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Hydro-Electric Bylaw Will Probably Carry In Brantford Friday

Campaign for Cheap Light and Power is Being Carried On With Much Enthusiasm and Opponents of Bylaw Virtually Admit Defeat.

Manufacturers in General Realize That It Means a Solid Economy to Them to Have the Cheaper Rates Which They Will Get By Using Hydro Power.

(By a Staff Reporter.)

BRANTFORD, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Brantford has waked up to a surprising extent in the last few years. There are few cleaner towns now in Ontario since the new pavements have been put down, and if the market square were looked into shape till it suggested Hamilton's Gore, there would be few cities to rival it in appearance. Its prosperity is most notable and the expansion of its factories, which has been going on for some time, is going on at present, and gives promise of going on for years, affords a solid basis for the thriving appearance of the city generally. One thing only appeared to be lacking in the general program of progress, and the property owners and citizens generally have at last realized that they can no more afford to ignore one of the most important elements in the progress of this Ontario municipality than they can afford to neglect any factor that will add to the general welfare of the community. As a consequence, and after some years of agitation, discussion and more or less heated debate, the question of the adoption of hydro-electric power has become a direct issue, and is to be voted on by the ratepayers on Friday, in the form of a by-law for the issue of \$115,000 debentures for the installation of a hydro-electric system in the city.

Offers to Arbitrate.

Formerly there was very bitter opposition to the hydro system in Brantford, and a contract was made with the Western Counties Co., a subsidiary organization of the Cataract Power Co., under which Brantford was to get power at rates 10 per cent. below any other municipality having hydro-electric. The Brantford people hear of cheap rates on every hand, but the rates get no cheaper in Brantford. Instead of reducing the rates the company offers to arbitrate, and resorts to other means to avoid giving lower rates. The people believe hydro-electric will bring about lower rates, and they are going to vote it on Friday. Even the opponents of the bylaw admit that it will probably be carried.

But there is still a nucleus of opposition, and active and vigorous opposition, and it is just possible that bad weather or some other incident might lead to the abstention from the polls of sufficient sympathizers to make the passage of the bylaw doubtful. It is the object of the supporters of the bylaw to get out the vote as far as possible, and this is the more necessary as the opposition company is sparing no expense to defeat the bylaw, and will endeavor to get every hostile vote to the polls. The Expositor has been the mouthpiece of the opposition, and this is the more remarkable, as the editor and proprietor, T. H. Preston, formerly representing the

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BANK MERGERS.

The absorption of the Bank of New Brunswick by the Bank of Nova Scotia was completed yesterday; all that remains is ratification by the shareholders of the two institutions.

Other mergers are under discussion. A new bank is talked of for Toronto.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF DAY.

To George H. Miller, joint manager of the E. B. Eddy Company, Hull, Que. Born at Glen Falls, Oct. 23, seventy-three years ago today. Still active in the business and takes a leading part in the mechanical end of this large concern.

ALASKA SEAL JACKETS.

Some very fine lines of Alaska seal and Persian lamb jackets are now on sale in Dineen's, 140 Yonge street. The fur used in these garments was especially selected by the Dineen agents. The seal is all London dyed and the Persian lamb the best of choice curl, bright and glossy.

THIS CHILD A WONDER.

Little Boots Wooster, the nine-year-old Miss that is one of the leading figures in Edward Peppie's war play, "The Little Rebel," at the Princess this week, is certainly a wonderful child. In point of ability she is excelled by few adult actresses.

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HYDRO FINANCES ON SOUND BASIS

Hon. Adam Beck, Addressing Big Meeting at Brantford, Meets Charge That Earnings Do Not Cover Sinking Fund—Ex-Mayor Geary Shows Surplus in Toronto.

BRANTFORD, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—"No man can be otherwise than unfair who says that hydro-electric has not been a success," declared Hon. Adam Beck here tonight before a crowded house of ratepayers. The minister of power, along with ex-Mayor Geary, Toronto; Gordon Wilson, M.P., Dundas, and Philip Pocock, London, invaded the storm centre of hydro and anti-hydro discussion in this city, which will vote on Friday on a bylaw to instal government power at a cost of \$115,000.

Keen opposition has been developed to the bylaw, the Western Counties Electric Company having offered the city arbitration, with A. K. Bunnell and F. W. Frank, two civic officials, as chief arbitrators, as to rates, guaranteeing ten per cent. less than hydro on the findings of the arbitration. The company professes also to be willing to bear all costs of the arbitration, the civic officials in question to name a third arbitrator.

Success in Toronto.

Ex-Mayor Geary declared that hydro-electric had reduced Toronto's electric light bills a half million the first year. The deficit incurred during the first months of operation, he said, was due to expenses incidental to securing the business, and the last month's operations showed a surplus of \$4000. He strongly urged Brantford to carry the bylaw as it would result in lower rates all round in the event of this city taking its quota of power.

