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The recent action of the aldermen of Hamilton and the threatened action of the City of Brantford makes it imperative to once more direct
public attention to the power policy of the Whitrey Goverment the danger of its being weakened, even the possibility of its being do stroyed. Ontario is highly on of the
organized, he ele m every direction, in some places even where has its secret friends and above all it is entrenched in legislation, the result not be sumpected, duous efforts of Hon. J. M. Gibson and the lawyers of the power ring It is also entrenched in a highly organized and very smooth newspape support-of newspapers that are willing to be "voices" and "organs" of
the government if they can only cut the throat of the power policy. The
most ardent newipaper defender most ardent newspaper defender, apologist of the government to-day is
paper which did two things: it fought her paper which did two things: it fought the power policy and the munici-
palities tooth and nail and told Sir James Whitney and his palities tooth and nail and told Sir James Whitney and his governmen
that they were in substance wreckers of innocent investors and that they hed destroyed the credit of Ontario in England because of their power polic, The same paper has also taken the stand that the vote of the people given in the late election did not mean a mandate to carry out the power policy,
it only meant that "honest government" on the old lines was all that
The great danger to the Beck power policy, therefore, lies in thin that the power ring is organized while the public side is unorganized, and
our contention to-day is that the Whitney Government must not eve appear to be pasive in the matter. They must undertake to carry their knows We wish to point out to Sir James what we think he alread ernment, whether as provincial secretary, more a menouncer ofly when attorneygeneral. he deliberately, continuously and designedly introduced legislation
that was hostile to public rights, to municipal rights, and in the interests of the power ring. It was he that created the power ring, and gave it all the
legislation titacourred. He it was who tied up the provine to the companies in that notorious clause that the province should not engage in the production of electricity. He engineered thru Ottawer the greal
franchise that allows his Cataract company to be water fed fo franchise that allows his Cataract company to be water fed for a nominal
sum from the public property known as the Welland Canal. Not only sum from the public property known as the Welland Canal. Not only
did he get the first priviege, but he got the privilege strengthened The
Cataract Power Co, would collapse lite a balloon if it were not for the fact Cataract Power Co. pould collapse like a balloon if it pere not for the fact
that to-day it gets its water from the Welland Canal, which cost the people of this country millions and millions of money, and it is this enemy
who, entrenhed behind legistation and legal argements, fortified by who, entrenched behind legisiation and legal agreements, fortuied
great concesions in coonection with the public works of the country.
is attacking the people of ill Ontario and the public power policy in particular. Years ago The World was the one paper that described Col. him, but subsequent events have shown him to be the most mercenary
man, that ever was in this province in the matter of corporation privileges and the greatest enemy this province ever had of public rights. To-day
he has his Cataract Power Co. and street car franchises capitalized at twenty-five or thirty millions of dollars, where the actual investment has not been above four millions, and his whole effort is to float this inyestment
of three or four millions into twenty-five millions, and he proposes doing it if he can out of the public. Everything to himself and his corpopations,
which are altogether public creations, and which are altogether dependent on a public water supply! It was the legislation secured by Col. Gibson from time to time, steathily slipped into the law, which strengthens the
power ring in this country, and the Premier, if he wishes to vindicate power ring in this country, and the Premier, if he wishes to vindicate
the Beck power policy, must offset the manipulations of Cibson and com-
pany, and the public must to-day have the assistance at every point of the pany, and the public must to-day have the assistance at every point of the
government, and especially of the attorney-general of this province, to governinent, and especially of the attorney-general of this province, to
arrest the aggressions now being made under legisation that a government hostile to public rights gave some years ago. In olher words, an
apathectic policy of resistance by an existing govermment cantiot meet an active policy of aggression based on the legislation of a former government.
The World believes that Sir James Whitney feels more than ever his responsibility to the people in the matter of this power policy, but The
World is doing him an act of kindness in telling him that there are men in his government whose friendship to the power policy is questioned by
the people. There are ministers who seem to act as if they were inspired
by M. Wi. the people. There are ministrs wholecemyer, and very much associated
by Mr. Wallace Nesitt a very able lawyer
with the power interests; and Col. Hendrie has had the misfortune of having endorsed on two occasions the candidature of Mr. Scott as his colleague in the legislature from Hamilton, a candidate who was an out-
and-out hostile to public ownership, and the Beck power policy especially.
