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## NEW YORK SENATORS' ROAST OF ONTARIO HYDRO SYSTEM GIVEN EFFECTIVE ANSWER

Surplus Announced by Toronto Commission Sufficient to Show How Utterly Ridiculous Was Report—Committee Represents Private Interests and Did Not Get Information From the Commission.

"There are a number of very extraordinary statements, for some of which there is no foundation whatever." Such was Sir James Whitney's terse comment on the "slam" dealt by the senate committee of the New York State Legislature on the Ontario hydro-electric system. The Premier would make no further remark on the criticism, evidently believing it was not worth the trouble.

Hon. Adam Beck and P. W. Ellis, chairman of the Toronto Hydro Commission, however, made short statements showing how utterly absurd was the finding of the New York senators, who supposedly investigated the Ontario power system.

According to the power minister it was only necessary to digest a number of statements, which have been tested by the commission recently, to prove how much the committee was in the wrong. What worries Mr. Beck most is—Where did the New York gentlemen get their information? They did not get their alleged facts from the headquarters of the Hydro-Electric Commission, and they did not ask for, and did not have, access to the books of the commission. As this senate committee is known to be representative of the private interests in the neighboring state, it is surmised that the report, which favored the interests, was largely furnished on imagination.

**The Best Answer.**  
"They may have been guided to some extent by the statement issued by Mr. Beckett of Hamilton; otherwise I do not know where they got their information," said Mr. Beck. "Whatever may have been the source from which they drew inspiration, the result, as in the report, is ridiculously inaccurate."  
He stated that it was needless to enter into a detailed reply to the report. The most powerful answer was the statement issued by the Toronto commission yesterday, which showed that there was a surplus for the first seven months of operation of over \$31,000.

**Another Cut of Rates.**  
In a statement to The World last night Mr. Ellis declared that in the near future there would be a cut in rates to Toronto consumers. This was sufficient refutation to the criticism of the New York senate committee.  
"Up to Nov. 30 there was a deficit in the neighborhood of \$62,000, which was a very small amount for the first seven months of operation of over \$31,000."

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## Laurier's Motives Not Impugned

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(C. A. P.)—Austen Chamberlain, thru the columns of The Times, replies to Earl Grey's protest of yesterday. "His lordship," he says, "reads into my speech a charge the words won't bear, namely that Laurier's policy of reciprocal free trade in certain natural products showed want of imperial spirit. My only reference to Laurier was couched in terms which I hope will not be unacceptable to the statesman, who has rendered great services to the empire."

"It is true, I hold a strong view in common with the majority of Canadians as to the danger to the national life and imperial position of Canada involved in the reciprocity agreement. I supported my reference to the avowed intentions and objects of the American negotiators, but I did not impugn the motives of Sir Wilfrid and colleagues, nor doubt the patriotism of Liberals in Canada. "I note with great interest," he concluded, "the statement on so high an authority as Earl Grey, that the reciprocity agreement was to have been followed by an increase in the imperial preference."

## ALLIES AWAIT TURKEY'S REPLY

Not Unduly Anxious to Re-open Warfare—Victors' Stand Remains Firm as Ever.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—The Balkan kingdoms have not weakened in their determination to reopen the war unless Turkey accepts their terms quickly, but, in deference to the powers, they may withhold the execution of their resolve a few days longer than seemed likely yesterday.  
They wish the world to know that their policy is unchanged. As allies they inaugurated the doctrine of "The Balkans for the Balkan Peoples," at a time when it appeared almost presumptuous folly to the great nations of Europe, and they declare now that they propose to maintain the right which their united armies won to be considered a great independent nation, and manage their own diplomacy according to their own views of what their national interests demand.

They assert that their diplomatic course is a straightforward and frank one, and, while willing to concede a brief period of delay for Turkey's answer, it is not with a view of resuming negotiations on any modified basis.

The Greek, Servian and Montenegrin delegations have notified Dr. Danell that Bulgaria will have their full support in whatever course it decides to follow, but they will leave to Bulgaria, which is most directly interested, the issue, full liberty to make the final decision.

## DETECTIVE INJURED.

Harry Armstrong Thrown From Coffer When Horse Ran Away.

Detective Harry Armstrong had a very narrow escape from being seriously injured at Seagrave, Ont., about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Albert Smart had been arrested by High Constable Brown for the theft of \$80 from J. H. Sweet a grocer on Carlton street. Armstrong was sent after the prisoner. The constable's son met the detective at the station with a horse and outrider.

While driving from the station the animal became frightened at the train and dashed away, soon getting beyond the control of the boy. The horse ran up the railway track toward the bridge. The youth saw the danger and pulled on one line with all his strength. Turning sharply out of the tracks the horse upset the cutter. Detective Armstrong was thrown out with great force. His wrist was badly sprained and his side severely injured. Despite this fact he got another horse and brought his prisoner back to the city.

## WOMEN RESCUED FROM FIRE AS THEY STOOD AT WINDOW READY TO JUMP TO STREET

Ambrose Kirby and John Bell Crawled Along One-Foot Cornice in Church Street Building and Saved Lives of Two Employees—Fifteen Other Girls Had Narrow Escapes.

