VOTE "YES" ON THE HYDRO-RADIAL BYLAW

HYDRO RADIAL PLAN PEOPLE'S MONOPOLY

Not Project for Exploitation of Capitalist Declares Sir Adam Beck.

McBRIDE IS ABUSIVE

Takes Advantage of Occasion to Make Another Attack on James Simpson.

Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association held a mass meeting in the Annette Street School last night to hear Sir Adam Beck, W. F. Maclean and candidates for civic seats. The hydro radial scheme received the endorsation of all the speakers, with the exception of Ald. McBride, who strongly opposed it, and who distributed the peaceful assemblage by another attack on Jas. Simpson.

W. F. Maclean, M.P., favored the principles of public ownership as applied to public utilities. The people propose to own and control the hydro radials. Hydro electricity has developed and linked together municipalities, and is the cheapest light and power with the best service. Ontario will be the greatest province of the Dominion. We must join up all cities and villages by a unified system of railways, owned and controlled by the people; a high-class service with a single fare. We have succeeded with hydro power and light, and we can succeed with hydro radials. Public service is the keynote of the nineteenth century, he concluded.

Sir Adam Beck detailed in a lengthy address the proposed hydro radial scheme. This city must be looked upon as the hub and centre of gravity of Ontario in point of trade, commerce and population, and the more this city comes in direct contact with other cities the greater it will become. He pointed out the great reduction made in electric light rates by the hydro commission, which was afforded thru the earnings in its sale.

"We have completed a report," he said, "in which we have estimated an adequate supply of power and light for the next fifty years, and to create an absolute monopoly for the people. We are not attempting to destroy, but to build up Canada. What is operating the ammunition factories, the mills? What is lighting your home? Hydro. This is not a project for the exploiter or the capitalist, but for you people. The intent of the agreement is not to usurp the streets, other than outlined in the report. We do not promote or exploit, but place every dollar into the plant. You are under some impossible task if you defeat this bylaw and it will be the great est mistake that was ever made."

J. W. Lyon, president of the Hydro-Electric Railway Association, also spoke, fully endorsing Sir Adam's plan. Ald. Ryding strongly favored the hydro radials, as he contended it would make Toronto grow to a population of fully one million.

Controller Thompson, Ald. Weir, F. G. Wheler and F. Bancroft also spoke.

STYLES AGAIN ELECTED MAYOR OF CORNWALL

Joseph E. Chevrier and Mark Hermiston Chosen Reeve and Deputy Reeve.

CORNWAL, Ont., Dec. 28.—George A. Stiles was elected mayor of Cornwall for a second term by acclamation tonight. Joseph E. Chevrier, reeve, and Mark Hermiston, deputy reeve, were also elected.

In the east ward George Bergeron and W. H. Mowat of last year's council were returned by acclamation, with E. M. Ameil, a former member, as the third representative. In the centre ward there will be a contest for three seats between G. S. Kilgour, Jacob Miller, Archibald Adams and W. Pollock, while the three seats in the west ward are being sought by P. J. Lally, W. H. Gallinger, Dr. W. A. Munro and G. D. Gillie.

CIVIC ABATTOIR IS LATEST SUGGESTION

Health Inspector is Enthusiastic Over New Idea.

HAMILTON, Dec. 29.—Health Inspector Dr. Shain announced yesterday at the board of health meeting that the next step to be taken to make Hamilton an ideal city would be the establishing of a civic abattoir. No definite steps have been taken so far regarding the matter, but it will be taken up early next year.

He also announced that the C. N. R. had satisfactory complied with the request of the board to make sewerage connections with its houses in the northern section of the city.

DUNNVILLE'S COUNCIL.

DUNNVILLE, Dec. 28.—The town council was all elected by acclamation today. Mayor, W. R. Jackson; reeve, H. J. Pyle; deputy reeve, John Bradford; councillors, H. S. Leroy, G. M. Marshall, R. B. Rothwell, G. G. Smith, H. J. Ross, G. H. Smith.

