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DUPLICITY IS THE GREAT PUBLIC ENEMY THESE DAYS.

The public power proposition needs a lot of clearing up at the present time.

An exact statement of the situation would be appreciated all round.

Will Adam Beck supply that statement?

Or better still will Premier Whitney do it? He was not sufficiently specific on Monday night. The people look to him because they began to see that there never was a public proposition so antagonized by "interests" as this one is.

They think, for some reason or other, that there are men in the Whitney government, like Messrs. Hendrie and Hanna, who are not friendly to the proposition. Mr. Hendrie is also on the hydro-electric commission. There are other ministers who are sitting on an even keel in regard to it. Does anyone know where Mr. Foy is?

The enemies of the scheme have their agents everywhere—even behind sealed doors and sacred oaths.

There are men on the Niagara Falls Public Commission like Senator Robert Jaffray who are not friendly to the power proposition.

There are men in the Conservative ranks in the legislature like Herb. Lennox of North York who antagonize the policy at every secret turn.

There are a lot of Conservative M. P.'s in Toronto who antagonize it.

The Liberal party in so far as it is organized and has a leader in the Ontario legislature has been chloroformed on the question. The organ of that opposition, The Globe, antagonizes the policy by duplicity of conduct. What has Mr. MacKay to say about the events of the last few days?

There seems to be duplicity at every turn of this question, and it is the double-faced man that is trying to circumvent the policy of Whitney and Beck. He seems to be everywhere.

Surely Mr. Whitney must see this duplicity. The World sees it, and the World is not a rumor-monger. But the World would like to see light ahead. So would the people and the municipalities.

PERHAPS THE WHOLE BATTLE FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF NIAGARA POWER WILL HAVE TO BE FOUGHT OVER AGAIN IN THE COMING ELECTIONS. THE WORLD IS READY FOR THAT FIGHT, AND SO ARE THE PEOPLE. ALL WE WANT IS A LITTLE NOTICE.

The Province of Ontario can beat any combination in the world against it, but it must have open fighting to do it. And the next thing we want to impress on Mr. Whitney is that the sooner he gets busy on the job of building public transmission lines and supplying the municipalities with power at cost the sooner will he be doing what the people expect of him.

The greatest public enemy to-day is duplicity. That is what we want to press on Mr. Whitney.

NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

New Brunswick has followed the lead given by Ontario three years ago and after a lengthy period of Liberal rule, or rather misrule, has transferred the conduct of its affairs to the hands of the opposition. The parallel holds good in other ways, since the long tenure of office enjoyed by the dominant party there, as here, ended, as is common, in the continued retention of office by methods politically corrupt and seriously detrimental to the public welfare. The collapse of the New Brunswick Government is another proof of the truth that, tho the punishment of political wrong-doing may be long delayed, it will come at last sharply and decisively.

Prolonged tenure of office in Canada has been productive of grave evils both in Federal and provincial politics. In order to maintain themselves in power governments have resorted, not only to directly improper electoral methods, but to that more insidious and equally demoralizing practice of using administrative patronage for the reward of support and the punishment of opposition. The fall of the Robinson cabinet is therefore of much more than local importance if it marks the revolt of the electorate themselves against the methods of the late and present manipulators of power for party purposes. And the lesson will not be lost if in future more frequent changes are made in the personnel of administrations, both federal and provincial. Re-

striction of offices to a couple of terms at the most would greatly purify Canadian politics.

The New Brunswick elections will be accepted everywhere as an evidence of the waning fortunes of the Laurier government. It, too, will fall more from its own misdeeds and internal weakness than thru assault from without. Not this last reversal alone, but other significant occurrences in unexpected places indicate that electors of independent mind are recognizing more clearly the folly of placing their faith in political labels. No one can look at the record of the so-called Liberal Government of the Dominion without seeing that it is filled with the wreckage of all that the older and truer reform party of Canada held dear. Retribution lies at the door of those who to the cant add the recant of political principle.

BRITISH TRADE UNIONISM.

