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HYDRO ON THE CARPET

There was some lively scenes before the Gregory Commission in Toronto last week when Hydro was on the carpet, and an echo was heard of days gone by when the Eugenia development company was in control of the power out there. Mr. A. O. Hogg complained of the treatment meted out to his company by which they lost a great deal of money. But we think this sort of kicking at the Hydro will not get anybody anywhere, and the old company can never expect Hydro to make good their losses at Eugenia, a great deal of which was caused by unwise development, such as putting a useless tunnel through the mountain at a cost of thousands of dollars. This tunnel could not be used by Hydro and Mr. Hogg can scarcely expect renumeration therefore.

Not so unreasonabe was the charge that Hydro had spent $11,000 in the recent radial campaign without any authority therefor. Mr. Drury says this big sum was never authorized by the Commission, Hon. Mr. Carmichael says he knew nothing of it. Mr. Beck says it was authorized, and he was told by Mr. Drury's Deputy that Col. Carmichael did know about it. Somebody is not telling the truth here, but the fact remains that Hydro got away with that $11,000 of the people's money for campaign purposes without authorization from any responsible source. This lets in a ray of light on the methods of those who control Hydro, and it is not a pleasant illumination for those who gaze and pay.

A VICTORIOUS DEFEAT

A bye-election was held in North Essex on Thursday last, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. W. C. Kennedy. A. F. Healy, the Liberal candidate, was elected by a majority of 1600. This is a huge come-down from the majority which his predecessor secured at the last election. A vote of this kind in a strongly Liberal constituency will not be looked on as a defeat by the defeated candidate. While he did not get the plum, he seems to have secured a good big armful of the foliage.

Turkey asks only "the right to live." Well, in this country we don't allow 'em to live any longer than we can help. Thanksgiving Day generally ends their career.

Autoists are busy counting out their twelve dollars for a car license and one dollar for a ten centmarker

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The Toronto papers recently gave out the information that the mine owners in the United States were making enormous profits on the anthracite coal. We have known for some time that somebody is having a big rake-off by the price that is charged for the coal. The price delivered from coal yards in Toronto has been $15.50. Here, delivered off the car, it was $18.50.

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The Ontario Government has at last taken drastic action and sentenced a man from Detroit, Mich., for reckless driving when he struck and killed a Chatham man with his automobile. A license to drive in Ontario has been refused him for two years. By the large number of fatal auto accidents in Ontario last year it seems as though some drastic action should be taken. It would do a lot of good if more licenses were refused to speed maniacs who take their lives in their hands and also being a menace to the country.

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It is claimed that the fire losses in Canada during the year of 1922 were the heaviest on record for years. The ratio from losses incurred to premiums written is 68.64 per cent., as compared with 58.28 per cent. in 1921, the total fire loss being $32,565,816. No doubt a large part of this loss was caused by the fire in Northern Ontario last fall. But even with that the loss is tremendous, not only in the buildings destroyed, but in the businesses shut down on that account, until new quarters could be secured. All the advertising given on fire prevention is not worth a hoot unless the people co-operate to prevent fires. A little more thought on the part of citizens would prevent scores of fires.

Road Extravagance

A writer from Grey County in last Saturday's Farmers' Sun has the following scathing remarks to make on road extravagance:

Norfolk County has given warning and also Brant. Grey has a voice too, and will soon follow the rest against this wasteful extravagance on county and provincial roads.

In Glenelg township in 1922 on the county road near Priceville $27,000 was spent on the 2½ miles in making a fill. Stones were drawn 1½ miles or more yet stones in Glenelg are as plentiful as rabbits in Australia.

In looking over the tax bills from 1914 to 1922 I find that the rates have gone up from 7 4-10 mills to 8 mills in 1922 for county purposes. The township rate has remained about stationary while the county rate has increased four times as much as it was in 1914. The taxpayer paid 48 per cent. in direct taxation in 1922, the Province and Dominion 52 per cent.

The present road building craze began in the dying years of the Hearst government as an election dodge, and was continued by the present one. The Motor League waited on the Government and County Councils asking for good roads with the result that roads were built regardless of cost. The townships tried to load all the roads they could on the county, and the county got the province to take over certain leading roads, the higher control went the more it cost to build per mile. The township councils are now getting their eyes open and see where they are drifting by getting the county to take over roads in the township, the county councils being controlled by urban reeves and sometimes urban wardens, who boost high grade roads to the limit.

