

CONFERENCE OF THE USERS.

Hon. Adam Beck Calls Meeting For Next Wednesday

Of Engineers of All the Municipalities Interested.

Wants to Set Standards and Arrange Details.

Letters have been sent out by the Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, to the Mayors of all the towns and cities which have contracted to take power from the commission, calling a meeting in the offices of the commission for Wednesday afternoon next, at which a discussion relating to the power scheme as a whole, and the needs of each municipality in particular, will be thoroughly discussed.

The letter is as follows: "Dear Sir,—As the schemes of distribution of light and power in the various municipalities are now being completed, it appears to me that in the interest of the undertaking as a whole, that co-operation between the engineers of the different municipalities would be very advisable, and suggest that a meeting should take place between these engineers on Wednesday next, the 29th inst., at which a discussion might be had relating to the scheme as a whole, and the needs of each municipality in particular; the whole with a view

"To promote proper co-operation and understanding between the municipal engineers and those of the commission.

"To ensure a standardization, as far as possible, of the specifications to be issued.

"To arrive at conclusions as to the best methods of distribution for each municipality and the standardization of same, as far as possible.

"To give to each municipality the benefit of consideration of each case by practically a board of engineers.

"To sum up, practically to ensure standardization as far as possible, and the elimination of the personal equation of individual engineers.

"The conference would deal with such matters, for example, as:

"The size and characteristics of transformers and other apparatus which might be used, so as to, as far as possible, interchange between municipalities, thus cheapening the cost, reducing spares, and permitting of exchange during breakdown or for special demands.

"The best voltages and wattages of incandescent lamps to be used to meet commercial and operating conditions for each municipality, in view of the scheme as a whole.

"The use of synchronous apparatus for correcting power factor and decreasing the power used and paid for by each municipality.

"The most modern systems of street lighting, and their apparatus in each municipality, especially in view of recent improvements in arc and incandescent street lighting.

"I may say that without such co-operation it is quite possible that some municipalities may be seriously handicapped, and would be unable to obtain the same advantages that they would with more uniform equipment."

BOGUS CHEQUES.

CLEVER SWINDLERS FORGE BANK ACCEPTANCE STAMPS.

And There May be a Lot of Forged Paper Floating Around the Country—How Eastern Supply Houses Were Victimized.

