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TAKE ISSUE TO HIGHER COURT

Ontario Government Joins in Protest Against Long Sault Power Scheme and Demands Submission of Plans.

It became apparent at the sitting of the International Waterways Commission at the Queen's Hotel yesterday morning that the Long Sault Development Company will not be able to get away with their power scheme without first satisfying the provincial government on a number of important points.

By skilful questioning Irwin Hilliard, appearing on behalf of the Ontario Government, drew from Chairman Gibbons the admission that there was no intention of submitting complete plans and details to the opponents of the scheme until a report had been made by the commission to the two governments, concerning the feasibility of the plans.

"At a previous meeting of the commission," said Mr. Hilliard, "it was announced that full and complete details would be demanded. I VIEW WITH GREAT ALARM THE CHANGE OF FRONT, SPEAKING FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT."

"I am not the whole commission," said Chairman Gibbons, "but my impression is that the details should not be considered now. If we decide that the scheme is feasible without hindrance to navigation we will then take the public into our confidence regarding the plans, providing the details are given to the commission the privilege of approving or disapproving of those plans."

"But will you not take the public into your confidence before making your recommendation to the government of the general feasibility of the scheme?" asked Mr. Hilliard.

"That is a question that I am not going to answer," replied Chairman Gibbons.

"How can you report on the feasibility of the scheme without full details?" again asked Mr. Hilliard.

"The government and the commission have engineers who seem to think they have information," retorted Chairman Gibbons.

"The public has been led to believe that they would have access to those plans and details which apparently have been so convincing to the commission's engineers," continued Mr. Hilliard.

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"The entire session was taken up with the submission of evidence in opposition to the approval of the plans of the Long Sault Development Company, the meeting coming to a close about 1:30 p.m. The navigation interests of the lake and the River St. Lawrence were largely represented, as well as the commercial interests of Toronto, Montreal, and intermediate cities."

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Premier Whitney to See That Ontario's Rights Are Guarded

Sir James Has Strong Views on Proposal of Long Sault Development Company to Dam St. Lawrence River.

Sir James Whitney, Premier of Ontario, has strong views on the proposal of the Long Sault Development Company, to dam the St. Lawrence near Cornwall for the purpose of power production.

"I have spent the greater part of my life along the St. Lawrence River," said Sir James yesterday afternoon, "and I am personally quite familiar with the situation at the Long Sault. It is out of the question that I should be able, at this moment, to give a detailed exposition of my views in this matter. Of course, as representing the province, we will have to see to it that all provincial rights are protected."

"If this scheme is allowed to be put into operation, I suppose to similar schemes will at once be attempted at the rapids of the St. Lawrence lower down. In this way the Province of Quebec will become an interested party."

"IT IS NECESSARY FOR US TO SEE TO IT THAT THE RIGHTS OF THE PROVINCE, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, WITH REGARD TO THE BED OF THE STREAM AND IN OTHER RESPECTS ARE CAREFULLY GUARDED. Further, that I do not see how I can say more on this point at present."

"Now in regard to the merits of the scheme, there has been for several years a large canal or intake on the New York side at practically that point on the river where the proposed work is to be carried on. I have been given to understand that by means of it the American owners have at their disposal now an immense amount of power."

"To go back to the situation on the Canadian side, there have been several cases of an ice-jam. Unless the cutting out of the rapids, the islands and the rapids, it will perhaps be difficult to understand the effect of an ice-jam but those who have seen the last 20 years have been familiar with, and had personal knowledge of these effects, have very little doubt as to the effect of the proposed dam."

"The ice-jams I have mentioned took place late in January or early in February. Now, suppose a dam is built across. The water would immediately above being still and practically stagnant would freeze, and freeze to a considerable thickness. The front of December and January, I am bound to say, having regard to the experiences of the past, that it would be impossible for any man to get across the ice."

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PEOPLE TO HAVE CONTROL OF RATES

Sam Charters, M.L.A., Will Give Notice of a Bill to Clip the Wings of the Telephone Monopoly.

Sam Charters, M.L.A., for Peel, is on the trail of the telephone monopoly. He will give notice of a bill by which it is hoped to chain up the forces which for so long have had control, to by no means an undisputed control, of the situation. The long-suffering public will watch the outcome with interest.

