

TRENTON VOTES TO-MORROW ON BIG ISSUE

People Have Chance to Preserve Their Rights for Years to Come on Question of Power Franchise.

TRENTON, Nov. 13.—(Staff Special.)—Among the items of gossip on the street in Trenton in connection with the power bylaw is a statement that a letter has been received from Trenton by a gentleman who says he is to be managing director of the company, and who declares that he was in Montreal recently and that Montreal capitalists have arranged to finance the merger scheme, which is to embrace all the powers on the Trent River. That the Trent River Co. and the Campbellton powers are already supplying the cement mills he gives as evidence of the merger, and concludes with the statement that as soon as the Trenton bylaw is carried, the Trenton water powers will be included in the merger.

A. Abbott, the solicitor who prevented the town council handing the powers over to the Trenton Electric Power and Water Co., by getting out an injunction, showed at the meeting on Friday night that the council considered nothing but the easiest and quickest means of getting the agreement thru without the knowledge of the people. This is the true corporation method.

When the first agreement was modified and submitted for consideration and a vote of the ratepayers required upon it, it was supposed this was enough to upse the previous one. But the corporation has no such thought. As Mr. Abbott showed, the bylaw will certainly be defeated, yet the corporation will fight in the courts to establish the validity of the agreement made by the town council without the sanction of the people.

Mr. Abbott stated on the platform that Amelius Jarvis, president of the company, made no secret of his determination to get the power on Dam No. 2, on the ground that he had first claimed it, and that the Dominion Government intended him to have it.

Modifications Offered.
Telegrams were read from Mr. Jarvis to Mayor Funnell offering to make several modifications in the bylaw. Mr. Abbott argued that it would be too late, if the bylaw were carried, to make them then, but if such modifications were necessary, it should be defeated, and new terms arranged. If the town did not undertake the development, some surprise was felt at the view taken by Engineer Ross, as reported by P. T. O'Rourke. No details were given of Mr. Ross' report, or on what information given him he had been led to take the position he did. He was only a hour or two in Trenton and all the time in the hands of the council. As a result he is declared to have advised against municipal ownership, which is not complimentary to the town council, when Guelph and Orillia and other towns are considered, and to have estimated the cost of the power house equipment at about \$200,000, although the engineers of the H.E.P. Commission did not figure it at half that amount.

Mayor Gottatt of Orillia proved very clearly, however, that even with the extreme figures advanced by Mr. Ross the town could have the cheapest power and light, and much the best conditions with a municipal service, while Mr. Jarvis' telegram showed that the present agreement could be improved upon.

Agreements While Aleep.
Weoley Saylor handled the council frankly. The councillors had made these agreements in their sleep he declared.



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clear. They had consulted no one and ignored the board of trade. They had been willing to build a power house for Mr. Jarvis, but were not willing to build one for the town. Application had been made at Napanee to force the first bylaw thru in three days, if the other was defeated.

Another important point dwelt on by Messrs. Saylor and Abbott affected the liability of the town, with respect to the land damages and water rights on the Trent. It was stated in a letter, the original of which was not in possession of the town, but of the Trenton Power Co., which wrote it, that the company would be willing to convey the rights free if the bylaw were passed. But the town had no guarantee, and under the agreement must give a conveyance of all lands between dams, one and two clear of water rights. The letter only said the company was willing to turn over the lands to the town, but it did not say that a consideration would not be required. The matter was in dispute and would go thru the courts, and the town might be saddled with a liability of \$200,000. Mr. O'Rourke had been asked if the company would assume the liability, if as was said it did not exist, but he admitted that the company refused. The town must pay for the rights, and what would they get in return, asked Mr. Abbott. The company gets the power, and the town pays for it.

Has Faith in Trenton.
"I have faith that the people of Trenton are perfectly capable of handling a good thing. If it is a good thing for the company it is a good thing for Trenton," said Mayor Gottatt of Orillia. They were at the parting of the ways, and would either throttle their town or save it.

"It is up to you people to preserve the rights of the people for generations to come. It is not possible for me to believe that a town can't make money where a company can," he continued. His account of the success of Orillia, in spite of untoward circumstances in the washing out of the dam stirred applause. If the government had built a dam for Orillia they would not hand it over to a company, but, having built their own dam, and replaced that with another, they were able to clear up \$8000 this year.

Trenton has 1500 h.p. more than Orillia. As they sold 4000 h.p. in Orillia, with a peak load of 4000 h.p., they would be able in Trenton to sell nearly 6000 h.p. When the power was off the motors it was on the lights and vice versa. There was not enough power in Ontario for the requirements. Welland had power at \$14; Orillia at \$15; Bracebridge at \$12, and cheaper lights than Orillia. He estimated that the Trenton plant, judging by Orillia, would cost \$125,000, but \$150,000 would be an outside figure.

"Develop your town. You will never develop it by having the power invested in a company," he declared.