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PASSING OF THE BYLAW GREAT HYDRO VICTORY

Sir Adam Beck Tells Ward Six Ratepayers of Great Future for Toronto.

CANDIDATES FAVOR IT

MacGregor, Gibbons and Birdsall Strong Supporters of Radial Scheme.

Sir Adam Beck received a tremendous ovation from the ratepayers of Ward Six at the meeting in Howard Park School last night, at which many aspirants to municipal honors also spoke.

Sir Adam was in a humorous vein and he did not regret, neither was he elevated at, the fireworks of the opposition. He was convinced that the result of the vote on Saturday would be a greater victory for the radials than the victory for the hydro-electric scheme. Speaking in connection with the new electric light rates which had come into force on Jan. 1, he pointed out that they were the lowest domestic electric light rates in the world. Sir Adam then dealt with the points in the agreement criticized by the board of trade and referred sarcastically to the attempts of the council of the board. "They would have you believe that you lose your streets and that you only have one voice in thirty," he said.

"They say we are crazy in our estimates. We spent $100,000 in survey and estimates on the proposed scheme and secured the opinion and figures of the best men we could employ—men whom the C.P.R. and G.T.R. have not found wanting," he said. Sir Adam said the commission had been ridiculed in its estimated cost of $100,000 per mile and $75,000 was the outside estimate.

"Well, gentlemen, we are just $25,000 on the safe side," he said.

In conclusion, he referred to the success of the London-Port Stanley radial railway.

Mayor Strong For It.

Mayor Church said that last year he had promised to do something towards solving the transportation problem. He then pointed out how, with the assistance of Sir Adam Beck, every proposed radial in the west of Toronto by private corporations had been defeated in the legislature.

"Unless we vote and pass this bylaw now, it means that all these radial entrances will be occupied by private companies," he said.

Ald. R. H. Cameron, who is a candidate for the board of control, was a firm believer in Sir Adam Beck's radial policy.

"One of the greatest gifts, and one of the greatest opportunities," was the way Controller J. O'Neill referred to the proposed hydro radial scheme.

He declared that his stand in connection with the fire department farce had been an honest one, and he had voted in accordance with his convictions.

Runs as Protest.

Harry Winberg, the mayoralty candidate, stated he was running as a protest against the way affairs were conducted at the city hall. "I am a Jew and I am proud of the fact," he said. Referring to the past year's council he said: "You know what you have had as mayor for the past year. Can you possibly make a mistake if you put me in? I am ashamed to think that one of a city of 500,000 one little Jew has to run for mayor as a protest against the way the city is being run. If I don't deserve the mayoralty on my ability I deserve it for my nerve."

Donald MacGregor was in favor of promotion in the fire department, the filling in of Catfish Pond and better assessment methods.

Alderman J. J. Gibbons advocated promotion in the fire brigade and the adoption of the hydro radial bylaw.

George Birdsall received quite an ovation and in a brief speech promised to use his influence to have Catfish Pond filled in. He thought that ward six needed more recreation grounds for the children and he believed in promotion in the fire department.

CITY HALL NOTES

Thos. Vance, who asked council on Monday to withdraw his name as a candidate for aldermanic honors in Ward Three, has changed his mind and says he is in the fight to stay. It is rumored that the stand taken by Mr. Vance is not at all pleasing to Ald. Sam. McBride, who evidently sees a worthy opponent in the new candidate.

Street Commissioner Wilson had 174 men clearing snow from the city streets yesterday. Twenty-two teams and 47 carts were also engaged in the work.

The board of control yesterday granted $300 to the Brickmakers' Association of Canada towards defraying the expenses of a convention that will be held in this city on January 18-20. It is expected that 200 delegates will attend.

A recommendation has been sent on to council by the board of control that the award of the arbitrator in the Watson case amounting to $52,550 be paid.