Gordon Watson, M.P., quoted figures to show that hydro-electric was cheaper to the householder, as did Chairman Pocock of London, where better lighting at lower rates had resulted.

Hon. Mr. Beck declared that his

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GIRL ENDS LIFE FOLLOWING OPERATION

Young Scotch Woman Who Took Poison at Woodstock Had Told Doctor of Escape From White Slave Agent in Toronto—Criminal Operation Suspected.

WOODSTOCK, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—A vital containing strychnine lying beside the lifeless body of a young girl named McKiesick, who was found dead in bed at Lakeside yesterday, points to a mysterious case of suicide, and Coroner McKay of this city is investigating.

The victim was a Scotch girl and had been working around St. Mary's and Lakeside for about five months. About a week ago she went to visit a sister in Hamilton and, upon her return, complained of severe pains in the stomach. A doctor was called and to him the girl told a curious story. She said that while away she had visited Toronto and had met another Scotch girl. While in the vicinity of the Union Station they were accosted by a woman dressed in black and heavily veiled, who offered to show them the city. The stranger called a taxi and the girls were driven to a certain unknown house, where there were several other girls. They were shown a room where they were told they could wash, and while they were so engaged the door was locked from the outside.

Escaped Thru Window.

Believing that they had been taken to a house of ill-repute, the girls escaped by a window and the McKiesick girl returned to Lakeside.

The girl also told the doctor that she had been eating canned fish and the physician, believing that ptomaine poisoning was the cause of her illness, treated her for that illness. The discovery of the strychnine after death did away with the poisoning theory, however. The body of the girl when examined after death, gave rise to the belief that in Toronto a criminal operation was performed upon her.

Crown Attorney Ball of Woodstock was notified and he has ordered an investigation.

MAGISTRATE M'MICKEN FRES ANOTHER.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 22.—(Can. Press.)—The case against Wm. Genser, real estate agent in the McIntyre block, for perjury was this morning dismissed by Magistrate McKicken. Genser was arrested in the court of king's bench on June 6 for perjury.

FIGHTING IN GENERAL OVER WIDE TERRITORY CASUALTIES ARE HEAVY

Forces Are Reported Engaged All Along the Line From Adrianople to Kirk-Kiliseh, Where Bulgarians Are Rumored to Have Lost 2000 Men—Turks Claim Victories.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—(Can. Press.)—All the divisions of the Montenegrin army concentrated south of Scutari are taking part in the attack on Teraboch. A terrific bombardment, says a Podgoritz despatch to The Express, has occurred and the greatest battle yet fought between the Turks and Montenegrins is now in progress.

Crown Prince Danilo is personally commanding the operations. King Nicholas is advancing to Antivari, on the southwestern side of the lake. Roads have been blasted in the mountain-side to allow the passage of heavy artillery, which has been mounted on the heights around Teraboch. A despatch from Sofia to The Express says that a big battle has been raging around Kirk-Kiliseh for two days. It is reported that the line of Turkish defence between the city and Adrianople has been broken by the Bulgarians.

THREE FORTS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—(Can. Press.)—As

almost impenetrable well conceals the most interesting operations of the war—those in the vicinity of Adrianople. No official account of any kind bearing on these operations has yet been issued. The Sofia newspapers report heavy fighting around Adrianople and Kirk-Kiliseh to the east and three forts in the vicinity of Adrianople captured. According to one rumor 2000 Bulgarians were killed and 4000 wounded in a desperate engagement outside of Kirk-Kiliseh.

It is quite clear, however, that all reports of the fall of Kirk-Kiliseh and the cutting of communications with Constantinople are quite unfounded. Fighting of a more or less serious character continues at all points along the extensive frontiers, and an important battle is impending in the Krumova district between the Servians and Zeldi Pasha, who, according to a Constantinople report, which is probably exaggerated, has 100,000 men and strong artillery.

Turks Claim Big Victory.

A Constantinople despatch, sent about midnight, gives a report that the battle has begun practically all

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GIRL DENIES WARNING ELLIS AGAINST PORTER DEFENCE IS HARD HIT

Further Efforts to Prove Ethel Porter to Have Written Note Which is Main Reliance of Accused Man—Crown Asserts Porter Was Shot While Retreating.

(By a Staff Reporter.)

LINDSAY, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—With the jury put to bed in the courthouse, the trial of Arthur A. better known in his home district as "Eck," Ellis rests until the morning. The plea of defence set up by counsel for Ellis received some stunning blows at the hands of Ethel Porter, niece of the dead man, to whom the defence was looking for strong corroboration at the close of the hearing, but T. C. Robinson, K.C., who is conducting the defence, was still confident that he would be able to establish the girl's authorship of the letter which, Ellis declared, he found on his path a year ago, and which he says the girl, she first denied, subsequently admitted having written.