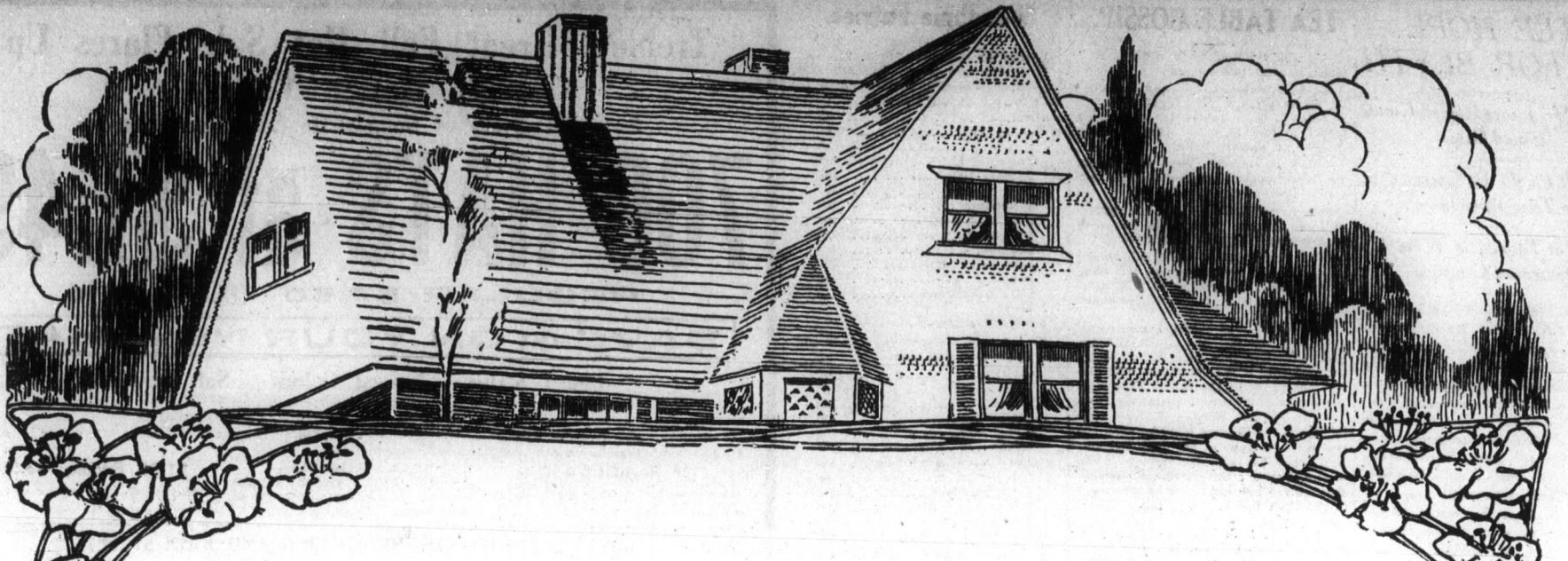
Vancouver, Sept. 23.—The bogus cheque fraud worked on wholesale houses in the east by some ingenious swindler promises to be a very big money-maker, netting thousands of dollars to the operators. The chief of the gang personated in eastern trade centres Mr. Mackintosh, the purchasing agent of Kelly, Douglas & Co., wholesale grocers, of this city. He gave large orders for goods to be delivered to the firm and then cashed the firm's cheques, on the ground that he needed the money for expenses. The cheques, cashed by the unsuspecting supply houses, bore the forged acceptance stamps of the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank of Canada.

When these cheques began to pour in to the banks here from eastern centres the fraud was discovered. The forger must have had skilled assistance in the making of the fraudulent acceptance stamps. A curious error of the forger was to add a royal crown to the Royal Bank's stamp. This was the thing that led to the detection of the fraud. The swindler committed three forms of forgery. They forged the signature of the firm of Kelly, Douglas & Co., of the firm's buyer, and of the banks' acceptance. What the total loss will be is not yet known, but it will fall largely on United States supply houses.

The largest single cheque drawn by the forger was \$300, and was cashed by the Grape Nut firm, which has instructed its local agent to take up the cheque, the company standing the loss. It is anticipated that the forged paper will total at least \$10,000. The last seen of the forger was when he tendered a false cheque at a C. P. R. ticket office, receiving cash in change. C. P. R. has joined the banks and Kelly, Douglas & Co. in setting the law in motion.

It is possible that a clue to the more daring swindle will be found following upon the arrest of a young man in New Westminster to-day. He went to the Westminster Trust Co. on Saturday and vouched for a friend named Watson. Watson deposited an accepted cheque of the Union Bank for \$200. This was put to his credit. On Monday he drew out the money and later it was discovered that the acceptance stamp was a bogus one. Watson cannot be found.

These swindles, it will be noticed, are both variations of the crime of young Anderson, the Bank of Montreal clerk, who, after he had retired from the bank's service, lived splendidly on the proceeds of bogus cheques bearing the bank's acceptance stamp. It was supposed that he had possessed himself of a genuine acceptance stamp, but it begins to look now as if some skilled rubber stamp maker has become the confederate of a band of clever forgers.



Rugs for the New Home

Unquestionably the richest showing in the history of this store. To the Rug Section we direct you with pride and assurance, firm in the knowledge of a success well accomplished. Never were we so well supplied. Nearly 200 differently patterned room-size Rugs. Imagine such a variety and then that only as samples of the entire great collection. Rugs of every worthy kind, with all the newness of coloring and pattern. And the prices—how tempting they are. Let's go quickly through and see, noting quality as we go. Seamless Axminsters, the monarchs of all Rugs of beauty and service from \$25 to \$60. Wilton Rugs, an excellent grade of unusual color and pattern beauty, from \$30 to \$60. Brussels Rugs, woven of fine worsted, \$15 to \$25. Velvet Rugs, seamless and resembling the Axminster in attractiveness and beauty, \$19 to \$28, and Tapestry Rugs, heavy and durable, excellent patterns for little money, \$8.50 to \$15.50.

