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Trenton Asked to Sacrifice A Valuable Power Franchise

Electric Light and Water Company, Supported By Majority of Town Council, Trying to Rush Thru Bylaw That Gives Them Trent River Water Powers for Perpetuity.

POOR SERVICE, HIGH RATES NOW TOWN SHOULD EMULATE PICTON

TRENTON, Ont., Oct. 20.—(Staff Special.)—One of the rankest jobs that ever stained the municipal annals of Ontario is awaiting the judgment here of the citizens at the polls on November 1. It has been arranged with such privacy, and carried to completion in such secrecy, that but for the provision of the act of the legislature, passed last spring, requiring the submission of all franchise agreements to the citizens for ratification, this deal would have been rushed thru without the citizens knowing anything about it.

What is intended is to hand over the water power privileges of the town, which are of very great value, to a company which will, without this gratuitous assistance, be in a bankrupt condition. The privileges are to be given in perpetuity and the citizens of Trenton are to assume the debt of the company—not directly, of course, but indirectly, in the rates they are to pay for their power and light, which they are to hand over, and which they are to pay for when they have given them up forever.

How all this has been brought about is a story of almost incredible lack of good faith towards the municipality by the town council, every man of which, except one, is committed to the shameful deal.

One Councillor Firm.
The one man against the deal is Councillor Gotthardt, who is in his first year in council. The others are P. J. O'Rourke, editor of the Advocate, 27 or 28 years in the council, which he is popularly supposed to hold in the honor of his hand; Mayor Farnell, who has been ten years in the council, and ought to know better; Councillors Fortune with four years' experience, and Dench, Bywater and Blaisell, about two years each.

The two Trenton newspapers are not doing their utmost for the citizens in this case. One of them is apparently doing its utmost in the other direction. The Advocate is true to the electric corporation interests, and when it is known that Mr. O'Rourke is the editor the wonder is abated. The Courier showed some independence last spring when the debenture deal was under way, but it has made no outcry about the present jobbery.

An agreement has been drawn up, and would have been executed by this time, but for Hon. Adam Beck's clause requiring reference to the people. This agreement gives all the interests held by Trenton in the government dams and the power generable there to the company, which undertakes to pay the \$1 per horse-power rental to the government, and a further \$1 the government asks from any other party that Trenton Town, and also to pay the cost of the transfer of some land at No. 2 dam, required by the government, at a cost of \$2500. The extra \$1 to the government the company stipulates to be charged to users of 15 horse-power and over. The company also agrees to reserve 2000 of the 3500 horse-power of No. 2 dam for the town, but if the town wishes to use the power the company has the right to sell it elsewhere, and agrees to pay the splendid sum of 50 cents a horse-power for the privileges.

Trenton's Power Dams.
Trenton is most advantageously situated for the generation of electric power on the Trent River. Some 20 years ago a dam was built inside the town limits to develop power. In connection with the Dominion Government's Trent River Valley Canal scheme, the dam, which was built of wood, is being replaced by one of cement concrete. The surplus water from this dam the government offers to the town for the nominal sum of \$1 a horse-power a year.

There are six dams in all on the Trent River within a few miles of the town, and two of these dams are in the town limits. These two are capable of generating 5000 horse-power. No. 3 dam at Glen Miller, three miles from the town centre, has not yet been leased by the government. No. 4, near Frankford, No. 5, at Frankford, No. 6, above Frankford, are the others, and it is said that taken altogether they probably 15,000 horse-power here on the Trent River. Of this 5000 horse-power is inside the town limits, the dams all built by the government, and to be maintained forever.

No. 2 dam will be completed shortly by the government, and will develop 2500 horse-power net. The town is to get the surplus water from this dam on a 25 year lease, renewable, at \$1 a horse-power, a year.

Under the agreement the company will be able to close up No. 1 dam altogether if it feels so disposed and carry out its terms with the power from No. 2 dam. This dam does not appear on the surface, however.

The Company's Agreement.
The Trenton Electric and Water Co. now rents the power generated at the old dam from the town, and Trenton gets \$4000 a year from the company for the privilege of transmitting the power generated there to Belleville. The town could send its surplus power to Belleville just as readily as the company, of course, and send it cheaper. But the company is dependent on its power on the Trent improvements. If it cannot get the Trenton town power it will be unable to fulfil its engagements. Mr. O'Rourke with his former experience in mind, told the company not to be alarmed. The Trenton town council with Mr. O'Rourke at its head would do it no harm. They would make an agreement that would entitle the company from its difficulty.

