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UP TO THE PEOPLE.

Recent movements against Premier Whitney's public power policy emphasize the fact that its success will be achieved only by eternal popular vigilance.

The application of the Toronto Electric Light Company for power to increase its capital stock has created a disturbance in the phalanx of the power forces. Happily, Mayor Coatsworth was jerked up before the city was committed to folly, to not till the public was given a peep behind the cabinet curtain, and treated to the spectacle of a minister masquerading as the friend of the people while pushing the claims of Conservatives interested in the electrical trust.

It will be foolish for the friends of public ownership to think that all danger is past, because the guns of the electrical trust have been unmarked this once. Be assured, the enemy already is planning a new coup. Soon again the counterfeit friends of Premier Whitney's power policy will break cover, in fancied security that the public is napping.

When the public campaign for cheap power from Niagara was begun it fell on the shoulders of one man. But the success of the undertaking is not dependent now on any one man, but alone on eternal popular vigilance.

HUSHED-UP RESIGNATION.

The house of commons has declared that Charles Hyman, M. P., is still a member of parliament. It has adopted the report of the committee on privileges and elections, declaring that his resignation "is wholly inoperative and ineffective." Thus is ended, for the time being, the greatest political bunco game ever worked off on a long-enduring public.

But while the house of commons may declare his improperly-witnessed resignation invalid, yet the Canadian public does not cease to demand that Mr. Hyman resign in due form, and as speedily as his health and conscience will allow.

It will not be pleaded that he did not intend to resign, nor is there any reason to believe that his intention to-day is different from his intention of Nov. 20, 1906. That intention was good, and it seems surprising hard that when Mr. Hyman desires to be good his friends in parliament should by their voices prevent him.

To relieve the situation, to satisfy the urgent and insistent demand of the public, and to let Mr. Hyman be good, Sir Wilfrid Laurier should hurry up, not hush up, Mr. Hyman's resignation.

LET TORONTO HAVE FAITH.

During the campaign carried on by the electrical syndicate against the passing of the Niagara power bill, strong efforts were made to influence the electors adversely by hooding up the bogey of city debt. This is a common device on the part of private ownership supporters, and has a certain superficial plausibility which a moment's consideration suffices to remove. When a city decides to operate a remunerative franchise, it needs capital just in the same and no other way as a private company does. All the difference is that it can get its capital, as a rule, much more easily and at less expense to the enterprise.

Toronto may soon be invited again to pronounce upon the matter of operation of its public franchise, and the citizens who are so greatly interested in the provision of cheap and efficient service and utilities, should make themselves conversant with the facts and arguments necessary for the formation of a sound opinion. And in this case of the capital required to conduct a profitable public franchise, they should not be influenced by attempts to induce the belief that the money raised on the city's credit for that purpose is in any different position from money raised by a private company, either on bond or share issues. There is, however, a

very important advantage public operation possesses, and that is the absence of water in the capitalization. The city's capital cannot exceed the actual expenditure.

Faith in the future of the city and a determination to have its franchises preserved and managed for the common good and not for private profit are needed. Experience shows that, conducted on proper business lines, the operation of the public services of a great city cannot be other than highly remunerative as well as beneficial in cheapness and efficiency. A striking example of accepting a great responsibility for the general advantage of the community has been provided by the history of the ship canal that has made the City of Manchester, England, a seaport. Commenced twenty years ago as a private enterprise, the original share capital and the bonding power became exhausted long before the canal became an accomplished fact.

Manchester stepped into the breach and raised on the security of her rates \$25,000,000, entailing for the four years from 1897 a rate of 26 cents per \$5 of rating value. This enormous burden was undertaken with parliamentary sanction, and altho the rates are not yet freed from it, the city's trade and commerce has expanded with remarkable rapidity and given it, in fact, a new lease of life.

