

BECK'S STATEMENT AT FRIDAY MEETING.

Not Borne Out by the Documents.

Cataract Would Assist the City

In Doing Its Own Street Lighting.

One of the statements made by Hon. Adam Beck in the course of his attack on the Cataract Power Company, at the mass meeting held here last week to boom the \$225,000 by-law, was nailed to wood when Hon. J. M. Gibson, President of the company, handed out for publication a letter that places the chairman of the Hydro Commission in a rather bad light.

The communication which was given to the press to-day, and which was sent to the commission August, 1906, is certainly very much at variance with the statement made by Mr. Beck. The letter is as follows, and speaks for itself:

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of the Province of Ontario, 25 Toronto Street, Toronto. Gentlemen,—In further reference to your letter of 13th ultimo, and after carefully considering the subject, I beg to say, amongst your specifications of conditions No. 1 will prevent us from sending tender for the supply of current in requisition. You have probably overlooked the fact that our plant is thoroughly committed to a frequency of six-and-two-thirds cycles. Our experience with this current is such as to lead us to believe that it is eminently well adapted to electric power purposes, but our plant being what it is, we are unable to supply twenty-five cycle current.

We would suggest that the commission investigate the question as to whether twenty-five cycle is the better current for its purpose than our higher frequency. I may say also that our engagements for the delivery of power, as they stand to-day, are such that we are in relation to the comparatively small size of our development, that it would be a matter of serious question to us whether we could part with a block of power of this size in case the commission should be willing to consider a supply at our frequency.

Speaking of the company's offer to supply the city with power for its municipal lighting plant, Colonel Gibson said that seriously speaking he thought the city should do its own lighting just to see what it costs. The company is prepared to furnish this to the extent of permitting the use of the plant and equipment on a reasonable basis and supplying power at a rate per year which officials of the company declare is cheaper than the city can hope to get it from the Hydro Commission, Colonel Gibson said he thought the aldermen were serious when they asked for the street lights at less than \$50, and that probably there was a general impression to that effect among the public.

General Manager Hawkins, who was present, when asked about the statement made by the experts at the lighting arbitration now in progress, to the effect that they considered Hamilton should get its lights for at least \$55, pointed out that when these witnesses were asked if they had allowed anything in their estimates for damage that might be caused by storms, replied that they had not. Yet the Cataract Company has had an experience where its street lights were wrecked by a storm. It took more than a year's profit to repair the damage.

Mr. Hawkins smiles at the Hydro figure of \$43 on magnetite lamps, and characterizes this as decidedly foolish. The Cataract Company in tendering on this same lamp quoted a price much higher, and stipulated that the old lamps should be used for the first three years of the ten-year term, after which the magnetite lamps would be installed, providing it was shown that they were commercially feasible at that time.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Deaconesses Give the Little Ones a Treat.

On Saturday evening 200 children gathered at the Deaconess' Home to enjoy a visit from Santa Claus. For the past two weeks parcels, hales and boxes of all shapes and sizes had been pouring into the home from friends in the city and surrounding country, who knew that this treat was being prepared for the little ones.

At 4 o'clock the lights were lit, and the Christmas tree, laden with dolls, toys and all those things which bring so much joy to the hearts of the young, was beheld with exclamations of delight on all sides. A short programme was given by the girls and boys, and after the serving of substantial refreshments one of the deaconesses came forward to act the part of Santa Claus. Each child was made happy with a doll or toy, as well as a more useful gift, and as they left the room one by one, each was given a bag of candies, nuts and an orange.

CENTRE YORK.

Richmond Hill, Ont., Dec. 23.—Polling in the Centre York Dominion by-election is going on briskly, and already over one-third of the votes are polled. The weather is mild, with wet snow falling. The roads are good. Both parties are very hopeful of victory.

A COLLISION.

Freight Ran Into Side of a Passenger Train.

