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# ED CONSCRIPTION IN FI TORONTO HYDRO RATES LOWEST IN THE WORLD

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ronto, was no less outspoken. Mr. Norris declared himself to be in favor the advocates of the bylaw had everything to gain and nothing to lose

Supports It Strongly. John Winnett, president of Ward Two, is a busy man, but he was quite ready to talk as soon as he heard the Beck radial bylaw mentioned. giving it hearty support and believes that it will go thru on New Year's Day with a good majority.

J. W. Edwo.th, president of Ward

by the fullest possible discussion.

Three, is strong for the Beck bylaw.
"It will be a good thing for the country," said Mr. Edworth, "and I think the more meetings we hold the The more thoroly the people understand the p.oposition the stronger they will be for it." John Patterson, president of the

North Toronto Association, asked by The World where he stood on the Beck "I am heartily in favor of it. I am sorry I have not the time now to dis- simony, cuss the subject more at length, but you can put me down as a hearty supdifference between economy and para house. Of course the medical officer
porter of the bylaw."

Simony. Now this would not matter of health has a different view, and

Discussion is Good. A. E. Laver, president of Ward Five, said he hoped for good results from the meetings to be held in his locality. "The more discussion we have," said, "the better it will be. It will be pretty hard to convince me that the

bylaw is not a good thing."

Tom Rooney, president of Ward Six, also believed that the bylaw has difficulty about understanding. But who loves money for its own sake and everything to gain by publicity. "A city official," he said, "is not sup-posed to take an active part in politics, but I do not regard the bylaw as involving any political question. At any rate I intend to vote for it, and I expect to see it carried by a big major-

BRITISH EXPLODE MINE DOING DAMAGE TO FOE

More Than Usual Artillery Activity Shown by Germans in Flanders.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 11-20 p.m.—The ollowing official communication was following official communication issued tonight: "Last night we exploded a mine near Fricourt, inflicting considerable damage on the enemy. foday the enemy has shown rather more than his usual artillery activity, notably south of the La Bassee Canal,

near Armentieres and at Ypres. Our artillery replied effectively." AMERICAN EXCHANGE IS STILL ADVANCING

Gold Shipments From Britain to U.S. Likely to Be Checked.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 3.23 p.m.—Amrican exchange today reached a high-r point than at any time in the past Cable transfers touched 4.744. The ministers upon the vexed question is the opinion of the stock mar- or the voluntary system versus conlet that the rate is going to a level scription, was of a very critical and which will stop further gold shipments decisive character, and virtually to the United States—4.76 or 4.77 takto the United States—4.76 or 4.77, tak- reacted the decision that the applicating into consideration insurance and tion of force may become necessary conscriptionist section of the cabinet

Abinding charges refore all cligible single men are ef-The stock market considers that the fectually brought to the co committee which is arranging the ex-Will Introduce Bill.
Therefore it was resolved that at unity to stabilize it, especially with the earnest opportunity a bill should such a powerful lever as the mobilizabe introduced in parliament in order American securities scheme to that the government might have the

### THE STEAM RAILWAYS ARE BEHIND THE BOARD OF TRADE

SUPPORT BYLAN

The property owners of Toronte are asked by the board of trade in their poster started with the board of trade in their poster started with the board of trade in their poster started with the board of trade of the board of trade of the board of trade of the board of the world Said He Stood Behind Beck.

MAJORITY WILL BE BIG

No Political Question is Involved and All Electors Should Vote in Favor.

The World yesterday interviewed yet in As a consequence all On-people now see that if replicit and the same of the active Liberal-Conserva-tive workers, including the presidents of various wind found them all well disposed to ward the Beck Hydro Radial bylaw. One of the first to be seen was H. A. Birmingham, Liberal - Conservative organizer.

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the word he ought to use instead of economy, if he understood words.

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Controller Foster is not an ordinary

man, nor has he had an ordinary busi-

theory that Controller Foster must be Ald. Dunn.

a.m .- It is stated on excellent autho- this end.

with's pledge to married men.

single men and preserve Premier As- the Derby scheme.

BRITAIN'S UNMARRIED MEN

not know anything about either.

better.

Vote for the bylaw on New Year's Day.

James Norris, president of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Toronto, was no less outspoken.

Mr. Norris declared himself to be in favor

worked up a reputation for business

method of handling his house pro-perty. Over two dozen of his houses

were in such a condition for lack of sanitary conveniences that it called for

He has the same point of view ex-

Resignations Expected.

conscriptionist section of the cabinet

(Continued on Page 2. Column 5.)

ODDS FAVOR BYLAW.

The anti-conscriptionist ministers

not for the advantages it bestows.

ability in this vicarious way.