From the report on British trade unions for 1907 just issued by the chief registrar of Friendly Societies it is evident that this form of labor organization is steadily increasing in membership and strength. Returns were received from 645 unions with a membership of 1,719,031, an increase of 151,512 or 9.7 per cent. over that of the previous year. Their income for 1907 was roundly \$13,500,000, an increase of \$700,000, as against an expenditure of \$11,400,000, or \$1,100,000 less than that of 1906. The funds of these unions now reach the large total of \$29,000,000, the leading societies being the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, whose funds are stated at \$2,600,000; the Amalgamated Cotton Spinners with \$2,400,000 and the Durham Miners with \$1,850,000. Taking the returns for the decennial periods since 1888 makes the growth of British trade unionism even more remarkable—the membership having risen from 340,892 in that year to 1,106,507 in 1896, and to 1,719,031 in 1906, the corresponding income being \$3,260,000, \$8,940,000 and \$13,500,000, and the funds \$2,800,000, \$11,200,000 and \$29,000,000. The latest are record figures.

THE TUBERCULOSIS CONFERENCE.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Royal Alexandra Theatre, the general meeting inaugurated the conference on tuberculosis convened on the initiative of the National Sanitarium Association. It should be unnecessary at this time of day and in northern latitudes to invite public attention to the ravages of the white plague. Indeed it touches the family and the individual very closely, and but for the fact that it has been so long associated with a resignation born of hopelessness, the people would no doubt have proved more responsive in the past. But modern discovery and modern methods have brought with them words of cheer for the afflicted and for their friends. Those who have been in the shadow of death know that it can be lifted and it is the privilege as well as the duty of governments and of all who have the means to be philanthropic to bring relief to the sufferers who cannot without assistance renew their lease of life.

Ontario in many ways the most progressive of Canada's provinces has unfortunately lagged behind in this important matter of providing assistance for consumptive patients unable, or only partially able, to take advantage of the sanatoria which are found to be the most potent agencies in the cure of tuberculosis. These institutions are exceptionally costly because a generous diet is an essential part of the treatment, but the provincial government continues to class them with general hospitals, and only allows \$1.40 per patient per week. In the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives the cost of maintenance for the year to Sept. 30, 1907, was \$9.86, and the multiplication of sanatoria in the province is rendering it increasingly difficult to secure by voluntary subscription the amount required to cover absolutely necessary expenditures.

In these circumstances an additional grant from the provincial exchequer is urgently needed to make the government allowance at least \$5, as Premier Whitney and his cabinet are known to be in entire sympathy with the movement a little judicious pressure on the part of the legislature will no doubt secure the desired result. Other provinces and several states of the neighboring republic have made liberal grants, both for buildings and current expenses, and Ontario should at least emulate their example. This conference has been called together with the full knowledge and approval of the provincial government, and ought to leave valuable practical benefits in the shape of new and progressive legislation. Altho its deliberations are confined to delegates all ladies and gentlemen interested in them will be cordially welcomed as visitors, and it may be hoped the invitation will meet with a favorable response.

Fire at Reston, Man.

RESTON, Man., March 3.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed the Massey Harris warehouse and contents this morning about 2 o'clock. Nothing was saved. Snow was falling and a volunteer bucket brigade saved Ireland's ivery and probably half the village. The loss is about six thousand, mostly insured.

Honest, But Mistaken.

S. J. Sutton & Co., real estate agents, brought suit against Mrs. J. J. Ford to recover commission and advertising expenses for the transfer of the lease at 82 West King-street, to the Judge Moreton thought that Sutton had acted honestly and sincerely, but had assumed that a third party had authority to carry on the negotiations. He gave judgment for the defendants.

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no persons holding shares in their own names or relatives or friends of such persons. . . . And while the newspapers have from time to time contained references to the suspension of the plaintiff bank, and to the causes thereof, and to the fact that this present action is pending against the defendants, no editorial or other expressions of opinion by newspapers relating to the civil responsibility of the defendants in this action has come to my attention and I am convinced that there is no excited state of public feeling or prejudice or animus prevailing against the defendants to interfere with a fair and intelligent consideration of this action by a jury selected at a trial in this city.