There was a side-on collision in the Stuart street yard of the G. T. R. this morning. Although no one was hurt, considerable damage was done to rolling stock. An incoming freight train attempted to take the outward main line as a passenger train for Toronto was going out. The engine of the freight left the track and the baggage car of the passenger was badly damaged. The steps of the passenger coaches were torn off, and the occupants of the cars badly frightened. The passenger train was not delayed very long, however, by the accident.

LITTLE HOPE

That Cabinet Will Interfere in Jake Sunfield's Case.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special)—A meeting of the Cabinet has been called for this afternoon to deal with the report of the Minister of Justice on the Sunfield case. There does not appear to be any hope for a new trial, and clemency is extremely doubtful, but the Cabinet will have to decide.

WELLAND'S BOOM.

Work in Progress on Page-Hersey Buildings.

Welland, Dec. 23.—(Special)—People who supposed the boom at this place had ceased will admit their mistake when they learn that the Page-Hersey Company, iron pipe manufacturers, have had operations begun upon the foundation of their \$150,000 building, which is to be completed by March. This plant, it is said, will employ about 1,000 men. There is also talk of another mammoth concern coming either to Welland or Tillsonburg. This company asks for \$15,000 bonus. Fourteen new industries have located in town.

WARDEN STOPPED

School Inspector From Moving Into New Quarters.

There is likely to be a little friction between the city and county members of the Joint Court House Committee at the next meeting of that body. Some of the aldermen resent the action of the Warden in interfering with the orders of the committee. It appears that at the last meeting of the committee it was unanimously decided to allow Mr. J. H. Smith, the County School Inspector, to have one of the offices used by the late Major O'Reilly, as the duties of the late local master have been divided between the judges and the Deputy clerk of the Crown, Mr. T. H. A. Beggs. Mr. Smith's office of some years has been in the basement, which is dark and damp. The Warden, it is claimed however, instructed the caretaker that no change was to be made till the next meeting of the committee, as the two Judges represented to him that they require the offices of the late Master-in-Chancery. Mr. Smith is greatly disappointed at not being able to "move in." Ald. Baird intends to make a strong protest against the action of the Warden.

NEW PRIESTS.

Bishop DuMoulin Held Ordination at Cathedral.

Bishop DuMoulin conducted an ordination service at Christ's Church Cathedral yesterday morning, at which the following priests were ordained: Rev. W. P. Lyons, deacon to assist Rev. F. C. Piper at Thorold; Rev. J. L. Garrie, B. A., missionary to Moorefield, Rothsay and Drayton; Rev. F. C. Walling, rector of Cayuga; Rev. W. L. Archer, B. A., missionary to Nassagawaya and Lowville. The candidates were shown the offices of the late Master-in-Chancery. Canon Bull assisted Canon Sutherland. Canon Abbott conducted the first part of the services.

Canon Sutherland in his sermon to the young priests took as his text 2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter and 2nd verse, "The things which thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faith for me, who shall be able to teach others also." Canon Sutherland referred to the dignity of the ministry, and also spoke of the necessity of carrying on the doctrine of giving faith to others. He said that the succession of ministers from the time of St. Paul had been continuous and unbroken years ago. He also pointed out the necessity of sincerity. Without sincerity the work would be like salt without its savor—useless. Eloquence and success in the pulpit and the parish might be followed by a condemnation from the Great Judge, unless holiness was in the preacher. He appealed to the laity for sympathy and forbearance towards the priests in the difficult work they have to accomplish and he asked them to follow their pastor not only with their esteem but with their prayers.

THE GREAT STORE

For Last Minute Xmas Needs—The Right House.

Go direct to the Right House for your last minute Christmas needs. They are ready to serve you with magnificent Christmas stocks and wonderful values. Extra salespeople for quick service. Extra cash and parcel boys. Extra cashiers. A superb stock of lovely and dependable gift goods of a sensible and practical nature. You will find extraordinary values in just the things you want, in all likelihood. There are scores and scores of reductions on Christmas gift things all over the store. Reductions that mean the saving of much money for you. Read their big gift suggestion in ad. in this paper, and get out to the Right House bright and early to-morrow morning, and you will save time, worry and money.