Before the canal scheme was mooted the overseas imports and exports of Manchester had to pass thru Liverpool, and the heavy tolls levied threatened to strangle her trade. Between 1890 and 1894 the returns of the Manchester clearing house were practically stationary, fluctuating between \$765,000 and \$820,000,000. In 1895, the year after the opening of the canal, they began to expand and have grown yearly, till in 1906 they reached \$1,415,000,000. The former year also saw a fall in the canal rate to 11 cents, and for the current year it stands at seven and a half cents. It is certain that before long the canal will become self-supporting and the aid of the rates will no longer be required. Meantime, Manchester is profiting enormously by its direct shipping facilities. But the point for Toronto is that, in order to carry thru a great public undertaking deemed to be of vital importance for its future welfare, Manchester shouldered a debt of \$25,000,000. Far less courage is needed on the part of Toronto to take over its public services, which are already yielding large returns to the franchise-holding corporations, and will be far more remunerative and beneficial to the city under municipal operation.

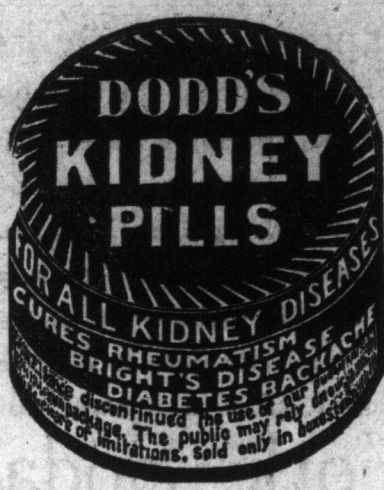
SUPERVISED VACATION PLAY-GROUNDS.

From an article which appeared the other day in The Boston Weekly Transcript, it appears that the Children's Playground League of Rochester, N.Y., and a number of organizations allied for the purpose, are working for a system of supervised playgrounds, similar to that now being advocated for the city of Toronto.

The League, and its supporters. What is asked for Rochester is vacation schools, playgrounds, and neighborhood use of the public schools. Hitherto in Rochester, as in Boston, play has been directed partly by the school department and partly by the park department. The control has been spasmodic, and what is now urged is the establishment of a uniform system under the direction of the school department. This, it is thought, will better promote the educational and physical development of the children—the need of this neighborhood being met by the provision of reading rooms, game-rooms and gymnasiums.

"The Rochester people," says The Transcript, "fail to see why young men and boys should be regularly driven away from the school buildings, as they are by the police, when no other place where they may meet under proper conditions is provided. They say that the city takes care of the young people after they have gone to the devil, but that it fails to make any provision whatever for them before this happens, except in so far as they may be attending school, and then only during school hours. They urge the value of supervision as bringing out the essential values of play to young children. Without supervision the physical values are exaggerated and the ethical values are worse than lost. Parents are too seldom able to give the proper supervision themselves, and when they do give it, it is the result of an unreasonable expenditure of time and effort. The city may do it for all economically, uniformly and effectively."

"There is an essential value in the use of school buildings for these purposes over anything secured in



settlements or other charitable institutions. The schools belong to the people. Their use of them does not pauperize. It tends to the development of the best instincts of citizenship at the same time that it makes for physical and educational development. For these reasons the people of Rochester propose to ask the common council to allow them to tax themselves for playground supervision. They believe that it will pay and that it will make the millions they have already put in school buildings and school grounds a paying investment. There seems to be no room for doubt as to the soundness of their beliefs."

WALKERVILLE CHURCH BURNS

McGregor-Banwell Fence Company Also Loses Plant by Fire.

Walkerville, March 17.—The eastern part of the town was visited by a disastrous fire yesterday afternoon the McGregor-Banwell Fence Company losing its plant.

The Walkerville fire brigade kept the fire from spreading in the immediate vicinity, but the wind carried some shingles to the roof of the Roman Catholic Church, Our Lady of Lake St. Clair, over two hundred yards distant, and the whole roof was in flames. The Detroit fire tug soon had the fire under control, but not until the church was a total loss.

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TWO STRIKE RIOTERS SHOT IN BATTLE WITH WORKMEN

Police Arrest 21, After 30 Mob Companions Who Refuse to Fight for Increase.

AT OSGOODE HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MONDAY.

Chambers.

Cartwright, master, at 11 a.m. Single Court.

