

LONDON ELECTRIC CO. WILL MEET THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC'S PRICES

Manager Hunt Says It May Be Possible for His Company to Cut the Present Rate in Two—Looks Like a Big Fight Between Rivals in This City.

The London Electric Company will meet the hydro-electric price of domestic lighting, according to the statement of Manager C. B. Hunt. The hydro-electric schedule, it is said, calls for a 6 cents a kilowatt hour rate. The present rate is 9 cents. Mr. Hunt is of the opinion that they can furnish power at considerably less than that price.

"The city will furnish power for lighting at 6 cents a kilowatt hour," Mr. Hunt was informed. "Will your company touch that?"

"We have been giving power for less than that," said Mr. Hunt. "We have furnished the city light for 5 cents for a long time, and that is some cheaper than the hydro-electric proposition. Of course, the city is a big customer."

CUT PRICE IN TWO.

"When we get our new appliances in shape we hope to cut the price in two, perhaps more. We will be able to compete successfully, I hope."

This statement is of much significance, and demonstrates that the battle for the power market for the city is liable to be a long one, and will be somewhat expensive perhaps to both parties.

In any event, the citizens will get the benefit of the battle in cheap power.

FIRST DIVISION OF NEW HOUSE

The British Commons Divides on the Fiscal Amendment.

ASQUITH'S MAJ. WAS THIRTY-ONE

Premier Announces That He Cannot Tell When Lords Bill Will Be Ready.

London, Feb. 24.—In the first division tonight in the third Parliament of His Majesty King Edward VII., the Government, headed by Premier Asquith, was sustained by a majority of 31.

The division was taken on the amendment to the speech from the throne offered by Austen Chamberlain, providing for a reform in the tariff, with a preference to the colonies, and the vote stood 235 to 254.

A House in a Hubbub.

Although the result was foreseen, the division was accompanied by much excitement, and the announcement of the result set off a chorus of cheering and shouting: "Where's your majority now?"

The Ministerialists indulged in counter cheers, and the House for a while was in a hubbub.

It may be recalled that an amendment, practically identical with that offered by Austen Chamberlain, was defeated four years ago by a vote of 488 to 98. The protectionists triumphantly claim that today's vote is an illustration of the advancement of the tariff idea.

This first trial of strength has been awaited with great interest, and, in consequence, practically every member was in his place, and the galleries were crowded.

Speeches were made by Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the Opposition, Chancellor Lloyd George, Walter Runciman, president of the board of education, A. Bonar Law, and others, none of whom, however, touching any new aspect of the fiscal controversy.

No Cross-Voting.

Although victorious only by the narrow margin of 21, the Government regarded the result as satisfactory, inasmuch as there was no cross-voting and no evidence of any intention on the part of the disaffected groups to overthrow the ministry. All the Nationalists, the Protectionists, as well as the Redmondites, abstained from voting. The Laborites voted with the Government, and three Liberals, Hilaire Bell, Horatio W. Bottomley and J. C. Woodcock, abstained.

The Premier, having given notice that he would move on Monday that Government business would take precedence over all other business until March 24, the House adjourned.

The Government's existence now will depend upon the production of a plan satisfactory to the Nationalists and the Radicals, for dealing in a drastic manner with the House of Lords.

Reform of Lords.

The House of Lords has decided to place its own plan of reformation before the country. At today's session of the upper chamber, Lord Rosebery gave notice that he would move on March 14 that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the best means of reforming the existing organization so as to constitute itself a strong and efficient second chamber.

SARNIA DOG OWNERS FAILED TO MUZZLE

Sarnia, Feb. 25.—Five persons appeared in the magistrate's court this morning and were fined for not muzzling their dogs, the penalty being two dollars or seven days. They paid.

Late Thomas Parkinson.

The remains of Mr. Thomas Parkinson, who died in Winnipeg last Sunday, arrived in the city last night, and the funeral was held this afternoon from the residence of his son, Mr. Fred Parkinson 262 Piccadilly street, and was of a private nature. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery.



HON. A. G. MACKAY, Leader of Liberal Opposition in the Legislature, who announces that he is not removing to the west. His leadership was unanimously endorsed by the Provincial Convention Committee in session at Toronto yesterday.

LEADER MACKAY NOT GOING WEST

Will Remain in Ontario and Head of the Provincial Opposition.