"I am advised and verily believe that the liability of the defendants in this action chiefly depends upon the question whether the defendants used ordinary or reasonable care or the exercise of the judgment of reasonable men in the discharge of their duties as directors of the plaintiff bank, and that what is ordinary or reasonable care or the exercise of the judgment of reasonable men is a question of fact fit to be decided by a jury considering the surrounding circumstances and the customs and practices of business men in the control of banking institutions, companies, limited or otherwise, and large commercial transactions.

AT OSGOODE HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TO-DAY. Chambers. Cartwright, master, at 11 a.m. Single Court. Premptory list for 11 a.m.: 1. Re McKay estate. 2. Pridley v. Kemmer. 3. Bank of Hamilton v. Martin. Divisional Court. Premptory list for 11 a.m.: 1. Bradley v. McClure. 2. Gorney v. Brophy. 4. Universal v. Gormley. 5. Toronto v. Newbury Sittings. Cases to be spoken to at 10.30 a.m.: 1. Grant v. Electrical. 2. Cummings v. Clark. 3. MacLennan v. Man. Pass. Car. Co. 4. C.P.R. v. Brown. 5. Reeves v. Reeves. 6. Lee v. Miller. 7. Curry v. McLaren. 8. Mail Pkg. Co. v. Garner. 9. Madgett v. White. 10. Mayor v. Toronto. Council will be expected to show cause why these cases should not be placed on preemptory list.

A RAILWAY INVENTION.

An automatic arrangement for calling up Operators. An automatic arrangement which is calculated to be of great assistance to station and ticket agents who have also to handle the telegraph wire is at present being experimented with by the chief dispatcher of the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway. It is an invention of T. W. Mackenzie of Port Hammond, and is an automatic caller which can be used to call up other stations while the operator is engaged at something else.

The instrument is constructed something after the manner of a gramophone. A clockwork arrangement causes a metal cylinder to revolve. The code call of stations on the line is struck by an indicator which presses in a series of dots and dashes arranged in bands around the cylinder, thus causing an electric contact. Each station is called three times when the instrument automatically signs the calling station's number. When an office answers, or an operator breaks in, the machine stops and closes automatically. The machine has been patented in Canada, England and the United States. The Canadian and American patents are in the hands of W. C. Mackenzie of Deer Park.

Boston Appeals to Boston.

BOSTON, March 3.—Mayor Hibbard, in response to a message to the "Right Worshipful Mayor of Boston" from the mayor of Boston, England, has opened subscription for \$200,000 to be used to renovate the cathedral in the English town. In 1855 Boston applied to her namesake on this side of the water for \$200,000 for the same purpose, and got it. Now the municipality wants to repair the whole building and expects to get the money here.

Injured on the Railway.

Thomas Yeomans, aged 45, of Toronto, for injuries alleged to have been received while a passenger on the company's car, caused by the sudden negligence of the company's servants. Owing on the Goods. The Cobalt Eldorado Mines Co. is being sued by David Kuyk & Co. for certain work done and goods supplied to the defendants amounting in all to \$1424.94. Town Owes for Machinery. The Corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst is made defendant in an action brought by the Jencks Machine Company of St. Catharines to recover \$861.04 balance on certain machinery supplied the town. Advanced Moneys. Myott, Son & Co. of Toronto, have issued a writ of summons against Henry T. Jenkins to recover \$32.24 balance due for certain moneys advanced. Delivered the Goods. The O'Keefe Brothers Co. sold and delivered certain goods to John McCue of Toronto. An action has been begun to collect \$252.20, the amount alleged to be owing. Claim \$2000. A writ for \$2000 damages has been issued by C. P. Carpenter & Sons, nurserymen and fruit growers of Wrentham against M. G. Dippel and A. E. Sherrington of Walkerton, James Davidson of Walkerton, and the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, Limited, of Walkerton.

