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STATESMANSHIP FOR NIAGARA. A welcome quality runs thru the report of the Municipal Power Commission. It is the quality of statesman ship. The report is a great assemblage of facts, over the presentment of which there is just sufficient imaginative glow to breed the enthusiasm for a great and predominant public object, which will be necessary to transmute statistics, arguments and intentions into everyday achievement.

The commission's deliverance, the

about Niagara power which confronted the commissioners convinced them that | it exists. public exploitation of a bountiful gift of nature is the only means by which the people of this province can get a

square deal with their own property. The commissioners present a tremendous business proposition to the government and to the province. They are prepared for the criticisms of interest and of ignorance. They have considered beforehand the objections likely to be raised. The terms in which they state their willingness to abide by the judgments they have formed, have a ring of dogged confidence about them which is too often absent from the reports of commis-

No great business man ever started a big enterprise who did not see difficulties and disadvantages in the way. No public ownership project could be him are to be obtained if he pursues an agreement was subsequently enter- tries. Mr. Whitney will find that the

may be fought once and for all in the plant, etc., at a valuation. Canada. Upon the success with which The Unionist postmaster-general as was accorded his party.

they have taken up after two years'

ne year. Daily, Sunday included \$5.00 is reflected in the scope and language a months 2.50 of the report. The value of their service is enhanced by the fact that they capital outlay. have given it without fee or reward.

No more encouraging manifestation of public spirit has been seen in our branch of the postoffice department. one in the annals of the province, arriving at conclusions upon data sup- Sir William Mulock favored for Canada, plied to them and nonchalantly leav- which has been repudiated by the ing the public to take whatever course Dominion government, which prefers to They understand that, however much useless and exploded combination of play in arriving at a conclusion upon government control is the "ideal" tele- fit of the people! a problem presented to him in con- phone system for this country. What crete shape, no man can fully grasp nationalization is expected to do for gara power, who has had no oppor Mr. Henniker Heaton's scheme of a 25tunity of becoming seized of and satu- cent house to house telephone, which rated bl them—a process involving is not the dream of a Utopian visiontime as well as aptitude in sorting out ary, but the conviction of a sound redissimilar and sometimes conflicting f. cts.

The Hon, Adam Beck has become a ship of Niagara power. His colleagues low their lead along the toilsome road hope to make the change until the to full and often disappointing realiza- postoffice obtains complete control of tion of public rights.

There is a remarkable community of we want is telephoning by registration interest between the municipalities and signal." within reach of Niagara power. There is every sign of unity and effective co- rejected the policy of nationalization operation, with the object of showing favored by Sir William Mulock and Mr. Whitney and his government how has delivered itself over to the corportest to serve the province. The lepu- ation influences with which it is so tation which is to pervade parliament closely allied it is all the more neces-

ly fashion, which will carry conviction of being the first, was almost the last to the minds of thousands of business to invite Mr. Beck to discuss the problem before it. MBut, having come into ject careful consideration. It is of re- the enterprise, the board has shown markable significance that the facts excellent spirit, and what seems like a new grasp of the purpose for which

Other commissioners will address the day, and again at a meeting which the general public crowd the board of trade members out of their own meeting, it will be a virile intimation to the board that it might have got to busi-

## WILL CANADA GET CHEAR TELE-

From recent developments in the telephone situation in Great Britain it is now evident that the new government is not inclined to depart from the policy outlined by the late postmaster-general. But for the uncer- PREMIER WHITNEY'S MINERAL tainty which has hitherto attended the outlook it is certain that many muniset going in any country into which services in competition with that of ore deposits in the district adjoining no element of risk entered. He who the National Telephone Company. A the Cobalt region known as the Gillies would achieve much has to strike a few, including Glasgow and Hull, actu- timber limit, is of supreme importance, potential balance between gain and ally did so, but for the reason stated and, it is to be fervently hoped, means loss, and then having made up his their action was not generally fol- the beginning of the end of gratuitous mind as to what he would fain induce lowed. A few months ago the late concessions of the mineral wealth of the the future to bring forth, he goes in postmaster-general formally intimated province. The government deserves with a large courage and a cheerful that the license of the National Tele- congratulation for its new departure, mind to secure those things which his phone Company would not be renewed which is entirely in the interests of Onreason and instinct and experience tell after its expiry on Dec. 31, 1911, and tario and the upbuilding of its indushis object with diligence and capacity. ed into by which the company under- more thoroly he trusts the people, the The municipal commissioners are in took to maintain its systems in good more thoroly will he be supported by the Around the commission's report the license still to run. The government more for the province than his predeces-