COMMITTEE INDORSES

Is Greeted With Applause When He Addressed the Convention Committee.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Representatives from all over the province, to the number of 55, including Liberal members of the Legislature, attended the meeting of the Provincial Liberal Convention committee, which was held in the office of the General Reform Association of Ontario, Toronto street, yesterday afternoon. The president, Mr. H. M. Mowat, K. C., occupied the chair.

The Convention Date.

The object of the meeting was to decide upon the date of the next convention, but the matter was disposed of for the present by the following resolution, moved by Mr. C. N. Smith, of Saint Ste. Marie, and seconded by Mr. John A. Auld, of Amherstburg:

"That the question of calling a provincial convention be respectfully referred back to the General Reform Association of Ontario for further consideration. Mr. Frederick G. Inwood, the general secretary, was instructed to report the proceedings of the meeting to all riding associations throughout the province.

Speeches were made by Hon. A. G. Mackay, leader of the Opposition, and the Liberal representatives at the Legislature, and also the following delegates: Messrs. A. E. Dymont, Algoma; J. M. Mowat, K. C., Kingston; J. W. Curry, K. C., Toronto; J. J. Hunter, Kincardine; J. M. Godfrey, Port Credit; Archie McNeve, Windsor, and George G. Miles, of Toronto.

The leader of the Opposition was greeted with applause as he rose to speak. He denied the report that he had any intention of leaving for the west, and said he was going to remain with the party.

The leadership of Hon. A. G. Mackay was unanimously endorsed by the party, and also the entire committee.

ASSESSORS WILL COMMENCE TUESDAY

Mr. Grant's Staff Is Now Completed, and Soon Will Be Ready for Business.

Assessment Commissioner Grant is making preparations to begin the assessment of the city. His staff will be complete on Tuesday next. A few days will be consumed in making the necessary preparations and instructing the new men in the work. Outside work will be commenced the week following probably, or a little later.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MILDER—SNOW.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 25—5 a.m.

Today—Fair and cold.

Saturday—Higher temperatures, with some light snowfalls.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Today.	Yesterday.
London	15	16	15
Victoria	44	36	34
Calgary	9	14	14
Winnipeg	2	12	20
Port Arthur	14	14	18
Bathurst	16	8	4
Perry Sound	18	4	0
Toronto	18	4	0
Ottawa	12	14	12
Montreal	10	12	10
Quebec	10	12	10
St. John	12	8	10
Dawson City	...	...	...
Edmonton	...	...	...
Vancouver	...	...	...
Prince Albert	...	...	...
Moosajohn	...	...	...
Qu'Appelle	...	...	...
St. John	...	...	...
Halifax	...	...	...

Minus (—) means below zero.

W. E. W. NOTES.

The pressure is highest this morning in the lake region, while a depression has passed rapidly from the North Pacific coast into the Northwest States.

The temperature has moderated somewhat in the Western Provinces, attended by light snowfalls. Elsewhere the weather has been fine and decidedly cold.

SOUTH LONDON LIBERALS

The Hyman Hall euchre players will play a visit to the South London Liberal Club rooms tonight to play a match game with the southsiders. Some time ago the central men were defeated by the south end euchre players, and an effort will be made to even things up. All euchre players are invited to be present. Last night the return match between the South London Liberal carpetball team and a picked team was played, the Liberals winning after a fine game. A valuable picture, donated by Mr. W. T. Strong will be played for.

HORSE DOESN'T LIKE THE JOB DOG-CATCHER IN RUNAWAY

"Ben" Blackstock and "Skin" Weaver Find That Corraling Pets in London Is Not a Bed of Roses—If You Miss Your Dog, Telephone the Pound.

Many and varied are the experiences of the man of the hour, in other words, the dog-catcher. This morning after diligent hours spent in the pursuit of lawless canines, who, despite the city ordinance, persisted in taking their morning constitutional without their muzzles, the gentleman in question had succeeded in gathering four hopeless and shivering dogs into his wagon, when the doggie's Vahlia, rejoiced exceedingly and left for parts of the city that were not quite so permeated with the personality of one Ben Blackstock and his faithful satellite, who rejoices in the euphonious and highly-descriptive name of "Skin" Weaver.

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REAL ESTATE OWNERS WILL TAKE UP THE LOCAL BREAD QUESTION

Resolution for a Standard Loaf and a Better Inspection Will Be Passed and Sent to Mr. Nichol, M. P. for Kingston, Who Is Leading in the Bread Agitation.