While an enormous crowd of people stood spellbound, expecting at any moment to see them lose their footing and fall to the pavement 60 feet below, two young men made a thrilling rescue of two women from a burning building on Church street yesterday afternoon. About 15 other women, and had very narrow escapes. The fire was first discovered on the fourth storey of the building occupied by McBride Bros., wholesale fruiterers, and the American Hat Company, at 35 Church street.

Harry Baker, an employe of the hat firm, first noticed the blaze at the head of the staircase on the fourth floor. Almost at the same moment the 20 women employed saw it. All of them ran from their machines to the northwestern corner of the shop.

Heading the women Miss Manson, manager of the factory, hurried from the second storey to the fourth. With Rubie Hazza of Charles street, and Minnie Cohen he rushed thru the fire and told the girls to follow.

But they were too timid. Manson and his two men remained on the stairs just below the fire. Harry Baker had stayed behind and now he shouted out to the women that it was either a case of jump thru the window or be carried down the stairs.

All Women Saved.  
One by one the girls ran across the burning floor to Baker. He bundled them up and dropped them over the balustrade to the three men below. In this manner all the women on the floor were saved.  
When the employes had reached the street they noticed the crowd waving frantically toward the fourth storey of the building.  
On the narrow cornice, just below

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## PELLETIER FORCED TO ACCEDE TO DEMAND FOR PARCELS POST CHALLENGE GIVEN BY LEMIEUX

## RAILWAYS PILE UP BIG PROFITS

Canada's Prosperity Reflected in Swelling Surpluses, But Public Doesn't Get the Benefit.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Figures and statistics relative to Canadian Railways for the year 1912, made public by the department of railways today, are strong arguments in favor of the agitation for lower freight rates.

These figures are particularly illuminating in view of the freight rates case recently heard before the Dominion Railway Commission.  
It is shown that while the cost of operation per mile has but slightly increased the companies' earnings per mile have been greatly advanced. There was an increase in net earnings over last year, of the enormous sum of \$10,978,504.

Gross earnings of the railway companies for the year amounted to \$219,408,758, which was an increase of over thirty million dollars over their earnings last year. On the other hand operating expenses increased only \$12,600,000, leaving a gain in net profit of nearly eleven millions.

The report goes on to show that ten years ago the gross earnings of Canadian railways were only slightly over \$95,000,000. Earnings per mile in 1911 were \$7,480, while for 1912 they were increased to \$8,310, which means in other words that the railways earned \$780 a mile more than they did last year.

**Big Gain in Dividends.**  
Railway dividends in 1912 are further shown to have increased to \$31,184,791, as compared with \$12,766,435 in 1907. The aggregate dividends for the year were equal to a little over 4 per cent on the total stock issue, without regard to the amount which might be properly regarded as being dead.

The people of the Dominion, according to figures dealing with aid to railways, were exceptionally generous in this regard. Cash aid in 1912 amounted to \$5,822,818, and of this amount the Dominion Government paid \$5,822,818, the provinces \$26,125, and municipalities \$8500.

Railway bonds are guaranteed by the Dominion and provincial governments to the extent of \$248,970,045, and of this amount \$91,988,558 is guaranteed by the Dominion.  
The increase in guarantees for the year was \$96,755,688.

Former Postmaster-General Brought Out Statement of Government's Intention by Submitting Resolution Advocating Extension of System—Pelletier Pointed Out That Canada's Postoffice Department Is Being Deluged With Foreign Parcels, Making a New Arrangement Imperative—A Simple Zone System Will Have to Be Adopted.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Postmaster-General Pelletier is to be the father of parcel post in Canada. Judging from some passages in the speech of the minister, delivered in the house of commons this afternoon, the new system will be an unwelcome child, but its advent is heralded to occur during the present session of parliament. Mr. Pelletier acquiesced in the proposal that a parcel post should be established in Canada, somewhat grudgingly, perhaps, because he was challenged to state his position by Ex-Postmaster-General Lemieux and other members of the opposition. Not a Conservative member spoke on the subject except Mr. Armstrong of East Lambton, who recommended the postmaster-general to proceed with great caution.

Caution was the keynote of Mr. Pelletier's speech. He said that, as a matter of principle, he did not believe that the postal department should carry "small freight." Its true function, in his opinion, was the transmission of intelligence and the diffusion of knowledge by the carriage of letters and newspapers. On the other hand, he admitted that every country in the world except Canada had a parcel post, and he therefore affirmed that this country should not continue to lag behind.

He did not propose to take a "plunge" or a leap in the dark, or to bankrupt the postoffice department. At the same time he declared that the Canadian postal service was carrying parcels for every country except its own. Commencing on Jan. 1, it had been deluged with enormous quantities of package mail from the United States, which was being delivered in Canada, but the burden was proving so heavy that the Dominion Government had demanded a new postal convention with the United States. In the United States the new parcel post had stimulated business to an astounding extent, and during the first week of operation no less than four million pounds of mail matter had been carried by the parcel post.

