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The Toronto World

CARRY THE POWER BY-LAW—THAT IS THE DUTY WHICH RESTS WITH TORONTO NOW

\$2,000,000 PLANT FOR TORONTO SEVEN ESTIMATES VARIED BY UNDERGROUND WIRING WILL BE THE PROBABLE CHOICE

Important Conference of Civic Officials and Engineers Followed by Publication of the Detailed Plans.

THERE'S PLENTY OF LATITUDE ALLOWED ON THE REPORTS

A decision in favor of an electrical distribution plant to cost \$2,000,000 was practically reached by the board of control at a conference with Hon. Adam Beck and representatives of the Hydro-Electric Commission, held in the mayor's office yesterday afternoon.

The conference was a confidential one. So much so that no official statement could be obtained that it would be renewed. It is regarded as certain, however, that a further conference of engineers will be held, about Tuesday, to discuss the estimates in relation to the proposed cuts that are to be made, and the practical bearing of a less ambitious plan of distribution.

Plans for a distribution plant, ranging in estimated cost from \$1,750,000 to \$3,250,000 were considered. There were no less than seven different sets of figures submitted, each providing for a plant that would serve service throughout the city, and, while, in a considerable measure, the calculations were based on the amount of underground wiring to be done, other considerations were taken into account.

The figures laid on the table were: \$1,750,000, \$1,800,000, \$2,000,000, \$2,500,000, \$2,550,000, \$4,250,000 and \$5,250,000. The meeting was a private one, and, besides the mayor and controllers, the city was represented by Corporation Court of Fullerton, City Solicitor Christian, City Engineer Rust, Hon. Adam Beck and Solicitor A. F. Lobb. Engineers Sothmann, Ross and Chase were the other parties to the conference.

The estimates consisted of three long documents. One is an estimate of details for scheme No. 1, with a supplementary report on the use of otherwise idle power, to develop by means of water storage extra power for the three hours when what is called the peak load has to be carried.

The second is a report on the capital cost of a combined and overhead system for the distribution of at least 15,000 horsepower. The third is a supplementary report for a restricted central area. This last is the only practical one, evidently, for the present situation, but as far as The World could ascertain, it is susceptible of considerable modification and expansion, so as to yield a perfectly satisfactory system to begin with at a cost of about \$2,000,000. This last scheme is estimated to cost \$1,750,000, and being dated Nov. 11, is evidently the result of a second meeting of the earlier plans, which are figured at \$5,250,973 and \$4,252,539, respectively.

Plans which accompany the estimates were not available for the press last night, but the differences can be readily understood. The first scheme involves the construction of an underground plant for all that district bounded by Bathurst-street, on the west, Sherbourne to Carlton to Sunnyside, to the east of Rosedale and to the east of the C.P.R. Company's tracks, on the north, and that district in Parkdale, south of Queen and west of Dufferin-streets.

The second scheme involves a smaller area and is bounded by Bathurst-street, College, Carlton and Sherbourne-streets, and by the waterfront. The third scheme covers the same area as the second, but provides mains for one side of the street only, instead of both sides, a duplication of twenty-one miles.

They Should Pray That the Bylaw Carry

The very ingenious Globe switched back yesterday in favor, one would think, of public ownership in regard to power. It said, "Hurry up with the bylaw and carry it," but when you read a little further on, it was to be carried so that Mr. Oser's proposition of a deal between the city and the Toronto Electric Light Company, similar to that which now exists between the city and the Consumers' Gas Company, might be effected.

Once again we must say, and we may have to say it a good many times, that the public of Toronto and Ontario want no such deal with any private company; they have set out to absolutely control the transmission and distribution of electrical energy. They do not want to be at the mercy of any company like the Consumers' Gas Company, which, too, has deliberately broken its agreement with the City of Toronto, and with its original consumers, and which, if it has not watered its stock, has stored up large reserves, and which thinks that it is entitled to at least 10 per cent. profit on its capital.