FOSTER ECONOMY AND PARSIMONY

Controller Foster is not familiar with a good business man because he has

a dictionary. This is no disgrace to control of a lot of money. People him. But it is a disgrace to him to imagine he must have made the money

use words in the dictionary with which he controls. He is not the kind of a

he is not familiar. He does this be-cause he does not know any better, has no large outlook nor width of view.

and because he is badly advised by He came into the control of property friends of his who do not know any thru his family connection, and he has

or why other people employ it. There what he understands by economy, but is another word in the dictionary which is really parsimony, take his

which he does not. The word is par- the interference of the health officer.

Controller Foster does not know the my not to put sanitary conveniences in

in itself if he knew the difference be- the conveniences had to be put in,

tween the practice of economy and the much to Controller Foster's disgust, practice of parsimony. He does not know that difference. He talks about of extravagance.

LIABLE TO FORCED SERVICE

Resignations, Agrees on Modified Conscription-

Asquith to Make Statement of the

Situation Next Week.

cided upon a modified form of conscription bill, to be introduced in the house of commons Wednesday of Taursday of next week, and announced

of commons next week, giving the the speedy introduction of a bill of

of commons next week, giving the permissive character, making service severnment the necessary power, if the army obligatory on unmarried

should it be found needful to pring in men who have falled to attest under

Yesterday's cabinet meeting, altho ti offered strong opposition, and it is

voters of the western and northwestern sections of Toronto. During the three hours he spoke at the three tions of the arguments put up by the interests, left so little doubt in the minds of the western Toronto voters that not one took advantage of the opportunity given by the speaker to ask any questions they wished concerning

amidst thunderous applause. Speaking an hour in each school, he devoted half his time to an explanation and review of the hydro radial movement and the other half to refutations of the inditroller Foster is not familiar is economy. It is one of his stock words, but he really does not know what it means what he has got. As an example of Controller Foster's idea of business methods and economy is to hang on to bylaw they were making the biggest mistake of their municipal career career. "But I don't believe you will do that."
"You bet we won't," yelled one of the audience, amid the applause which fol-

His answer to the criticism of the board of trade against the illegal clauses in the agreement was to the clauses in the agreement was to the effect that in 1914 representatives of a hundred municipalities waited on the Hon. J. J. Foy, then acting premier, praying that this very agreement was to the same than the same of the spirit in the spirit in the spirit in the same of the spirit in ment, not one word of which had been scription st journal, admits that the changed, be made law by the govern-country will accept compulsion if it is changed be made law by the govern- country will accept comment. "Where was the eagle eye of proved to be necessary. the board of trade then? Why didn't they find those jokers out at that time they have just discovered something," he said.

the practices parsimony as the it were excoronny.

The difference between the two is not one that the ordinary man has any close-fisted, niggardly greed of a man Absurd Argument. The argument that Toronto was giving up its streets was so absurd on the face of it as to make denial un-The electors have an opportunity to ness man's experience. He knows choose a better man this year in Ald. nothing about business. There is a Cameron or ex-Controller Simpson or necessary. "According to the plan and agreement we only come in along the harbor front, and there are no streets there," he declared, amidst tremendous applause of the meeting. "Furthermore, I'll undertake any guarantee you like that if this agreement leaves any doubt as to whether we are going to grab your streets I'll introduce legislation at the next sitting of the legislature amending that clause in the UNDER GOVERNMENT'S BILL agreement to make it clearer to you.' He made a tremendous appeal to the meeting by reading from an advertisement of the Toronto Board of Trade legal opinion of McMaster, Mont-Cabinet, After Eitter Fight, Which May Lead to Some gomery and Fleury on "that dangerous "Montgomery, hydro bylaw." "Montgomery," he said, "isn't that the man who five years ago put up such a fight against the hydro movement-and isn't be the same Montgomery who would, by getting an injunction, refuse you and me the right to vote on this issue on Sat-urday next?" Speaking of the board of trade, he said: "Are the citizens of LONDON, Wednesday, Dec, 29, 1.30, that no other course was effective to Toronto going to be dictated to by any one man or dozen men on the board of a.m.—It is stated on excellent authority that the cabinet has virtually de-

trade? or make it two dozen if you One Vote in Thirty-One. "One voice in thirty-one? Why, you have only one voice in 131 on the have only one voice in the british official communication, hydro-electric—and you don't suffer issued Monday, says that on Dec. 25 from it," he said regarding another the principal Arab force near Mersa. capital built large steam railways, only British troops. hey called them grants and bounties and did the board of trade call for your one vote in 31 on the directorate of those railways-

for your one vote in one million At each meeting Sir Adam frankly teld the people that their adverse vote and the cut is in last season's style, on the bylaw might easily hold up Rather than carry the coats over or their big development work of addi- remodel them we are offering these tonal 600,000 horsepower at Niagara, beautiful Persian Lamb Coats, 30 to 22

## TORONTO HYDRO RATES REDUCED BY 20 PER CENT. AFTER SATURDAY

Hydro Radial Meetings.