The act will be known as the Ontario Telephone Act. It places the control of the telephone systems of the province under the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. Under the bill the board will have jurisdiction to inquire into, hear and decide all complaints and matters, whether of law or of fact, affecting the local and municipal telephone systems, 1908, or this act, or of any special act, make orders and regulations, to prescribe penalties for violation of the provisions of any of these acts.

Control of Rates. The board shall also have power and right to approve of all tolls to be charged by any company or person. Every company shall file with the board tariffs of any telephone tolls to be charged, and the board may determine the manner and form in which any tariff or tariffs of telephone tolls shall be published or kept open for public inspection.

Subject to the approval of the board, every company shall have power to enter into an agreement with any other company to provide for connection, joint operation or interchange and transmission of business between the systems owned or operated by such companies and make arrangements for the proper apportionment of expenditures and the exchange of messages and profits or other arrangements which may be necessary under any such agreement.

Where telephone systems or lines are adjacent to those of another company which refuses to enter into agreement the board has power to issue orders providing for connection, joint operation or interchange of lines or lines upon such terms as it may deem advisable.

All contracts, agreements and arrangements between companies, and other companies having authority to construct or, no matter whence their authority is derived, operate a telephone system or line, for the regulation and exchange of messages and lines or division of tolls, or in relation to the management, or operation of the systems or lines shall be subject to the approval of the board and shall be submitted to them before such contracts or agreements shall have any force or effect.

People to Be Supreme. No company or person shall have power to enter into any contract or agreement with any other company or person having authority to construct or operate a telephone system or line, no matter whence the authority is derived, which shall increase the cost of telephone service to the public or restrict competition unless or until the executive committee of the day at the time of the meeting of the board of directors of the company or person shall be required to furnish telephone service in cases where the cost of installing same exceeds \$50.

FLOODS SERIOUS AGAIN. Inhabitants in France Forced to Leave Home. PARIS, Feb. 9.—Flood conditions in the eastern sector are becoming worse. The Marne, near Rheims, has risen about fifteen inches to-day and the inhabitants of the valley are fleeing with their belongings. The River Aisne rose three feet within a few hours.

In Belgium, Too. LIÈGE, Belgium, Feb. 9.—The River Meuse has overflowed its banks. More than 200 houses are under water at Plemalle and Jemeppe, while the suburbs of Liège are inundated.

PRIZE FOR BEST ESSAY ON THE Y.M.C.A. The World will give a cash prize of ten dollars for the best one hundred word essay on the advantages of the Young Men's Christian Association.

FORCING A PANIC? Washington View of the Depression in Stock Markets. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—There are hints here that a financial panic is being forced on the country in recent months at President Taft's attitude on matters vital to corporations and financial interests.

NO DANGER. No possibility of a heavy danger in view of the prompt authorization of the word by Dr. Wilkinson, was the word of W. J. Hanna got last night from the Pasteur Institute, New York, in regard to his little daughter Margaret, who was bitten by a dog at Sarnia on Monday afternoon. The full treatment will not be necessary, but as an extra precaution a few days' treatment will be given.

Goldwin Smith's Condition. Dr. Goldwin Smith passed a good night yesterday. "He is very much better," was the word from the Grange last night.

FEARFUL OF MONOPOLY RABIES



MR. CONMEE: Just because one of them bit Whitney I've been warned to muzzle every dog in the Conmee kennel.

NEW SPANISH CABINET IS QUICKLY ORGANIZED

Internal Dissensions Lead to Resignation of Premier and Ascendancy of Monarchical Dems.

MADRID, Feb. 9.—The Spanish cabinet, headed by Premier Moret y Prendergast, resigned this afternoon. The ministerial crisis was brought about by the right wing of the Liberal party protesting against the premier's alliance with the Republicans.

Jose Canalejas y Mendes, leader of the Monarchical Democrats, has been named by the king with the task of forming a new cabinet. The cabinet that the opposition is likely to take advantage of this circumstance to press its views on the king.

The board of directors of the Liberal party, headed by Count Romanones, resigned, and a majority of the Liberal ex-ministers advised the king that if a radical change in the cabinet were imposed, Premier Moret should be superseded in the interests of harmony, and the cabinet reorganized.