Axminster Carpets

The aristocrats of Carpetdom. Fall stock arrivals brought us the finest range we have ever had in these beautiful Carpets. Their splendid wearing quality makes them—at this store's price—one of the most economical Carpets possible to buy. Prices per yard \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.85, \$2.00, and \$2.50

Brussels Carpets

Every housekeeper knows the goodness of Brussels Carpets. They are the standard floor covering. Our Brussels are made by the foremost English manufacturers and the quality is the best. Great values in Brussels Carpets at \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.50

Wilton Carpets

Splendid wearing Carpets. A Carpet stock is not complete without a good range of these prices \$1.50, \$1.85, \$2.00 and \$2.50

Tapestry Carpets

Hard-wearing, serviceable Carpets at a low price. 50c, 75c, 85c and \$1.10 per yard

Linoleums

We carry amongst others such famous lines as Nairn's and Barry Ostler's and Shepherd's. Throughout the British Isles, these people have a splendid reputation for good Linoleum, even when it is put to very strenuous tests of durability. Even on ships of the navy it is perfectly satisfactory. The sale of Linoleum is increasing every year, because it is very sanitary, easily kept clean, and is not a tax on the strength of the housekeeper to keep in order. Inlaid Linoleum, which is made with the pattern going right through to the canvas at the back at 75c, 85c, \$1.10 and \$1.35 per yard. Printed Linoleums which are made with the patterns on the surface in 2 yards, 3 yards and 4 yards wide, at 40c, 45c and 50c per yard. Patterns resembling oak flooring, in many cases, the patterns are so correct as to deceive an expert, it's difficult to tell it from the real parquet flooring. This is cheaper than staining the floor for rugs, and much more satisfactory.

Do You Sleep



Comfortably or is your rest disturbed by an uncomfortable Mattress? No such complaints to make if you get an Ostermoor, a mattress with over half a century record and that has stood the test of time. Don't buy "something just as good" because it's cheaper, because the Ostermoor has no equal. Price according to size, \$9.50 to \$15.00.

Ostermoor Pillows

To match, fitted with the finest of feathers or pure down. \$3.50 to \$6.00 per pair.

White Enamelled Beds

Strong and well-finished, inch posts and heavy fillings; regular price \$3.25, on sale at \$2.35

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Well finished Beds, brass knobs and caps, in size either 6 ft. 6 in. or 4 ft. 6 in.; regular price \$3.50, on sale at \$2.65

White Enamelled Beds

Full sized Beds, made with continuous heavy posts and handsomely ornamented with brass; regular price \$7.00, on sale at \$5.15

Large Rattan Rocker

Large roll arms and back, rattan seat, strong rockers, high back, comfortable and durable; regular price \$4.00, on sale at \$2.85

Parlor Table

Made of solid oak, turned legs, brass and glass feet, top 24 inches square; regular price \$3.25; on sale at \$2.35

A. M. SOUTER & CO. Corner King and Park Streets

MEANS WAR IN AFRICA.

Trouble Over Moorish Tribesmen May Bring Complications.

Madrid, Sept. 24.—It is generally believed here that the complications which have arisen between Spain and Mulai Hafid, the Sultan of Morocco, are likely to result in a Spanish-Moorish war, that is, a war between Spain and the forces of the Sultan of Morocco in distinction to the fighting going on to-day, which is limited to the Moorish tribesmen inhabiting the Rif country.

Spain to-day has over 60,000 troops in Northern Africa, with 11,000 more mobilizing for service there, and the government feels that only the brilliant completion of the work begun can defeat the plans of its political enemies at home. The situation at Barcelona is causing renewed anxiety. Bomb explosions on the streets of Barcelona are almost of daily occurrence and although the newspapers that print even the rumors of such occurrences are seized by the authorities, the Minister of the Interior insists that the government is not fighting its political enemies, but rather a widespread anarchistic plot.

