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**POWER OF NIAGARA FALLS.**

Hamilton People Call in on Premier Hardy

**AND THEY MAKE A PROTEST**

Against the Extension of the So-Called Alien Company's Charter.

They Claim That Canadian Interests Will be Passed Over by the Company Asking for an Extension—Mayor Colquhoun Explains the Great Interest Which the Americans City Has in This Matter—President Robinson of the Board of Trade Also Speaks—Mr. Hardy to be Heard

The City Council and Board of Trade of Hamilton spoke with no uncertain sound yesterday their disapproval of the proposed extension of the Niagara Falls Power Company's charter by the Ontario Government. The large delegation from the above bodies which waited upon the Premier yesterday was unanimous in asking that the foreign company, which now controls the power, and which they claim, is using it to the detriment rather than the benefit of Canadian interests, be deprived of that power, and the development put into the hands either of the Ontario Government or of a syndicate which will have Canadian welfare at heart. Some very effective arguments were used and then the representatives of the Power Company present were given a hearing.

**WHO WERE THERE.**

The City Council was represented by Mayor Colquhoun, Ald. Miller, Ald. Hannaford, Ald. Baugh, Ald. Carstairs, Ald. Griffith, City Solicitor Mackelcan and City Clerk Beasley. The Board of Trade representatives were: President W. A. Robinson, Vice-President H. Hendrie, J. Turnbull, W. H. Glasco, John A. Bruce, J. A. Middleton, M. L. J. and C. R. Smith, while Mr. T. S. Wilson appeared in the interests of St. Catharines. Nor was the Power Company represented. Mr. C. Shaw, Secretary W. B. Rankine and Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, Q. C., being on hand to watch proceedings. Mr. W. C. Holman, solicitor for the Park Commission, was also present.

**HAMILTON'S MAYOR SPEAKS.**

Mayor Colquhoun spoke first, as representing the civic authorities. After briefly congratulating Mr. Hardy upon his new honors, he pointed out that Hamilton's geographical situation made it imperative that the electric power should be developed within the specified time or else the contract would be cancelled. He entered a strong protest against the further extension of the company's time, arguing that the company, by giving notice, could do the thing which he pleaded and would only hold on so long as it was convenient to the government. He was, therefore, not sure of even the \$35,000.

**PRESIDENT ROBINSON'S VIEWS.**

Mr. W. A. Robinson, President of the Hamilton Board of Trade, was heard next. He gave a long address, in which he referred to the Mayor's sentiments in favor of Canada for Canadians, and then he said that the power might accrue from the water-power of Niagara should be enjoyed by the people of Ontario, and indirectly by the whole of Canada. The number of horse-power as commonly calculated, was that of the power run into consideration the chemical power which could be produced, which would be particularly useful in the reduction of ore, and which would be a much better use of the power than the Canadian capital if the contract were extended. He considered that it would be much better to place the power under the control of the Ontario Government directly than to have it in the hands of a private company, and that the United States, which they proposed to have, would be a franchise with such tremendous possibilities as the one they were obtaining involved. No set value could be placed on it at all, as there was every probability that in the course of a few years developments would render the power to be of unlimited value.

**WHAT MR. HENDRIE SAYS.**

Mr. William Hendrie was also a member of the Board of Trade, but he did not speak. He was, however, present.

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**COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.**

**A Good Budget From East Toronto—Belong at Toronto Junction and Weston**

—A Chequer Match.

James Weir of Scarborough, farmer, had a cheque for \$1000 from the City of Toronto, which he had applied for to be paid to him. The cheque was for the amount of \$1000, which was the amount of the tax on the property of the Scarborough farmer. The cheque was paid to him by the City of Toronto.

**HAMILTON NEEDS IT.**

Ald. Carscallen thought that all the manufacturing industries of Hamilton should be run from Niagara Falls power. The agreement, which compelled the company to run only 1000 horsepower in Canada, at the same time enabled them to carry on all their business to the detriment of the Canadian interests. In the first place, \$35,000 was by no means an adequate amount of transmission money. There was no agreement to compel the company to transmit any power to Hamilton, and unless such conditions could be forced upon them, some other company ought to be given power of transmission.

**THE PREMIER ASKS ADVICE.**

Mr. Hardy enquired what they would advise, if when the Government had spent a million or so in development, they found it necessary to spend three or four million more. The Premier thought that in spending such a sum they would be amply justified by the income it would give them in the future. He thought that the matter was of as vital importance to Toronto or London as it was to Hamilton.

