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How York Radial Rv. Insidious Seeks For Perpetual Control of County Roads

Real Purport of Dangerous Bill Now Before Legislative Committee—Interested Municipalities, Save East Toronto, Seem to Have Been Chloroformed Into Inaction.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said chapter 64, or in the various acts relating to the vendors, or in the Street Railway Act, the company shall with respect and in regard to the location, construction and operation of any and all branches, extensions and alterations of the said railway, and the acquisition of lands for that purpose, HAVE THE SAME POWERS AS HAVE BEEN BY THE ACTS RELATING TO THE METROPOLITAN RAILWAY COMPANY, ONE OF THE VENDORS, conferred upon that company in the said regulations, and in all respects of railway and extensions and branches of that company.

In these two clauses of the York Radial Railway Company's bill is revealed the company's general purpose, which is to secure for its radial system the privileges now enjoyed by the Metropolitan Railway. One of these privileges is a perpetual franchise. One of the more specific objects of the bill is to ratify an agreement between the Township of Scarborough and the company, a perpetual franchise on the Kingston Road. According to the bill, the company's perpetual franchise on the Kingston Road is to be in force from the date of the passage of the bill until the date of the expiration of the term of the company's perpetual franchise on the Scarborough branch, but to its Mimico line. Any extensions of these lines would also enjoy a perpetual franchise.

It is significant that of all the municipalities interested in the York Radial Railway only one, East Toronto, went before the committee to lodge a protest. Many of the other municipalities had no notice of the bill, and were not organized in any way to protect their rights. The bill was slipped through the committee last Wednesday, all the clauses were passed without one single member of the committee protesting, but the preamble was held over. The bill will come before the committee again on Monday, and is expected a hot fight will ensue.

Mr. Whitney Against It. "I am distinctly opposed to the bill," declared Premier Whitney to the World. He added that he had had no opportunity of examining the bill of the Township of Scarborough and the York Radial, but he was distinctly opposed to the principle involved, of giving perpetual powers to any company.

J. S. Hendrie expressed himself in the same decided manner. "The bill," he said, "conveys extraordinary powers to a private individual. It will have to be closely scrutinized, and from the point of view of the public interest, it is a very serious matter. He was opposed to it as a perpetual franchise, and he had had investigating he had come to the conclusion that the company was not for very good reasons, and he went on to say that municipalities seem times made the most improvident bargains with railway corporations, and their anxiety to secure railway facilities at their doors and then came to the legislature to have such bargains ratified. This had been done repeatedly. When the committee had said that the bargain was not a good one for the municipality the railway company had always put in a protest, and the people were satisfied with the terms and wanted the railway badly.

A Far Reaching Bill. Chairman Hendrie is of opinion that the bill now before the committee places the Scarborough and Mimico branches of the York Radial under the same powers that have been granted to the Metropolitan and yet he says, none of the municipalities concerned in the passage of the bill had come forward to oppose it, except East Toronto, which was represented by Solicitor Lee, Grant of the town and Solicitor Lee, Deane of Scarborough. He said that he was supported by representatives of the Town and Township of Pickering, as well as by a committee of the York County Council, and the Scarborough Township Council. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt was the only city of York County member who was at all active in promoting the schemes of the Radial Company. In good bargain for that it was a bargain which he argued that it was as much as it provided them with a powerful lever to secure better terms when the franchise is renewed twenty-five years hence, as the company would be willing to submit them rather than tear up its tracks and expropriate private property.

None of the county members is a member of the railway committee, when the committee convened Wednesday, the clerk, Mr. J. J. McConnaughey, was present. Beck, Lacker, Macdonald, Hart, Jessop, Deane, Gair, and May, McConnaughey, Nesbitt, Preston (Lanark), Smellie, Smith and Tupper.

What the Fight Means. One of the arguments advanced by the Radial Railway in support of its application to the railway committee of the legislature is that there is no united opposition from the municipalities thru which the present extensions of the system passes, and that in fact

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THE NEED OF THE WEST.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, May 18.—A meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Archbishop of Canterbury drew attention to the almost incomparable importance of the call for substantial aid made by Northwest Canada.