The Real Estate Owners, at their meeting tonight, will go after the bread question. Yesterday the members received an invitation from Mr. Nichol, M. P. of Kingston, one of the legislators who is taking the matter up in Parliament, to be present at the House on Tuesday.

It is likely that a strong resolution urging the establishment of a standard loaf, will be passed at tonight's meeting, and some of the association may go down to Toronto also.

A Standard Loaf.

"We believe that no matter what other loaves there are, there should be a standard loaf, of say, two or four pounds," said one of the members today. "We think also that the present inspection system is a farce, and that the inspector should have full power to inspect a baker's loaves at any time before they are delivered to the customer."

"In England and other countries there is a standard loaf, and I have seen them there, if a customer weighed

SIXTEEN DEGREES BELOW ZERO MERCURY BEATS WINTER RECORD

Coldest Day of Last Winter Was Only 14.5 Below—In January 1908, the Thermometer Registered 20 Below—It Was 15 Degrees Below at Eight o'Clock This Morning.

The weather man did his worst last night, and just to show what he could do, sent the mercury down to 16 degrees below zero. That is the coldest point this winter, and three degrees lower than the coldest day last year, when the mercury went down to 14.5 below on Jan. 13. The coldest day in 1908 was on Jan. 9, when the thermometer dipped down to 20 below.

This morning at 8 o'clock it was still 15 degrees below.

A Great Winter.

"It's the greatest winter we ever had," said a skating rink proprietor. "Couldn't be better for our business. I have had the best season I ever had."

Yesterday afternoon some of the valve gear on one of the big engines at the powerhouse broke, and this added to the effects of the cold, crippled the street railway badly. It was impossible to run cars on anything like a schedule, so the company did the next best thing, and ran them as quickly as they could.

All Trains Late.

Nearly all the trains were late last night, and not a few late passengers had tales to tell of waiting about small stations for what seemed interminable lengths of time and vainly endeavoring to keep warm.

MISS SCOTT NAMED FOR CITY HALL POSITION

Central Avenue Young Lady Will Be Appointed in Mr. Baker's Office.

Miss Florence E. Scott, of 587 Central Avenue, will be named stenographer in City Clerk Baker's office to succeed Harry J. Bennett, who has been transferred to Assessment Commissioner Grant's office.

At the examination of candidates for the position held Thursday afternoon by City Clerk Baker, Miss Scott stood highest, and was recommended for the place by Mr. Baker. She will probably commence work on Monday next.

There were eight ladies and one gentleman who took the examination.

Late Wm. Byrne.

It was incorrectly stated in last night's Advertiser that William Byrne, whose death occurred in Winnipeg on Wednesday was C. P. R. passenger agent. Mr. Byrne was a passenger brakeman. The funeral will be held on Monday morning from the residence of his brother, Mr. James Byrne, 254 Chesapeake street, in St. Peter's Cathedral. Interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Now, sir, I must have been some misunderstanding between the chief

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, Feb. 24.—Arrived: Philadelphia, from Southampton; La Bretagne, Havre; Heigolav, Copenhagen; Kronland, Antwerp; Oceania, Bermuda.

Havre—Arrived: La Provence, New York.

Cape Race—Signalled: La Savoie, from Havre; Rhein, Bremen.

MINISTER OF STATE TO ATTEND BISHOP FALLON'S CONSECRATION

It Is Announced That Hon. Charles Murphy Will Be Here—Event Will Prove a Brilliant One—Church Dignitaries From Canada and the United States Will Take Part.

Hon. Charles Murphy, secretary of state in the Dominion cabinet, will be present at the consecration of Bishop Desjardins, in St. Peter's Cathedral on Monday, April 25.

He promised some time ago to come to the city for that important event, and he has been notified of the date. He may also assist in opening the Catholic Club on or about that day. In addition, there will be a brilliant gala of clerics for the consecration. Among those expected to be present are: Archbishop McEvay, Toronto; Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa; Bishop Dowling, Hamilton; the Archbishop of Kingston, and many other very high officials of the church.

The Bishop of Buffalo and many clerics of the oblate Order of Mary Immaculate, to which Bishop Fallon belongs, will be present. A very large number of laymen from Buffalo, Catholic and Protestant alike, will visit London on this occasion.

Rev. Father Aylward is still in Buffalo. He is expected back this evening.