Application for a building permit has been made by the Canada Metal Company, who have asked for permission to make an addition to their factory on Fraser avenue, costing $25,000.

The Wm. Davies Company have also applied for a permit to erect a $15,000 ice-house at St. Lawrence Market.

ELMER MARSALLES WILL BE SUED FOR DIVORCE

Wife is in Reno Preparing for Court Action.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 28.—T. R. Sloan of Hamilton announced this evening that he would at once commence divorce proceedings against Elmer Marsalles, of this city, on behalf of Eellen Marsalles, of Reno, Nevada. The charges are of alleged, cruelty along with other charges. Mrs. Marsalles has resided at Reno for the past six months in order that she could take divorce proceedings against her husband.

PARRY SOUND NOMINEES.

PARRY SOUND, Ont., Dec. 28.—The following are candidates for municipal elections here: Mayor, George Moore. J. A. Dwyer, R. R. Hall; councillors, J. R. Stone, A. C. Poytress, A. T. Granger, D. Gillespie, A. McCallum, H. F. McQuire, Alex. Lipscombe.

UNANIMOUS OPINION FOR RADIAL SCHEME

Candidates for Municipal Honors in Ward Six Ask Support for Bylaw.

SIR ADAM EXPLAINS

Tells Voters of Possibilities of Proposed System as Profit-Maker for City.

Exposition of his scheme to provide the people of central and western Ontario with a solution of the transportation problem was made by Sir Adam Beck in the third of his series of addresses before a crowded hall at the Oakwood Collegiate last night.

Candidates for aldermanic honors in Ward six, as well as Ald. Cameron, Controller O'Neill and ex-Controller James Simpson, advanced their candidature for the board of control. Each speaker came out strongly for the hydro radial bylaw.

W. F. Maclean, M.P., strongly advised every voter to give his sanction to the scheme. He stated that Sir Adam had succeeded so well in the transmission of electric power that he ought to be given every support in his attempt to apply the same principle to hydro radials.

Sir Adam Beck made a strong plea for municipal ownership in contrast to the privately-owned corporations. A grist of figures were cited showing how the people of Ontario had saved thru the introduction of the hydro-electric system. He showed how the radial from London to Port Stanley had made money during the six months of its operation, since charging only one cent a mile for its passenger service.

Referring to the objections of the council of the board of trade, Sir Adam stated to what extent the scheme had been endorsed by representative bodies thruout the province. He stated that private corporations were putting up a fight against the hydro radials, but was confident that the people's cause would be triumphant, and that Ontario would have cheap transportation, as well as cheap electric power.

Ald. J. M. Warren made a strong appeal for the hydro radial proposal, advancing his candidature for Ward Six.

W. Plewman, ex-Ald. May and Fred McBrien were among the other speakers.

PLANS ARE DISCUSSED FOR BYLAW CAMPAIGN

Board of Control Takes Action to Offset Influence Working Thru Board of Trade.

This year's board of control held its last meeting yesterday. The business was connned largely to a discussion on how to conduct a publicity campaign for the purpose of impressing upon the ratepayers the importance of carrying the hydro radial bylaw and to offset the efforts of those interests working thru the board of trade to defeat the bylaw. At Monday's meeting $2000 was voted for publicity purposes and yesterday it was decided to appoint Mayor Church and Controller Thompson a sub-committee with power to act in conducting the advertising.

The question as to whether Mount Pleasant road bridge should be of steel or concrete was also before the board, the matter having been referred back by council for further consideration. A letter was received from the lowest tenderer on the steel structure, saying that his price would be increased next year on account of the price of steel, but this did not influence the board and the matter was allowed to stand over to be dealt with by next year's board.

Several appeals were received from ladies who do not want the children's court abolished, along they criticized certain conditions that exist. This matter was also laid over.

CITY AND STEEL CO. AGREE TO CLOSE LANE

New Street Will Not be Finished for a Year.

