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HYDRO IN POLITICS

In the early days of Hydro Sir Adam Beck insisted on that great organization being made entirely free from political influence. Whether his was a whole-hearted demand or not we do not know, but, along with everybody else who has watched affairs, we do know that Hydro has not been exempt from political influences, and is not yet exempt. It has now been hoisted into the political football arena with a vengeance and a political cheer that will raise pandemonium from sleepers to rafters of the parliamentary forum.

The investigation was inevitable, but will, we believe, have to go farther than has yet been ordered through the present commission which has begun the investigation into a couple of the charges made against hydro. This organization has the standing of a close corporation without responsibility to any person. It can make its own regulations, designate its own fees, set its own wages for employees however unreasonably high they may be, make new jobs for political friends buy waterpowers at unreasonable prices, etc. We do not say that this has been done by the hydro executive, but it holds the power to do any and all of these things, and the only redress the paying public has is to appoint a Commission to go thoroughly into the power question and find out a few things from which the public are at present kept in the dark, and learn why "at cost" always remains the same, year in and year out, regardless of the price of manufactures and farm produce, and the actual cost of living. There is a suspicion that the slogan "Actual cost" has been worn so long that it is threadbare in fact it has been hinted that there may be holes in it..

These are the reasons why we consider that the limited scope of the present investigation will not satisfy the general public, but only whit the appetite for more information. In this respect we are, all from Missouri, and all of one political faith when it comes to questioning the basis on which the "at cost" to us in our daily life, is considered.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR

The Chino-Japanese situation waxes more serious day by day and the danger of complicatione with outside nations more acute. The seriousness of this has been brought about by the refusal of China to deal commercially with Japan because of the Manchurian steal by the Flowery Kingdom. Because China has withdrawn her trade, Japan says in effect, "We will go over and murder you." That puts it brutally but is actually what Japan is doing to-day. The horrible truth if it places Japan as an outlaw among other nations. One can only hope that she will get her fill of war before she is through. All the other nations of the world should now instigate a boycott of Japanese goods until she learns her lesson that mankind should be allowed to trade with whom it will. Think of the travesty of it—while Japan murders her thousands at Shanghai her delegate sits at the peace conference at Geneva and on behalf of his country defies the powers to stop them from accomplishing their purpose, whatever that may be.

Japan however, is only following in the footsteps of other countries who have marked out for her the path to national banditry. We had thought the great war was an object lesson to the world, demonstrating as it did the awful results of a disregard for the comity of nations and the welfare of the world at large, industrially, politically and spiritually. In the world war Japan was not called on to suffer, but so sure as what some men call "fate," she will learn her lesson.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

A letter was recently sent from this post office to the Secretary of the Old Age Pension Board in Owen Sound, giving information on three families receiving the pension in this district, but without the writer's signature at the end. Two out of the three persons referred to as receiving the pension are not on the list and have not applied. The Pension Board cannot work on an anonymous communication of this kind, and while the writer's name would be held in the strictest confidence by the Board, they must have it as an evidence of good faith and as a point on which to base their investigations. While there are many cases of people receiving the pension who are not entitled to it the Board is endeavoring to eliminate this class. The new system of an inspector from headquarters investigating each application will have a tendency to close down on these unworthy of consideration.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

It is reported in the daily papers that if one citizen of the United States is killed in the Shanghai war zone the States will be drawn into the embroglio. This is quite different from the World War when hundreds of their citizens were killed by the unrestricted U-boat campaign of the Germans. Is it that they consider China and Japan weaker nations and that they would have an easy victory?

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Each year the people of Canada pay out many millions of dollars to keep the Canadian National Railways in operation. Will this drain never cease? The debt is increasing each year and already assumes huge proportions. Would it not be better to dispose of this white elephant, even if it is to the C. P. R.? While it was the folly of the government of the day in Chartering a third transcontinental line that is the cause of considerable of the debenture debt, yet we are left carrying the bag and they have slipped out from under The C. N. R. has been a success as a public ownership road, but the debt against the road is so great that it will never emerge on top.