MR. JOHN MILNE

Tells the Citizens How Much He Has Done for Hamilton.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—An editorial appeared in the Hamilton Times of Friday, 20th inst., in which my name is several times mentioned. The editorial states that I am a Conservative and President of the Conservative Association, which is true, and I am proud of it. My name is associated with four others, and I am satisfied that if the X-rays of the Times office were turned on these gentlemen either in their public or their private life, they would be found to compare favorably with any other citizens of Hamilton. In the editorial there is a paragraph referring to the recent fire at the works of the company of which I am President. We had the misfortune to have a fire some three or four weeks ago, which happened in our very busiest season, and was a great loss to us, although we had covered by insurance, as it has completely stopped our business in certain lines for a time. It is kind that I may be looking for another city grant, or bonus, to help defray the fire loss. Now I consider this a most unbecoming and mean insinuation, unworthy even of the Times, about a citizen who is a large manufacturer and is interested in many industries in this city. I have been a citizen of Hamilton since the year 1855, and I have done my very best to advance the interests of the city in many ways, a fact which I think most people will freely acknowledge. I am sure I have done as much for the city's interests as the Times newspaper has ever done. I remain, yours truly, JOHN MILNE.

[In the above appeal for public sympathy, it will be noticed that Mr. Milne makes no reference to the statements in the Hamilton Spectator, which called forth the remarks in the Times. Silence in this regard may be taken for granted that the party organ correctly stated the position of the Conservative executive on things and men municipal. That position is: "In Tory control the Conservative executive decides who shall and who shall not be Conservative candidates, and these elected, the executive insists that those appointed to office shall be Conservative." We understand that Mr. Milne is at the head of the executive. If that be so, we have the startling fact that he and others, combined insist, so far as they can, that one-half the citizens of Hamilton shall be denied all opportunity of filling any position of emolument in the gift of the city of Hamilton. That is to say, all ratepayers or residents in this city who do not belong to the Conservative party will be ostracized and legislated against, even though they should compare "either in their public or their private life" more favorably than do Mr. Milne and his four X-ray friends. The injustice—not to say hogwashiness, for the loaves and fishes—of this position on the part of any body of gentlemen is too apparent to need any comment. When any man publicly assumes such a position he should not prate about what he has done for the city or feel surprise if the public should question his disinterestedness in the affairs of the city.—Ed.]

NICKEL THEATRES.

Several of Them Open in This City Yesterday.

More like New York every day is this little city getting. The limit was about reached when many of the nickel theatres were opened for business yesterday morning early and did a good business all day. The police were notified and took the names. The argument put up by the owners was that they had as much right to show biblical pictures and sing sacred songs as the temperance people had to hold lectures and show pictures on Sunday in the Bennett Theatre. The Chief will communicate with the Department of Justice asking permission to proceed against the owners for this alleged breach of the Sunday law.

A Smoker's Christmas Gift.

A first grade genuine Peterson patent pipe with amber mouthpiece in a handsome case, or vulcanite stems without cases. All sizes and shapes of Peterson pipes to select from at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

BY ACCLAMATION.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special).—C. B. Major was elected to-day by acclamation in Labelle, where Bourassa resigned.

THE PRINCE FOUND GUILTY.

Convicted of False Pretence and Accused of Witchcraft.

Theft and Receiving Cases in Court This Morning.

Also a Number of Snow Cases Disposed of.

There were seventeen cases besides the adjourned liquor cases to be dealt with at Police Court this morning and Magistrate Jelfs with the able assistance of Sgt. Pinch got through them in good time. Snow cases were on the list again and James Shea, Queen street, William Lord, Glenfern avenue, and Edith O'Neil, 212 Bay street south, were asked to hand out \$2 each. Dave McNoah, 4 Tiffany street, and M. O'Connor, 24 Wood west, were arrested yesterday afternoon with a big jag on, they pleaded guilty and were soaked \$5 each, the regular Sunday tariff.