HAMILTON, Wednesday, Dec. 29.—The board of control yesterday had little difficulty in reaching an agreement with Robert Hobson of the Steel Co. of Canada, concerning the closing of Pollock's lane and the opening of a new street across Lottridge's inlet, as a continuation of Trolley street, this to take the place of the highway taken over by the company for the erection of buildings. Mr. Hobson promised to get the work started at once on the new street, which, however, will not be finished for at least a year

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MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF HYDRO RADIAL PLANS

Business Men With Few Exceptions Are a Unit Behind Beck.

SAY IT IS A GOOD THING

Those Interviewed Yesterday Declare Their Reasons in Support of Agreement.

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yesterday in favor of the hydro radial bylaw in very emphatic terms. He said: "I am absolutely in favor of the whole scheme. It is a magnificent thing for the City of Toronto. All the big cities in the United States have radials running into them, and our city has been retarded thru not having any.

"As for the financing, it's ridiculous to talk about right now—why, the harbor land in Toronto will not be ready for two or three years, and that's the land that will be used. All Sir Adam Beck is doing is getting ready, so that when the war is over he can go right ahead. Toronto stands to gain more than almost any other place, therefore I can't understand now any one, from a business point of view, can think of opposing it. In all radial schemes the biggest portion of business comes to the largest centres.

"If I have to make my choice between the hydro radial board and the Ontario Railway Board, my preference undoubtedly is for the hydro radial. Our experience with the Ontario board has led me to expect very little as far as Toronto is concerned."

Radials Are Good.

George Wright of the Walker House advances a number of good reasons why the bylaw should be carried by the citizens of Toronto. He has made a study of radial conditions elsewhere and has seen for himself the great benefit they have been to the cities they feed. "If the hydro radial plan will do as much for Toronto as the hydro-electric plan has done, I'll boost it," he said. "Why will it not be a good thing for Toronto?" he asked. "The hydro-electric has demonstrated that there is a business organization behind it, and if a similar business organization gets behind the radial plan it must be a success.

"By this new arrangement we will be able to bring the people into Toronto at a reasonable price, and, furthermore, this is to be the solution of slum conditions, and anything that will do that, I'm in favor of. It means that the workingman can live out from the centre of the city and can enjoy life as only a rich man can do now. He will be able to get in and out at a reasonable figure, and he can have his little home nearer to nature, where the sun shines and where there's fresh air.

Not Asking Capital.

"There is no request for five cents of capital. Not a dollar will have to be put up unless it is a failure. If it proves a success, and I firmly believe it will, it will be the greatest thing the people have ever had an opportunity of indulging in. The scheme will not detract from the beauty of the harbor but it will be the means of bringing to the people cheaply. I have studied the question of radials for some time and I know that at Los Angeles and Pasadena there are 400 radial trains a day. The whole idea there has met with the greatest success and it has all been worked out on private capital.

"If private capital will do that, what will public capital do?"

R. Home Smith is one who believes another meeting of the board of trade should be held, and he said yesterday that he resents the action of the council in leading the public to believe that it speaks for the whole membership. "I do not think that I stand alone," he said, "and I trust that the ratepayers will sanction the bylaw."

LATEST KHAKI CLUB FOR OVERSEAS TROOPS

One at Royal Templars' Building, Queen and Dovercourt, Opened Last Evening.

Toronto's latest "khaki club" for active service troops, the Royal Templars Building, West Queen street and Dovercourt road, was opened last night with a soldiers' concert. Oliver Hezzelwood presided and addresses were delivered by Hon. Thos. Crawford, Thos. Hook, M.L.A., and G. Albert Chamberlain. The latter declared that some people had said the country would be better off without the British immigrants. He deplored the British settlers and told of the readiness with which they joined the colors in Toronto and other recruiting centres.

Thos. Hook, M.L.A., in praising the British, said the Canadians ought to respect the British taxpayers, who had made possible the maintenance of the navy which prevented German warships from coming up the St. Lawrence River.

