering splendid inducements, in reliable fashionable winter and Xmas merchandise, that compels the attention of everybody.

The Right House management are rutting forth every endeavor to please

capital offence of bringing common seve to bear on this Hydro scheme. Here the Hydro organ and certain aldermen would pronounce it anathema, and charge it with being an enemy of its city.

Toronto Council says it will offer no objection to the Radial bill, to come before Parliament next session, giving as the reason for its change of front that J. M. Gibson has agreed to add to the bill these words: "But shall not come to be to be the quietest day in the week."

The Right House management are the public in this vicinity and that Friday, special value day, has because of most Saturdays of the past. Further conversation with The Right House management brought out the fact that the setting aside of Friday as a "special value" day has more than doubled the selling of what used to be the quietest day in the week.

Germany's population is increas-

dent's statement that "all that our peo. The situation is changed not one iotal Britain or France. Blobbs—Wigwag is very fond of cab-bage. Slobbs—How do you know? Blobbs—I have smoked of his cigars.

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\$1.50 Ladies' Shoes 89c

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Manufacturers' remnants of White Lawn that would sell regularly at 10 to 20c, Friday's special price 75c and \$1.00 Underwear 49c

Men's Fleece-lined and Elastic subbed Underwear, full range of sizes, in its and Drawers, regularly 75c and \$1.00 value, Friday's special price 49c

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SUDDEN DEATH OF P. KITCHEN.

EXPIRED WHILE AT WORK IN DUN DAS YESTERDAY AFTENNOON.

Death of Miss Turnbull-Mr. John May Back From Old Country-Councillor Lunn Off for Rest.

Dundas, Nov. 21 .- A very sudden call was that of Philip Kitchen, here, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was at work removing a tree from the Methodist parsonage grounds, when he was taken with a weak spell and died immediately. Deceased was a son of the late Wheeler Kitchen, of Ancaster, near Copetown. About a year ago he gave over to his brother-in-law. Peter Cornell, his farming interests, and moved to Dundas by directions of his physician, who pronounced him unable to work owing to heart weakness. He was 63 years of age, and leaves, besides his widow, a daughter by his first wife, Mrs. Robert Jones, of Vienna, Ont.

Another death vesterday was that of Miss May Turnbull, Hatt street. Sha was a daughter of the late George Turnbull, and a sister of Mrs. Wm. Hendry, sen., and James and George Turnbull, of Deterboro. Before her health gave out she was an active and enthusiastic worker in the Methodist Church.

Among visitors in town during the met fow dare were Miss Mildred May. work removing a tree from the Method

in the Methodist Church.

Among visitors in town during the past few days were Miss Mildred Mayhew, of Alberton; Miss Alma Watson, Brantford; Miss Sogdill, Toronto; Mrs. Cummings and daughter Ethel, Toronto; Mrs. Fred. Laing and two children, Vancouver, B. C.; Miss May Anderson and Mrs. F. A. Rowlett, Toronto.

Among out of town visitors were Miss Strong, in Toronto: Fred Knight, in Brockville; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clark,

ure.
Patrick Green, late of the Clappison Hotel, will take over the Globe Hotel, Hamliton, on Monday next.
Mr. John Maw has returned from a two-months visit to the old country. Although a resident of Canada for forty years, he still has a soft spot in his heart for the old land, and enjoyed his visit very much. It is twenty years since his previous visit there. BOILING EGGS WITHOUT WATER Electrical Process Invented by Chicago

net at their concert given last Thurs day evening. The committe contemplat another entertainment in the near fut

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 20.—Boiling eggs without the use of water is the latest novelty exploited at one of Chicago's leading botels, and as the feat is accomplished directly before the eyes of the dinner the near way of cooking gau.

in Toronto; Mrs. P. O'Connor, in Toronto; Mrs. John Layden, Toronto.

Miss Maggie Binkley is suffering from an attack of quinsey.

Councillor Lunn, T., H. & B. agent, is taking a rest, necessitated by overwork. He left yesterday for a visit with friends in Western Ontario.

Miss Mary Patterson, King street, is on the sick list.

Messrs. Jack and Robert McKay and Fred. and Lennard Bickford are kome from Cobalt for the winter.

Mrs. Harry Felton, of the West, and whose illness necessitated an operation eggs are cooked to a turn. The process is an idea originated by Professor Radtke, of the Armour Institute.

PLEASING NUMBERS Rendered at Unity Church's Young

People's Entertainment.

Despite the inclement weather last Mrs. Harry Fetton, or the West, and whose illness necessitated an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. King, of "The Pines," entertained the A. Y. P. A. of St. James' Church on Monday evening. The attendance was large and the evening a thoroughly enjoyable one.

The Citizens' Committee realized \$25 per at their concert given last Thurs. vening, a large and expectant audience net in the social room of Unity Church to enjoy an hour or two with the members of the Young People's Religious Unbers of the Young People's Religious Union. No one was disappointed, for a fine programme of readings by Miss Magley, and piano solos by Miss Maguire, both of Cincinnati, O., was given, to the delight of all. One notable feature of the work of Miss Maguire was the playing of an entire selection with the left hand only. Miss Magley has the happy faculty of being natural—that is, not affected—in her character interpretations. Her dramatic ability was especially shown in a reading which she gave for the first time in Canada. This selection, "Bergliot." reading which she gave for the first time in Canada. This selection, "Bergliot." given with piano accompaniment by Grieg, and which was admirably rendered by Miss Maguire, was an interpretation of tragedy far superior to what one usually hears from a reader. Its setting with the music was unique.

The Union was certainly fortunate in getting these ladies to assist them in the entertainment.

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