Have a Peculiar Way.
"The council may be sincere, but they have a peculiar way of doing business," was Councillor Gottardt's comment as he told how meetings were held without his knowledge and information withheld from him.

Eben James emphasized the irreconcilableness of the agreement.

"You can never undo what you are doing if you pass the bylaw on Monday. It is forever and forever."
All the speakers at the meeting were in favor of the Johnston bylaw to establish a new industry, and this will be carried as surely as the power bylaw will be defeated. It was shown that under the agreement, the Johnston factory, as limited power users, would get no advantage in power rates.

Our Indians.

It is interesting and pleasing to learn from the latest reports of the department for Indian affairs, says The Canadian Churchman, that there has been a substantial increase in the Indian population of the Dominion during the past year. There seem to be three stages in the evolution or devolution of a native race brought into close and intimate touch with a conquering white race. There is, of course, the condition of savagery pure and simple, wherein some primitive and virile virtues flourish and the race preserves its vigor and vitality and more than holds its own in the matter of increase. Then comes that most trying and critical transitional period, in which the native having acquired certain of the characteristics of the white man and unlearned his own, is in danger of degenerating into a sort of nondescript, possessed of the weaknesses and vices of both races without any of their counterbalancing virtues. He has come to the parting of the ways which lead to total extinction or to complete civilization. Finally, there is the stage of civilization. Less than twenty years ago the Indian population was steadily decreasing. The race manifestly had no future, and its disappearance was only a question of time. To-day the situation is happily completely changed. Not only in Canada but in the United States the Indian population is now on the increase. In the latter country an increase of about 30,000 during the past year has been reported and this has been going on for a considerable time. We may, therefore, safely conclude that the Indians have turned the corner and are no longer a "dying race." They have successfully endured the ordeal of contact with a stronger and superior race and are now on the high-road to complete civilization. This should be cheering news to the majority of the dominant race. As a leading Canadian daily (The Montreal Star) of the white man in America has always been a little uneasy in regard to his treatment of the aboriginal race, and most of us will welcome the news, apparently incontestably established fact that the ancient lords of quantity, the work of the Anglican Church among the Indians of British

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MERRY MAYORALTY WAR ON IN MONTREAL

Two Aldermen and a Doctor Already in Field With Several Others in Prospect.

MONTREAL, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—At least three men, Ald. Yats, Ald. Gallery and Dr. Guerin, announce that they are in the field for the office of mayor of Montreal at the coming election. All three have taken out requisition papers and two of them at least declare they are in the field to stay. Other names are being mentioned and the question of who will run for mayor is an all-absorbing one in city hall circles. The situation is looked upon as depending altogether upon the action of the French-Canadian element at the city hall. In some quarters it is felt that a French-Canadian candidate will be placed in nomination, although there exists considerable hesitation as to who will be the first to start the ball rolling. Ald. Lavallee is mentioned as a probable candidate, though many

aver that, this being by courtesy the turn for an English-speaking Catholic, none but one of this denomination should break into the contest. What is certain is that if Ald. Lavallee declares himself a candidate, Mayor Payette will oppose him. Ald. Dan Gallery's possible candidacy is still talked of. The alderman, however, says he has not decided on his course.

The Church and The Bar - Room

The World's Temperance Sunday, November 28th, will be Temperance Field Day in Toronto, under the direction of the Dominion Alliance.

More than one hundred and fifty churches are co-operating. The services will have special reference to the present great Provincial Campaign to "Banish the Bar."

Fuller details will be published later.

VICTORY AND DEATH OF WOLFE.

By Alfred Austin, Poet Laureate.

(From the Independent.)
[The news of Wolfe's death reached London on October 17, 1759, and was received with feelings of sorrow and exultation. Wolfe was a young man of great promise, and his death was a great loss to the country.]

"Sic! we the Hights," he said, "before Daylight broadens in slope and shore. Creeping and crouching, but mounting still."

One by one, up the trackless hill,

"But speak not a word, and make no sound."

As upward you wind, and let none look round.

Comrades will follow the path you

Thru scrub and bramble and tangled brake."

Then from boat after boat sprang its living load. And clomb and clomb up the zigzag road. Silent as death, until they saw Rampart, and trench, and cannon's jaw.

Then a shout went upward to rend the wrack. And the Plains of Abraham shouted back. Menace to menace, and clang to clang. Till the Hights with the musket-rattle rang.

But never a man or turned or ran. For the Chief was there, in the battlement. Leading them on, until he fell. In the onward rush and the mingling yell.

They laid him down on the trampled clay.

"Montcalm, too, has fallen," he heard them say.

"O'wed us fire the self-same gun; Victor and vanquished, in death, are one."

"Look! Now they run!" "Who run?" he gasped;

"The enemy, sir!" His hands he clasped. And murmured, ere his last breath was spent, "Praise be to God! I die content."