Inspector Miller of the provincial police, to whom the letter is said to have been sent, arrived in the city tonight, but firmly refused to discuss the letter or his connection with the case in any way.

At the hearing this afternoon, Mr. Robinson secured from the girl a transcription in her own hand of most of the letter, and if Inspector Miller has the copy of the letter it is likely that the two will be compared.

Was Shot From Behind.

A strong feature of the prosecution was outlined by F. Meredith, K.C., crown prosecutor, in opening the case to the jury, when he declared that the crown would show that the wound in

Ellis' elbow, which is the one said to have been caused by the first shot fired, must beyond doubt have been fired when his back was turned to his slayer. And still another strong point was scored when Constable Welch, in recounting Ellis' confession to him, said that Ellis had told him that he fired the last shot at Porter, the one which struck him in the abdomen, as Porter was blindly staggering and falling forward. In outlining his case, Mr. Meredith declared that he would show that Ellis stepped into ambush as he saw Porter returning past him after he, Porter, had already fired once upon him, Ellis, and that after Porter had passed, Ellis called to him, causing the second and fatal encounter.

Ellis' Explanations.

This was borne out by the constable's tale of Ellis' confession, and is indeed the story told by Ellis himself, although Ellis explains his conduct by saying that after he had stepped from the roadway he heard a noise in the bush, and not knowing whether this noise or the figure advancing along the roadway in the gathering darkness was Porter, whom he believed to be stalking him, he chose rather to face peril than remain in doubt, and therefore spoke.

Ellis was seen in his cell in the morning by The World and spoke hopefully of the result of his trial. He stuck firmly to his story of self-defence.

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SWEARS BECKER MEN OF GENIUS IS 'FRAME UP' VICTIM

Judge's Decision to Give Free Rein to Sullivan, "King of Newsboys," Results in Bombshell For State and a Pleasant Surprise for the Defence.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(Can. Press.)—The case of the state against Police Lieut. Charles Becker closed abruptly and dramatically this afternoon with the district attorney, at the court's command, reading into the records a flood of testimony from Becker's "star witness," Jack Sullivan, for whose admission Becker's lawyers had fought long and hard when Sullivan testified before.

Amid the vigorous protests of Becker's counsel, who had protested as vigorously when Sullivan's testimony was barred several days ago, the "King of the Newsboys" untossed his tongue. He told his story belligerently and excitedly, in his own way, just as he had asked permission to tell it when he was on the stand before Sullivan's testimony, guided by the unwilling hand of the district attorney, was in direct support of the contention of the defence that Rose, Webber, Vallon and Scheppe, informers and state's witnesses, had conspired in jail to send Becker to the electric chair by their own perjury.

Defence Counsel Overruled.

John F. McIntyre, Becker's chief counsel, had declared his case rested when Sullivan was recalled. He said frankly that he did not want Sullivan's testimony. The court ordered the stand reopened and instructed an attendant to bring Sullivan over from his cell in the Tombs and put him on the witness stand. Mr. McIntyre refused to question him.

"Rose told me that he and Webber and Vallon and Scheppe were going to frame up Becker," Sullivan declared. "He asked me to corroborate his testimony. They all asked me—kept at me day and night. When one left off the other began. Rose got a letter from the district attorney one day and after he had read it he came to me and said, 'Jack, the district attorney writes me that he wants to know if you are going to corroborate us. He says if you do it will be all right; if you don't, you will be indicted.'"

Another Charge Against Rose.

To all importunities Sullivan said he replied that he would spend six years in jail, if necessary, rather than swear a man's life away.

Louis Pitt, brother of Becker's so-called press agent, was another witness for the defence, who was forced on the stand by Justice Goff after McIntyre had declared his case closed. Mr. McIntyre refused to examine Pitt, and again the district attorney read into the record evidence against the state's case.

"Jack Rose told me," Pitt testified, "that Becker did not have anything to do with the murder. He said, 'I swear to you on my mother's grave that Becker didn't have anything to do with this case. He is innocent, but I've been

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Prof. Gilbert Jackson Says They All Are the Result of Degeneration on the Part of Some of Their Ancestors—Deprecates Minimum Wage Rate.

All men of genius and poets are the result of degeneration on the part of some of their ancestors. If we seek by the prevention of indiscriminate marriage to eliminate the imbecile and otherwise unfit we will also prevent the production of these."

This is one of the remarkable statements made last night by Prof. Gilbert Jackson, lecturer on economics at University College during the course of an address on the subject of "Poverty," delivered to the Social Study Club of the Fed Victor Mission.

