

HELD SECRET MEETING  
DECLARES J. SIMPSON

Ex-Controller Accuses Dominion Express Co. of Organizing to Defeat Bylaw.

DENIAL IS ENTERED

Supt. Murray Says No Meeting Held, But Mr. Simpson Persists in Statement.

"There was a secret meeting of the employees of the Dominion Express Co. which is owned by the C. Company, which is held today, attended by about 50 of the employees, at which they were instructed to go out not only to vote against the hydro radial bylaw but to induce others to vote against it," announced ex-controller James Simpson at a hydro meeting in Bora Linton Hall last night.

The ex-controller no sooner had finished his statement of the Dominion Express Company, who happened to be at the meeting, asked permission to make a statement to the superintendent of the Dominion Express Company's employees called to day, and personally, he said.

"I do not withdraw a fraction of my statement," ex-controller Simpson replied. "I can produce the evidence. The Dominion Express Company's employees were called to a meeting and furthermore instructed to keep it a secret."

Shows Where He Stands. Hon. Thomas Crawford told the speakers he did not wish to speak on the question, but merely came to show just where he, as a representative of the people, stood on the question of hydro radials. "I believe that if the board of trade were asked as a body to vote on the question the vote would be four to one in favor of the hydro radials and against their control," he said.

Criticized Board of Trade. Mr. Crawford after speaking strongly in favor of the radials, launched some strong criticism against the methods adopted by the board of trade's council to defeat the bylaw. "By any means, a technicality, or depriving the people of Toronto of the right to vote on it, they would defeat the bylaw," he said. "Some years ago the board of trade, and myself, and Controller Spence spoke from a somewhat neutral attitude."

The mayor, ex-controller Simpson and Ald. Cameron, Gibbons and Donald C. McCreagh spoke in favor of the bylaw, and Controller Spence spoke from a somewhat neutral attitude.

Longwood Now Neglected. "One would imagine he was visiting a shooting shelter for sale," he writes. "All the doors are open. In the small room, where blue and opposite it is a table, a field of wheat and a bush of the Emperor. A wooden bench draws his last breath."

"All the other rooms are absolutely empty, everything that could be moved has been carried away long ago by foreigners as souvenirs. One experienced feeling of desolation and poignant sadness. The Emperor's house only just remains standing on its old beams. Very many of the windows are boarded up. The roof is crumbling and the walls are falling down."

"The present caretaker, who is at least a man of good intentions, wrote to me recently: 'I am endeavoring to stay up the old house to enable it to keep standing a few years longer.'"

"Napoleon's tomb, in the Valley of Gerasimus, is as shrouded as the Longwood House is exposed, but the gradual abandonment of the rookery is keenly felt by a great many bird-lovers, for this is the only rookery still known to have been in existence for centuries. Various reasons were suggested, among them the increasing noise, the growing distance from the country owing to the development of the outer suburbs, and the persecution of the birds by carmen."

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Sentence of death was accordingly passed upon the rookery. One morning a couple of hard-boiled eggs, judiciously dressed with strychnine, were laid on the pavement just off Gray's Inn road. A few minutes later the executioner picked up the bodies of the murdered rooks.

Now that the rooks have begun to return, a sharp lookout is to be kept for any more egg thieves.

Even morning the rooks' ration, consisting of soaked biscuit and fresh water, supplied by the landers of the rookery, served out by the head porter in the beautiful garden, where so many famous men have walked and even skylarks have been known to nest here recently, and to greet the dawn from far above the city's chimneys.

Three years ago the rooks reared a flourishing brood of youngsters in this part of their colony, where the noise of trams and motor buses is perpetual.

THE WORLD

40 West Richmond Street, Toronto, Ont.  
40 South McNab Street, Hamilton, Ont.

THE KING

Rebirthing of Famous Rookery Caused Rejoicing Among Bird Lovers

There is great rejoicing among the inhabitants of Gray's Inn, London, England, over the reopening of the famous rookery, which has been deserted since the beginning of the year.

The gradual abandonment of the rookery last winter, ending in the departure of the last bird in the month of March, was keenly felt by a great many bird-lovers, for this is the only rookery still known to have been in existence for centuries. Various reasons were suggested, among them the increasing noise, the growing distance from the country owing to the development of the outer suburbs, and the persecution of the birds by carmen.

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MAIL PARCELS TO HUNS  
NOW LIABLE TO SEIZURE

Those Containing Goods Prohibited by Orders in Council Barred From Transit.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(4.16 p.m.)—According to official information supplied to the Associated Press, the British Government takes the stand that any parcels sent by mail, no matter what class of postage is paid on them, are liable to seizure if they contain goods which under the orders-in-council may not be shipped to or from Germany or her allies.

First-class, actual postal correspondence, according to this stand, is inviolable on vessels stopped on the high seas, and is only subject to British municipal law when carried on ships which voluntarily call at British ports.

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MORTGAGE SALES

UNDER and by virtue of the power of attorney in that behalf bearing, the undersigned, as solicitor for the mortgagee, has caused to be advertised for sale by public auction, at the City of Toronto, on Thursday, January 5, 1916, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following premises, to-wit: A certain lot of land, situated in the Township of York, in the County of York, in the City of Toronto, containing an area of about 17 feet 6 inches, on which land is erected a house said to be known as No. 11 Royal Street.

PARCEL NO. 2.—Being parts of lots Nos. 25 and 26, according to registered plan No. 1855, having a frontage on the east side of Royal Street of about 17 feet 6 inches, on which land is erected a house said to be known as No. 11 Royal Street.

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HOME FOR NEW YEAR  
CANADIAN PACIFIC

Have your New Year dinner with the old folks. Take advantage of low fares between all stations in Canada, Fort William and East, and to Seattle, Ste. Marie, Detroit, Mich., Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y.

SINGLE FARE  
Going Dec. 31st, 1915, Jan. 1st, 1916. Return limit Jan. 3rd, 1916. Minimum charge, 25 cents.

FARE AND ONE-THIRD  
Going Dec. 29th, 30th and 31st, 1915, Jan. 1st, 1916. Return limit Jan. 4th, 1916. Minimum charge, 25 cents.

Apply to any C. P. R. Ticket Agent for particulars, or write M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Corner King and Yonge Streets, Toronto.

YORK TOWNSHIP

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Any motion to quash or set aside the same or any part thereof must be made within three months after the 15th day of December, 1915, the date of the first publication of this notice, and cannot be made thereafter.

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