

FRUIT CROP BURNING UP IN NIAGARA

Blight Is Getting Into Potatoes and Green Fly Spoiling Onions.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., July 5.—"Burning up" was the expression used by W. H. Bunting and Robert Locke, two leading growers, concerning the blight that is getting into the potato crop. "The country needs rain; that rainmaker could be brought here from the West tomorrow if it would not be a difficult matter to raise a good seedling to encourage him to operate," said Mr. Bunting. "The potatoes are showing most serious results from the blight, and it is getting into the early potatoes and the 'drip,' a little green fly, is having havoc with the onions."

MIDNIGHT BATHING.
TORONTO, July 5.—The hot spell is driving Toronto people to midnight bathing to keep their temperatures at anything like a comfortable level. The bathing beaches are alive with people bathing at two and three o'clock in the morning is getting common. Thousands of people are sleeping in the most congested areas of the city.

Many Prostrations.
Prostrations from the heat are reported from a number of points throughout the province, and the night press added several to the list of cases. Today was the hottest of the year in Toronto, the thermometer registering 85. Several points in Northern Ontario are exceeding the century mark by two or three points.

OVERCOME BY HEAT.
HESPELER, July 5.—John T. Cooper of Fishers Mills, while hoeing corn, was overcome by the heat and became unconscious. He was taken to the hospital and he was soon revived, but he was confined to his bed for a week. He suffered stroke 20 years ago.

FELL INTO RIVER.
NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 5.—A woman was overcome with the heat today and tumbled into the Niagara River a short distance above the American falls, and another, falling from excitement, followed her. Both were rescued.

Rescued From Falls.
Several men remained and fished for the woman who had fallen into the river before going after her. Meanwhile she had been carried from the river shore, and was being taken toward the falls, when a man, who later refused to give his name, seized the rope and waded out after her. Edward Hager of Wrightsville, N. J., had obtained the rope from the state of New York. The unidentified hero, taking the end, ran along the shore, passing the woman as she was being carried downstream.

BARRING REPORTERS FROM EXECUTION

TORONTO, July 5.—Attorney-General Haney has already intimated that newspaper reporters will be barred from witnessing the execution of Hotrum and McFadden in Toronto jail, which has been fixed for August 3.

DEATH OF Q.M.S. ADDY.
TORONTO, July 5.—Quartermaster Sergeant W. J. Addy, son of Henry Addy, senior member of the Toronto staff, died at Grimsby hospital this morning. He went overseas with the first contingent, and was wounded at Langemark.

WAGE SCALES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Judge Snider To Act As Arbitrator in Hamilton Case.

HAMILTON, July 5.—J. M. Pigott and H. J. Halford, appointed arbitrators by the Contractors' Association and the Building Trades Council, respectively, had a long conference yesterday afternoon but were unable to agree on a chairman of the board of arbitration on the wage scale for the various trades employed in the building industry. They finally decided to make another appeal to Judge Snider, who was agreed upon last week but who declined the post, and this morning they waited on him at the courthouse by appointment. They pointed out to him that he was the only third man that they could agree on and asked him to make a sacrifice for the general good.

His honor finally consented to act and decided that the inquiry into conditions should start next Tuesday morning. As a recent amendment to the judges' act forbids judges accepting remuneration other than their salary, the judge will give his time and services without pay in this arbitration. He will be paid in accordance with the industrial disputes act regulations.

SAYS VOTE WAS UNFAIRLY TAKEN

New Moderator Criticizes Church Union Ballot At Assembly.

HAMILTON, July 5.—There were echoes from the general assembly at the meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterian Church Union held yesterday morning. The Rev. S. Banks Nelson was elected moderator for the coming term, and on assuming office made a statement reading that "a new kind of anesthetic" had been used at the assembly meeting to prevent delegates from expressing their views freely. The other party opposed church union. The debate was not of a high-class nature, he asserted. The presence of the laity, many of whom were not familiar with the facts of the case, had been a factor in their wills. Rev. R. T. Cockburn criticized the moderator of the assembly in connection with the debate, and on his attitude and agreed with the remarks of Dr. Nelson.

SAYS RAILWAYS MUST CUT COSTS

Will Have To Be Scrapped Otherwise, Declares F. H. Phippen.