What we want in this province is fair roads for all and not concrete pavements for a few.

Does the Highway Department remember the U. F. O. platform of 1919? It has not changed!

I have heard people say go on with the road building, the Government pays for it, but I would like to know who pays the Government? The idea is, make the other fellow pay, but who is "the other fellow?" He is the taxpayer first and last.

Gordon Gibson, a Walkerton electrician, was fined $10 and costs, or a total levy of $17.90, on a complaint laid by Inspector Sergeant of Kitchener, who charged him with failing to properly solder and tape the joints in some electric wiring he had done.

Fined $25 A Day On Income Delay

The Chesley Enterprise says:—Police Magistrate McNab held a Court in Chesley on Tuesday morning in connection with prosecutions for failure to file income tax returns. Wm. T. Redford of Elmwood and Franklin Schilling both appeared and were convinced and fined. The fines is $25.00 a day, but the information only alleged two days' default though a great many more than this might have been alleged. Neither of the parties is taxable, but each received a registered letter from the Inspector of taxation at London notifying them to file a return for 1920. Because they had no taxable income, they were told by advisers that they did not have to file a return and so innocently defaulted. The law is very clear that any person who has a taxable income and fails to file a return is liable to a heavy fine and any person who received from the Inspector of Taxation a demand to file a return, even though the return will show no taxable income, is liable to a fine of $25.00 a day if he fails to do so. Police Magistrate McNab had three cases in Walkerton on Monday and has a number of cases throughout the County and the Inspector of Taxation at London reports that there are thousands of cases in the Province. The object of the prosecution is to impress upon the public what the law is and that it must be obeyed. Any person receiving a notice from the Inspector of Taxation will do well to attend to it at once and save a prosecution.

J. Harry Flynn was sentenced in Toronto police court to two years' imprisonment and ten lashes for indecent conduct. This is the Flynn who a few years ago made a big demand on the government to give returned soldiers a cash bonus of $2000, supporting his demand by vigorous speeches throughout the country.

Administrator's Sale in Flesherton

An Auction Sale will held on

Thursday, March 23, 1923

to dispose of the office fixtures and supplies of R. J. SPROULE, deceased, at his late premises, consisting of:

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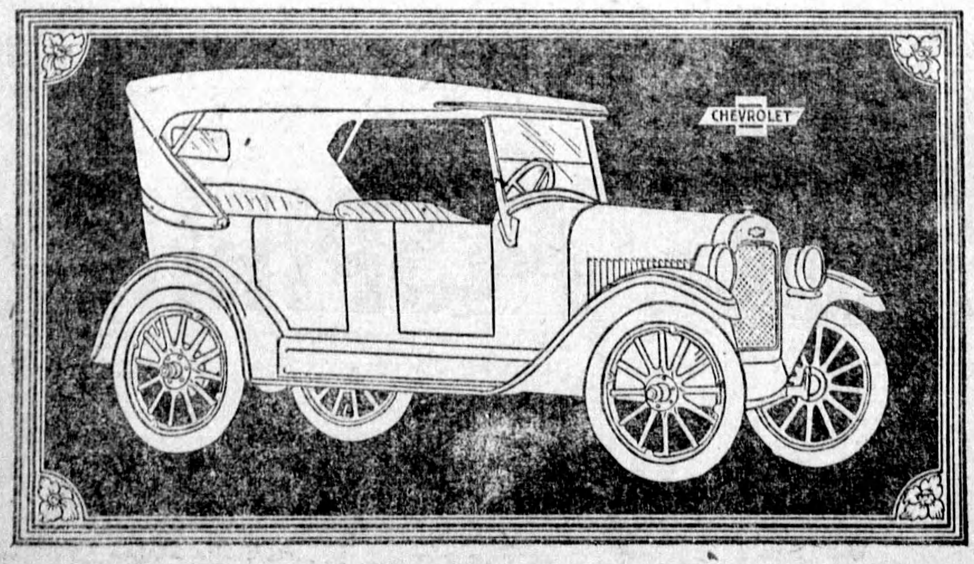

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