the municipalization of Niagara power.

This savings represents a capital value of over thirty-seven million dollars, or thirty-three million dollars, after the outlays incurred by manufacturers and others in the substitution of motors for steam mechanism, and other old-fashioned appliances, have the norovided for. It is calculated that been provided for. It is calculated that whole question was fully discussed, the the highest degree to the public interest Toronto alone should really save two latter finally stated that "his own opinis undoubted. A striking exhibition of ion was thoroly in favor of the present its economic and political dangers has The commissioners make it clear policy of the postoffice, namely, that been afforded by the record of the that only by public ownershi pwili the the whole telephone business of the Transvaal gold mines. A few unscrupupeople of Ontario obtain cheap power. country should be nationalized, and that lous speculators have amassed enormous

time than that supplied by the com- In other words the British government nissioners. They are not content with is practically committed to the policy former and business man. It is the veritable missionary of public owner. are no less convinced that every man the telephone work of the nation. What

Since the Dominion government has intentions into everyday achievement.

The commission's deliverance, the buildings next Wednesday promises to be a very big affair.

Not so long ago. If The World has prophesed that in the interests of the Manitoba legislature dealing with the telephone ownership of public utilities, for which The World has been glad to contend these many years; but because at last that question is, brought within the pale of practical business men, who had no prespossessions in favor of the doctrine.

The issues at stake are too big and to practical to be made in the silightest degree the subject of discussion as to the abstract propriety or otherwise of public ownership and of municipal tendency of public ownership and of municipal tendency of the smaller cities on showing to the abstract propriety or otherwise distincts of public ownership and of municipal tendency of the smaller cities on showing to the abstract propriety or otherwise distincts of public ownership and of municipal tendency of the smaller cities on showing to the abstract propriety or otherwise distincts of the smaller cities on showing with that aspect of the case in master-you fashion, which will carry conviction of the first, was almost the last of sanity, which will carry conviction of the municipalities of Canada to support in the most strenuous and forceful manner possible the memorial for the municipalities of calling and the time that it is supported to the momeral to support in the most strenuous and forceful manner possible the memorial for the municipalities of the Manitoba legislature dealing with the telephone was of the municipalities buildings next Wednesday promises sary for the municipalities of Canada board of trade at a luncheon on Fri- the resolutions adopted at the recent Manitoba Liberal convention was one will be open to everybody, in Associa- to the effect "that the public should tion Hall, next Tuesday evening. If control all public utilities such as waterworks, lighting and telephone systems, and that in granting franchises and charters for such the right of their ultimate ownership by the people should be provided for." If the supporters of public ownership and control are vigorous and insistent at this important stage of the country's development, the people of Canada will yet secure the great and valuable benefits attending the supply of cheap

Premier Whitney's announcement of cipalities would have established local the government policy regarding the working order during the term of the people. By this one act he has done battle of public ownership in practice on the other hand agreed to take over sor would have done had Mr. Ross continued to hold office for as long a term

the men who have hazarded their re- openly declared his preference for the Were it not matter of history, it the men who have hazarded their reputations upon the municipal utilization of the whole telephone been difficult to believe, in the chair. The report senden, Washington, D.C., a Canadian tion of Niagara power lead the move- systems, but declined to fetter in any face of the economic history of the ment, which they have brought to such a critical stage, the whole future such a new government to secure for the citi-such as the commissioners and such as the commissioners are contained by the difference of the commissioners are contained by the difference of the commissioners and such as the commissioners are contained by the difference of the commissioners are contained by the contained by the difference of the commissioners are contained by the difference of the contained by the cont a final decision had to be made. Some zens generally a share in the natural in the gross profits and an increase in WILL SAVE MILLIONS.