MONTREAL, July 5.—All the railways on this continent will have to be scrapped unless there is a readjustment of operating costs to meet present conditions, F. H. Phippen, K.C., contended, in his continued address before the Grand Trunk Railway Board today. Mr. Phippen, who has been speaking for two days on behalf of the company, was dealing with the physical and financial conditions of the Grand Trunk and its subsidiaries. In the course of his argument he branched out to deal with the probability that in the future these roads would make much better returns than during the last few years.

AMERICAN SENATORS WILL VISIT CANADA

MONTREAL, July 5.—A party of over 150 United States senators and Congressmen will come by ship to Quebec and Montreal next week, and during their visit here will be the guests of the Canadian Government. Among them will be Secretary of the Navy Denby and Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce. The changes will give the high and continuation schools a much more important status. The aim of the department is to provide a five-year course of training to fit the student for university or normal school matriculation. Like all the subjects leading up to university course will not be obliged to take the subjects leading up to university course. School boards will be given power to make the selection of the optional subjects, as it is assumed that they will be in the best position to judge the local needs. Details of the provisions are being communicated to the school boards, principals and others affected.

NONE SO BLIND



THE SHOWMAN—Hullo! You'd better be careful how you go to work with the eye!

THE MAN-UP-THE-TREE—That's all right mate. I don't care! It ain't my tree!

—The Passing Show (London).

COURT NO PLACE TO AIR FAMILY STRIFE

Inspector McKinney Urges Secrecy in Dealing With Family Troubles.

MONTREAL, July 5.—(By Canadian Press).—In discussing first aid by police officials at the convention of chief constables tonight, Col. C. A. Hodgkins, M. D. of Ottawa, former Reg. Cross Commissioner overseas, gave an interesting and instructive demonstration of the saving, first in an accident, and second in a domestic case.

Inspector McKinney of Toronto urged officers towards prevention of strife in families, and to that end municipal officials should have an office to which the aggrieved wife or husband could go with his or her troubles and discuss them in secrecy. The other party could then be quietly summoned and a reconciliation would follow in the quietness of the office. The other party could then be quietly summoned and a reconciliation would follow in the quietness of the office.

MAKING CHANGES IN HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

School Boards To Make Selection of Optional Subjects.

TORONTO, July 5.—Sweeping changes in the high school courses of study are to be made as a result of the report of the special committee on high school education, it was announced by Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, at a reading of the report yesterday. The changes will give the high and continuation schools a much more important status. The aim of the department is to provide a five-year course of training to fit the student for university or normal school matriculation. Like all the subjects leading up to university course will not be obliged to take the subjects leading up to university course. School boards will be given power to make the selection of the optional subjects, as it is assumed that they will be in the best position to judge the local needs. Details of the provisions are being communicated to the school boards, principals and others affected.

AGRICULTURE ACT TO BE REPEALED

British Government Sharply Criticized For Reversal of Policy.

LONDON, July 6.—After a debate, continued yesterday, in which the Government was severely criticized for what was referred to as "the abrupt reversal of its policy," the House of Commons today passed the second reading of the bill providing for repeal of the agricultural act. It is understood that the Government, president of the board of agriculture, explained that the Government never contemplated such a sudden heavy fall in prices, which, if the agricultural act were maintained, would involve the Government in a heavy yearly subsidy. The agricultural act, passed last December, guaranteed minimum prices to the farmer for his produce, and was estimated to entail a subsidy amounting to from £20,000,000 to £30,000,000 yearly.

NINE SUBMIT PLANS FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL

WINDSOR, July 5.—Nine Border Cities architects have submitted plans for the joint Walkerville-Windsor technical school to be erected on Glen Boulevard between Elsmere and Parent avenues. They are now at the office of the board of education, but have not been opened yet.

It is expected that a meeting of the technical school board will be held before the end of the week to consider them. No definite date has been set for a meeting yet. It is probable that the board will appoint a highly qualified referee to aid it in the selection of the best plan. This was the course followed by the Walkerville School Board in choosing plans for a collegiate.

The board will give a prize of \$750 for the plan selected, the highest prize before the end of the week to be held in Windsor. For the next best \$500 will be paid and for the third \$300.