SENATOR BAKER DROPS DEAD

Was One of the Old-Time Tories of Quebec.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—Senator Geo. Baker, of Sweetsburg, dropped dead to-day in the Edinburgh cafe. He was one of the party in this province, and was one of the best stump speakers. Last year during the Borden tour, old man as he was, he made one of the speeches of the day at the gathering at Cowanville, and could be heard half a mile away.

Hon. George Bernard Baker, M.A., K.C., was born at Dunham, Que., in 1834. From 1878-8 he was solicitor-general for Quebec, and from 1870-4, 1878-81, and 1891-98 was a member of parliament. In 1898 he was appointed to the senate.

Mr. Borden's Tribute. When apprised of the sudden death of Senator Baker, R. L. Borden said: "He was a man of great ability, an excellent speaker, and from his earliest days to public life, he took a keen interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the country, and was especially well informed upon all public questions."

LIQUOR MAKES THE MAYOR GO

His Worship is Ousted From Office for Intoxication.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 9.—The Iowa Supreme Court to-day upheld the constitutionality of the Cason removal law which provides that public officials may be removed for intoxication. The decision comes from the case of A. H. Handerson vs. Mayor Marengo.

The court holds that the question of drinking does not raise the issue of office and that even if this habit is an issue in the election and the people decide for him, he can still be ousted for that very fault.

HOLD UP THE ESTIMATES IN THEIR NAVY CAMPAIGN

Tactics of the Opposition Which May Be Employed to Force an Issue at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—(Special)—Regarding the rumor that the debate on the naval bill may lead to a critical situation, and possibly a dissolution of parliament, the Conservative leaders are noncommittal to-night.

The story is that "the government is in need of supplementary estimates to carry on the administration of the department for the current year, and that the opposition is likely to take advantage of this circumstance to press its views on the naval question."

"In short, it is stated that they will refuse to allow these supplementary estimates to go thru unless the government modifies its policy in the way of providing for an emergency construction."

However, it is stated to the World by those in authority in the Conservative party, that the matter has not been considered.

On the other hand, it is undoubted that there is a good deal of trouble within the ranks of the Liberal party, particularly on the part of those from Ontario, who agree with Mr. Borden's policy and feel that there should be a referendum to the people upon the issue.

B.C. RAILWAY CHARTER WILL NOT BE RENEWABLE

Premier McBride Says Only Special Cause Will Change Ruling—Amendment to Game Laws.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 9.—(Special)—In the legislature to-day announcement was made by Premier McBride, after this session, the government will refuse renewal of any railway charters except for special cause.

Many complaints have been received of public interests in various parts of the country being adversely affected by non-completion of projected avenues of transport and speculation in railroads. For this reason, he said, the government would oppose all charter renewals in future.

Hayward withdrew his resolution to invoke Dominion legislation prohibiting Asiatics from becoming property holders in Canada. This resolution has not been abandoned, but will be brought forward later in another form.

In a same act amendment provision is made for protecting the provincial game from anticipated invasion by American sportsmen during the centennial, especially of the close season in Washington. A general license of \$100 is prescribed to be paid by anyone shooting or angling in British Columbia who has not been domiciled within the province at least six months. A special bird shooting license will cost \$50, while a license to angle will be \$20, and hold good for one year from date issued.

U. S. SENATE ENQUIRY TO HAVE BROAD SCOPE

Will Not Only Investigate Increased Cost of Foods, But Clothing, Salaries and Tariffs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—As finally determined upon to-day, the investigation of the increase of prices of necessities of life, which the senate is about to enter upon, will cover a broad field. The measure providing for such investigation was passed to-day with comparatively little discussion.

It authorizes an enquiry by a special committee of seven senators into the general enhancement of values, covering not only food and clothing, but many other articles used in everyday life. The investigation also will cover the questions of salaries, earnings and the tariff. Not only will prices in the market be included, but also those of the farm and the factory.

Senator Lodge is slated for the chairmanship of the select committee. Resolutions were also adopted to-day which will give new power to the disciplinary refractory members. Hereafter a defiant Nationalist could be dealt with only by a two-thirds majority, and if he refused to resign, he still could claim membership and share in the party fund. Now the party is empowered to expel a member by a bare majority, and to exclude him from the benefits of the fund.