News Of Parliament

Last year it took over five weeks to dispose of the King's speech; this year it was cleared away in less than two days. "Rigid economy" of time seems to be the watchword, for already many questions of importance have been dealt with.

The first opposition to the Speech came from Mr. King whose own speech was as notable for the abundance of destructive criticism as for the entire absence of any constructive ideas. Paragraph by paragraph he attacked the Speech, using perhaps, more force than was necessary for the destruction of such a weak pronouncement. And then he drew forth his well-thumbed collection of Mr. Bennett's pre-elelction promises made in various Canadian cities. For the third Session Mr. King has put them on record, fairly revelling in them. Perhaps he neglected to notice that he, the leader of the Liberal party, gave not one good reason for which the people of Canada should put him and his party in power again.

Mr. Bennett observed that Mr. King's blue outlook was due, no doubt to the fact that he and his party were passing through "the valley of humiliation" and wished to drag others down with them. He justified his tariff policy as the only one which could cause Canada to emerge from the world-wide depression. As an example of his success he took the silk factories of which there are 15 in Canada—1,973 employees as against 1,388 before the tariff. Unfortunately one cannot forget that over against this increase of 585 must be set the 500,000 unemployed for whom Mr. Bennett promised to provide work. In the face of this situation it seems a bit academic to talk of having established a favorable balance of trade.

In sharp contrast to Mr. Bennett's self-congratulatory speech was that of Mr. Gardiner. He pointed out that farm-relief, at least in the drieo out areas of Saskatchewan had been totally inadequate. The western farmers are becoming more and more insolvent; unless drastic steps are taken to meet the situation the majority will become hopelessly insolvent. Canada's position cannot be called "fundamentally sound" in the face of such a condition. The Speech has no proposals for dealing with it.

Mr. Wordsworth tried to arouse the government to the realization that desperate diseases need desperate remedies. In his usual trenchant style he gave a brief review of world conditions as they are viewed by leading bankers and economists. Mr. Bennett asserts that conditions are improving; the presidents of two leading Canadian banks hold just the opposite view. Mr. Bennett serenely related that, due to tariff, a button factory is employing 30 more men; Mr. Woodsworth stated that in Winnipeg alone the total number of persons on relief January 2 totalled 11,177. Favorable balance of trade? Favorable, because Canada can no longer borrow in New York and is having to pay her debts. Characterizing the Speech as revealing an absolute bankruptcy of ideas, Mr. Woodsworth stated that he was introducing a socialist resolution for the superseding of the present competitive system by one based on co-operation and the needs of the people.

Members of parliament, senators and civil service employees are to take a 10% salary cut this year. The higher-paid ones can possibly stand it, but what about those who are already receiving less in wages than is paid in relief to the unemployed of at least one Canadian city? And what about the example set to industry? Employers are bound to cut wages, thus still further decreasing the purchasing power of the workers and still further aggravating the depression. If economies must be made, why exempt the judges? And why not include the bondholders and mortgageholders? If to secure money is the object of the government's policy of "rigid economy" why not look where the money is?

Mr. Speakman's proposal for an Economic Research Council was discussed again this year. In view of the chaotic state of world affairs, Mr. Speakman urged that the government establish a council to go into the whole question of a planned economy. Certainly he did not believe it to be

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Health Service

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RHEUMATISM

Most people are surprised to learn that a young child may have rheumatism. They have thought of rheumatism as a disease from which older people suffer, a disease associated chiefly with pains in the joints. This chronic condition in older people is more properly designated arthritis, and the acute condition which occurs in young adults and children, rheumatic fever.

Rheumatic fever is an infectious disease. The responsible germ is unknown. For its most severe attacks, it selects the joints, the heart muscles and heart valves. Quite naturally the severity of the disease depends upon which parts are attacked and the extent of the attack.