**THE SITUATION SIMPLE.**

Mr. Mackelcan considered the whole situation a simple one. The Government could derive an immense revenue from the power if they could only have a free hand in dealing with it. The development of the power should be entirely in their hands. They could easily raise a loan of \$600,000 at 3 per cent, to develop the power. The Premier thought that instead of the paltry \$35,000 they were obtaining for the power, they should have a much larger sum. If they controlled the power themselves, they would be able to derive income from the power. There was a great power, a national power, in the hands of the Ontario Government, and it was proposed to give it over into the hands of a foreign power, who would be able to use it to their own advantage. Canada's advantage of the Niagara power, and as it stood they were getting almost nothing out of it. The Premier thought that the Government control, if the contract fell to the ground from its own weight, it would be the best thing that ever happened this country.

**ABOVE AND BELOW.**

Mr. Mackelcan was speaking of the possibility of the Government controlling the power, but deputed the development to a private corporation. Mr. Mackelcan interjected: "We have only let the power above the Falls. Would there not be as great a power and to watch proceedings. Mr. W. C. Holman, solicitor for the Park Commission, was also present."

**OTHERS WOULD SPEAK IN.**

Mr. G. H. Gillingham wanted to know whether, if the present company were to drop out, there would be another to take its place. Mr. Mackelcan believed he need have no hesitation in saying that there would be another to take its place. He entered a strong protest against the further extension of the company's time, arguing that the company, by giving notice, could do the thing which he pleaded and would only hold on so long as it was convenient to the government. He was, therefore, not sure of even the \$35,000.

**MR. GILLARD OBJECTED.**

Mr. W. H. Gillard came to object to any extension being granted the Niagara Falls Power Company. He said that the power of the Falls, he was of the opinion that the Government could make money out of the business as well as any private company. He said that the power of the Falls would be a course most benefited if the power was properly utilized, but Toronto was near enough to derive immense advantage as well.

**THE COMPANY'S SIDE.**

Mr. Gillingham, however, could give no positive reply to this and Mr. W. B. Rankin was permitted to say a few words on behalf of the Power Company. He read letters from the General Electric Company of Canada and the United States, which they proposed to have, would be a franchise with such tremendous possibilities as the one they were obtaining involved. No set value could be placed on it at all, as there was every probability that in the course of a few years developments would render the power to be of unlimited value.

**COL. SHAW SPEAKS.**

Col. Shaw of the Niagara Falls Power Company did not think any other company would take the matter up. He said that the power of the Falls, he was of the opinion that the Government could make money out of the business as well as any private company. He said that the power of the Falls would be a course most benefited if the power was properly utilized, but Toronto was near enough to derive immense advantage as well.

**LIBRARIAN LANCEFIELD ON THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION.**

He Thinks the Things Most of the Temperance People Wait on the Markets, Fire and Police Committee to Ask for Reduction of the Number of Licenses

**STABBING CASE A MYSTERY**

The Victim Is Doing Fairly Well in the Hospital.

Thirteen Battalion Sergeants Held Their Annual Dinner

A Lot of New Paragraphs Gathered Up Within Hamilton's Borders.

Miss Watson of the Philadelphia School of Cookery gave an interesting lesson yesterday at the School of Domestic Science on the preparation of food for the sick.

**GENERAL TOPICS.**

John Schwenger, 312 Bold-street, Toronto, has been arrested by the police for the unsanitary condition of his premises between Front and York streets, and for interfering with the access to his Bold-street property by raising the level of the street.

**THE STABBING CASE.**

No Further Clue to the Roberts-McAllister Prodiging Favorably.

The stabbing affray at the T. H. and B. tunnel has shrouded still in mystery and when the police have forwarded the efforts of the detectives, McAllister is progressing favorably.

**REDUCTION OF LICENSES.**

A Warm Discussion Before the Markets, Fire and Police Committee.

A special meeting of the Markets, Fire and Police Committee was held in the council chamber to-night. Ald. McAllister, Ald. Baugh, Ald. Carstairs, Ald. Griffith, Ald. Hannaford, Ald. Miller, Ald. Rankin, Ald. Shaw, Ald. Wilson, Ald. Young, and Ald. Ziegler were present.

These are the figures that appear to overshadow all the Equitable Life Assurance Society, published to-day. There are many other figures in the statement that make a magnificent showing, but the figures that overshadow all the others are those that show the number of deaths among the insured.

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The statement, altogether, is one that will be read with interest by everyone with pleasure by the policy-holders, and certainly with pride by those who are responsible for the management of the society.

Clark and Dewey Will Go Out Boston, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Boston Bureau publishes the following today: "A State-street gentleman says G. P. Clark will go out of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, and Chauncey M. Dewey will go out of the New York Central."

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Ald. Carscallen's Views. Ald. Carscallen did not believe that the Government should continually

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