Hon. Thos. Crawford said he felt confident "that every Canadian man and woman would do their bit until kaiserism was done for for all time to come."

The chairman, Oliver Hezzelwood, said he would like to be possessed of a flow of Billy Sunday's incentives for about 15 minutes. He would then be able to express "slightly" what he thought of the Germans.

The Home Guards' Brass Band, L. J. Ashley, J. McReath and W. Hazeldean, vocalists, contributed pleasing musical numbers. "The Death of Nelson" was rendered by W. Hazeldean in fine style. Pathescope moving pictures were shown. The building with its reading-room, restroom and gymnasium privileges, will be formally handed over for use by the soldiers at another meeting to be held tonight.

CUTTER GOES TO AID OF GREEK STEAMER

Thessaloniki is Reported in Distress Off Sandy Hook.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2.15 a.m.—A report has been received from Sandy Hook that the coast guard cutter Seneca has gone to the assistance of the Greek steamship Thessaloniki, which is reported in distress.

DAY'S ENLISTMENTS REACH FINE TOTAL

Hundred and Fifty Men Offer and Hundred and Eighteen Are Accepted.

FOR OVERSEAS POST

Lt.-Col. Levesconte is Recommended to Command Q.O.R. Battalion for Front.

Enlistments in Toronto reached a good total again yesterday, about 150 men coming forward for overseas service, and 118 being accepted. It makes a total of 306 accepted enlistments for the first two days of the week.

Sixty-four of those accepted yesterday are for Lieut.-Col. Vaux Chadwick's battalion. This gives the 124th Battalion a strength of 325. The 123rd Royal Grenadiers Overseas Battalion received 80 more recruits from the depot yesterday, bringing its total up to nearly 1100 men.

For Overseas' Post.

It was announced last night that Lieut.-Col. R. C. Levesconte, O.C. of the Q.O.R., had been recommended to Ottawa by General Logie as the commander of the Queen's Own Overseas Battalion. Major W. G. Mitchell of the Q.O.R. will most likely be senior major of the overseas battalion. Col. Levesconte left for Ottawa last night to confer with the militia department.

Horsemen Wanted.

Fifty men who are able to ride or drive horses are wanted at once by Capt. H. Roche, commander of the Third Divisional Ammunition Column. The column will go overseas soon to complete the Third Canadian Division in France. Applicants are asked to enquire either at Exhibition camp or at the 9th C.F.A. orderly room at the armories.

Major George C. Royce of the Q.O.R. left last night for Northern Ontario to inspect the alien internment camp at Kapukasing, of which he has just been made commander.

Conference of Officers.

About 200 officers will come to Toronto today from all parts of this military division to attend the Senior Officers' Conference. The work of coordinating the organizing and administrating of county battalions will be made uniform. The commanding officers of No. 1 Division, Kingston, and of No. 3 Division, London, with their general staff officers and the medical officers, will be present, also representatives of the staff at Ottawa. The minister of militia has been invited.

Chaplains to Drill.

An order just issued at Exhibition camp states that the minister of militia "desires that if not already the practice, chaplains of the C.E.F. units being mobilized should take part in the morning physical drills, except when excused by the commanding officer, and also accompany their units when marching out as an entire battalion."

Another 30 officers and N. C. O.'s started training at the School of Infantry, College street, yesterday. Maj. Reid of the recruiting depot, and who will command the 170th Battalion, is taking an advanced officers' course at the school.

Going to the Front.

Lieut. H. Dudley Waters, former commander of the 37th crack signal section, will soon leave for the front, in command of a special field cable section for divisional headquarters. He declined the adjutancy of two new battalions, in order to get to the front right away.

Major-Gen. W. D. Otter, director of the alien camps in Canada, visited Gen. Logie at Exhibition Camp yesterday.