What the province lacks in coal. Niagara must supply. The commissioners by Conservative methods of calculation are satisfied that nearly two million dollars, after all fixed and control of more sympathetic towards this policy.

But when the corporation of Hull aptoness of the corporation of Hull aptoness of the corporation of Hull aptoness of the province lacks in coal. Instead of promoting honest prospecting by generous and prudent regulation, the policy pursued by the party which assumed the name of Liberal charged to its credit out of the province lacks in coal. Instead of promoting honest prospecting by generous and prudent regulation, the policy pursued by the party which assumed the name of Liberal charged to its credit out of the province lacks in coal. Instead of promoting honest prospecting by generous and prudent regulation, the policy pursued by the party which assumed the name of Liberal charged to its credit out of the profits, and after providing for dividends, etc., the respect-vices were a source of untold loss to the ried forward to the credit of profit and to make a canvass to decide what established charges have been met, But when the corporation of Hull apvices were a source of untold loss to the ried forward to the credit of profit and and to make a canvass to decide

Their facts and conclusions are open whilst he could not speak with any wealth, yet the mines, with all their to attack, and they themselves will certainty as to the future he had no ore wealth require the cheapest import-

not be slow in defending the position reason to think that there would be ed labor to return a profit to the preany departure from that policy." An sent shareholders. The same process extension of the city license was also is under way in Cobalt. It is, indeed, The work these friends of the publication of the pu lic have already accomplished is wor- Hull city council has now concluded dent that strict regulation of private BUBSCRIPTION RATES IN ADVANCE. thy of high recognition. Their ability an arrangement by which the municipal system will be transferred to the and franchises is imperatively neces of the report. The value of their ser- National Company in repayment of its sary to secure for the people the proper share of the advantages to which It may thus be taken as all but cer- they have right. Mr. Whitney has alhaving in view only the interests of tain that on Jan. 1, 1912, the telephones ready done good work, and if he steadthe premier province of the Dominion. of the United Kingdom, like the tele- ily pursues the path he is blazing, his graphs, will be owned and worked as a administration will prove a red letter

Altho the liquor bill was under discussion last night in the legislature it was an unusually dry session.

Mr. Whitney has somewhat effectivethe significance of the facts about Nia- the motherland can be gathered from friends of the government were preparing to seize the minerals of the Gillies timber limit as soon as it was thrown open to prospectors.

### NEWSBOY'S REQUEST.

They have bound their public fortunes to their faith in their report. This representative Mr. Heaton expressed himself enthusiastically regarding his nities permit, will not be slow to follow their lead along the toilsome road low their lead along the toilsome road. carrying it in the pocket, as they are required to show it on demand by policemen, it soon becomes worn-out, and day, April 11, in regard to saving if lost the boy is required to pay 25c for the issue of a new one, which is a considerable tax on these little merchants. By all means urge on the offi- that it will hold a luncheon at Mc-Ex-Newsboy.

## THE LONE HUNTSMAN.

Montreal Gazette: The indications sociation Hall, to which the public are that in the early future, if not this will be invited. W. F. Cockshutt and owned, will be compelled to connect with them on reasonable terms. Pracserve its locality. Those who like to to Poronto on April 11 to interview seeve its locality. Those who like to see things in the law, however, will welcome the new arrangement. The warrangement. The express companies are not dealt with in the government bill. They are the objects of two references bills. objects of two rate-regulating bills, development in those cities.