The Consumers' Gas Company is on record as fighting any attempt that the city previously made to establish a public lighting plant of its own, and has been just as much of a public enemy, altho less aggressive, than the electric crowd. We intend to municipalize the gas plant. Brother Willison of The News is just as handy as Brothers Macdonald and Jaffray of The Globe at this kind of writing, and Brother Willison ought to have, to-day or to-morrow, the same kind of a switch-back as The Globe had. Indeed, it was Brother Willison who did all the smooth, glad-hand editorial work that was done a number of years ago in The Globe, when the electric ring first began to take on shape, and when all its friendly legislation was put thru by Premier Ross and Attorney-General Gibson. The News has already shown The Globe, and shown the public, how it is possible to shout for Borden and public ownership, and to beslobber Mr. Borden and his trip to the west as the greatest success public ownership has yet had, and the day after, to set out to deliberately try to break down Adam Beck and public ownership in the Province of Ontario, simply because Adam Beck presents a concrete proposition, which is actually about to be realized, and the other, necessarily, for the present is very vague, and but the beginning of a movement, as far as Mr. Borden is concerned.

These two newspapers have set out, under the instructions of their electric ring proprietors, to cut the throat of the Whitney-Beck power plan for Toronto and Ontario, and they will attempt the task in the good old way of a double front and an alternating shout. They seek to muddle the public, befog the voter, frighten him with bogey men and bogey widows and orphans, ruinous outlay, and the like, and to carry it all with "We're the true friends of public ownership." The people have two ways of protecting themselves: They have their little votes and their little copper coins. They can, and will, vote for the power bylaw, and they do not need to part with their little copper coins for papers that betray their readers and seek to advance the fortunes (at the people's expense) of the owners of such journals.

Once for all, let those institutions and individuals who are hoping to manipulate the power supply of Toronto by sewing it up in order to relieve them of their financial mistakes, abandon all hostility, and get on their knees and pray that the bylaw may be carried, and that the city may come to see its way to giving them a fair exchange of city securities for the securities they now hold, and on which they now place such preposterous values. They had also better pray good and hard that their affairs may soon come into the control of trustees who are not looking for further mergers and further issues of water, to be loaded on a now-surfeited investing public.

\$5000 LIMIT NOW FOR REGISTRAR'S EARNINGS

Legislation to Curb the Profits of Future Officials—H. A. E. Kent is Appointed.

H. A. E. Kent, chairman of the board of education, has been appointed registrar of West Toronto, vice Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt, resigned.

In announcing the appointment Premier Whitney made a statement covering the amount of fees yielded by the office to the occupant, and bearing out what Dr. Nesbitt stated, that he received \$6000 a year from the position. At the same time Mr. Whitney said that at the next session of the legislature a bill would be introduced by the government changing the law so that under the amendment of the act of 1903 the disbursements or actual cost of the work there indicated shall be allowed to each of the registrars in Toronto. This will return to the municipality the surplus it formerly received.

In other words the proposed amendment will bring the amount received by the registrar back to the ordinary level. "So that," added Mr. Whitney, "no registrar will receive more than \$5000 a year from the office." Mr. Whitney's statement follows: "The position of the registry offices of East and West Toronto with regard to fees is as follows: "Under section 127 of the Registry Act, the registrars of East and West Toronto, subject to certain provisions of the Land Titles Act, are to pay to the city treasurer the following percentage of the net income each year: (a) On the excess over \$1500, not exceeding \$2000, twenty per cent.

THE POWER EDITOR AT WORK.



MR. JAFFRAY: Gang awa' oot an' preach a sermon on the Poor o' Grace, an' I'll write an editorial on the Poor o' Niagara for Pellatt and Nicholls. W'u'd that ye had as great a passion for righteousness as I have for poore.

SEVEN KILLED IN WRECK ON C. P. R. MAIN LINE

Engineer Did Not Take Siding for Soo Express—Wreckage Took Fire.