MAKES A BULKY VOLUME.
TORONTO, July 5.—The statutes of Ontario for the year 1921 came from the press of the king's printer today. They cover the 140 acts passed during the last session of the Legislature.

TAKING VOTE ON WAGE CUT

Referendum Ballot To Be Submitted To Railwaymen On September 1.

CHICAGO, July 5.—The membership of sixteen railroad labor organizations, including the Big Four Brotherhoods, will decide through a referendum vote by September 1, whether to accept or reject a 12 per cent wage reduction that went into effect on July 1, it was decided today by the chief executives and 1,500 general chairmen of the organizations. The general chairmen decided that they could not assume responsibility for the wage reduction that was ordered by the railroad labor board.

E. H. Fitzgerald, president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, freight handlers, express and station employees, said that "no man can be expected of the railroad employees interested in the decision of the labor board."

MUST PAY \$51,608 TO FREE PROPERTY

Heavy Mortgage Is Held On Valuable Toronto Frontage.

TORONTO, July 5.—Very much encumbered property which belongs to W. S. Dinnick of the Standard Reliance Mortgage Corporation, the subject of a report by Master-in-Ordinary G. O. Alcorn, K.C. The property has a frontage of 191 feet on the east side of Yonge street and 571 feet on Teddington Park boulevard. Robert Dack had a claim of \$33,334.33 against the property, but that charge was redeemed by the Standard Reliance Mortgage Corporation, which had a claim against the property for \$16,271.46. The Master-in-Ordinary finds that the Standard Reliance is entitled to be paid the sum of its own claim and the Dack claim, totalling \$51,608, and directs that this claim be paid by W. S. Dinnick. Mrs. A. Dinnick, who is interested in the property by reason of a lien subsequent to the other charges, amounting to \$135,066.

The Master-in-Ordinary directs that the sum of \$51,608 be paid into the hands of the Bank of Commerce by July 10 to the point credit of the account of the Supreme Court of Ontario and the Standard Reliance Mortgage Corporation.

LITTLE GIRL HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Visitor At Leamington Celebration May Be Seriously Injured.

LEAMINGTON, July 5.—Two accidents marred the big American outing here yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney and daughter of Detroit were the victims of the first accident, which occurred near Belle's Point. Mr. McKinney, who was driving the car, had turned out to pass another auto, when a large sedan collided with his car in the rear. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney were badly shaken up, but the most serious injuries were received by the daughter, who was removed to the Cottage Hospital. The exact nature of her injuries has not been announced, but they are said to be serious.

There were two men in the sedan when it had drawn his buggy up to whom a man named Coulter, residing in Essex, who is said to have been the driver, was being held by the Leamington police.

John Noble of the second procession, was the victim of the other accident. He had drawn his buggy up beside the road on Erie street north, just in front of the bowling green, when a motor car, driven by a large touring car. Mr. Noble's two sons, who were with him in the vehicle, were injured. The sum of the injuries to them sustained slight injuries to his back, but the other one was uninjured. Mr. Noble himself was badly bruised and his leg was broken.

The motor car was not held, as it was evident that he was not to blame for the accident.

STORIES CONFLICT AT FRAUD PROBE

Chief Accountant Says It Was Impossible To Check Everything.

OTTAWA, July 5.—By Canadian Press.—The first public sittings of the alleged frauds in connection with the Ontario Power Commission, which began yesterday, were largely a repetition of statements made by witnesses yesterday. R. P. Brown, chief accountant of the multi-department, and N. C. Allen, his assistant, who were the chief witnesses of the day, admitted that they had not supervised the detailed workings of the commission, but that they had been under a heavy pressure and their exchange transactions took place, but said they had been under a heavy pressure and their exchange transactions took place, but said they had been under a heavy pressure and their exchange transactions took place.

ESSEX BAPTISTS TO PICNIC AT KINGSVILLE

ESSEX, July 5.—The Sunday school of the Essex Baptist Church will hold its annual picnic on Thursday, July 14, at Kingsville-on-the-Lake. A trolley car will convey the scholars and their friends right to the lake.

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

Presents a Statement of Assets and Liabilities of One Hundred and Sixty-Seven Municipal and Other Customers Receiving Power From Niagara Falls.