In addition to the meetings which municipal candidates have arranged for tonight, Sir Juam Beck will speak at four big gatherings in favor of the hydro radial bylaw. These will be held at the Technical School Auditorium. Parkdale Collegiate, North Toronto Town Hall and Winchester Street School, all commencing at 8 o'clock.

At noon tomorrow Sir Adam will address the Toronto Advertising Club, and several meetings are being a ranged for the evening.

## TWO COLLEAGUES OF

night unanimously endorsed the hydro McKenna and Runciman Will Step Out, Says London Times.

OTHERS MAY FOLLOW

Northcliffe Press is Pleased With Present Attitude of Cabinet.

LONDON, Dec. 29, 3.17 a.m.—The Plus 1.4c per k.w.h. for all additional P. P. discount, 10 per cent, cabinet decision with regard to modified conscription became known too late P. P. discount, 10 per cent. to be considered in the editorial commeetings not a heckler disturbed, nor The conscriptionist newspapers natur-Norris declared himself to be in favor of the bylaw, and had no doubt that the would carry by a good majority.

When H. Fenwick, president of Ward One association, was strongly in favor of the bylaw, and was giad to bear that some meetings were to be held right away in its favor. He believed

The Times says the precise scope of the proposed bill will be the subject for further discussion, and that the abinet's decision was largely due to Won't Make Mistake.

Sir Adam started each of his three didresses as he completed them, munitions, and some of his Unionist David Lloyd George, the minister of

Two May Go. The Times anticipates that there will be at least two cabinet resignations, Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, and Walter Runci-man, president of the board of trade vidual arguments against hydro radials being widely advertised by the opponents of the people's railway. At the conclusion of his address at the Annette Street School he told the ratepayers that if they voted down the

country, The Times says:
"Few persons ever advocated the principle of compulsion for its own sake, and most people would probably have been glad if the war could have been won without it. But the domi-nating desire of the country is to win is shown to be imperative, we believe

**ARAB FORCES BADLY BEATEN** 

British, Aided by Warships, Won Sharp Christmas Day

Fight.

TWO HUNDRED DEAD

Tribesmen, Three Thousand Strong, Were Defeated in Decisive Style.

LONDON Dec 28, 8.50 p.m.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Com-"It is announced that the operations hristmas Day on the western Egypian front were completely successful. An enemy tribesmen force of 3009 strong was driven back, leaving 200 lead on the field. Effective support given the British force by the gun fire from ships."

The British official communication, argument advanced by the private in-dispersed with trifling loss to the

> SPECIAL BARGAIN-12 ONLY PER-SIAN LAMB COATS.

These coats are the only ones left

over from last season and that is their only fault. The fur is extra quality which the Province of Ontario inches long and 32, 34, 26 bust would get a monopoly of electric pow-measure, that sold last season at \$200 be introduced in parliament in order that the government might have the the pecessary power, should it be found favor of the hydro radial bylaw.

On the Standard Exchange yester.

Full reports of the three meetings will be found on Page three.

The people for all time.

Full reports of the three meetings will be found on Page three.

Householders or Ordinary Power Users Will Benefit Most, But Commercial Rates Are Cut Down One Per Cent. Per Kilowatt Hour-Street Lighting Remains the Same-Lowest Rates in the World.

The new hydro rates for Toronto, becoming effective on the first of the year, were issued by the Hydro Commission last evening, and the ordinary householder is the biggest gainer by the reduction. Roughly speaking, a man with floor area of from 1500 to 1800 square feet will have his light bills cut 20 per cent.

In the domestic rates the new basis makes a straight charge of 2 cents per kilowatt hour for all consumption per month up to 3 k.w.h. for each 100 square feet of floor area, whereas the old rates charged 2.8 cents per k.w.h. for consumption up to 4 k.w.h. per 100 square feet for the first 1000 feet, and 3 k.w.h. for each additional 100 square feet. Additional consumption was charged for last year at the rate of 1.4 cents per k.w.h., and the new rates call for a reduction to 1 cent. Commercial lighting is reduced from 6 cents to 5 cents per k.w.h. for

the first 30 hours' use of the load, from 2.8 to 2.5 for the next 70 hours, and from .6 to .5 cent for additional consumption per month. The reduction here is about 17 per cent. According to Sir Adam Beck, reductions to some householders will reach 35 per cent. They were the lowest lighting rates of any in the world

that he knew of. The power changes are very slight, while street lighting figures remain the same. The following are the new rates for Toronto:

1916 RATES Domestic. Domestic.

3c per 100 sq. ft. of floor area per 3c per 100 sq. ft. of floor area par month. Plus 2.8c per k.w.h. for all consump- Plus 2c per k.w.h. for all consumption up to 4 k.w.h. per 100 sq. ft. tion per month up to 3 k.w.h. for for the first 1000 sq. ft., and 3 each 100 sq. ft. of floor area k.w.h. for each additional 100 sq.

