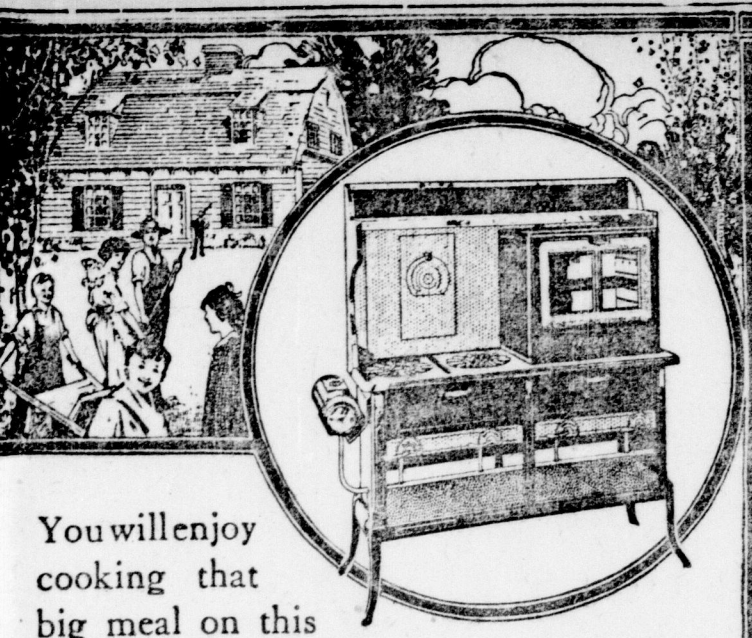


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HOPES FOR OPERATION OF LONDON ELECTRIC PLANT ARE ENTERAINED BY SOME PEOPLE

Chairman of Utilities Commission Declares Power Controller Announced Intentions After Conference at Toronto — Other Views Held by Those Who Interviewed Sir Henry — Lively Tilt Between Sir Adam Beck and Drayton.

Various interpretations of the attitude of Sir Henry Drayton, Dominion power controller, on the local power situation, are given by those who made up the civic deputation which Thursday interviewed him at Toronto.

Mayor C. R. Somerville and Chairman of the City Council, Mr. Drayton, believe that action will be taken to secure the operation of the London Electric plant. Utilities Commissioner E. G. Mitchell, on the other hand, believes that all hope of action on the part of Sir Henry has been lost.

Will Supply Munitions. Mr. Drayton says: "There is no doubt in the world but that Sir Henry Drayton, federal power controller, will order the London Electric Company to operate its steam plant here."

Mr. Drayton says he received this assurance from Sir Henry personally after the conference at Toronto.

Mr. Drayton believes the order of Sir Henry will be to the effect that the London Electric shall start operation and supply the munition plants, and that Sir Henry will be in a position to take care of the power situation, and who has already announced his intention of negotiating with the London Electric in so far as the securing of the stopping of the plant's dismantling, is still optimistic.

No Hope From Drayton. "We have no hope of any action by Drayton," said Mr. Mitchell today. "Our only hope lies with the London Electric Company, and its position for the city operation of the London Electric plant, and submit it to the council. If this expedition fails I will go ahead to try and organize a private company to take over and operate the London Electric plant. I am, however, hopeful of the council's co-operation."

Committee Mitchell's scheme for the civic operation of the London Electric plant is contingent on the city turning over part at least of the present hydro load in order to permit the economical operation of the system.

"The council will have to agree to give us the street lighting if we are to operate the plant successfully," said Mr. Mitchell. "It will mean really nothing in the way of cost, to the city, but it will mean a considerable loss of revenue to the city. We will ask that the council pay for its street lighting at the same rate now being given to the hydro department. This will relieve the present hydro department of the burden of the full capacity of the steam plant. With the street lighting added to the

within a week," said the chairman.

Mr. Drayton also looks for further relief for the hydro system by the pooling arrangement. He says that he is sure that when the Electrical Development Commission is made to develop power to its fullest extent there will be considerable more power available. He said he was certain that the conference will bring direct relief to London.

Manager Has Same View. General manager E. G. Mitchell of the utilities commission also believes that Sir Henry Drayton will order the London Electric to operate its plant and develop 1,500-horsepower to care for the munition plants and the other war essential industries in London.