TOTAL INVESTMENT OF OVER SEVENTY-THREE MILLION DOLLARS

An Average Operating Period of Six Years Produces Aggregate Surplus of Nearly Three Million Dollars and Reserves of Almost Eleven Millions.

STATEMENT SHOWING GROWTH OF THE NIAGARA SYSTEM FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS.

(Ontario Power Company Eliminated.)

Year	Plant and other Assets	Debt and other Liabilities	Debt and other Liabilities	Plant and other Assets	Debt and other Liabilities
1913	15,063,426.89	13,843,668.40	540,705.16	674,053.33	47
1914	19,436,583.13	17,178,853.44	766,689.16	1,491,044.83	68
1915	24,877,643.62	21,549,289.19	1,024,354.51	2,301,119.85	93
1916	28,810,108.66	26,093,449.99	1,451,354.43	3,259,324.44	111
1917	32,850,909.99	28,767,777.89	1,817,551.17	4,242,580.88	127
1918	36,796,157.18	32,846,535.50	2,245,881.82	5,703,739.86	151
1919	40,750,207.81	31,127,009.00	2,808,852.55	6,814,346.26	155
1920	45,745,630.21	33,609,663.85	3,525,108.94	8,610,857.42	167

Some months ago the Commission published a Balance Sheet showing the financial standing of the Niagara Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the period ending December 31, 1919. This report created considerable interest and appeared to be of material assistance to the public in enabling it to comprehend more fully the workings of this co-operative enterprise, which is financed and operated for the purpose of generating and distributing electrical energy to serve the people of the Province.

Therefore, the Commission, actuated by the assurance that its former report was appreciated, submits a similar financial statement showing the accumulative results of operation to December 31, 1920. This should clarify the relationship of the general public to the various schemes of power development and distribution administered and controlled by the Commission, which, during the past ten years, have so noticeably advanced the social and economic prosperity of the Province.

The Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Surpluses is a composite one, reflecting the operations of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Municipalities and, although presented in condensed form, exhibits every salient financial feature of this municipal enterprise. It might be observed that the financial year of the Commission ends 31st October and that of the Municipalities the 31st December.

THE CONDENSED STATEMENT.
The following statement condenses the mass of figures reflected in the Balance Sheet.

Assets:
Hydro-Electric Power Commission's Plant (Lines and Stations) \$14,969,018.65
Municipal Systems and other Plant Assets 30,776,611.56
Development Plant at Niagara Falls, etc. (Ontario Power Company) 27,306,583.49
Total Assets \$73,052,213.70

Liabilities:
Hydro-Electric Power Commission's Plant (Lines and Stations) \$14,969,018.65
Municipal Systems and other Plant Assets 30,776,611.56
Development Plant at Niagara Falls, etc. (Ontario Power Company) 27,306,583.49
Total Liabilities \$73,052,213.70

Reserves:
Sinking Fund, Plant Renewal and other 13,690,196.50
Surplus 2,799,323.04
Total Reserves 16,489,519.54

It will be observed that there is a total investment in plant and other assets of over seventy-three million dollars (including the assets of the Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls purchased August, 1917), against which there are liabilities slightly in excess of fifty-nine million dollars, and sums in reserve for bond redemption and plant renewal purposes, amounting to \$10,890,737.46, and in addition an unencumbered surplus of \$2,799,323.04. This satisfactory financial condition has been reached in an operating period of ten years, five of which were fraught with unprecedented difficulties created by the greatest economic upheaval the world has ever witnessed. Despite increased cost of operation, which none could foresee, or even anticipate, the enterprise has more than maintained its solvency, notwithstanding the fact that it has, during the period under review, remunerated its co-partners to the extent of approximately eight millions of dollars through the medium of rate reduction.

A full realization of the spreading growth of this System may be obtained from the table at the head of this article taken from the Balance Sheets for the eight years 1913 to 1920. For the purpose of proper

Summary of Revenue and Expense Account for the Year 1920, Combining Revenue and Expenses of All Hydro Utilities Connected to the Niagara System.