Recruiting for the 134th Battalion, which the 48th Highlanders will raise, and Lt.-Col. Duncan Donald command, will commence on Jan. 15. The 134th brass and pipe bands are now being formed. They will aid the Highlanders' recruiting campaign. Sergt. Boyd Sylvester, formerly cornetist of Shea's Theatre, has been appointed bandmaster of the 134th.

Capt. S. W. C. Scott, 13th Royal Regiment, Hamilton, has been appointed musketry officer at Exhibition Camp. Appointment of Lieut. Arthur MacDonald to the 124th Battalion has been approved. Also the appointments of Lieuts. J. P. Orr, D. M. Andrews, D. M. G. Smith and J. H. Stratford, to the 125th of Brant County.

Appointments Approved.

Appointments of the following officers to the 127th York County Overseas Battalion, which Lt.-Col. F. F. Clark commands, were approved yesterday afternoon: To be senior major, Major B. H. Brown; junior major (with rank of captain in the C.E.F.), Capt. W. G. Fink; adjutant (with rank of captain), Lieut. J. H. Craig; medical officer (with rank of major in the C.E.F.), Lt.-Col. R. M. Hilary; signaling officer, Lieut. J. H. Muir (all of 12th Regiment); assistant adjutant, Lieut. T. K. McNair; to be lieutenants, Lieut. A. J. Flood, J. R. Bell, J. M. Gibson, W. A. Woodcock and G. Little (all of 12th Regiment).

Appointments approved for 147th, Grey County, Battalion, Lt.-Col. G. F. McFarland, C.O.: To be senior major, Capt. J. Eaton (31st Regiment (transferred from the 86th M.G. Battalion, C.E.F.); junior major (with rank of captain in the C.E.F.), Capt. G. D. Fleming (31st Regiment); adjutant (with rank of captain), Capt. E. J. Kylie (University of Toronto contingent, C.O.T.C.); paymaster (with rank of hon. captain), Lieut. H. D. Burk (10th Regiment R.C.).

MAGUIRE FAVORS THE HYDRO RADIAL BYLAW

His Election in Ward Three a Matter of Certainty.

Ald. Maguire is supporting the hydro radial bylaw, and by so doing is advancing the cause of the people against corporation control. Ald. Maguire has always championed the cause of the people, and they in turn will undoubtedly stand behind him, showing their appreciation by rolling up the biggest vote he has ever had, next Saturday. His election is a certainty, but the confidence of the ratepayers should be shown in a large vote.

BALKAN OPERATIONS ARE AT STANDSTILL

Situation There Presents Most Peaceful Appearance in Some Weeks.

NO MOVE ON SALONIKI

Russians Are Hotly Engaged on Dniester and in Bessarabia.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 10.25 p.m.—While there has been considerable renewal of activity at several points on both the eastern and western fronts in the past 24 hours, the situation in the Balkans has the most peaceful appearance in weeks.

Despatches from both Germanic and entente sources agree that the probability of an Austro-German-Bulgarian offensive against Saloniki is disappearing with the withdrawal of the Bulgarian frontier guards to purely defensive positions well behind the Greek frontier.

The Associated Press' Vienna correspondent declares that the central powers have come to regard any offensive against Saloniki as a measure promising only embarrassments and no advantage. In fact, the central powers are inclined to regard the huge allied force at Saloniki as safely cooped up, useless, and expensive, and that, therefore, it would be to advantage to the central powers to let it remain there.

French Advance Admitted.

On the western front the German official communication admits a French advance on Hirtstein, but gives no details. There has also been further activity in the Vosges district, with intense artillery fighting along the whole front of Hartmans-Weilerkopf.

Vienna reports the Russians attacking fiercely on the Dniester and in Bessarabia. The Austrian communication speaks of the Russians advancing in serried lines 15 or 16 deep, which the artillery broke up, with huge Russian losses.

A despatch from a German source says: "A terrible battle has been going on since Friday in Bessarabia."