NORTH BAY, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The list of railway wrecks on the main line of the C.P.R., including those at Sand Point two years ago and at Azilda and Chapleau last year, had another terrible addition last night at 11:45, when a light engine from Chalk River crashed head on into the Soo eastbound express, crowded with passengers, and seven lives were lost, besides eleven passengers more or less injured.

The light engine left the division point at Chalk River in charge of Engineer James Hendry and Fireman Nadeau of North Bay, and as both were killed the real cause of the accident may never be known.

Watch May Have Stopped. Railway men surmise that Hendry's watch must have stopped, as it is not thought possible he could have forgotten the proximity of the eastbound express, and there were two sidings between Chalk River and Moore Lake that he could have taken.

The scene of the wreck is a wild rocky country with curving roadbed, rocky cuts and hard ground, making the jumping by the train crews a dangerous undertaking. Engineer Young of the express was one of the oldest engineers on the division, with a splendid record for carefulness. He was a prominent citizen of North Bay, and leaves a wife and family.

Thomas Pendergast of Webbwood, who was killed with his father in the baggage car, was being taken to the Ottawa Hospital in charge of Dr. Bennett of North Bay, having had both legs broken in Tuesday's wreck at Blind River. The case of the Pendergasts is a particularly sad one, the young man being only twenty years of age. His father leaves a family of young children.

Physician Escaped. Dr. Bennett, who accompanied young Pendergast from North Bay, escaped serious injury. His patient was suffering severe pain from his recent injuries, and the doctor was making the young man as comfortable as possible. How MacLeod Roberts escaped death is a mystery, as the mail car was in the worst place of the wreck. The wreckage caught fire, imparting additional horror to the scene, but as the rear cars remained on the track, the uninjured passengers and train crew turned in quickly to the task of saving the injured and taking out the dead. Conductor Wright in charge of the express escaped injury.

PARLIAMENT TO FREE GOLD

Legislation for Relief of Financial Stringency the First to Be Dealt With.

INTERIM PLANS KEPT SECRET.

Don't Want Crisis and Criticism at Once, Says Fielding, Giving Assurance.

OTTAWA, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The World correspondent is informed that the very first thing to be taken up by parliament will be some kind of government measure for the relief of the Canadian financial situation, and that it may take the direction of sanctioning an increase of the issue of national notes and a change in the law as regards the gold reserve that must be held in the federal treasury against these national notes.

It is further stated that such legislation, if proposed, will be put thru all the stages in one or two days, and immediately on the government taking any such bill the government will in some way deposit a very considerable amount of these national notes with the banks, to be used in any way they may see fit for the relief of the present stringency, and especially for the moving of the Canadian crops. The banks have confessed to the government that they cannot get back the sixty millions they have loaned in Wall-street, and they have not sufficient available funds to move the crops. It is because of this situation that it is believed that the government will make some move, and most likely on the lines above suggested.

FIELDING SAYS FARMERS NEED HAVE NO ANXIETY

In an interview with a representative of The Monetary Times of Toronto, Hon. Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, is quoted as saying: "We can assure the farmers of the west that they need not have any anxiety. There are from twenty to twenty-five millions of bushels of feed wheat in Western Canada. There are thirty days in which to ship it down the lakes. Unless this is moved without that time, the farmers will not have, in exchange, good harvest crops. The situation is one of gravity and the government have adopted certain methods by which they believe that what would otherwise have been averted. Details of the government's action will be given in due course, but for many reasons I do not deem it advisable to state at present what that action is."

But I can say this: in my opinion, the steps which have been taken are both safe and sound. Every movement of a government is criticized; no doubt our present action will be. It is hardly advisable, however, to have a crisis and much criticism at one and the same time. We can assure the farmers they need have no anxiety. This should satisfy them.