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PETERBORO STRIKE ENDED

Men to Get Increase—Morning Times Suspends.

PETERBORO, Feb. 9.—(Special)—The printers' strike is over in Peterboro, and papers being issued as usual. The \$2 a week increase in wages was granted the printers, to take full effect in two years, the first part of the raise, which is \$1.50, being granted this year.

Organizer Kinsley of Buffalo, who has been here since the strike, says he is well satisfied with the arrangement effected. The local paper, The Morning Times, has temporarily suspended publication, and the pending reorganization, and the pending staff of its office have been released.

DOCTOR INDICTED BY JURY

For Causing Patient's Death, But Intent Not Declared.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 9.—Col. Thomas H. Swope came to his death by reason of strychnine administered in a capsule at the instance of Dr. B. C. Hyde, husband of the dead millionaire's niece, according to the verdict of today's coroner's jury in Independence to-day. Whether the drug was administered with felonious intent the jury was unable to determine. The jury was out a little more than an hour. But one ballot was necessary.

Prosecutor Contalting refused to-night to discuss his plans for the future.

TEST IRISH PARTY BY VOTE ON TARIFF

Austen Chamberlain Will Move an Amendment to the Address in Parliament to Find Out What is Trump.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The tariff reformers are determined to put the alliance of the Liberals and Nationalists to the test at the earliest opportunity. They believe that the Irish electors are overwhelmingly in favor of tariff reform, and that the Redmondites cannot be depended upon to support a free trade government.

Accordingly, Austen Chamberlain will move an amendment to the address in parliament, raising the whole question of the existing fiscal system, in the hope that the Nationalists will either vote against the government or abstain from voting.

Premier Asquith returned to London last evening. He has called meetings of the cabinet for both Thursday and Friday and it is expected that he will go to Brighton on Friday to confer with the King. It is practically certain that the first business of parliament will be the reintroduction of the budget, which the chief Liberal whip now predicts will be passed within a fortnight.

The two sections of the Irish party are already coming to grips. John W. Redmond, leader of the Nationalists, having called a party meeting at Dublin for to-day, Timothy Healy, M. P. for the North Division of Louth, wrote a letter to Mr. Redmond, challenging his action and claiming that every member elected, including himself, was entitled to be invited to the meeting; that Mr. Redmond had no right to discriminate between the members, and that his action nullified the party pledge.

Redmond was to-day re-elected leader of the party. Resolutions were also adopted to-day which will give new power to the disciplinary refractory members. Hereafter a defiant Nationalist could be dealt with only by a two-thirds majority, and if he refused to resign, he still could claim membership and share in the party fund. Now the party is empowered to expel a member by a bare majority, and to exclude him from the benefits of the fund.

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ASQUITH'S CALL

Notice to Followers Intimates Matters of Urgency.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The prime minister to-night issued the customary letter to his followers, asking their attendance at the opening of parliament, "as matter of urgent importance will immediately arise."

Mr. Asquith's letter disposes of the rumor current recently that the question of the lords' veto might be proceeded with by the king's speech was moved, by explicitly stating that the address will be moved immediately the king's speech is delivered.

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A BAD HABIT

For Seventh Time Trolley is Derailed at Same Old Spot.

YONKERS, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Seven persons were hurt to-day when, for the seventh time at the same spot, a heavy trolley car jumped the rails and plunged down hill into the house of Albert N. Garthwaite.

In four of the six previous accidents, Garthwaite has been awarded damages aggregating \$4000. His house was wrecked to-day, his wife badly injured and her mother frightened into collapse. Owing to her advanced age she may not recover. The others injured were passengers on the car. None was dangerously hurt.

RUSSIAN EGGS AT MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 9.—A consignment of 6000 dozen eggs has just been received here from Riga, Russia. These eggs were brought approximately 5000 miles at a price to compete with the local ones.

A LUCKY ACTOR. KINGSTON, Feb. 9.—(Special)—Edward Dwyer, playing the role of the Orpheus Theatre, has been notified that he has been left \$15,000 as one of the heirs of the late Mr. W. H. Hays, who died at Providence, R.I.

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