Cases set down for argument before the Hon. Chief Justice Meredith, at 11 a.m.:

1. Re Tweddle and Alina Craig.

2. Ellis v. White.

3. Martin v. Gibson.

4. Loring v. Cole.

5. Re McCaw Estate.

6. Re Quinn Estate.

7. Patterson v. Osborne.

8. McIntyre v. Newton.

Divisional Court.

Peremptory list for Monday at 11 a.m. The Hon. chief justice.

1. Re Wilson and Toronto General Trusts Co.

2. Kennedy v. Kennedy.

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4. St. Catharines v. Thorold.

5. Faulkner v. Greer.

6. Re Quinn Estate.

7. Burnfield v. Lovering.

Toronto Spring Assizes.

The Hon. Chief Justice Mulock at 11 a.m. Peremptory list.

1. Jark v. Lawrance.

2. Preston v. Toronto Railway Co.

3. Foster v. Toronto Railway Co.

4. Hill v. Heddon.

Toronto Non-Jury Sittings.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Teetzel at 2 p.m. Peremptory list.

1. Farah v. Glenn Lake.

2. Poy v. King.

3. Saper v. Singer.

4. Nichols v. Nichols.

5. McGuire v. Cobban.

6. Segsworth v. De Cew.

Action Dismissed.

The action brought by Joseph O'Mara against A. J. McConnell has, on consent, now been dismissed without costs.

Overdue Notes.

Solway & Cohen have issued a writ against J. Olanetsky of Toronto, claiming \$1800, the amount of two promissory notes made by defendant and now overdue.

Breach of Contract.

William J. Keenan has begun an action against Allan Ronald Macdonnell of New Liskeard, and James Pelagis of North Bay, claiming to recover \$500 from defendant Macdonnell, to recover damages for the breach of a certain contract between the parties.

Balance on Account.

The Canadian Patents Co. are suing Thomas W. Wood of Orillia for \$377.71, which they claim is the balance still owing on goods sold to him and about which a writ has been issued to enforce their claim.

Took Another Man's Wife.

William H. Bound of the Township of Seymour brought an action against Isaac Bell, a blacksmith of Warkworth, claiming \$5000 for damages for alienation of his wife's affections. Bell and Mrs. Bound at once left the locality and are believed to be in Detroit. The writ for substitutional service was served upon Daniel Clark, the father of Mrs. Bound, who, it is alleged, knew the whereabouts of the departed pair. Application was made to Justice in Chambers, Cartwright, to have the service and order set aside. Judgment was reserved.

James McElroy has an action pending against Ann J. Miles, claiming damages resulting from an accident which occurred to her on March 10th. The defendant claims that she is not the owner of the business carried on at 400 Dundas street, but that the business belongs to her husband, George G. Miles. McElroy is now asking to have the husband added as a party defendant to the action. Judgment was reserved by the master in chambers.

STAMPSHIP UPSET IN GALE AT SEA

New York, March 17.—(Special).—Upset in a gale, the Norwegian freight steamer Skuld, plying between Philadelphia and Rotterdam, was found on her beam ends by the Hamburg-American Line steamer, 150 miles south of Miquelon, on March 13. She had been abandoned by the crew.

CITY'S COUNSEL RETURN.

I. F. Hellmuth and Wm. Johnston, assistant city solicitor, who have been arguing the city's omnibus suit against the street railway before the privy council, are expected to arrive home to-day.

ARCTIC SHIP BEING REPAIRED.

Trondhem, Norway, March 17.—The Arctic steamship Frithof, which is to transport the Wellman-Chicago Record Herald party expedition to Spitzbergen in the spring, has arrived here for repairs.

DROWNING VICTIMS BURIED.

Alvinston, March 17.—(Special).—The bodies of Charlie McKellar and Milton Wallis, drowned Wednesday, which were recovered Friday, were interred here to-day.

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Impressive name of Alain Le Roy Locke, is the first negro to win a Rhodes scholarship. Locke is a senior in Harvard University. He won the honor that entitles him to study at Oxford at a competitive examination held at Boston and was one of seven aspirants who passed.

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