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THE CITY AND CHEAP POWER.

On the strength of certain paragraphs in the news columns of The World, efforts are being made to represent that this paper has changed, or is in process of changing, its attitude towards the hydro-electric policy of the provincial government and its bearing towards the situation as it presents itself in Toronto.

The World remains firmly convinced that the hydro-electric policy, particularly associated with the name of the Hon. Adam Beck, was conceived not in the public interest, but in the interest of the power companies.

The problem as it offers itself to Toronto is not confined to an immediate available cheap electrical supply for distribution to consumers of light and power—it has a wider aspect. What is to be the situation, if at the expiry of the street railway franchise, the citizens resolve, as is more than probable, to make the street transportation service a publicly owned and controlled enterprise?

Another change in the law, slight in appearance, but of great importance, is the new act of the Ontario Legislature, which is now in force, no business of any kind may be carried on in the premises, and any person entering them is to be deemed to be there for an unlawful purpose unless he can prove the contrary.

Certain press authorities in the city profess to see in the transformation of the Electrical Development Company the possible replacement of its first impracticable directors by others better disposed to meet the demand of the citizens for cheap Niagara energy.

Reports have been current that the nationalization of the Japanese railways has proved one of the difficulties in the preparation of the budget and that it has proved a vital error in the national finance.

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profit of \$7,500,000, the mileage of the government owned railroads is now 4700 out of a total for all the Japanese roads of 5000 miles.

NEW ZEALAND'S GAMBLING LEGISLATION.

In the closing days of the New Zealand Parliament, Sir Joseph Ward succeeded in putting thru an amendment bill to the Gaming and Lotteries Act, which really means an important measure of social reform.

These specially noted clauses provide that on the affidavit of a superintendent or inspector of police showing reasonable grounds for suspecting that any house, room or place is being used as a common gaming house, or as a means of access thereto or escape therefrom, the supreme court may declare accordingly.

Attention has repeatedly been called to the fact that the board of railway commissioners for Canada have utterly failed to fulfil the purposes for which they were created, and the Dominion Government has promised a reorganization of that body, with a view to placing it in a position to do effective work.

Many duties devolve upon the board of railway commissioners, which should be left to the local authorities. Here and there it is necessary that they should be relieved of all such work, so as to permit them to give their undivided attention to their primary duty.

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a railroad board of control, and that board were composed of practical railroad men, would not membership in such a board come gradually to be the goal of railroad men? And, does any one for a moment think that if such a board were composed of practical railroad men, it would be especially partial to railroad interests?

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Stock Reducing Sale

You will find in our Stock Reducing Sale almost any article you need. Are You Crossing This Month?

Steamer Rugs \$3.25 for \$2.10 \$5.00 for \$3.25 \$7.50 for \$5.65

Kit Bag and Suit Cases—25% Off. Knitted Coats, special \$3.50, for 2.50; for gentlemen and ladies WREYFORD & Co. 81 KING STREET WEST.

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AT OSGOODE HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Chambers. Cartwright, master at 11 a.m. Single Court. The Hon. Mr. Justice Clute at 11 a.m. Cases set down for hearing: 1. Re Hughson Estate.

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THREE DAY MEAT SALE

Our buyer has been on the "warpath" looking for good material for another big three-day rush—the result will be seen below—Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We expect a rush. Deliveries will be closed at 7.30 and 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. each day. Help us serve all quickly by ordering early. Send or bring your orders.

1000 Quarters Choice Young Beef. 20 Tons Pea-meal Bacon.

Table listing various meats and their prices. Includes Roasts, Bacon, Beef For Boiling, and other items with prices per pound or per unit.

The Boot for Men Who Want Quality

A big lot of this English boot has just reached us. It has just arrived in time to supply men's mid-winter demand for strong weather proof boots. They're made of tan willow calf in the calf blucher lace style.

3 Days' Collar Button Sale

An annual event that gives men price reason for laying in a whole year's supply. READ THE FIRST-DAY OFFERS

THE T. EATON CO. LIMITED.

TO REDUCE MORTGAGE. St. Alban's Cathedral to Be Relieved of \$30,000 by May 31.

An effort will be put forth to reduce the mortgage of \$30,000 on St. Alban's Cathedral by the end of May. The Cathedral Chapter met yesterday and decided to separate the church and school properties.

THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA

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One Bank Account For Two Persons

A Joint Deposit Account is a double convenience. It may be opened in the names of two persons (husband and wife or any two members of a family), who may deposit and withdraw money over their individual names.

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