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When your nerves are weak, when you are easily tired, when you feel all run down, then is the time you need a good strong tonic—Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Your doctor will tell you why it has such power over weak nerves, why it makes the blood rich, and why it gives courage and strength. Ask him if it is not just the medicine you need.

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MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES APPEAR BEFORE THE PREMIER

Monster Deputation is Promised Prompt but Cautious Action Towards the Providing of Electric Power

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF EXPROPRIATION

Toronto, April 12.—Fifteen hundred delegates, a crowd that filled Queen street for three blocks, marched on the City Hall and Parliament Building yesterday morning.

"Cheap Power" was their watchword. Five special trains brought them to the Union Station. The trains were decorated with streamers and bunting, and each delegate wore a badge indicating what town he represented. Mr. G. H. Clark, chairman of the Fire, Light and Water Department of Orillia, who was a member of the power deputation, yesterday morning, in a letter to the mayor said: "Orillia has solved this problem for itself, and demonstrated the fact that they can sell power at \$16 per horse-power, 24 hours service, and make a profit."

Where They Were From. Beside Mayor Coatsworth and prominent controllers and aldermen of the City of Toronto, cities and townships were represented by the following gentlemen and others from the various bodies and places appearing:

Guelph, Mayor Sleeman; Woodstock, Mayor Butler; Stratford, Mayor W. J. Ferguson; Berlin, Mayor Bricker; Galt, Mayor A. Thompson; Paris, Mayor Patterson; Bolton, Mayor McFall; London, Mayor Judd; Norwich, Councillor Avey; Embro, D. R. Ross; Collingwood, Mayor Wilson; New Hamburg, Reeve Bigger; Elora, Reeve Clark; St. Catharines, Mayor Riddell; Simcoe, Mayor Guntion; Brantford, Mayor Waterous; Mitchell, Mayor W. R. Davis; Windsor, Mayor Wigle; Lucan, Reeve Hawkshaw; Weston, Reeve Bull; Orillia, Councillor Clark; Richmond Hill, Reeve Corley; Barrie, Mayor Ross; Cayuga, Reeve McClure; Waterloo, A. Wendenhamer; Eglinton, Mayor Fisher; Sarnia, Mayor Barr; Newmarket, Mayor Roadhouse; Dunnville, Mr. Haynes; King, Reeve Lewis; Oakville, Mayor Kelly; Islington, Reeve Shaver; Southampton, Mayor Belcher; Drumbo, Chas. A. Munro; South Dumfries, Reeve Kitchen; Aurora, Mayor Daville; King Township, Councillor Norbury; Durham, Mayor T. Buchanan; Millbrook, Councillor Needham; Preston, Mayor Clare; Pickering, Reeve Todd; St. Mary's, Mayor Meenie; Seaford, Councillor Gregg; Ingersoll, Dr. Coleridge; Woodstock, Mayor Thompson; Frankford, County, Mayor Cherry; Waterloo Township, Reeve Reist; Toronto Junction, Mayor Smith; Streetsville, C. H. Falconer; Tillsonburg, Mayor Fogarty; Kingston, Ald. Rigney; Hopetown, Ald. J. A. McGee; Reeve Moffat; Toronto Board of Trade, R. C. Steele, president; Manufacturers' Association, P. H. Burton; Beamsville, Reeve Davis; Theford, Councillor Woodhall; Durham Township, Reeve Scott; Dufferin County, Reeve Ewing; Willmott Township, Reeve Zeller; Acton Board of Trade, Secretary Goodvee; Vaughan Township, Reeve Bobb; Reston, Reeve Jackson; Forest, James Prout; Mount Forest, Senator McMullen; District Trades and Labor Council, R. Hungerford; Builders' Exchange, Geo. Duthie; Retail Merchants' Association, E. M. Trowen; Strathroy, Mayor Phillips.

The Delegates' Resolution. Prior to going to the Parliament buildings, the delegates assembled at the City Hall, where the following resolution of Mayor Judd of London and Mayor Ferguson, Stratford, was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, whereas cheap and widely distributed electric power will be of great benefit to the Province of Ontario, and the manufacturer, artisan and farmer will each benefit for such cheap power:

"And whereas electric power from coal will always be expensive, and the province is blessed with many water-powers from which electric power can be and is being obtained, the development of which have, to the present, been made chiefly by private companies:

"And whereas private companies will and do sell power at as high a rate as possible, with prices based on coal as a source of power:

"Resolved, that the municipalities now present and represented in the City Hall, Toronto, having an urban and rural population of over 1,000,000, respectfully urge upon the Governor-in-Council of the Province of Ontario the necessity of safeguarding the people's interests by originating as a Government measure, legislation enabling the Governor-in-Council to appoint a permanent provincial commission, with power to take, where considered by it advisable, the following action:

"The construction, purchase or expropriation of works for the generation, transmission and distribution of electric power, heat or light.