History of the Commission. York, and one by Mr. Alcorn of Prince Edward, Ont. The first was not draft-ed with sufficient care and has been hung up. The latter has the support of the opposition generally and the promise of consideration from the government benches. Most of the credit

## OSGOODE HALL.

Judgments handed out yesterday, cipal Announcements for To-Day.

ter, at 11 a.m.

and Driefus. Provincial y. Niagura than four other persons, who shall be tusiness or professional men of good Falls, re Templer estate.

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### Mammoth Attendance Predicted-Toronto Board of Trade to Hold Public Meeting.

The cheap power deputation, which vill wait upon the government in Queen's Park, upon Mayor Coatsworth's invitation next Wednesday, may numit pleases upon the question at issue. believe with Mr. Fitzpatrick that the friends every day. What a popular cities and towns in Western Ontario. proposal is the one to develop the mines His worship did not expect it would horse sense the average man may dis- private ownership and operation with of the Gillies timber limit for the bene- be so large, but Mayor Goldie of Ayr informed him of the great interest behas received already a number of letters signifying the attendance of dele-Editor World: Now that the police ed to meet at the city hall at 11 a.m. department are putting into force the ed to meet at the city hall at 11 a.m. bylaw governing the sale of newspapers to appoint speakers and then parade and small articles by newsboys and to the brown stone pile in the park others, I think it would be in the inter- at noon.

cials the advisability of issuing a metal Conkey's Friday next at 1 o'clock, when check instead of a certificate. P. W. Ellis, one of the municipal combe held next Tuesday night at As-

Manitoba to expropriate their telephone systems, and also that the capital of the Bell Telephone Company be
tal of the not increased unless the company is have always been ready to extend its usefulness by co-operating with any smaller concern that could efficiently gation of citizens from here will go

> The municipal power commission was formally constituted in January, 1904, by independent action of the muni

press rates issues belongs by right, the tario legislature in 1903 with the result that an act was passed providing for presentations were made to the Onhuntsman of South York who started the construction of municipal power that an act was passed providing for the game and raised the halloo and tho works and the transmission, distribuothers who held off at the start may be in at the killing, he can feel that his persistence made the chase a suc-

tation continued. There was a clause empowering the appointment of commissioners to report on the scheme. It provided that the council of any muni-Weekly court—Re Reid and Randall, or any two or more members and conditions Master's chambers-Cartwright, mas- the feasibility and desirability of setween them, may, in order to determine Weekly court—List of cases set down of such municipal power, heat and for argument before the Hon. Mr. Justice Mabee at 11 a.m. —Evans v. Jaffray, Evans v. Jaffray, Re Ruttan and Driefus, re Canada Northern Railway profession, Provincial v. Niagura

Toronto non-jury sittings—Peremptory list for hearing before the Hon. the Chancellor at 10.30 a.m.—Playfair v. Turner (to be concluded), Sparrow Y. Sheridan, Woods v. Fader, Klees v. Dominion Coat & Apron Co., Smith v. Gurney Foundry Company.

business or professional men of good repute.

There was not much time wasted after the passing of the act, which was followed by meetings in several portions of Western Ontario. These gatherings took final expression in an agreement between Toronto. Stratford. Brantford, between Toronto, Stratford. Brantford, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Guelph and London in January. 1904, when the representatives of these places selected E.

quantities of power could be used by each of the seven municipalities. The commission met in the offices of

John Mackay & Co., accountants, 7 East King-street, Toronto, J. G. Haight. Waterloo, was the chosen secretary. A vative Association will hold its annual vast amount of work was gone over

of which amount Toronto pays \$12.000. legislature an dother prominent Con-This is not considered excessive when servatives. This will be the first anthe amount of work accomplished is nual meeting of the association The report is a mass of figures, dealing chiefly with the pected that a large number of new affects those cities which have contributed to the cost of the desired to the cost of the report is a mass of present membership is 225, and it is expected that a large number of new members will attend. tributed to the cost of its preparation. Estimates are given non the possi-Estimates are given non the possi-bility that eleven municipalities other than those mentioned may, also join in the municipal power scheme.

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