A great many people thought that inasmuch as Col. Hendrie was a A great many people thought that inasmuch as Col. Hendrie was a
member of the power commission and of a government committed to public ownership in regard to power and a gooenment whose main asset
in the way of holding the support of the people was this powet policy it should have been his care to have had the Conservatives put up a can-
didate sympathetic with the policy. A direct and avowed enemy wa didate sympathetic with the policy. Aedrect and avowed enemy wai
put up twice and beaten twice. Mr. Hendrie, earnest in support of the
power policy, should have refused such a colleague. He tried to power him!
elect Surely the Premier must see that the day has come to legisial
forthwith that no municinal council can hereafter part with any public franchise until approved by a vote of the electors. The scandal of the
Hamilton aldermen ignoring the twice expressed vote of the people Hamilton aldermen ignoring the twice expressed vote of the people for a
contract with the public power commission must be cured and prevented contract with the pubic power commission must be cured and preven ace
hereofter. This was entirel manipulated by Hon. J. M. Gibson. once
attorney-general of Ontario! He is trying to repeat the trick in Brant atorney-general of Nhat does Col. Hendrie think of the Hamilton aldermen re
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men using the Hydro-Electric Pover Commission's terms vith Toronto as men using the Hydro-Electric Power Commision's terms with Toronto as
the basis of their oun infamous agreements In other words, Hamilton
would have been forever sewed up to Gibson if it had not been for Reck
 agreement with Gibson that betrays the Beck policy! The people of
Hamilton have not done this, but the aldermen have done it in spite of Mr. Premier, the time has come for you to get off your coat, to
re-examine your surroundings, to read the Riot Act, maybe, io meet Gibson on his own ground! win out inpressively. And it will win out all the easier by joining
immediate issue with its enemy. What will Mr. Borden's fight for public ownership in the coming
federal election amount to if Gibson bursts the Whiney power federal election amount to if Gibson bursts the Whitney power policy in
Ontario? Well, that is just what the ex-attorney-general. of Ontario is
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|  <br> Some Damage by Hail--Lates $\operatorname{In}$ formation From All Parts of the Country. <br> WINNIPEG, Aug. 7.-(Special.)-The crop report issued by the C.P.R. to-day indicates that while the crop is making excellent progress, many districta are badly in need of rain. are badly in need of rain. <br> to crop to give a high grade. In many dis- tricts, too, hail is reported, tho it does not appear that any of the areas damaged are extensive. On the Brandon and Varcoe sections cutting will begin by the first of next week. Rain is needed for late grain. On the Emerson, Teulon, Minnedosa and Souris sections, conditions are favorable, except for shortage of rain. On the Lariviere section, 30 per, cent. of the crop is reported cut in, the Morden district, with practically all of the grain ready for the machines. On Broadview, Pheasant Hills, Rapid City, Yorkton, Miniota, Lenore, Napinka, Lleyton, Mowbray and Reston the statement that they could do with On the last mountain section slight on the Arcola branch hall is reported from Arcolai and Carlyle. At McLean Macoun and Estevan on Estevan secIs also the case at Filmore, Heward, Forget and Kisby on Moose Mountain $\qquad$ | THAW IS BANKRUPT. <br> Says He seekciforajolveneé to Do Gred <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> It is is absolutely necessary due to the heavy expense which $I$ have been <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> created and I consider that by becom- ing bainkupt I I insure justice to to <br> INSPECTOR WON'T GO. <br> Brantrora Rantens. Snlary to Keep Him <br> BRaNTRORD, Aug. 7- (Spectal.)- <br> Whirty appliceants to the prinincalientip <br> ot Alexandra public school at s1000. Inspector Hoag, who was appounted <br> to the new London Normal School, will not resign his position and will re- <br>  <br> London, ham soen appoince ins astuctor instruc- tor here at 8600 <br> WARRANT FOR MOTHER. <br>  <br> BRANTFORD, Aug. 7.-(Spectal)- <br>  <br> week. mother 1 s charged with aldang the ghe thivd to avold beting taken. Thus the <br> tar Sheriff Watt and his officers have falled to secure any clue to the chlld's <br>  <br>  $\square$ <br> waited upon Sir Wulfrid Laurier. Hon. W. s. Fildimg and Hon. Sydney Fisher <br>  |
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