Jennie Silver, 21 Railway street, was charged by her sister-in-law with assault but the Magistrate dismissed the charge as he does not believe in butting into family rows. J. Johns, 20 Burlington west, was fined \$10 for hitting one Hodal on the head last night. He used a club, it was said, but did not have enough strength to do it to any damage.

Hugh James, 100 Dundas street, was charged with assault on a woman, and was fined \$10. Charles Daulton, 10 Dundas street, and Henry Daulton, 10 Dundas street, were charged with assault on a woman, and were fined \$10 each. They were charged with stealing tools from employees at the Gasometer Company, where they worked. The two complainants were J. W. Harty and Peter Harty. The prisoners pleaded not guilty and were taken to the jail.

Early this morning the tools about six weeks ago and Henry Zeats, 10 Windsor street, with William Benson, 100 Dundas street, were charged with stealing tools from employees at the Gasometer Company, where they worked. The two complainants were J. W. Harty and Peter Harty. The prisoners pleaded not guilty and were taken to the jail.

Constable Sayers said he and Robson had got all the tools but one piece in Zeats' trunk. Baird told them he had borrowed one of them. His wife told a similar story. Constable Sayers said he and Robson had got all the tools but one piece in Zeats' trunk. Baird told them he had borrowed one of them. His wife told a similar story.

The Magistrate questioned him closely with a view to deporting him. Benson said he found the tools and gave them to Baird, who said they were his. He denied owing Baird any money at any time. Benson was found guilty of stealing and Baird guilty of receiving the tools. The other charge was that of stealing a hammer and chisel from Peter Baird, and that of stealing a hammer and chisel and some bits. Constable Sayers said he got the tools out of Baird's trunk.

Zeats was Benson bringing the tools in. The Magistrate came to the same decision on this charge as in the former case. He remanded both for a few days, but the police might make enquiries. W. Bigley, a boarder at the Zeats house, came up after this decision had been reached and corroborated the story of Baird.

The remand still stands. Henry D. Williams, Prince of Africa, charged with obtaining \$5 by false pretences, was found guilty of that charge. He was charged with pretending to practice witchcraft and sorcery on December 18. The Crown asked for a remand for a week, which was granted as he wants to make enquiries about his nobis.

GIFT SEEKERS

Should Get Out Between 8 and 10 To-morrow Morning.

Just a few last words: Every reader of this paper who has Christmas buying yet to do, should get right out early to-morrow morning, between 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock. Arrange home matters so that you can get out early. It will be for your own comfort and convenience, as well as serving the salespeople a better chance to serve you properly. If obliged to shop in the afternoon between 2:30 and 3:00 is the best time, or between 7 and 8 in the evening. Undoubtedly many people have been disappointed to-day on account of the bad weather, and that means that stores will be taxed to the utmost to-morrow. Show your Christmas goodwill by being out early in the morning. It will give help to relieve the great afternoon rush.

EVERY PAPER SOLD.

Not one copy of the Times Christmas number is left. The demand on Saturday was so great that every paper was gone by noon and hundreds more could have been sold. The issue was an exceptionally large one, and the distribution has been very general, almost every home in Hamilton and thousands of others all over the country getting copies. All had words of praise for the number.

NOW FOR TUESDAY.

Finch Bros. are advertising some of the biggest money savings of the year for Tuesday shoppers. It will be the last shopping day and evening before Christmas, and they want to clear off everything in gift goods. Read their advertisement, and if you are economically inclined Finch Bros.' big new store is the place for Tuesday and Tuesday evening shoppers. Open until 10 p. m. at night.

There is Comfort

In a water bottle that won't wear out. It can show you a hot water bottle that will wear forever; you need never be afraid of leaks, after the stopper has been properly placed in the bottle. They are well adapted for use as foot-warmers. Sold at 60c and 75c by Parke & Parke, druggists.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

The Man In Overalls

Only one more day to get them.

Is your sidewalk dangerous? Aldermanic candidates will please step to the front.

If you are all through I think I will do my own buying now.