Prof. Jackson entirely repudiates the value of the principles of eugenics as applied to the prevention of the propagation of the mentally and physically unfit. He stated that, personally, he preferred to have these latter in the world rather than run a chance of the elimination of men of genius, which would result from the adoption of such methods.

Raise School Age.

He advocated that the age at which children leave school should be raised, and suggested that, even for the children of the poor, manual or technical training should be abolished from the public schools, and the children allowed rather to feast among the beauties of literature.

Prof. Jackson also deprecated the possibility of the perpetuation of the minimum wage rate for laborers, stating that the laborer who was not worthy of his hire would be dropped into the ranks of the unfit without there being any provision being made for him by employers of labor.

Among the other speakers was Prof. J. F. McLaughlin of Victoria College, who delivered a powerful address on the "Social Teaching of the Hebrew Law." Prof. McLaughlin drew many analogies between the laws of the Hebrews and those of the present day, stating among many other comparisons in favor of the ancients, that the latter in many ways exercised greater care of the widows and orphans than the authorities of the present day.

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Laurier's Words Ironic Touching Monk's Course

"Beginning of End" Predicts Sir Wilfrid in Address at Sorel—Says Ex-Minister Forfeited Sympathy by Accepting a Portfolio From Borden—Sir Rodolphe Forget's Visit.

SOREL, Que., Oct. 22.—(Can. Press.)—Before an audience of over 7000 people, gathered from Sorel and all parts of Richelieu County, and with a large contingent of some thousands brought in by excursions from Montreal, Three Rivers, Nicolet, Iberville, Berthier and St. Hyacinthe, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and a goodly number of his chief Liberal helpers today made appeals for the election of A. P. J. Cardin, Liberal candidate in Richelieu County, against E. A. D. Morgan.

He and all the other speakers made constant references to the reported intimation of Hon. Mr. Monk to resign on the navy question, Sir Wilfrid speaking hopefully of it as "the beginning of the end." He spoke rather unsympathetically of Mr. Monk and his supposed situation, saying that he would have deserved sympathy and respect if he were resigning to save his honor after having made conditions to Mr. Borden before accepting the portfolio he now holds. Otherwise, he thought that Mr. Monk showed considerable naïveté and guilelessness if he accepted the portfolio without seeing the inevitable outcome.

A Mysterious Sack.

Appeals were also made to the electors for the election of Mr. Cardin on the ground that Sir Rodolphe Forget had visited Sorel on the previous evening, that a mysterious sack had been on view at Conservative headquarters on the same evening and that, therefore, the independent electors of Richelieu County should vote for the Liberal candidate as an answer to the smirch thereby cast upon their reputations.

The train from Montreal bringing in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and about 100 others was met at the station by the mayor, and Sir Wilfrid was escorted to an improvised platform in the park, from which he delivered his address.

The speakers were liberally applauded and the afternoon passed off without incident.

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NEGLIGENCE AND DIRT AT HAMILTON ASYLUM

Typhoid Outbreak Not Due to Drinking Water, But to Flies Having Access to Utensils Used by Typhoid Patients.

Negligence and dirt at the Hamilton Asylum are the causes to which the outbreak of typhoid is attributed by the provincial health department.

The investigation and reports were shrouded with an air of mystery at the health office. The official in charge declared to The World that nothing was to be given to the newspapers, as the report was for the minister, Hon. W. J. Hanna. Dr. McCullough was out of the city.

At the provincial secretary's department the view was taken that the pub-

FEDERALS MOVE TO ATTACK DIAZ

Vera Cruz to Be Scene of Battle—Thousands of Refugees Crowd Ships.

VERA CRUZ, Oct. 22.—Federal forces began their march on Vera Cruz at noon today. The rebels, under General Felix Diaz, who occupy the city, calmly awaited their approach.

Gen. Beltrán, commander of the federal, had previously informed the city council that the battle was about to begin. He declined to allow more time for the removal of non-combatants to the neutral zone.

The boats in the harbor have on board more than 5000 foreign refugees and 10,000 Mexicans. The U. S. cruiser Des Moines is lying about 500 yards from the American consulate. The space between is neutral and many of the refugee craft have taken up positions there.

Only 32 Americans remain within the town. The foreign consuls have gone aboard the boats. The American consul, William W. Canada, has assumed the leadership of the situation. Rain threatens to drench the refugees and fighters.

Within an hour or two the federalists were only seven miles from the city. Gen. Diaz said that the artillery on the heights in the outskirts will fire on the loyal troops. Only if his outposts are driven back will he fight in the city.

There's Big Money To Be Made By Just a Little Thinking. See Second Page.