The German campaign in the near east and beyond, according to today's telegrams, is to be pushed with the utmost vigor and energy. Field Marshal von Mackensen is reported to be the leader selected for the new theatre of operations, and the invasion of Egypt is said to be his immediate object. Numbers of trains are reported to be conveying ammunition and guns to Constantinople, and other preparations are being pushed on a big scale.

CROSSING REQUIRES BOARD'S ATTENTION

Wentworth Council Dealt With Various Matters.

HAMILTON, Wednesday, Dec. 29.—At a special meeting of the Wentworth County Council, held yesterday, it was decided that the safety of the crossing at the intersection of the Ancaster road and the T., H. & B. Railway, is a matter the Dominion Railway Board should deal with. The bylaws covering the grants of $48,000 for patriotic purposes, and $22,000 for soldiers' insurance, were slightly changed, as the duration of the debentures was changed from twenty to ten years. After considerable argument, it was decided that Main street, between Ottawa street and Kenilworth avenue, shall be lighted up, and fifteen new hydro lights will be installed there at once

BRITISH WAR CONTRACT FINANCED BY HOPKINS

Toronto Realty Man Advanced Money to Purchase Machinery and Cloth.

GOT SHARE IN PROFITS

James Acton Makes Statement Exculpating Government in Case.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Just before the war contracts commission closed its sitting for the day A. M. Schiffer, of the Empire Clothing Company, was recalled to identify documents sent from Toronto by his partners, J. H. Thompson, counsel for the commission, said that Mr. Schiffer's lack of knowledge of the English language had caused him to misunderstand some of the questions put to him. Mr. Schiffer said that as the result of an arrangement reached C. F. Hopkins had financed the undertaking regarding war contracts to the extent of $40,000. The money was placed in the bank to his own credit and that of the Empire Clothing Company. This was to purchase machinery and cloth. When the arrangements regarding the British contract was completed Mr. Hopkins received $40,000 less $3000 as his share in the machinery. Hopkins' share of the machinery was deducted from his share of the profits. Nothing further was heard from Hopkins until the firm secured the Canadian contract when Hopkins appeared and asked for his share. He was given $1250 as his share in the machinery and paid off.

James Acton, Toronto, publisher of Men's Wear, made the following statement before the commission:

"I trust that the evidence has made clear that the article in Men's Wear, in so far as it related to the real estate agent Hopkins, was justified.

"I am glad to be able to say that from the evidence offered by the department of militia, and that which has been otherwise placed before the commission, I am satisfied that neither this department nor the war purchasing commission has been identified with Hopkins and his operators, whom I regret the commission has not been able to locate and bring before it."

Sir Charles Davidson said he would make a statement on this whole matter when he had all the evidence before him.

Anonymous complaints of careless inspection of Canadian saddlery contracts placed in western centres were also taken up.

Col. Brown, inspector of harness and saddlery, was asked whether complaints that saddlery made by firms in Brandon, Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie had been stamped by workmen of the contracting firms in the absence of government inspectors and that inspection had been careless and incomplete, applied to Canadian Government contracts.

Witness stated they did not apply to Canadian contracts. All saddlery supplied under these was inspected and accepted at Ottawa.

Col. Brown added that firms in the places in question had also filled orders for the French, Russian and British Governments.

Witness stated they had all been concerned with foreign orders, not with Canadian contracts.

MORE MONEY FOR WATER.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Two million dollars was authorized by the city council this afternoon to be expended in improvements to the city aqueduct, on which about six million dollars has already been spent.

Advertisement Advertisement

Note: Some say "Let the Hydro-Radial By-law pass, even with its admittedly bad features, and later try to have them 'adjusted.'"

Toronto Board of Trade: "Put up your umbrella, man!"
Toronto Tax-payer: "No. Wait till I get well soaked and then I'll put it up."

J. W. WOODS, President Toronto Board of Trade.