"To arrange with any existing development company or companies for the acquisition or purchase by or from such company or companies of power at a reasonable price so as to be transmitted and sold by the Government to municipalities or others.

"Also to vest in it the powers necessary to enable it to regulate prices at which electricity shall be sold to all and every consumer, whether municipal, corporate or private."

Feature For Posterity. After the proceedings of the Council chamber were concluded the deputation assembled on the front steps of the City Hall, and had their photographs taken, after which they formed in procession, four abreast, and took their departure for the Parliament buildings at 11.40 a. m. The procession, which was headed by the Mayor and City Council and mayors and Reeves of outside places, reached for three blocks along Queen street.

The Toronto Board of Trade, Manufacturers' Association, Builders' Exchange, Retail Merchants' Association, and Federated Council of Building

Trades sent delegations to join with the Mayor and City Council as the Toronto Deputation.

At the Parliament Buildings. Preparations had been made for the reception of the big deputation on the steps of the main entrance of the Legislative Chamber. Tables had been placed on the landing and the deputation spread itself over the steps, along the corridors and over the railings of the floors above. In one solid jam were aldermen, Reeves, mayors, members of Parliament, Senators and other representatives of the people. Hon. Adam Beck extended an invitation to the deputation to go into the place where they make Ontario's laws, where the Premier and the Cabinet would hear them. There was a rush for the door and a jam at once occurred at the entrance. The Cabinet in Force.

Amongst the members of the Cabinet present, besides the Premier, were Hon. J. J. Foy, Hon. Col. Matheson, Hon. Dr. Pyne, Hon. Dr. Reaume, Hon. Col. Hendrie, Hon. Mr. Hanna, Hon. Mr. Montet, Hon. Mr. Cochrane and Hon. Dr. W. H. Ross. Hon. Adam Beck stood by the side of the Premier all the time.

The Deputation's Demands. Mayor Coatsworth briefly introduced the deputation, which he said was representative of nearly all the municipalities of Ontario within a radius of 150 miles of Niagara Falls. They desired that the Government should take hold and develop and transmit the power of Niagara Falls, so that the municipalities could run their own power at an average rate of \$20 per horse-power. Mayor Coatsworth read the resolution of endorsement passed by the United Municipalities and added that immediate action was desired.

Mayor Coatsworth was followed by a small army of speakers, all of whom gave unswerving support to the municipal power commission's report. There was not one dissentient voice. Among these were Mayor Judd of London, Senator McMullen of Mount Forest, Mayor Sleeman of Guelph, Mayor Barr of Sarnia, Dr. Coleridge of Ingersoll, Mayor Thompson of Woodstock, Mayor of Oakville, County Councillor Buchanan of Oxford, Fire and Light Chairman Thompson of Orillia, President of Guelph Board of Trade G. B. Ryan, Mayor Belcher of Southampton, Reeve Wright of Guelph Township, Mayor Wayne of Dunnville, Mayor Butler of Woodstock, Mayor Ferguson of Stratford, James Simpson for Toronto labor organizations, President of the Board of Trade John White, Mayor Lawrence of St. Thomas and Mayor Guntion of Simcoe.

Premier Whitney's Reply. Reacting on rising with loud cheering, Premier Whitney began his speech by remarking that the prevailing sentiment he had noticed at this great gathering was that cheap power was very dear to their hearts. This prevailing sentiment represented as he knew full well, a large proportion of that very desirable people, the people of the Province of Ontario. His colleagues and himself joined in thanking them for the manner in which all the gentlemen numbers, which, of itself, meant a tribute. They also thanked them because the Government of Ontario was composed of individuals, who, in their individual capacity as well as in their collective capacity, were always in a receptive mood when the wants and interests of the people were concerned. They believed that the Government under Premier Whitney began his speech by remarking that the prevailing sentiment he had noticed at this great gathering was that cheap power was very dear to their hearts. This prevailing sentiment represented as he knew full well, a large proportion of that very desirable people, the people of the Province of Ontario. His colleagues and himself joined in thanking them for the manner in which all the gentlemen numbers, which, of itself, meant a tribute. They also thanked them because the Government of Ontario was composed of individuals, who, in their individual capacity as well as in their collective capacity, were always in a receptive mood when the wants and interests of the people were concerned.

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York Loan Assets. Toronto, April 12.—Formal transfer of the property held by the City Realty Co. for the York County Loan Co. was made yesterday by Joseph Phillips at the instigation of the National Trust Co. According to the statement made by Phillips's counsel yesterday, it was nearly nine miles of frontage and is worth over a million dollars.

