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NOTE FOR THE BYLAW---IT IS YOUR PRESENT DUTY AS A CITIZEN OF TORONTO

WHY TORONTO NEEDS CHEAP POWER HON. ADAM BECK AND OTHERS AT MASSEY HALL GREAT AUDIENCE APPROVES BYLAW

Power Ring's Tactics and Arguments Are Exposed and Ridiculed By a Number of Prominent Speakers.

**CECIL SMITH IS VIGOROUS
CALLS MAP "PAINTED LIE."**

"Solid for the bylaw" was the unanimous opinion of those who attended the huge meeting in Massey Hall on Saturday night. No finer gathering ever assembled in the great hall, if intelligence and solid qualities of citizenship are to be considered. For two hours and a half the audience listened as the speakers stripped away the deception, the misrepresentation, and the downright falsehood with which the Toronto Electric Light Co. and its gang of emissaries under "Billy" Moore, Fred Richardson, ex-Ald. Ramsden and others, banded together not for the first time, have sought to delude the ratepayers of the city.

The meeting was devoted entirely to power argument, not even a civic candidate appearing to advocate the passage of the bylaw. Not a dissenting voice was raised at any time, and it is inconceivable that the citizens who were not present should be so blinded to their own interests as not to make themselves acquainted with the real facts of the case as they were placed before Saturday night's audience. Among the speakers who stood out prominently, W. F. Maclean, M.P., spoke early in the evening and had a most gratifying and cordial reception. Every sentence aroused applause, and his popularity as the lifelong representative of the public ownership sentiment of Canada was abundantly evident.

Hon. Adam Beck, as the ambassador of Niagara power, indicted the immense value of Toronto's opportunities for the city, the manufacturer or the humblest householder, and was cheered to the echo. Cecil B. Smith, a stranger to most of the audience, won his way to enthusiastic approval as he attacked the falsehoods of the electric ring and thrust home his keen points to their minds. Holding up their map of the city with a red-colored square in the centre, which they falsely declare to be the only place where the bylaw is being introduced, he exclaimed:

"I call that, ladies and gentlemen, a painted lie."
The platform was reserved for members of the city council and the speakers. Four ladies also occupied seats on the right of the chairman, Mayor Coatsworth—Dr. Margaret Gordon, Mrs. Flora McD. Denison, Mrs. Vance and Miss Clara Brewster. Among the gentlemen were: W. F. Maclean, M.P., W. K. McNaught, M.L.A., Cecil B. Smith, J. W. Curry, K.C., Dr. E. J. Harrick, A. W. Wright, J. H. Duffie, Controller Hubbard, Ald. Foster, Joseph Thompson, Controller Ward, John Dunn, Ald. Wright, Electrical Engineer, Solomon, Controller Heckon, John Armstrong, "Canada First" McConnell, Col. Hamilton, Controller Harrison, Ald. Hales, James Simpson, Ald. Bengough, Ald. J. Graham, Ald. Keeler, ex-Ald. Spence, Ald. Vaughan, Ald. McBride, Ald. Church, John Laxton, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Joseph Oliver, Ald. Murray.

The Mayor's Address.
Mayor Coatsworth on behalf of the city corporation opened the meeting and thanked the audience for their attendance. He said that the bylaw was not a meeting for candidates, but to be confined strictly to a consideration of the power question.

Controller Hubbard began the speech making by a few remarks on the misrepresentations which had been made by opponents of the bylaw. They were as consistent as a landlady's would be who attempted to prevent a tenant buying some property of his own. W. K. McNaught, M.L.A., pointed out the hardship under which the city labored for want of coal and the opportunity which the illimitable water-power of Niagara gave to overcome it. When he read the News of the last few days he was astonished at the change that had come over that organ since last year. The future of Toronto depended largely on her industries, which supported 70,000 operatives with an annual wage of \$29,000,000.

It had been stated that the working-man would be taxed for support of the distribution plant.
"So far as I can judge, that is absolutely untrue," he said. (Hear, hear.)
It was British policy to buy in the cheapest market, was his remark on the criticism that the Hydro-Electric Commission bought from an American Company instead of a Canadian. He showed how the commission saved \$6,000 a year to the people by accepting a tender from the Ontario Power Co. at a rate of \$2 per horse power lower than had been quoted by the Electric Development Co.