Revenue:
Received from Hydro customers of Niagara System \$8,542,304.27
Paid to Hydro-Electric Power Commission as "Cost of Power" \$1,966,304.34
Cost of generating and transforming at Niagara Falls 585,098.63
Interest on Commission's capital investment in stations and lines 644,859.37
Renewal reserves, yearly provision for plant renewal purposes 370,519.12
Contingencies, yearly provision 37,500.00
Payments to Sinking Fund 195,569.61

Expenses:
Total cost to Commission for generating, transforming and transmitting electrical energy to municipalities \$3,739,851.07
Municipalities' Local Expense—Cost of administering, operating and maintaining municipal systems and distribution systems, etc. \$1,073,546.69
Cost of billing and collecting, proportion of business and consumers' premises expenses 435,127.78
General office—salaries and expenses 461,113.40
Debt interest, Sinking Fund and Bond interest payments 1,184,802.94
Undistributable expense 226,356.34
Renewals reserve, yearly provision for municipal plant renewal purposes 769,787.11
Total cost of supplying service to Hydro customers 7,890,585.33
Surplus for 1920 \$691,713.94

LACK OF FINANCES HOLDS UP SEWAGE FOR EALING SCHOOL

At Tuesday's meeting of the board of education a communication was read from the city clerk, advising the trustees that a lack of ready finances would not permit the city to provide such sewage system as has been requested for the Ealing School.

"This is a serious problem," pointed out Trustee Hayman, "the school is now well fitted with adequate appliances and there should be some way to have this made that the board of health be asked to compel action by the city this summer, while a further appeal to the school board is consulted as to the proper action, was broached by Trustee Udy. Trustee Hayman explained the understanding that a petition was likely to be presented by the residents of the Ealing district, and that such might reasonably have some influence on the city council."

"But that does not relieve us of the burden," cautioned Chairman Coleridge. "However, I should advise that we go slowly in the affair at this juncture. We must await the effect of the petition, and then we could resort to Trustee Udy's suggestion to consult our attorney or ask the board of health to take action."

It was pointed out that should nothing be accomplished in the direction of improved sewage system this summer it would result in the closing of the school.

5 and 6 or the Municipalities' total investment in the Niagara System.

Column 8—Hydro-Electric Power Commission's debt to the Provincial Government amounting to \$14,969,018.65, for this System as now constituted. This sum is invested in Stations and Lines (see Column 3) and is being liquidated by the contracting Municipalities by deposits to the Commission's Sinking Fund collected in the Cost of Power. These Sinking Funds are invested in Provincial Securities, in accordance with the Power Commission Act.

This column also includes the Debt of the Ontario Power Company at Niagara Falls, amounting to \$25,150,494.33.

Column 9—Municipal Debenture Debt in respect of Hydro Municipal plants within the Municipal boundaries. This debt is created by the issuance of Municipal Serial or Sinking Fund debentures, generally speaking, redeemable in twenty years.

Column 10—Municipal Accounts Payable and other Liabilities of the Municipalities, also the current indebtedness of the Ontario Power Company.

Column 11—Total of Municipalities' debt in respect of Local Plants, the Commission's Stations and Lines, and of the Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls.

Column 12—Reserves arising from Sinking Fund Payments and Municipal Debenture retirements in respect of Local Plants and Commission's Stations and Lines.

The cost of power to the Commission charged to Municipalities includes, amongst other charges, an annual levy (after the five-year exemption period according to Power Commission Act) in respect of Sinking Fund for the purpose of liquidating the Hydro-Electric Power Commission's debt to the Provincial Government. The sum so paid in and invested in Provincial securities amounts to \$762,721.47.

Column 13—A Reserve Fund provided by the Municipalities for renewing Local Plants and Commission's Stations and Lines (see Column 6), also the sum of \$1,231,011.12 reserved for the purpose of renewing the Development Plant of the Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls.

The cost of power to Commission charged to Municipalities includes, amongst other charges, an annual levy in respect of Renewals for the specific purpose of replacing development plants, transforming and transmitting equipment.

Column 14—Surplus; or the sum Municipalities have in hand after providing for every expense of Operating and Maintaining their Local Systems, meeting payments in respect of all Debenture Debt (Local and Provincial) and providing a fund for the renewal of the whole Utility within approximately twenty-five years from the date of commencement of operation of the System.

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