The debate arose upon a resolution proposed by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, declaring that the extension of the parcel post system would greatly advantage the consumers of Canada. Mr. Lemieux said that he had been seriously considering the establishment of parcel post at the time when he was relieved from duty as postmaster-general.

**ORGANIZED OPPOSITION.**  
A scheme had been worked out by Mr. Ross of Toronto, which would enable the parcel post to be established without serious injury to the country storekeepers, who were represented as being strongly opposed to the system. Mr. Lemieux said, in passing, that a number of petitions had been received by him as postmaster-general, protesting against the parcel post, but as they were all typewritten, and in exactly the same phraseology, he believed that they originated with the express companies.

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**Dr. Nesbitt Very Low.**  
The condition of Dr. William Beattie Nesbitt was reported last night as being very low. It is admitted that the doctor has no chance of recovery as far as medical science is concerned. His condition has been so critical for the past few days that there is only the slightest possibility that he will rally.

**Dineen's Fur-Selling Event.**  
Although wintry weather is due to arrive shortly, the Dineen Company are holding a clearing sale of furs to reduce an overstock to the size it should be at this season of the year. Had the winter been as cold as usual and the selling of furs active during December and January, Dineen's have been established as manufacturing furriers in Toronto since 1884, and the reputation of the firm has never been questioned for integrity both as to material and workmanship of any article of fur bearing the Dineen stamp. Visit the showrooms, W. & D. Dineen Company, Limited, corner Yonge and Temperance streets.

**Nazimova in "Bella Donna."**  
As Mrs. Chepstow in "Bella Donna," Alla Nazimova, one of the greatest emotional actresses of the day, is said to have the best part in her stage career. "Bella Donna" will be at the Princess next week and the advance sale of seats opens at the theatre this morning.

**Charged With Theft.**  
Hiram Girengor has been arrested in Winnipeg at the instance of Inspector of Detectives Kennedy, charged with stealing \$900 from the Melior & Hookman Fur Company. Detective Montgomery left for Winnipeg last night to bring Girengor back.

**BONNIE FERTIN AN CARTOONIST.**  
Jeff: Is that ya, John?  
John: Yes, most veritable Yorkie.  
Jeff: I'm glad to tell ya what my minister says about ya an' 'Th' World'.  
John: What's he got to say?  
Jeff: He has a bit phrase that he calls 'fairs' I can pronounce, but which he spells 'ju-just', which is in the language of they japs that live in Asia. One way, he says it means 'bain' handy. 'Gee' way, he says 'I'd say tonight when ye're 'fechtin' 'Th' World' goes after ya an' ye've clean 'er' methods of 'th' japs an' that he twists yer arm and pits ye on yer back every time ye tackle him afore even ye can catch him 'flick-an' that, he says Dineen when he leaves ye on 'Th' ground.  
John: I'll put a cartoon on him when I get my sign-painter on 'Th' fone.  
Jeff: D'ye see yer ain' cartoons, John?  
John: Me an' 'th' sign-painter an' our Johnny watchin' up and down 'th' coop together do 'Th' 'Tay'. An' when they come out, I do most of 'th' 'laffin'.

Jeff: Dineen pass it awa, John, but I'm tryin' me han' at it mees' in 'Th' 'Globe'.

## LEFT ON HIS HANDS



## ASSASSIN'S BRAND ON ASQUITH IF BLOOD SPILLED IN IRELAND SOLEMN WARNING OF BALFOUR

Former Opposition Leader Taunts Government With Lack of Courage to Face Situation—Premier, in Carefully Restrained Reply, Declares Rights of Ulster Are Safeguarded.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—The home rule bill started on its final stage in the house of commons today, and the occasion was marked by two speeches seldom excelled in the house by the prime minister, H. H. Asquith, and Arthur J. Balfour, the former leader of the opposition, who have no equals as parliamentarians. Other speakers, representing all parties, followed, and the debate finally was adjourned until tomorrow, when a division will be taken.

The bitterness which bills of a similar nature aroused in the past was largely absent in the discussion today, but with the harder bitters on the program for tomorrow this may not be continued.

When the orders of the day were called and Mr. Balfour, at the request of the opposition leader, Andrew Bonar Law, moved the rejection of the measure, the house was crowded to its capacity, and every seat in the galleries was occupied by interested listeners. Mr. Balfour, who has been absent from parliament for some weeks, while not so fluent as the prime minister, delivered one of those telling

speeches for which he is famous, and which rouses his supporters to the height of enthusiasm and commands the respect of his opponents.  
He dealt with the bill in a general way, and particularly laid stress on the case of Ulster, the present condition of which he likened to that of the American colonies before the revolution. He charged the government with showing a dangerous want of appreciation of the position of that section.  
Pointing his finger at the government bench, Mr. Balfour concluded: "If blood be spilled—which God forbid—the real assassins will be those who have never had the courage to face the situation."  
Protestants' Rights Protected.  
Premier Asquith defended the bill from every standpoint. He pleaded with the house to forget the past and give Ireland what the vast majority demanded. He laid stress on the safeguards introduced in the bill to prevent Protestants from being oppressed by the majority, and repeated the government's offer to insert any other

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