The situation is that the company has a 25 year exclusive franchise of the streets while the town has the power on the river. Anybody would think that here was a basis for negotiation.
"Negotiate nothing, give us all in sight," said the company, whose amiable president is Aemilius Jarvis of Toronto. Mr. Jarvis is reported to have replied to the suggestion that this was hardly fair to the town. "What the devil do I care for the town? I'm for the company." But this is evidently a mere rumor. No company ever entertains such sentiments, as all corporation officials will certify.
Unfortunately some other sentiment than indifference to the interests of the town has operated to produce a result identical with what lack of regard for the town would bring about. Whether the company is to be believed or not, the town is to be fleeced of its privileges and so far as any one can say the company is the only party to benefit.
But Mr. O'Rourke contemplated even finer things for the company.

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BULLET IS JUSTIFIABLE WHERE DESPOTS REIGN

"Undesirable Citizen" Haywood Introduces Inflammatory Resolu- tion at Socialist Meeting.

Declaring that wherever despotism reigns and workers are prevented from using the ballot to secure their freedom, the use of the bullet is perfectly justifiable, the socialists of Toronto at a meeting addressed at the Labor Temple last night, by William D. Haywood, Denver, Colorado, whom ex-President Roosevelt described as an "undesirable citizen," passed a resolution calling upon the people of Spain to overthrow the government for the "outrage" of Prof. Ferrer, at Barcelona last week.

on the labor troubles in the Western States for the past decade. His story was graphic, but filled with humor and pathos. Speaking of the trial at Idaho, he said:

"To you workers I owe my life, I owe to you my liberty. I thank you from the depths of my heart. But you owe me something too. I was on trial for you. All I ask in payment is that you try and do something for yourself. I urge the workers to organize industrially. Young men, whatever your work may be, join the union representing the industry in which you are employed. Then unite politically and join the party that protect your class interests—the Socialist party of Canada."

The meeting of President Taft and President Diaz, the dictator of Mexico, at Juarez, was a disgrace. When the president of a proud republic that boasts of being the land of the free and the home of the brave, seeks out this bloody handed murderer (Ferrer), and shakes hands with him, the people of Spain are justified in calling upon the government for the "outrage" of Prof. Ferrer, at Barcelona last week.

WHAT TRENTON HAS TO OVERCOME.

The Trenton Electric Light & Water Co. is trying to get an agreement thru the Trenton Town Council, whereby all the privileges held by the town, under the Dominion Government in the Trent River water powers are to be conveyed to the company in perpetuity, and for what are nominal considerations. The town has an opportunity, by defeating the bylaw, to throw off the thrall of the company, which has a forty-year exclusive franchise on the streets for lighting purposes, and control of the water system, by which it levies excessive rates for miserable service. The town council, with one exception, act wholly in the interests of the company, and have refused to have the matter discussed for the betterment of the people. Under the new provincial law the agreement is to be voted on Nov. 1.

GOVT. TO OPERATE "WIRELESS" SERVICE

License Refused U. S. Com- pany Which Has Agree- ment With Port Arthur Government to Erect Stations.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Word has been received from Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine, that the government will not give a license to the United Wireless Telegraph Company of Cleveland, Ohio, to build a station at Port Arthur, for which arrangements had been made between the council and the company. The government's intention is to retain control of all wireless communication, and Mr. Brodeur states that it is likely three stations will be erected, which will be built about the great lakes in the next couple of years.

MRS. PANKHURST ARRIVES And Defends the Militant Conduct of Suffragettes.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—A quiet little group of New York women, bearing banners labelled "Votes for Women," stood on a White Star liner to meet and welcome to America Mrs. Emmeline Gould Pankhurst, of Manchester, England, the leader of the militant suffragettes of Great Britain. Mrs. Pankhurst displayed a little medallion she wore and explained that it was a distinguishing mark worn by those English women who have been imprisoned for the cause.

"I continued 'sold' confinement," she continued, "and had only one hour of exercise out of 24. During the other 23 I was confined in a little cell, 8 by 10 feet.

"The movement is progressing satisfactorily in England. We have pledges from practically two-thirds of the members of parliament to vote for us as soon as a bill is prepared by the government. And we expect sooner or later to compel the government to introduce the bill. Just when this will come to pass I am not prepared to say."

LOSSES IN FOREST FIRES Totalled Over \$25,000,000 in Canada Last Year.

OTTAWA, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The Census and Statistics Monthly shows that there were 835 forest fires in Canada in 1908, by which 58,290,000 feet of timber, board measure, were destroyed, and the value of the timber and improvements destroyed amounted to \$25,635,550. Twenty-two lives were lost.

LECITHIN IN BRAIN STOPS ANAESTHESIA.

DUESSELDORF, Germany, Oct. 20.—Working upon the combined theories of Prof. Meyer, Overton and Reicher, as to the cause of anaesthesia, Prof. Nering of this city has so far penetrated the mystery as to discover that the injection of lecithin promises to prevent the death of the human subject while under the influence of morphine, ether, chloroform or any of the other anaesthetics.