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PERPETUAL FRANCHISE CLAUSE RATIFICATION OF WHICH IS NOW SOUGHT IN THE LEGISLATURE

Section 18 of the agreement between the corporation of the Township of Scarborough, the corporation of the County of York and the Toronto & Scarborough Electric Railway, Light & Power Co., Limited:

The rights and privileges granted by this agreement to the company to construct and operate its line, plant and works upon the roads of the municipality shall, subject to the other provisions of this agreement continue and exist for a term of twenty-five years from the first day of November, A.D., 1904, and shall be renewable for the further successive terms of twenty-five years, from the termination of the said term of twenty-five years, upon terms and conditions and provisions to be agreed upon between the municipality and the company, and in case of an agreement as to the whole or any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the agreement of renewal (including any question as to revision of rates or payment of a percentage of the earnings of the company to the municipality) cannot, at the expiration of any such term of twenty-five years, be arrived at between the municipality and the company, then the terms, conditions and provisions of the said agreement of renewal or any of them, upon which the municipality and the company cannot agree, shall forthwith be referred to the arbitrators to be appointed by the arbitrators appointed by the parties before entering on a consideration of the matter referred to them, or, in case of the inability of the said two arbitrators chosen by the parties to agree upon a third arbitrator, such third arbitrator shall be appointed by the chief justice for the time being of the court of appeal for Ontario, and the award of any two of such arbitrators shall be binding upon the parties, and every reference hereunder shall be deemed an arbitration within the meaning of an act respecting arbitrations and references, being chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, and of the amendments thereto, and shall be governed by the procedure thereunder.

The foregoing, under clause 8 of the bill before the legislature, is declared "to be valid, binding and effectual according to the terms hereof, and the same shall have effect and may be enforced as therein provided as fully and effectually as if the said terms were embodied in this act."

OTTAWA CITIZENS BY LARGE VOTE ENDORSE MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

By Majority of 409 Favor Purchase of Consumers' Electric Co. and Rebuke Antagonistic Legislators.

Ottawa, May 18.—(Special.)—The citizens are jubilant to-night over the success of the bylaw authorizing the city to spend \$200,000 to buy out the Consumers' Electric Company. The electric interests put up a terrific fight against the bylaw, and only the most sanguine friends of municipal ownership believed that their cause could win out against such formidable odds. The vote stands:

For the bylaw 1835
Against the bylaw 1116

Majority for the bylaw 409
The wards populated by the middle classes—St. George, Wellington and Central—voted heavily in favor of the bylaw. The outlying wards, where coal oil is the chief illuminant, were hostile. There is great rejoicing among members of the city council, who accept the verdict as a triumphant vindication of their fight against the Ottawa Electric Company's bill in the Dominion parliament, and their unsuccessful fight before the Ontario legislature.

CROWD CALLS COUNCIL THIEVES IN VOTING AWAY OF GAS RIGHTS

Exciting Time in Philadelphia City Hall—Mayor Favoring Public Ownership, Will Veto Council's Act.

Philadelphia, May 18.—Amid scenes of disorder unprecedented in the annals of Philadelphia's legislative body, the city council to-night voted to lease the city's gas works to the United Gas Improvement Company for a term of seventy-five years for the total sum of \$25,000,000, the money to be paid in various amounts before the end of 1907. The council chamber and committee rooms were crowded with excited citizens protesting against the lease from 1 P.M. until the proceedings opened until after 11 P.M. The council chamber was packed after three hours of debate. The moment President George McCurdy of common council announced the vote, a great uproar was started in the gallery, which was crowded to the door. From the gallery over the speaker's head, cries of "thieves" were heard. The crowd continued the uproar until police started to clear the gallery. At the same time, they sang uncomplimentary songs. In clearing the gallery, there were several clashes between the police and some of the spectators.

Mayor Weaver has announced himself as unalterably opposed to the lease, and in favor of a postponement of the whole question until 1907, when the city has the right to take back the works on payment to the gas company of the amount of money expended on improvements. Mayor Weaver is expected to veto the bill, and in that event both chambers will probably pass it over his veto.

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HUNT TO ESCORT VICE-ROYALTY. Following English Custom Entry to Woodbine Will Be Picturisque.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Countess Grey, Lady Evelyn Grey, and suite, will arrive in Toronto this evening, and will at once proceed to Glen Stewart, East Toronto.