CLAUDE MACDONELL, M. P. STILL FIGHTING RADIAL

Occupied the Whole Hour Devoted to Private Bills in House of Commons.

OTTAWA, March 3.—(Special.)—The Hamilton Radial bill was up for a third reading to-night, but was talked out by Claude Macdonell (Toronto), who occupied the whole of the hour devoted to private bills.

Mr. Macdonell moved to refer back to amend, by adding the following: "Notwithstanding anything in the preamble of or in section one, or in the Railway Act the said company and its lines of railway shall be subject to the provisions of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906, and to the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board and the Ontario Power Commission Act."

He argued that the order of the railway commission and judgment of Mr. Justice Street simply transferred the Hamilton Radial under federal jurisdiction with respect to the crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway at Burlington. The Railway Act, he claimed, simply covered the case.

It was an absurd situation to say that because a street railway crossed a federal railway it should be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

Mr. Graham asked if it was contended that under the British North America Act this parliament could declare itself of power to take when a company undertaking was declared for the general advantage of Canada.

Mr. Macdonell could not answer. It was a question which the minister of justice could not decide last year. He proceeded to argue that in respect to the Ottawa Street Railway, with portion lying within the Province of Ontario is under the jurisdiction of the province. In respect to the two companies incorporated by the Dominion provincial rights were reserved, while in the Hamilton Radial bill, provincial statutes were wholly entirely ignored.

The member for South Toronto pointed out how the Ontario Street Railway Act preserved the rights of the people.

Mr. Clarke thought the municipalities were competent to protect themselves, but Mr. Macdonell said it was often the case that they were not. There was the feature that the power of the commission of Ontario was to string wires on the poles of a railway using a public highway.

"I don't think so," said Mr. Macdonell. "That," said Mr. Clarke, "looks like confiscation to me."

The Ontario law provided machinery to enforce the agreement, while there was no such protection in the federal law. "If," interposed Mr. Graham, "it were shown that the Dominion Government had the machinery to compel railways to keep their agreements, that objection would fall."

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ONTARIO'S MINERAL OUTPUT

Returns to the bureau of mines show that the output of the mines and mineral works of Ontario for 1907 was as given in the following table. The aggregate value of the production, based upon the selling price of the products at the place of production, was \$1,954,919 in excess of the value for 1906.

The table shows the increases and decreases in the various items, as compared with the previous year. The returns are not absolutely complete, and the figures are, therefore, subject to revision:

Table with columns: METALLIC, Quantity, Value, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Gold, Silver, Nickel, Copper, Iron, Zinc, Pig iron, Arsenic, Brick, Portland cement, Graphite, Iron pyrites, Lime, Gypsum, Pottery, Natural gas, Petroleum, Quartz, Salt, Sewer pipe, Soda ash, Sulphate, Talc.

Less value Ontario Iron ore (120,177 tons) smelted into pig iron \$28,416. Add to this the metallic production \$1,954,919. Makes a total of \$2,443,502.

TOOK CURVE TOO SHARPLY. Motorman Blamed for Wreck Near Bridgeport.

GLACE BAY, N.S., March 3.—About 11.15 last night a car jumped the tracks of the Sydney and Glace Bay Electric Railway near Bridgeport, ran about twenty feet from the track and turned on its side.

About twenty passengers were on the car. Bert Myles had his skull fractured and the side of his face nearly torn off. He will die. Neil McMillan had an artery in his arm severed, but will recover.

Councillor Daniel Graham had two ribs broken; Miss May McEachern, hand hurt, but helped remove Graham from the wreck. Motorman Duncan Macdonald is jury to-night.

THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA

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Notice is hereby given that a dividend of one and three-quarters per cent. upon the paid-up capital stock of the Bank has been declared for the current quarter, being at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after the first day of April next. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st of March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board. STUART STRATHY, General Manager. Toronto, Feb. 21, 1908.

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