"Was that un-British?" he asked, and the audience roared back, "No."
A Woman's Voice.
Mrs. Flora McD. Denison, who appeared in Dr. August's Show-up, who could have more ably represented the women of Toronto, Mrs. Denison read a letter from Dr. Stowe-Gullen, who announced her sympathy with the cheap power movement, but was unfortunately debarred by the laws of the land from voting on next Wednesday. The letter was a strong appeal to the women voters to vote "Yes" on the bylaw. Mrs. Denison considered it an honor

A Statement From the Premier.

Having made clear the attitude of the government in the contest over the proposed bylaw, it was not my intention to say anything more on the subject. However, the action of the combination, to which I will allude in a moment, renders it necessary for me to say a word or two more.

1. Why is it that the combination, thru its newspaper here, has for two weeks persistently hammered down the value of the Electrical Development Company as an investment—a course practically endorsed by Mr. White on Friday evening? As is well known to gentlemen of high standing in financial circles in this city, the government has always been most careful to avoid using a word or expression which would, perhaps, cast a doubt on financial values of any kind.

2. Are the people of Toronto ready to be instructed as to what is best for them by a bunch of American stock-jobbers retained to help similar people here? A reference to the letter drafted here, transcribed in Boston, and signed by three of these gentry, will show that the City of Toronto is not mentioned, nor is the bylaw referred to in their letter. Why?

3. Because the real effort of the combination I have indicated is directed at the government. The combination has, during the last ten days, flooded the Province of Ontario with thousands of circulars filled with silly falsehoods directed against the government and its policy on the power question. In no one of these circulars that I have seen is the Toronto situation referred to. The combination includes gentlemen of position in financial institutions here, as well as the foreign worthies I have indicated. There is no disguising the issue, and we accept it, to be that shareholders will have something to say as to directors going outside of their proper duties. In any event, the government appreciates the situation.

J. P. WHITNEY.

to be present, because it marked an epoch when women were asked to take part in political discussions.

W. F. Maclean, M.P., had a rousing reception and the audience cheered and applauded his first sentence: "Now that we have the women with us who can prevail against us."

He only wanted to say what the bylaw meant to all of them. No blessing that God had given to man was more valuable to poor as well as rich than the blessing of cheap light. There were some people who preferred dear light and big profits for themselves. If cheap power could be had in Ontario, all the towns in the province would have a new start and Toronto could not lag behind in the procession. Lord Kelvin had shown that house gas was a problem soon to be solved by electricity.

The electric stove and the electric radiator were most at hand and they would only be possible in Toronto with cheap electric power.

In a very short time the competition of cheap electric light would give us gas—(Applause)—and when we have cheap electric energy the three-cent street car fare was in reach. (Applause.)

"Give it to them from the shoulder," cried another enthusiast as Mr. Maclean assailed the electric ring, and those who controlled the coal and the oil of the country.

"There was this difference between electricity and some other things—it delivered itself. (Cheers and laughter.) It does not require to pay three cents a mile to the railways." (Cheers.) "Without going into politics, he would refer to one paper—The Globe."

"What paper to-day is the organ of the great electric ring but The Globe?" "The Globe" was answered by general applause.

The Great Principle.
Public ownership was the great principle of the day. Whichever party it delivered itself, power it had won out and had never been an expense to the people. He challenged contradiction on this score. The majority of those who refrained from voting were just the people whose votes, if they were cast, would go for good, clean, efficient government.

Two Classes of Voters.
"There will be no trouble to get the riff-raft to the polls," said the speaker. "That element which goes by the name of 'the boys,' will always rally round their candidate. The man who makes himself solid with 'the boys' may depend on them. And while these are straining every nerve to carry their ticket, and moving heaven and earth to strengthen the rule of Tammany, many of our respectable citizens keep aloof, and, by their inertia, let better men and better measures go down to defeat. There is no doubt of the issue if the full vote is polled. I am convinced that there is enough healthy sentiment in this, or any Canadian town, to drive into oblivion all designing tricksters, or bury out of sight all unwholesome measures, if only the public be organized and brought into action."