Although the responsible germ is unknown, it is generally agreed that it may enter the body through the diseased tonsils. That is why particular attention is given to the nose and throat when there is any question of rheumatic infection. It does appear that if the nose, mouth and throat are healthy, this is of tremendous value in protecting children against serious and damaging infections, one of which is rheumatic fever.

The striking difference between rheumatic fever in adults and in children is that, in the case of adults, the joints suffer severely, whereas in children, unfortunately, the heart bears the brunt, and the joints suffer not at all, or but mildly.

In young and older adults, the joint-pain is particularly distressing. Children frequently have rather vague and transitory pains with occasional dull aches the so-called "growing-pains" If parents would realize that growing-pains are not normal, and that growing never causes pain, they would understand that it is well worth while finding out whether or not their child's growing pains are due to rheumatic infection.

The number of deaths resulting directly from an attack of rheumatic fever are comparatively few. The serious thing, and the thing against which we want to protect our children, is the damaged heart arising out of attacks of rheumatic fever.

In order that his heart may be protected, the child with rheumatic fever must have proper treatment, and in treatment, rest is the important point. Rest means absolute rest, in bed, until the infection has disappeared, after which exercise is very gradually undertaken. Convalescence must not be hurried. All possible foci of infection, such as diseased tonsils, must be removed. The child's general health is to be built up to its maximum.

The physician cannot give the child the treatment required unless he is consulted, and here a heavy responsibility rests upon parents. The child with "growing-pains," who shows twitching of the face or limbs which may go on to chorea, or St. Vitus' Dance, who has frequent sore throats or who is pale, thin or irritable, should certainly be examined so that the cause of the condition may be learned. Neglect in bringing such children for treatment, thinking that time will bring improvement, is taking a considerable risk and gambling with the future health of these little ones.

Owing to the public abusing the privileges of their driving shed, Arthur United Church announced that in future it will only be open to church members.

Blood poisoning, caused by a boil, claimed the life of Robert D. Armstrong, 62, of Hopeville. He had been treasurer of Proton township for 15 years.

An antler of an elk that paraded 25,000 years ago was found at Hamilton. Most of us thought they were a modern organization.

Small Advts.

Lost or Strayed

LOST — On New Year's Day, 12 gauge breach-loading shot gun. Finder please notify Jas. E. Wilson, Flesherton.

For Sale

FOR SALE — Young pigs. — R Boyd, Flesherton.

FOR SALE — Nut coal. — F. G Karstedt, Flesherton.

BARN FOR SALE — Frame 40x60 with track.—Archie Currie, R. R. 3, Priceville.

WOOD FOR SALE — Wood in the tree, 50c a cord.—Wm. Hales, Proton Station.

FOR SALE — Grade Ayrshire cow, 4 years old, due January 29th.—Wm. Mather, R. R. 1, Priceville.

FOR SALE—Four Shorthorn Bulls, about 13 months old, all reds and roans.—Frank W. Taylor, Markdale R. R. No. 4. u p

FOR SALE — Cows to sell or exchange for good mare with foal or heavy colt. — Peter Muir, Ceylon phone 49r22.

FOR SALE — 2 good cows, due about April 1, will sell or exchange for sheep or cattle.—Alb. Blackburn, Phone: Flesherton 42r6.

FOR SALE — Fordson tractor, newly overhauled, 8-foot-cut Deering Binder with new canvass, tractor plow, seed drill, set of tandem discs, mower 6-foot-cut, 40 inch buzz saw. This machinery is at present equipped for tractor hitch, can be changed to horse hitch.—G. F. Brackenbury Flesherton.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders will be received for 50 cord of green wood, 36 in. long for Flesherton high school, not more than 25% beech, balance maple. Tenders to be delivered to W. J. Bellamy, Secretary of the High School Board.

FARM FOR SALE

100 acres, Lot 2, Con. 8, Osprey. 40 acres cleared, 20 acres hardwood bush, balance swamp and pasture. Running water year round and good drilled well. For further particulars apply to Mrs. J. J. Haley, Eugenia Ont.