OTTAWA GOLF CLUB HOUSE BURNED.

OTTAWA, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The Ottawa Golf Clubhouse, situated on the Anyler road, was completely destroyed by fire this evening. The damage is estimated at about \$5000. Fire broke out in the locker room. Most of the furniture and all the club trophies were gotten out.

NEW M.P.

WETASKIWIN, Alta., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—James M. Douglas, Liberal of Strathcona, was elected by acclamation here to-day to fill the vacancy in the federal parliament, caused by the death of Dr. McIvor.

IN A POLITICAL CROTCH



FATHER KNICKERBOCKER: I can prod him up, but it's hard to dislodge him.

NO IDEA OF REPEALING LIMIT TO FRANCHISES

Sir James Promises to Combat Attempts to Override Rights of Municipalities.

"Nothing could be farther from the facts. The idea has never entered my mind, and I am satisfied that it has never been considered by the members of the government."
With these words Sir James Whitney put the quietus on a rumor that the government would introduce a bill at the next session of the legislature respecting the clause in the act which limits all municipal franchise to twenty-five years.
The World directed the premier's attention to a report that certain Ontario interests would apply to the Dominion government for a charter to build an electric railway from Toronto to Cobourg. A federal charter is sought to evade the 25-year limit to municipal franchises in the province.
"On the prima facie facts," declared Sir James, "any attempt to override the rights of the municipalities under a federal charter will precipitate an interesting situation."
"And," he added, "under no circumstances could the government be induced to alter the existing legislation to accommodate these other interests."

ERROR OVER TELEPHONE CAUSE OF COLLISION

Two Passenger Trains Come To- gether Head-on Near Orange- ville—No One Seriously Hurt.

ORANGETVILLE, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—A rather serious head-on collision on the C.P.R. between Orangetville and Melville Junction, occurred about 300 yards above the junction at 5:50 p.m., when the Teeswater train, No. 24, bound for Toronto, ran headlong into the Bruce, No. 19, bound for Owen Sound. A phone system for despatching is used at Melville Junction, and when the conductor on 19 asked Orangetville if the Teeswater train had left, he was told yes, in the belief that he meant left Orangetville. The conductor then gave orders to his engineer to start. However, the engineer feared the other train had not gone thru Melville and the train had gone slowly only about 300 yards up the track when the engineer saw No. 24 coming. He immediately applied brakes and with the ironman, pulled clear. The engineer on No. 24 also applied brakes, but could not stop his train.
Many passengers on both trains were badly shaken up. No cars were thrown off the track, but the tender on 24 ran almost on top of engine 19. An engine was sent down which brought the passenger coaches and passengers back to Orangetville.

BANKS DIDN'T NEED EMERGENCY CURRENCY

Statement For September Shows an Increased Activity of Money, Due to Crop Moving.

OTTAWA, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—bank statement for September indicates an increased activity in business throughout the country. An increase of seventeen millions in current loans in Canada shows that the grain movement is keeping the money active. Short loans in Canada remain stationary at slightly over fifty-six million dollars. Call and short loans outside the Dominion increased over ten million which indicates that a good deal of Canadian money is in New York.
None of the banks during the September issued any emergency currency under the provisions of Mr. Fielding's emergency currency legislation, which allows the issue during the crop movement of additional currency up to fifteen per cent of the paid up stock.
An indication of increased prosperity is the increase in demand deposits, which jumped from \$23,974,000 in August to \$23,987,052 in September. Notice deposits stood at \$174,103,709, an increase of a little less than two millions. The activity in money is also indicated by an increase in circulation from \$71,847,552 in August, to \$78,207,441 in September. The paid up capital at the end of September stood at \$97,884,901, an increase of fifty-six thousand dollars.

CANADIANS CONTROL LAROSE

Lorne McGibbon is the New Presi- dent—New Directors.

MONTREAL, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—D. Lorne McGibbon, Major G. W. Stephens, Shirley Ogilvie, Alex. Pirrie and Victor E. Mitchell are new directors of La Rose Co., replacing John McMartin, D. McMartin, Henry Timmins and P. W. Holmes.
Mr. McGibbon was elected as president, and other members of the board are: Duncan Coulson of Toronto, Carl Greene and G. P. Earle of New York. This hands La Rose over to Canadian control.

ALFONSO IS FRIGHTENED.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The Daily Chronicle's Madrid correspondent asserts that owing to the Ferrer agitation, King Alfonso is much dejected. He is suffering from insomnia, and is almost a prisoner in the palace, having abandoned his daily outings.
Threatening letters in large numbers are being received daily at the palace and at the residences of the ministers.