Surely there were reasons at the present time why good men should cause themselves to shake off their apathy and indifference. Toronto had passed the village stage and was confronted with the problems that belong to cities of the first class. Facing this city at the present time were large corporations, assisted by trained and able experts, waiting for the opportunity to lay tribute for all time upon the people. Everyone who had a stake in the city, everyone who desired its welfare and good name

Hon. Adam Beck had an ovation
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HOW HE CAN HELP.



GENERAL ELECTOR (who has no vote on bylaw): Well, if I can't vote for the bylaw, I can at least vote for none but genuine friends of the bylaw.

CAR AND TRAIN IN COLLISION VESTIBULE ENTIRELY WRECKED

Almost Another Serious Queen-street Crossing.

A dozen or more passengers in a King-street car were nearer death at the Queen-street crossing late last night than they have ever been before. Plunging thru the guard gates, the car struck a passing freight train and the vestibule was wrecked. The motorman had jumped back into the car and escaped injury.

The car was going west in charge of Motorman Smith. The gates were down, as the car approached the crossing, but something was wrong and the car would not stop.

The derailing apparatus threw it off the track, but it plowed along the pavement, thru the gate and into the locomotive. The front vestibule of the car was torn right off and all the front end smashed in.

That no one was injured is a miracle. The motorman saw what was coming and saved himself by running back into the car. There were 15 passengers in the car, including four or five women and two or three children. One boy had his finger cut by flying glass. The train, which was going south, was stopped almost immediately. It was made up of empty freight cars being transferred from Little York to Mimico. It was not going at a very great rate of speed and the accident might have been much more serious. It was at this crossing three years ago that a car was wrecked and several persons killed.

BURIED UNDER WOODPILE.

Terrible Experience of Elderly Man at Ailsa Craig.

ALISA CRAIG, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—After being buried 36 hours in a woodpile in the woods of his home, Robert Gray, an elderly retired farmer, was discovered at 6 o'clock Christmas night by neighbors, and is now in a critical condition from exhaustion.

The loud moaning of a cow on the premises attracted attention and an investigation followed, resulting in the finding of the unfortunate man. Mrs. Gray was spending Christmas away from home.

IDENTIFIED AS LEPRON.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—An investigation concluded this evening presumes that Martial Du Beaufort, in jail at Chicago, is no other than Marshal Leprou, who started a get-rich project here called Les Credit Canadien, which having been liquidated, the promoter disappeared and had not been heard from.

MR. CAMERON'S ILLNESS.

I. H. Cameron, surgeon, has been confined to his home for several days with slight blood poisoning, resulting from a cut on his finger. He was reported getting on nicely last night.

EX-CHAMPION IS AN EVANGELIST

Takes Mineral Water Now and Holds Former Cronies With Doubled Knuckles.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A. J. Allen, an ex-champion pugilist of Canada, and according to his own statement, an abolition, but who became converted during the Torrey-Alexander mission here about 18 months ago, preached in Bennett's Theatre yesterday, and in the evening in Welcome Zion Church.

Thousands were unable to gain admission. Curiosity no doubt drew the major portion of the audience, and chief among them were followers of sport. He captivated them, his style was crude, and his language not always grammatical, there was no doubt about his earnestness. He carried conviction, and ere he had spoken ten minutes his remarks were punctuated with applause.

Allen dealt for the most part with the evils connected with drinking, gambling and dancing. He besought his hearers to forsake their evil ways. When all was over crowds of young men pressed forward in the streets to shake hands with the young preacher. On Friday and Saturday Allen had the street corners, in accordance with the old custom; he went with them into the saloons to have a drink. He himself took mineral water. When the liquor was consumed he produced a Bible and proceeded to read St. John, chapter xiv. If any of them made a move to depart he showed the knuckles of an ex-pugilist and continued his verses to the end.

IDA CONQUEST FOR TORONTO

Well Known Actress Joins Ranks of the Royal Alexandra Players.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—There was a flurry of excitement Saturday afternoon among the actor folk who frequent upper Broadway, when it became known that Ida Conquest had signed a contract which makes her the leading member of the Royal Alexandra players of Toronto. The terms of the contract were not made public, but when it is remembered that only a short time ago she refused an offer of \$600 a week and evaded for herself and manager the idea of the salary can be guessed.

MISSION NOT A FAILURE.