"Some say that the grain trade should stand upon its own base, but this is not reasonable. The grain trade in Canada stands in an entirely different position to any other business or industry. If the farmer cannot market his crop, the storekeeper cannot be paid; he, in turn, cannot pay the Winnipeg wholesale merchant, who, in turn, cannot pay the Montreal or Toronto manufacturer. So it goes on. It is the dollar that counts, and we are assisting, in a certain way, that dollar.

WHERE IS THE MONEY? WEST WANTS TO KNOW

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Winnipeg grain men and managers are still wondering where the \$1,000,000 promised by Hon. W. S. Fielding to move the western wheat crop is, as it has not reached this city, and there is still no relief in the situation.

To show how serious the situation is and how prompt action will be taken, the grain business, it is pointed out that

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A proper observance of the Sabbath on the part of the business man is to wear a silk hat to church and on the afternoon stroll. Dineen's, Canada's foremost hatters, at Yung and Temperance-streets, should be consulted regarding the silk hat. They are Canadian agents for the noted Henry Heath hats. Prices of silk range from \$5 to \$8. The Dineen special felt hats at \$2.50 and \$3 are sustaining their splendid record. The store will be open till night.

"WORTH \$3000 TO BE WITH THE BOYS"

Beattie Nesbitt Given Ovation at Sixth Ward Meeting—To Keep City of Toronto Tory.

"It's worth \$3000 a year to be with you again," so Dr. Beattie Nesbitt told the stalwarts of the Sixth Ward Conservative Association, mustered in strength last night, at Oddfellows' Hall, corner of Queen-street and Northcourt-avenue, for the annual meeting.

Primarily, the gathering was for the purpose of electing officers, but the personality of the doctor was all dominant from the moment of his appearance, when he was hailed with a vociferous acclaim that shook the crowded hall. It was a genuine ovation, and indicated that Dr. Nesbitt's absence from public life had not caused any waning of his old-time popularity among the Conservative ward workers.

The cheering was spontaneous and prolonged, and when later he was proposed as chairman there was a great chorus of popular approval. John Laxton is president of the association for the twentieth time. James Knox and David Spence were nominated also, the former retiring. It appeared that a similar act of self-abnegation had been planned by Mr. Spence, but his resentment was kindled by a premature announcement of his withdrawal, and he decided to stand for the sake of principle, but the ballots were adverse.

For the post of first vice-president, James Knox finished ahead of Ziba Gallagher. J. H. Larkin became second vice-president, Dr. W. T. Burns, third, and W. H. Warrington, fourth, by acclamation, by which like pleasant route, Dr. R. B. Orr became secretary again. Mr. Gallagher won as consolation prize the treasurership, John C. Gray being his adversary. E. C. Davis and David Spence were chosen auditors.

The elections were, on the whole, harmonious, the J. L. Lee caused a ripple at the outset by suggesting the possibility of other than bonafide members being present as electors. Mr. Spence accepted his defeat for the presidency gracefully, moving that the election of Mr. Laxton be unanimous. During the balloting, addresses were made by Hon. Thomas Crawford, Aid. Geary, Aid. McHugh, Miles Vokes, John Knox and Jas. McCausland, the chief sentiments being appreciation of the intelligence of the gathering and confidence in the success of the party. Later A. C. Macdonell, M.P., made a rousing speech, and was followed by Dr. Nesbitt, who remarked that he had gotten out of practice in speaking, but that he was again free to resume his work of organizing Toronto into a Tory city, and that he would as before cheer Borden and Whitney.

FOR THE BY-LAW

That the power question has reached the hearts of the people is shown by the official recognition paid last night by the Federated Council of Metal Trades, which heartily endorsed The World's attitude on this great issue and tendered congratulations on the spirit of the article. "We Will Carry the Bylaw First," on yesterday's front page.

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the building on Spadina-street, now occupied are's College. Retiring Turkey. Nov. 11—(Special)—retiring turkey at County Jail, was this evening banquet in the city hall throughout the county. The table was occupied by Mr. Forbes occupied of turkey for over