OLD MAN OF EIGHTY YEARS PENNILESS IN THE COLD EXCITES THE PITY OF ALL

Robert Blazard Shipped From Windsor to Chatham, and From That Place to This City—Wandered Into Police Station Almost Frozen and Half Starved—A Pitiful Case of Neglect.

As you walk along the street, how often do you meet

Some poor old man who's life is naught but woe?

With age his form is bent, in his pocket not a cent.

And for shelter he has nowhere to go. He's relations by the score, yet they turn him from their door.

When they meet him on the street they pass him by.

If you ask him why it's done, he will answer you, "He was in such a state 'I'm poor, I'm old, and only in the way."

The most pitiable case of the year came up at the police court this morning when Robert Blazard, aged 80, and very feeble, was arraigned for vagrancy and was remanded to jail for a week in order that he may have proper food and medical attention.

The old man wandered into the police station last night without any overcoat or gloves, and wearing only thin clothes. He was in such a state of exhaustion that it was feared for a time that he would die.

He was cared for, however, and when he came up in court this morning, while some better, was suffering from a bad cough, and was so weak that his condition caused everyone to sympathize with him.

"Have you no friends who could look after you?" asked the court.

Only Friend Is God.

"Not a relative or a friend in the world," the old man said in a quivering voice, "only God."

He stated that he had been living in New Brunswick for some time.

"I only came there, though, in 1861," he said.

"Why that is just about half a century," said the court. "That is a long time ago. Why didn't they look after you when you got old and helpless?"

CITIZENS ARE VERY ANGRY OVER THE DOG REGULATIONS

Inspector McCallum Says His Position Is an Unenviable One Now—Every Man Who Enters the Inspector's Office Has a Grouch—A Valuable Dog Killed.

Inspector McCallum declares that his position is the most unpopular in the city.

Every man that comes into the office to pay him the dog tax has a "grouch."

"This job is getting on my nerves," said the inspector. "Every man who comes in here is mad. They make known their opinions to me. It is no kind of a job at this moment. The telephone is ringing constantly, either to complain to me or ask for information about the dogs."

Citizens Are Mad.

The majority of the citizens are up in arms, and there is talk of organizing the dog owners of the city, to make a demonstration before the council, and to protest against the unwarranted persecution of the dog. Many kindles shed tears last night over a miserable dog and several dogs were threatened dire vengeance on the man with the net.

Mr. W. E. Robinson had a piece of hard luck this morning. He owned a fine hunting dog—bloodhound and foxhound cross—and he brought him down town to get his tag. On his way back the pup got in front of a street car and was cut to ribbons. He was a valuable dog, and it will take some money to replace him.

Some Cases.

"The muzzling law is a nuisance," said one prominent citizen in the mayor's office at noon today. "I have a fine collie. I bought a tag and muzzle for this dog, and this morning I took the muzzle off to give him a drink. He is not particularly enamored of his millinery, and when he got it off, he took legs and feet. He could not catch him, nor induce him to come back and be decorated. So the muzzle is in the kitchen, and the dog is running. If I am lucky, the pup will come back. If Friday is my day he will be in the dog pound, and I will have to pay \$2 to get him out. No wonder I am sore at the dog-muzzling ordinance."

Others had just as interesting tales of woe.

DOG WAS TIED TO THE RAILS MAN WHO SAW IT TESTIFIES LEFT TO BE KILLED BY TRAIN

Mr. Thomas Kelley Writes The Advertiser to Say That He Cannot Understand the Alleged Investigation Which Is Said to Have Been Made—Dog Was Freed From the Place Where It Had Been Tied.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Re your article headed "Chief Williams Says Dog Story a Myth" owing to report handed to him as the result of his two sleuths tracking down the dog story, which report, I trust, was misunderstood by the head of our police department. If their investigation ended the way your paper published it, this evening, they are emphatically failures, and if such is the case it would be advisable and necessary for a third detective to follow the clues of these two gentlemen and prove their statements.

Some Misunderstanding.

Now, sir, I must have been some misunderstanding between the chief

and his two men, for when they claim that Dr. Stoltz and myself denied seeing that dog fastened to the C. P. R. tracks at William street, so that the first passing train killed it, it is a falsehood, an absolute falsehood. They say the parties living in the neighborhood know nothing about the case, and I would be sorry to hear that they did know and did not go to release the animal.

Now, sir, I will give you the story of the dog as it was. Why anyone should concoct such a story is beyond my comprehension, and why Chief Williams should think it a fallacy I cannot understand. The two detectives came into the office yesterday

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