Success is Claimed for Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—The Tokio correspondent of The Time says there is no foundation for the rumors which have been in circulation that Lemieux's mission has been a failure. Both Lemieux and Sir Claude MacDonald declared themselves entirely satisfied with the action of Japan who determined vigorously to restrict the number of emigrants into Canada.

BOYD WILL HANG.

Cabinet Decides to Let the Law Take Its Course.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—At a cabinet meeting yesterday it was decided not to interfere with the sentence of Boyd, the negro who is awaiting death for murder at Toronto. He will be hanged Jan. 8.

4 HIGHWAYMEN SAFELY IN CELLS

Detectives Arrest Two Men Who Attempt to Use Revolvers — Week's Record of Crime.

BULLETS WHIZZED BY SOME VICTIMS

At the risk of their lives four police officers captured two daring desperadoes on Saturday night when Geo. Chambers, aged 27, and Thomas Morgan, aged 20, were taken into custody charged with ten hold-ups within a week in Toronto and vicinity, and also with shooting with intent to kill in several instances when their victims showed signs of flight.

Implicated with Morgan and Chambers in holding up a boy on the Glenora bridge on Friday night at 6.30, Reuben Croker, colored, aged 16, was arrested by Detectives Twigg and Moffat at the Togo Restaurant, kept by his father at Jarvis and King streets, at midnight Sunday. When taken the lad had on him a cheap revolver.

Sam Case, alias Morley of Gannanque, Ont., who was arrested by Detective Tipton on Friday night about 10 o'clock for the theft of a fur-lined overcoat from a guest in a Gannanque hotel, and who told the detective at the time of his arrest that, having fled from his native town to avoid arrest for assault, he was about to launch into the highway robbery business in Toronto, is believed to have been present at the Glenora hold-up before he was arrested Friday night. He will be charged with that offense.

Chambers is Silent.
Chambers, the real criminal, who had recently been released from the penitentiary, is under watch in No. 4 police station, as he has threatened to commit suicide sooner than go back to the pen. He has not spoken since his arrest. Morgan is in No. 3 station, and has told the police with great detail the story of the robberies.

For the past week the whole detective force and extra squads of plainclothes officers have been looking for the twin. On Saturday night, Dec. 23, Fred W. Dandy, a York County farmer living at Ely P.O., was held up by a strange man, to whom he had given a ride, and with a revolver pointed in his face, a Gannanque County farmer living at Ely P.O., was held up by a strange man, to whom he had given a ride, and with a revolver pointed in his face, a Gannanque County farmer living at Ely P.O., was held up by a strange man, to whom he had given a ride, and with a revolver pointed in his face.

Late Saturday afternoon Detective Tipton got information concerning the actions of two men who were living in a respectable boarding house on a residential street, where they occupied a back parlor. Acting on this Detective Neve and Harry Tipton accompanied by Plainclothesmen Nat Guthrie and Lydiatt, went on the trail. At 8.30 the highwaymen were arrested on Sherbourne street.

Tried to Use Weapons.
Both had loaded English bulldog revolvers, .38 calibre, and were on their way to do another job. Before Chambers had a chance to get his revolver out of his right hand overcoat pocket, where it was clinched in, Harry Tipton and Twigg had him tight with the muzzle of the revolver pointing toward the ground. Morgan had his revolver out of his pocket before Lydiatt and Guthrie could wrench it from his hands. Both men were hurried to No. 4 station.

Chambers has been convicted many times, and has served terms at Kingston. Morgan is recently out of jail, having been convicted for stealing coal.

In his story to Inspector Duncan Morgan said that Chambers had done all the shooting. He had been instructed by Chambers how to use the gun, but he had not done so.

How They Worked.
At the detective office yesterday the prisoners were brought face to face with several of their victims. In every case Chambers and Morgan were identified.

That the police have landed two of the most reckless and dangerous criminals is evinced by their work during the last week. After Chambers had

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REDUCTION IN FUR PRICES.

Phenomenal largesse in high-class fur and a feature of the week following Christmas Day, and this year greater opportunities than ever are offered. Particularly in the most valuable garments have prices been cut. The figures are marked plainly and a visit to the popular old fur establishment will convince you of the genuineness of the reductions. Don't delay visiting Dineen's, Yonge and Temperance streets, where a profitable welcome awaits you.