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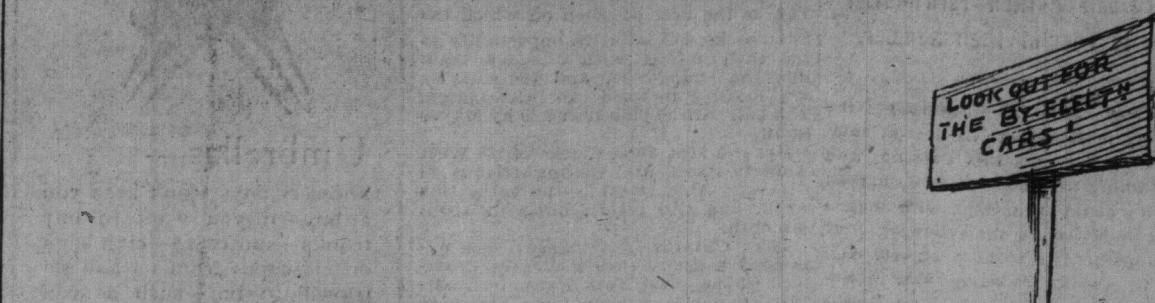
HOLD ELECTION FIRST. Colonies Don't Want to Be Dragged Into British Politics.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, May 18.—The Daily Chronicle says that it would be very much surprised in the event of a colonial conference being suggested for next year. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other colonial statesmen did not reply that a conference after the general election would be more convenient, the suggestion before the election would mean dragging the colonies into party politics at home and would expose the imperial relations to misunderstanding and disappointment, a fact which must be obvious to colonial statesmen.

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THE NEED OF THE WEST. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, May 18.—The Morning Post's parliamentary correspondent gives credence to the rumor recently afloat that Mr. Chamberlain and Premier Balfour have been unable to come to terms regarding the fiscal question. No written reply is now expected in answer to Mr. Chamberlain's deputation some time ago.

AFRAID OF THE LONDON AND OXFORD EXPRESS.



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P. M. G. IN AN EXPOSE CONDONES AN OFFICIAL GUILTY OF WRONGDOING

Boycott of Algoma Tells How Postmaster of Thessalon, Accused of Falsifying Returns, Was Allowed to Resign, Then Dismissed and Later Re-Engaged.

Ottawa, May 18.—(Special.)—It is apparently only necessary to dig below the surface of any department of this administration to exhume unsavory jobs that were never intended by the perpetrators to see the light of day. The opposition did a little spade work to-day, an ather result was the uncovering of a large-sized scandal in the postoffice department. Sir William Mulock was under the fire of the opposition batteries for the three hours of the short session, and before it was over he was as limp and wilted a minister of the crown as has been seen of recent times. The postmaster in question at the gentle art of explanation, he floundered this afternoon, and finally got stuck in the mud that oozed from the excavations in his own department. When he seemed embedded beyond all possible hope of exorcism, the minister of finance came to his rescue, but the last state of Sir William was worse than the first. As the discussion is not yet over, but merely held over until to-morrow, there will be another special investigation.

The matter was brought up by Mr. Boyce, Conservative member for West Algoma, before the session on May 17. For some days Mr. Boyce has had on the question paper a question regarding the postoffice at Thessalon, Ont. This question was answered by Sir William yesterday, and to-day's discussion was the direct outcome of that answer and some careful investigation work on the part of Mr. Boyce among the files of the postoffice department.

Mr. Boyce pointed out that the postmaster at Thessalon was J. B. Dobbie, who resigned in May, 1904, and was re-engaged in the fall of this year. On April 11, 1904, an investigation was ordered into the affairs of the Thessalon office, and the inspector reported to the department that there was a shortage in funds of \$500. Postmaster Dobbie was credited with an alleged remittance of \$500, which he claims he made to the postoffice department by registered letter, but no record could be found of it. Further defalcations were made, and if it were not for the \$500 was sent there was a total shortage of \$1000. The inspector sent down to investigate the matter reported that there was, in his opinion, no satisfactory evidence that and money was dispatched. Some days later, the inspector was asked to visit the office again, to take over the books, and some one in charge, it looked out that for some reason of his own the postmaster at Thessalon had been making false returns for four or five months. On May 18 last year, the inspector made a report to the postmaster general.

"In order," said Mr. Boyce, "to draw the attention of the house to that report, I will state some of the heads." The inspector visited the office on May 10 and made a careful audit. He found that credit had been taken by the postmaster on April 18, for \$400 of the letter \$500. No such number appeared on the record of the postal department as having been received. The inspector also found that credit had been taken for \$500 further remittance of \$500 on April 30, but no bank receipt could be found for it.

"I am satisfied," wrote the inspector, "that it was never sent. The postmaster or his assistant has been falsifying the returns."

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