It will soon be time to turn over that new leaf.

Will Board of Control mean Tory control?

Jim Livingston must be the best man of Grimsey.

We have now passed the shortest day and the longest night. The short and the long of it.

What's become of the band sleigh with the straw in the bottom for the moonlight nights?

There are still lots of fine Christmas gifts in the stores. Get after them.

Don't forget your poor friends or the poor strangers when you Santa Claus.

Talking of monuments, that imposing pile of buildings known as the new Drill Hall forms a splendid monument to the energy and enterprise of our mutual friend, Mr. Adam, Zimmerman.

The Hamilton manufacturers are not very anxious to help London and these other places to get cheap power.

Thank goodness, the Tory Executive cannot insist upon us voting the Tory ticket.

The massacre in turkey this week is simply just awful.

The confessed ignorance of the Hydro promoters is had enough, but the unconfessed kind must be ten times worse.

The "new blood" on the School Board will make the money fly next year with all those fads and fancies.

There are some flat wheeled street cars that chase one another up and down James street south that make noise enough to wake the dead. When they pass, chairs rock and chandeliers shake and people get ready to run out in case the ceiling should come tumbling down on top of them. Please call them in.

James street south residents state flatly that they will come down flat-footed on those flat-wheel cars.

SHERMAN CHURCH.

Murmurings Heard and People Asked to Meet Managers.

Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck, pastor of Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church, announced from his pulpit yesterday morning that he had heard murmurings from a certain portion of his flock, which bothered him not a little, as he would never remain over a church in which there was dissension evident. He invited all the members to attend and give their views at the next managers' meeting on Jan. 8.

It is said that the recent progress of the church has not been such as to satisfy the hard-working pastor. Mr. Van Wyck entered heartily into the recent union revival services in the east end, but, it is stated, did not have the cordial and enthusiastic support of the congregation, and that, as a result, other churches in the east end have enjoyed quite a large ingathering, which Sherman Avenue has not shared in. At any rate the dissatisfaction has reached a stage when notice must be taken of it.

AN EXCELLENT SERVICE.

Rain or shine, sleet or rain to-morrow, business is likely to prove the biggest ever handled by our local merchants.

Thousands of shoppers, who were counting on finishing up their Christmas buying to-day had found it impracticable, owing to the disagreeable weather conditions, and these thousands will be forced to join the great throngs of last day shoppers to-morrow.

It will be only the stores that had provided an extraordinary service that will be able to cope with the throngs that will visit them.

In this connection, Stanley Mills & Co. announce that they have a Christmas service that has not yet been taxed to its limit, and can assure all a splendid and quick service to-morrow.

G. T. R. ASKS DELAY IN ENFORCING TWO CENT RATE.

Railway Commission Hears Argument But Will Wait For Court's Order.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special).—The Grand Trunk Railway appeared before the Railway Commission to-day and asked that the enforcement of the order for a two cent rate on their class cars between Montreal and Toronto, as an outcome of the judgment of the Supreme Court, be deferred until the company had an opportunity of appealing to the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council.

Mr. Biggar appeared for the G. T. R. and R. W. Curry in opposition to the request, representing W. H. Robinson. Mr. Biggar said that if a delay were given until February it would be known then whether the Privy Council would grant an appeal. If the appeal were granted the case would be heard in July. Mr. Curry opposed any delay for an appeal. He saw no reason why the order should not take effect at once.

Mr. Biggar said that it would be necessary for one thing to have third class cars made. Mr. Curry thought that some of the existing cars could be used.

Mr. Killam—Most railways that have been running for any length of time have cars which would be none too good to be used for the purpose mentioned.

Mr. Biggar said that tickets would have to be printed and a thousand details attended to before anything could be done.

Mr. Killam said that a decision would be given in a day or two, but as the order of the Supreme Court has not yet issued and is not likely to issue until after vacation on January 10, a decision may not be forthcoming until then. The order will be necessary before the Commission can definitely act upon it.