FOR SALE

There is offered for sale by Albert Jackson, Bailiff, a quantity of hay and straw on Lots No. 136 & 137, 3rd Range, North East Toronto & Sydenham Road, Township of Artemesia, seized under warrant directed to him by mortgagee.

Terms of Sale — Cash.

DATED at Markdale this 8th day of February A. D. 1932.

—Apply to J. A. Jackson, Bailiff, Markdale

FOR SALE OR RENT

FOR SALE OR TO RENT, the East 150 acres, lots 7 & 8, Concession four, Township Osprey. About thirty-five acres under alfalfa, twenty acres fall plowed. Good water, fences and buildings. No reasonable offer refused. Apply,

—J. C. HAMILTON, Glen Huron P.O., Ont,

BOAR FOR SERVICE

Registered Tamworth Boar, "Legal Tender", 7 mos. old; TERMS: $1.50, strictly cash.

—JOS. RADLEY, Flesherton.

BOAR FOR SERVICE.

Registered Yorkshire Boar for service by Flesherton Bacon Hog Club, the property of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

—C. STEWART, Caretaker.

BUSINESS CARDS

GEO E. DUNCAN
DUNDALK
LICENSED AUCTIONEER
For the County of Grey. Terms: 1 per cent. Satisfaction guarnteed Dates made at The Advance office.

Dr. W. D. Bryce, L. D. S., D. D. S. dental surgeon, graduate of University of Toronto. Gas administered for extraction. Office at the residence of Dr. E. C. Murray, Toronto street, Flesherton. Phone 69.

Prince Arthur Lodge, 333, A. F. & A. M. meets in the masonic Hall over Kennedy's store, Flesherton every Friday on or before the full moon. W. M., C. Meldrum; Secretary, H. A. McCauley.

Wm. Kaitting, Licensed Auctioneer for the counties of Grey and Simcoe Farm and stock sales a speciality. Terms moderate satisfaction guaranteed. All arrangements and dates may be made at the Advance office or addressing me at Eugenia.

A Special Meeting of
POULTRY & HOG OWNERS
Will be held in BENNETT'S HALL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th
at 8 p.m. sharp

A short time ago we attended a meeting conducted by two of the prices you get for eggs, poultry and hogs. Whenever there is a way we can help you we want to do it.

A short time ago me attended a meeting conducted by two of the men from the headquarters of Purina Mills. Their address was filled so full of good sound ideas on how to overcome today's conditions that we have resolved to bring him to our community at the earliest opportunity. They have promised to come for this meeting. We want you to take our advice to come to hear them. If at the close of the meeting you don't feel that it has been one of the most interesting and profitable evenings you have spent in a long, long time we are going to be badly fooled.

In caring for either hogs or poultry there are many invisible leaks and losses that can be avoided if we know how to locate them. The suggestions these men will bring you cannot help but save you considerable money during the coming months.

You won't be asked to buy anything. This meeting is arranged solely with the idea of helping you all we can to get around some of the rather trying problems we know you have to meet at the present time.

Plan now to attend and to bring along any members of your family who are interested. Please help us spread the news by telling your neighbors about this meeting.

JAS. A. STEWART
FLESHERTON

New Lamps for Your Old

$1.50 on any old Lamp or Lantern

on a New COLEMAN Do It Now!

Yes your Old Lamp or Lantern is worth $1.50 in cash when you trade it in on a new Coleman. Plus the decreased cost of operation — this wonderful new lamp free.

Take advantage of this unusual offer now—get rid of your old bothersome, smoky lamp or lantern. Don't spend the rest of your life trimming wicks, and cleaning chimneys.

Grab Box Offer Still Open

Our GRAB BOX offer continues until this coming Saturday night and will allow the winners at the carnival on Friday night to secure their ticket for the diamond ring which will be given away free with the purchase. The ring is valued at $25.00. Secure your Grab Box now and have a chance to win the ring.

W. A. Armstrong & Son, Flesherton
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