TYPHOON IN THE ORIENT.

MANILA, Oct. 20.—A typhoon of unusual severity swept across western and southern Luzon on Sunday night. The famous Benguet road, exceeding 50 miles from Dagupan to Baguio, where the government has established a summer capital and health resort, has been so damaged that probably \$250,000 will be required for its repair.
HONGKONG, Oct. 20.—Many casualties attended the typhoon which ravaged havoc with the native shipping and damaged other vessels at various points on the coast during the night.

CITY'S SHAME S FIRE-TRAP SCHOOLS

Building Paper Sounds Note of Warning as to Neglect to Provide Adequate Pro- tection for Thou- sands of Children.

I. S. M. in the October number of Construction, sounds a note of warning with regard to the lack of protection against fire in the public schools of Toronto.

"Toronto's Shame," is the heading of a two page article which charges that no city of its size on the continent builds three-story schools of such a cheap, inflammable type of construction, without some character of emergency exits being provided as a protection against the unexpected in case of fire or panic.

The school buildings, according to the writer, are practically all three-story structures of cheap jobs, built in violation of the fire laws. "AND THERE IS NOT ONE IN THE WHOLE CITY THAT IS EQUIPPED WITH FIREPROOF STAIRWAYS, FIREPROOF ENTRANCES, OR FIRE ESCAPES OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER. Such a deplorable, yes, almost criminal condition, obtains in no other city of its size on the American continent."

A private citizen would be refused permission to erect a structure of like construction to be used for a similar purpose. He would have to provide adequate fire escapes for the protection of those occupying the buildings. Yet what of the 40 to 100 children in every one of the schools of Toronto? Montreal profited by the Hochelaga school disaster, in Toronto waiting for a similar catastrophe before moving.

The writer scolds the idea that the fire drills in the schools is sufficient protection against fire.
After the Collingwood disaster, Winnipeg provided spiral slide fire escapes for all three story schools, and in fire-proof construction and equipment, but recent schools, the not absolutely fire-proof, are of an immeasurably better type of construction than is employed in Toronto.

The new schools of Toronto are almost as bad as the old ones—buildings of highly inflammable construction, with no adequate means of protection. "Surely," says Construction, "a horrible catastrophe will not have to get up before people will waken to the full realization of the danger and of the consequences they are courting."

WHAT KILLED BOLLARD?

Four Doctors Say Cause Not Re- sulting From Fight.

PETERBORO, Ont., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The trial of the Jopling Brothers, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Arthur Bollard, will be over to-morrow. All the evidence is now in.
The defence rests largely on the testimony of four doctors heard this afternoon, Doctors Morgan, Young, Carmichael and Boucher, all of Peterboro. They were of the opinion that the post mortem had not been thorough enough. They contended that Bollard had been injured, as was supposed, in the first encounter with Fred Jopling, he would not have been able to get up right away and engage in a friendly wrestle afterwards.
Dr. Carmichael stated that the fact of Bollard's falling and becoming overheated on the night after the row, and sitting on the grass to cool off, would give the impression that he might have contracted cholera, typhoid, or cholera morbus, and that it might have caused his death.

A. C. Yokome and Harry McLaughlin testified as to the fact that Bollard was the proprietor of the croch-hold. Warden Scott, Rev. Mr. Cruickshanks, Father Fitzpatrick and others gave graphic evidence.

LOST WOMAN IS FOUND

Had Wandered All Night as Far as Don Mills.

Miss Mary Connor of Sherwood-avenue, North Toronto, who disappeared from her home in the early hours of Tuesday morning, was located by the police on a farm near Don Mills about 3 o'clock last night. She was taken to her father's home in an exhausted condition, after her aimless roaming. On Tuesday night she slept beside the railway track.

THE FUR MARKET OF THE WORLD

Canada Now Sells the Fur in Her Own Markets, Edmonton and Toronto, in Place of London, England.

The Hudson Bay Company has been gradually losing some of its hold on the Canadian fur business. Up to ten years ago, the large market for Canadian fur was in London, England. The Hudson Bay Company put it there. With the progress of settlement in the northwest, and the development of the fur trapping in the north, the market has been transferred to Edmonton. Incidentally too, Toronto takes the second position for some of the furs located here have their own traders in the far north. It may not be generally known, and is, therefore, worth the telling, that Dineen has two representative stations as far as fifteen miles to British Columbia. From these last named province a very excellent quality of dark mink is received. Fishskin, a rare and splendid Canadian fur, is also found in the far north, and is much sought after. Several exceptionally good shipments have recently reached the Dineen Company's retail warehouses, corner of Yonge and Temperance.

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