Commercial, 1915. 6c per k.w.h. for the first 30 hours' 5c per k.w.h. for the first 30 hours use of load per month.

2.8c per k.w.h. for next 70 hours of 2.5c per k.w. crabe next 70 hours load per month.

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P. P. discount, 10 per cent. Power, 1915. the first 10 h.p. all over '10 h.p.

1.5c per k.w.h. for first 50 hours' use 1.5c per k.w.h. for first 50 hours' use of load per month. 1.0c per k.w.h. for second 50 hours' 0.5c per k.w.h. for second 50 hours' use of load per month. 0.15c per k.w.h. for all additional 0.15c per k.w.h. for all additional ccasumption per month. P. P. discount, 20 per cent

Street Lighting, 1915. \$8.00 per 100 watt lamp per year.

charged. ft. of floor area charged per Plus 1c per k.w.h. for all additional consumption per month. Commercial, 1916.

sumption per month.

P. P. discount, 10 per cent. \$1.35 per h.p. per mc th of load for \$1.35 per h.p. per month of load for first 10 h.p. \$1.00 per h.p. per month of load for \$1.00 per h.p. per month of load for all over 10 h.p.

> use of load per month. consumption per month P. P. discount, 20 per cent.

Street Lighting, 1910

of load per month.

### MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF HYDRO RADIAL PLANS

tions Are a Unit Behind Beck.

NO ADVERSE VOTE HERE

Those Interviewed Yesterday Declare Their Reasons in Support of Agreement.

Toronto business men are giving the hydro radiai bylaw serious consideration, and after interviewing several yesterday, a conclusion is suggested that there are a great many forming cpinions at variance with the Toron. a three of them holding that the municipal Board of trade. There appears to be a current of public opinion more strong-ly in favor of the oylaw than ever becre, and within a day or two some of the more prominent citizens will

express chemselves as being in favor of the agreement. The majoricy of those interviewed yesterday said: "I'm in favor of raddont know—I am not a voter. It is diais, but am not ready to make a purely a question for the municipalias ement. I want to look into it a title more fully, and then I can talk. Others again have made up their m.nds that the agreement is a good one. It was stated vesterday that cer-tain members of the board of trade resent the action of its council in peaking for the entire membership nd there is a movement on foot to hold another meeting, when the matte can be fully discussed and an opinio arrived at by the board as a whole.

People's Opportunity.
When Controller O'Neill was asked why he was giving the bylaw such unjualified support he said: "I'm not looking for technicalities in this very important question, because I feel that the proposition as outlined by Sir he declared. Adam Beck, after applying my own common sense and reason, is one the reople should take every advantage of It means the advantages of pub owner hip, reduction in transportation lady of a rooming house at 14 Buchan costs, and a safeguard against inva- an street found Mrs. Jane Jones on by franchise interests. The whole years of age, dead in her room

(Continued on Page 3, Column 4). the chief coroner was notified. It is not likely that an inquest will be held.

CABINET MINISTERS REFUSE TO COMMENT

Business Men With Few Excep- Say Hydro Radial Bylaw is Question for the Voters of Toronto.

POLICY IS A GOOD ONE

They All Agree That Beck Scheme Deserves Support of the Entire City.

Cabinet ministers of the Ontario Government all refuse to say whether, he their opinion, the hydro radial by law should carry. Not one would ca-lities himself one way or anothe-three of them holding that the munici-

"I certainly could not allow question," said Premier Hearst. "The byd.o radial bylaw is purely a question, and the municipality tion for the voters of the municipality or the City of Toronto to decide.' Attorney-General Lucas said: "I

ties." non. G. H. Ferguson, minister of lards, forests and mines, and acting minister of elucation, said: "The hydrogradial policy is a good one, but have not had time to look this one over, so couldn't say."

Provincial Treasurer McGarry agrarently did not like the question. "Now you are trying to with the provincial treasurer to the country of the c

Now you are trying to put one ove me, he said. "I wouldn't say any-Hon, Finlay Macdiarmid, minister of public works, thought that any ex-pression of opinion should come from the capinet as a whole. "In the absence of the prime minister I would not care to say anything amount

ROOMER FOUND DEAD.

Early yesterday morning the landenterprise tends towards general pros- far as is known she had be perity not only in the city but in all health for some lime and he

J. A. McCausland expressed himself body was removed to the more