LEAGUE BEATEN IN ITS CASES TO-DAY.

GOT THREE YEARS.

Deserter Punished for Attempting Criminal Assault.

Spotters Instructed Not to Tempt Men Who Were Not Breaking the Law.

Two More Detectives on Job Yesterday.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Phillip Manahan, alias Tom Reid, a deserter from Wolsley Barracks at London, was sentenced by Magistrate Ball this morning to three years in Kingston Penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to having attempted a criminal assault on Mrs. Clyde, a respectable resident of this city a few days ago. Manahan's record is not the best. He is 20 years of age and was born in Montreal.

MODEL SCHOOL.

Results of the County Examinations Recently Held.

The County Board of Examiners have completed the reading of the answers of the candidates, with the following results, the names being in alphabetical order.

Honors—Evelyn Davies, Mary N. Fox, Ella G. Horning, Stella D. Moore, Hilare R. MacDonald, Mary G. McKnight, Fannie C. Thompson, Isabel Thomson, Jessie E. Walker, Agnes Young.

Pass—Mabel M. V. Barker, Maggie B. Corman, Meta I. Ellsworth, Elva M. Foreman, Kate M. Gage, Selena Gibbons, Nellie Hargreaves, Margaret A. Kitchen, Florence E. Lee, Ariel G. Markle, Ruby E. Slater, Myrtle M. Stewart, Percy E. Costin, Paul T. Dowling, Albert A. McIntyre, R. C. Milligan. District Standing—Beatrice A. Caraher, Mabel F. Scanlon.

THE CANADIAN CATCH OF FISH.

VALUE OF OVER TWENTY-SIX AND A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS.

With One Exception the Catch Was the Largest on Record—Decrease This Year in British Columbia Salmon—Bounties Paid Fishermen.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The annual report of the Fisheries issued to-day shows that the whole catch of fish in our waters by Canadians, including fish produce, seals, etc., during the season of 1906, is valued at over twenty-six million and a quarter dollars. With the exception of last year, when the phenomenal catch of salmon in British Columbia swelled the total value of fisheries beyond twenty-nine million dollars, this year is the largest aggregate on record, exceeding the famous catch of 1901 by half a million dollars. This decrease is mostly attributed to the British Columbia salmon industry.

The deep sea fishermen of the Maritime Province receive the sum of \$139,015 as bounties on their respective catches of fish for the season of 1906. Of this amount the owners of 957 fishing vessels and their crews received \$68,208. The balance, \$70,807, was distributed amongst 20,571 boat fishermen for the past season. The Province of Nova Scotia received nearly double the amount of bounty paid to the other provinces, viz., \$99,518, Quebec \$34,410, New Brunswick \$16,347, and Prince Edward Island \$8,839. Since its inception (1892) the sum of \$3,949,701 has been distributed amongst the fishermen of the provinces.

There was another charge exactly similar to the first one against Hunter, and Mr. Washington stated that he was willing to withdraw it.

"Not guilty" was the plea entered by R. B. Gardner, of the Waldorf, through Geo. Lynch-Staunton, to a charge of selling on Saturday, 7th December, after hours. McCrae said he and Roberts went to a room after 7 o'clock the Saturday night in question, and ordered liquor, which was brought by a bell boy. This was the only time they were at the Waldorf.

Roberts corroborated McCrae's story. They went there at 11:30, he said, and got the drinks, as McCrae said. Mr. Staunton wished to read the notes made by Roberts, but could not make much of them.

R. B. Gardner said there was no violation of the law as far as he knew. Clerk Woodhouse said there was no chance of a boy taking or getting liquor without a written order. Witness remembered McCrae, who registered as Fred. Stevens, and remembered that egg liquor was served to him or at his room.

F. Guest, bartender, was in the bar till 10:15, he said, but looked the door right after, and he and the proprietor were the only ones who could get in.

"It has been laid down by the greatest justices of the land that it is no right to compel on the testimony of an accomplice," said Mr. Staunton, and the Magistrate was apparently of the same opinion.

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