Mr. Buchanan says that Sir Henry has evidently awakened to the fact that he has got to do something. The manager says that from the order-in-council he believes that the munition plants will take the coal-produced power, and that the cost will be avoided among the different munition plants, whether they are using hydro power or any other kind.

The releasing of 1,500-horsepower from the hydro load would place London in an excellent situation, says the head of the utilities operations.

No Power at Falls. Sir Buchanan, said that there was no power available at the Falls. Sir Henry's declaration that the power of the Electrical Development Company is going to be used to light street signs and car lights there. Mr. Buchanan says he understands that the rate of the rate of lighting in Buffalo have been relinquished.

The first thing this morning Mr. Buchanan compiled a list of the munition plants and other producing war essentials, and they are using the information to Sir Henry Drayton at Toronto.

In this connection, Mr. Buchanan believes, the power controller will order General Manager McDougall of the London Electric, whose headquarters are in Toronto, to immediately start the London plant and supply this power.

Mr. Buchanan believes that the action taken in London is directly responsible for Sir Henry's action.

Utilities Commissioner F. G. Mitchell, who has been working on the power situation, and who has already announced his intention of negotiating with the London Electric in so far as the securing of the stopping of the plant's dismantling, is still optimistic.

1,800 customers of the London Electric we would be able to take the full load of the steam engines, and in this way save much money as well as provide light for those now without it.

Beck Against Steam Plant. In connection with the London Electric phase of the local situation considerable importance is being attached to comment by Sir Adam Beck at the conference. Sir Henry Drayton asked why the city had not purchased the plant when offered it at scrap value. Sir Henry's reply was that the plant would never be considered.

Mayor is Hopeful. Mayor Somerville is hopeful that something may come of the deputation's interview with Sir Henry.

"I have not heard," declared the mayor, "although Sir Henry did not hold out any assurance that he would give relief to London at once."

The mayor's expression was that the power pooling order might work out to the advantage of London, although this view was not shared by other members of the delegation, who said that Sir Henry specifically stated that the pooling would be applicable only to munition plants, flour mills and the like.

Unfair to Industries. Mayor Somerville declares that it is manifestly unfair to the industry which is having a hard time to keep going at present should be forced to use its own power for the generation of power at \$50 or \$60 per horsepower, while munition plants which enjoy big profits could get the cheap hydro energy.

When this phase of the question was presented to Sir Henry, said Mayor Somerville, he admitted that it had given him a different viewpoint on the case.

At the conference in Toronto yesterday, Sir Adam Beck and Sir Henry Drayton had a tilt.

Sir Adam charged that at a time when municipalities taking power from the commission were being compelled to reduce their normal requirements 25 per cent, the London Electric was being deprived of power for several hours each day. Sir Henry Drayton had done nothing to compel the Toronto Electric Light Company and other Mackenzie & Mann concerns to similarly conserve power.

London in Bad Way. The London representatives pointed out that when the London Electric Company closed down it had only given its customers 30 days' notice. Figures showed that the local hydro had done everything in its power to take care of these extra customers, but that the London Electric had curtailed its output to the city. The local hydro had only 6,500 horsepower as against the 12,000 horsepower a few months ago.

Little encouragement was given the city by the power controller. Under the Dominion order-in-council, he said, he had power to take only power for munition plants and public utilities. The London Electric had been supplying domestic consumers with power for some time, but he had been informed that the company was willing to resume operation if it was also willing to sell the plant at a low price.

Pooling of Power. This order-in-council for the pooling of power gives Sir Henry power to compel companies to pool their power. The supply of electrical energy to be used by any munition plant requiring such power, he said, would be determined by any steam plants that they may possess or which may be under their control; but the requirement would be that munition manufacturers whether such manufacturers are or are not, in the ordinary course, customers of the company owning such steam plant or on its lines; and to apportion the extra cost of generating electrical energy to drive munition plants in the production of munitions, or on Government contracts, and who obtain such power from the hydro-electric commission or any company selling power developed in Ontario by the water of the Niagara.