"The charge that we closed the schools without reason is false," an official said to-day. "The schools were closed because of the preaching of anarchistic doctrines against religion and social order that could not be tolerated by any government. When the time comes we will vindicate ourselves before the courts."

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR SAVINGS.

On Saturday Finch Bros. will continue the sale of women's winter underweaves and drawers. They are all this season's goods, a manufacturer's stock being sold at a saving of one-third and coming just at the beginning of the season when warm underwear is necessary, makes this sale of special interest to everyone. The special prices are 35c, 44c and 49c.

A special offer of tailor-made suits in the new styles, values at \$20 and \$22.50, for \$15.49 is the attraction in the garment section, as well as many other worth while savings.

An unexpected sale of fall dress goods at such price-savings that should bring every woman's choice to a final decision.

Scores of other values will interest you as a glance at their ad. will show. This Saturday being one of the rush Saturdays of the season, shoppers will find before noon is the best time for comfort in buying. Ready at 8.30 a.m. in the morning. Finch Bros.

Was He Hired? Gent (engaging new chauffeur)—And have you any references from your last employer? Applicant for situation—No; but I can get some in about a month. Gent—Why the delay? Applicant—He's in the hospital.—Casell's Saturday Journal.

SUDBURY CASE.

Isidore Bourassa Accused of Dynamiting Lawyer's House.

Sudbury, Sept. 23.—The trial of Isidore Bourassa, for attempting to murder F. F. Lemieux, ex-Mayor of Sudbury, mining recorder and Local Master in the High Court is in progress in the Assize Court. On the morning of July 3, 1908, between 2 and 3 o'clock, a portion of Mr. Lemieux's residence was wrecked and the family were in grave danger. In December, 1907, Bourassa was defendant in a Division Court action, and Mr. Lemieux was solicitor for the plaintiff. Judgment for about \$70 was secured, and a bailiff seized Bourassa's chattels in default. Bourassa was suspected of dynamiting the residence, but denied it to Inspector Reburn, who took charge of the case. About the end of July, 1909, a witness named Boufard worked for Bourassa on his farm. Bourassa, according to Boufard's story, said he was the cause of the dynamiting and wanted to kill Mr. Lemieux. A search warrant revealed dynamite on the farm of Bourassa, hidden under sheets of birch bark which the witness said Bourassa told him was the balance of a box from which the explosive had been taken for the Lemieux wreck.

In the Assize Court this morning the Grand Jury returned a true bill for murder against James Robinson for destroying the life of an infant born to his daughter Ellen, on the 23rd day of March, 1908. No bill was found against Robinson for the murder of the infant of his daughter Jessie, on the 27th day of March, 1908. Justice Magee will hold a special sitting of the Assize Court on the 28th day of October, as the defence was not in a position to proceed, and the nine other indictments will also stand against him until that date.

Mrs. Wyman, aged 70, of Pittsfield, Mass., recently broke all records in her pie-making career. She made 72 pies of different varieties as follows: Custard, apple, cocoanut, prune, raisin, squash, chocolate, blueberry and lemon. Mrs. Wyman did the work alone and had it finished by noon.

OBITUARY.

Funeral of Wm. Russell and of Mrs. Stedford.

A large number of the friends of the late William Russell attended his funeral which took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 787 King street east to Hamilton Cemetery. Rev. Dr. J. V. Smith, of Centenary Methodist Church, officiated and the pallbearers were Messrs. W. A. Howell, C. H. Taylor and George Milne, of this city and E. G. Nyburg, Charles Mathews and E. F. Snelgrove of Woodstock. Among the relatives who attended the funeral were his brother John and nephew John, of Toronto; a cousin Mrs. Raycroft, Detroit; his brother James and nephew John, of Carleton Place. The floral tributes were very numerous and beautiful.