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member of the Legislature a few years ago put on the journals a resolution (which was voted down)—a measure proposed to deal in a wise way with this magnificent question, regard it how you will, and I will recall the part which that hon. gentleman, and few with him, took in their earnest desire to anticipate and serve the interests of the people of Ontario. In regard to this great power question, I find here that in the Legislature I need these words, and recollect that that was before the days of deputations on this question:

"Our position is that the Government should take up this question, consult experts upon it, decide whether or not the better plan would be for the Government to establish a plant at Niagara Falls and furnish electrical power to all the municipalities within 150 miles at cost, or whether the best plan would be to appoint commissioners and provide for a union of municipalities, but, whether one way or the other, it ought to be done, and in my opinion the Government which fails to take this matter up as a Government question, and deal with it from a Government standpoint, will be criminally negligent, and will be so considered and adjudicated upon by the people of Ontario. I have no hesitation in saying that the Government of this province should do what Mr. Macdonald says—the Government should either produce the power itself or control the producers of it, so that the municipalities would receive it at cost or a very slight advance over cost."

"Humble Yet Satisfied. "It is with proper humility and satisfaction, not often given to public men, that I find that the great majority of the people of this province are rallying round this very idea, expressed in practically the same words introduced several years before by myself.

"If what I have read here was wisdom when it was uttered, it is wisdom today. The circumstances and the various developments have changed, but I see very little, indeed nothing, to lead me to alter what I said, although there may be something which I desire to add. Naturally difficulties will be found in the way. We do not know what complications may arise between Great Britain and the United States, the Dominion and the States, concerning the Falls. But the Government of Ontario will be day and night upon the watch in order to see that the interests of the people of this province are not sacrificed in reference to this question. There is a large section of the Province of Ontario outside the immediate influence of Niagara Falls, and we cannot forget these other sections. This question must not be dealt with from a geographical point of view."

Mr. Whitney went on to announce that the report of the hydro commission would be laid upon the table that afternoon, and that would enable them to take up that portion of that subject as soon as they had the opportunity. It was hoped that the report dealing with the eastern district would shortly be to hand. What they would have to consider would be how, in the west, most reasonable and least expensive manner they could procure power for the people of this province. It would be their duty to compare methods, selecting that one which may seem to have the best application towards the realization of the object they had in view.

"We will have to consider," said the Premier, "whether it will be our duty to invest from \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000 in expropriation, and that cannot and ought not to be done without careful investigation of the probable results. This is the manner in which this question must be approached, and this is the manner in which all the gentlemen listening to me desire that this question shall be approached. Having shown that despite the years that have gone on the position is to-day exactly as it was I repeat that we have seen no reason to recede from that position."

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EASTER HATS FOR MEN

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BLENHEIM

April 11.—Mrs. Wm. Newsome has taken charge of the Public Library as librarian.

Mr. F. M. Deacon, who is in the Chatham hospital at present, is recovering from his recent illness. In the near future he intends to join his daughter, who resides in Florida. Mrs. I. Shaver entertains this evening in honor of her granddaughter, the Misses C. Fox and M. E. Van Velsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Stover, of Chatham, were in town yesterday attending the funeral of the latter's brother, the late Wm. Hood.

Mr. B. Russell, of Ridgeway, has taken a position in Wm. Ferris's basket factory.

Miss Peters leaves for Chatham on Thursday morning to join her sister, Mrs. F. S. Boushall, and Miss N. Boushall, who intend spending Easter holidays in Toronto.

Miss Lucy Taylor has returned from St. Thomas and is assisting in Mr. J. S. Clements tailor shop.

Miss Morrison, of Bridge End, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Stephenson.

Mr. Gibson, of the Ingersoll Packing Co., was in town on business to-day.

Mr. T. K. Morris is still confined to the house through sickness.

D. H. Gray and men started to work on Monday at A. Campbell's, Ridge Road.

Services in Trinity Church are being held every night this week except Friday and Saturday nights. Good Friday service will be at 11 a. m.

Dr. C. B. and Mrs. Langford and son intend leaving for London, England, shortly.

THAMESVILLE

April 11.—Mr. Cookshank returned yesterday from a week's visit in Maple Valley.

Invitations are out for a small masquerade at the home of Mrs. G. A. Fraser, Thursday, April 12.

The East Kent Teachers' Association will be held May 24th and 25th in London. The teachers will be entertained at the Normal school.

Miss Erika Butler goes to Detroit to-morrow, where she will spend the Easter holiday.

School closes Thursday, April 12, to reopen Monday, April 23.

Miss Evelyn MacCulloch leaves on Friday for her home in Ridgeway.



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