Sir Henry is also given power to direct that all generating electrical power in the Niagara district shall supply the munition plants engaged on Government contracts in preference to other consumers, as he may direct.

This order was explained to members of the London Electric by Sir Henry, as applying only to munitions and other Government contracts. It would not, he said, be in any way applicable to the local situation, for no powers were given him to compel the lighting of a man's house, for instance.

Munitions Come First. Referring to the new order, Sir Henry said: "I felt compelled to ask the Government to change the basis of matters entirely and put all the power produced at Niagara in a common lot, and to see, in connection with that power so produced, that munition plants and plants having contracts with the Government relating to the proper conduct of the war had first preference, so that, for instance, though a munition plant might be located on the lines of the Ontario Power Company, the Toronto Power Company, under certain conditions, would have to make some allowance toward that supply. After that public utilities would be served, and after that the question would be entirely left in the hands of the people who control the producing companies. Further than that, he also asked that for the purpose of carrying out the order that power should be reserved which would enable him to order to be made to anybody, any company that has a steam plant, to produce power for people not on its lines and not ordinarily customers of the system. That is being done."

His recommendation, he said, on the matter of charges was that the right thing to do was to take this added steam cost and treat it as an extra cost. Then an average would be struck as to the fair cost of power and the difference would be divided among the munition contracts or contracts with the Government.

Sir Adam's Objection. Sir Adam Beck flatly disagreed with Sir Henry Drayton's contention that an electric light company was not a public utility. It would be so dealt with by the United States authorities. The London Electric and the Toronto Electric had not been dealt with in that way at all. "The municipalities have been curtailed by 25 per cent in their use of power," continued Sir Adam, "but the Toronto Electric Light Company has not been curtailed. If it had been, there would be no munition plants to meet the shortage." He referred to the action of the Hydro-Electric Commission in withdrawing from the hydro the power from two generators, notwithstanding the fact that the hydro is the power controller, which was backed up by the statement that it would react upon munition plants. Then, he said, there was the use of power on the other side. He had been told there had been curtailment in Buffalo, but from his own observations he knew this was not the case.

Alleges Unfair Treatment. "In London it is a disgrace the way the city is being treated," he declared. "I do not think there is a single house in the United States that has been deprived of the necessities of the home by the curtailment of light. He said that he had discussed the matter with the power controller at Washington and had been told that they would never have allowed a company to close down and leave people stranded as had the London Electric. He said that the London Electric would have been without light, and people would have been endangered."

Discrimination, says Beck. "I charge that there has been discrimination in the Niagara district," declared Sir Adam. "The municipalities have been unable to continue their business and retain their customers. The hydro has been curtailing power off upon these companies. Why have they not been compelled to use their steam plants to cut off customers off at certain hours of the day, as the municipal systems have? And had the power controller ordered back the 20,000 horsepower which was cut off, as probably could have been done, there would have been no shortage. There is discrimination between this side and the United States, as not a single American city has had domestic consumers cut off, as has been done in London."

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At the private companies. He agreed that the Toronto Niagara Power Company controlled the London Electric through its shares, but the moment the city tried to take action to remove the company's poles, the Toronto Niagara, because of the Senate's indignation, would at once become the authority given the Mackenzie company to go on using the extra power. That was supposed to do it. The Toronto Power Company by allowing it to close down its steam plant, he declared that that was not fair to the steam plant should continue, and that it was nearly time that company was given power for munitions. In the United States the Federal Government was shoudering an extra cost to supply extra power for munitions. When Sir Henry suggested that the matter be taken up with the Hydro-Electric Commission, Sir Adam drew out the hydro did not want any Government help, but it did want a little co-operation.

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LONDON MINISTER MAY BE MODERATOR OF DOUBLE SYNOD

The name of Rev. J. G. Stuart of this city is prominently mentioned in connection with the moderatorship for another year of the Synod of Hamilton and London, of which the annual meeting is called for the week of April 8 to 10, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, this city. Mr. Stuart has been nominated by the London Presbytery and was named also in connection with the office a year ago.

The appointment of the moderator will take place at the opening session on Monday night, April 23, when a prominent feature will be the sermon of the present moderator, Rev. W. K. Shearer of Drumbo.

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