The remains of Mrs. John Stedford were laid at rest this afternoon in Hamilton Cemetery. They were taken from her late residence, 477 Barton street east to St. Matthew's Church for Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and the funeral took place from the church at 2 p.m. Rev. E. N. R. Burns conducted the services and the pallbearers were Messrs. John Fox, John Hope, John Attle, L. Daniels, Frank Hayward and Edward Layland. The floral tributes included pieces from Silver Cross Guild, Willing Workers of St. Matthew's Church and officers and members of Acorn Lodge, S. O. E.

The funeral of Vera, infant daughter of John and Mrs. Wallman, took place this afternoon from her parents' residence, 86 Robert street, to Hamilton Cemetery. Rev. Isaac Couch officiated at the house and grave.

The many friends of Frederick and Mrs. Woods will regret to hear of the death of their infant son, Earl, which occurred at the parents' residence this morning. He was 5 months old. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon to Hamilton Cemetery.

GREAT PARADE.

100,000 Temperance Workers Will March in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Prohibitionists from many States in the Union, who have made the cause of scientific temperance the keynote of a political body, arrived in Chicago to-day prepared to swell the ranks of temperance advocates. To-morrow they will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the birth of the Prohibitionist party. Twenty thousand blue-ribboned men are expected to be in Chicago when the celebration opens at the La Salle Hotel. To-day an informal reception to the visiting members was held at the headquarters of the party. The members of the political party on Sunday will join forces with the religious and social prohibition advocates and swell the ranks of the novel temperance and law enforcement parade, which will demonstrate the strength of the city. One hundred thousand marchers, men and boys, will march under the generalship of Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, U. S. A. The Prohibition party was organized in Chicago, September 1st, 1869, but the celebration has been set back in order that it might be coincident with the civic temperance demonstration on Sunday.

Old-timers who were present at the birth of the party are expected to reach Chicago during the day and participate in the festivities. John Russell, of New Haven, Mich., who was temporary chairman of the first convention of the party, and Samuel Dickie, of Alhambra, Mich., who was a prominent organizer, will attend the anniversary.

CANADIAN LOCK CLOSED.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Sept. 23.—The Canadian lock was closed at 10 o'clock to-night and pumped out to make some necessary repairs. Several of the iron bonds on the lower gates are broken and will have to be repaired almost immediately. It is expected the work will be completed by to-morrow night.

Many preachers are trying to educate the tailenders and leaving the leaders to their own ways.

Y. M. C. A.

Social Committee Arranging For an Attractive Season.

The Y. M. C. A. Social and Reception Committee met for reorganization last evening and elected the following officers:

President—A. E. Morgan. Vice-President—C. A. Larn. Secretary—G. Johnston. Assistant Secretary—R. Curry. Treasurer—A. E. Freeman. Reporter—J. W. Head. Editor of the Eye Opener—A. Pirie. Assistant Editor—E. Collard.

The date for the opening reception was set for Tuesday, October 5th, when a special invitation will be sent out to the young men of the city and their friends to spend an evening in the association. An interesting programme of gymnastics, aquatics, music and refreshments will be provided. Representatives of the committee will be on duty every evening, assisting with the reception of strangers. An entertainment of some nature will be put on in the near future for the purpose of raising funds for the committee.

The regular weekly meeting will be held on Thursday evening, and a literary programme provided. Any young man wishing to assist in this work and have the advantage of the Literary and Debating Society in connection with it, should attend the regular meeting next week.

Y. M. C. A. MEN'S MEETING.

The Sunday afternoon men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. will be of special interest to men from now on, through the winter season. Meetings have been held regularly all through the summer, with very fair attendance, but now that the weather is getting cooler a larger attendance is expected. Mr. J. Lindsay, Field Secretary for the Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip, will be the speaker next Sunday, and the following Sunday the Victoria University Evangelistic and will have charge of the meeting. Prof. Alorinus J. Stone is in charge of the musical programme, and will arrange for special music for every meeting. All met. are cordially invited.