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THAT HYDRO DECICIT

While the local Hydro Commission has experienced a small deficit on the past year's operations there is no cause for alarm. For the past few years we have enjoyed a surplus each year and there has been a welcome reduction in the price of power to the consumer. We are not in as embarrasing a situation as the Commission of the city of Owen Sound, which has a deficit of $16000; nor the Barrie Commission which was behind over $12,000, but one wonders why there should be such an increase in the cost of operating maintenance and administrative expenses as the Commission has experienced during the past year. The accounts of the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission are very complicated and not understood by anybody except a chartered accountant, but if one was to make enquiries he would be given some bewildering statistics that would assure him everything was fine and continuing so. The Ontario Commission is a great public utility and is an asset to this province, but it can still be open to censure from its power consumers who consider that the costs of operation are excessive. We don't desire to be continually taking a poke at hydro, like many public men are doing these days, but we do believe that the salaries paid the high officials are excessive and could be greatly reduced and still maintain efficient service.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It was hoped to have had a horticultural society formed in town this year but the number of members required could not be secured. Quite a number from out of the village said that they would join, in fact there were more than there were from town. Attempts will be made to have one formed next year in plenty of time.

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Complaints have been made on the action of the Department of Highways in opening the roads for motor travel claiming that it stopped the sleighs from using the highways. In coming from Shelburne Friday evening there were long stretches of road with no snow and other parts with only a light covering. Then there were the drifts which the plow had to clear away. This winter the plowing of the highway has not made any difference to sleigh traffic.

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This week the renewal of radio licenses takes place. There has been a one hundred per cent. raise in the cost of licenses—from $1.00 to $2.00. Why there should be an advance is not known, as the Department does not appear to be doing very much to improve the quality of Canadian broadcasting, which they can do without spending huge sums to have broadcasting from Dominion owned stations. We believe the present public owned system, supervised by the government, is more desirable than a radio system owned entirely by the Dominion of Canada.

PROTON STATION

A common sight these days are herds of deer on the clover fields. Twelve were counted in a field on Sunday last and the minister reports seeing twenty-one between Proton Station and Hopeville. They are becoming too plentiful and yet if the ban were lifted the hunters would be so numerous that it would be very unsafe for both persons and animals at large.

There was a beautiful Easter service in the United church on Sunday last, conducted by Mr. Leslie, the Anglican Rector. Mr. Oldham will hold his Easter service in the church here, next Sunday, April 3rd. So many churches on his field make it impossible to be at all in one day. Mr. Oldham had a special Good Friday service here.

Mrs. Thistlethwaite and daughters of Flesherton, spent a day last week with her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Wauchope, here.

The Misses Acheson are home from their various schools for the Easter holiday.

Miss Gertrude Lyons of Toronto was an Easter visitor at her home here.

Mr. Neil McCannell, Mr. Herbert Corbett and Miss E. E. Acheson, B. A., have gone to Toronto to attend the O.E.A.

Mr. Herb Corbett and his mother, Mrs. Corbett, attended the funeral of the late Mrs. James Corbett of Dundalk.

CEYLON SCHOOL REPORT

Sr. 4th — Margaret Collinson* Sherman Piper, Harvey Archibald* Olive Marshall*, Mabel Haw*, Nellie Genoe, Alex. Marshall, Ernie Mathewson, Billie Cairns.

Jr. 4th — Jean Collinson*, Jean Marshall*, Murray Marshall*, Goldie Kennedy*, Mabel Adams, Carlotta Plester*, Melville Hunt*, Marjorie Duckett, Betty Stewart.

3rd Class — Jim Kennedy*, Irene Mathewson, Laurie Genoe*, Allen Haw*, Jack Adams, Doris Marshall*, Emerson Plester.

Jr. 2nd — Billy Marshall*, Earl Plester*, Charlie McWilliams, Doris Duckett.

Sr. 1st — Verna Kennedy*, Marjorie Stewart, Keith Cairns.

Sr. Pr. — Marion Collinson, Hilda Duckett, Mary McMullen, Gordon Nichol*, Luella Scott.

Jr. Pr. — Joe McWilliams, Gordon Haw, George Stewart, Edna Marshall Jack McMullen, Margaret Smiley.

* denotes present every day.

—G. B. LITTLEJOHNS, Teacher.

"High jinks" in finance ended before Henry Ford gave his advice.

Woman (about to attend political meeting): "I'm not prejudiced at all. I'm going with a perfectly open and unbiased mind to listen to what I'm convinced is pure rubbish!"

Mr. King Replied To Charges Against Him

The Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King made an impassioned speech lasting the hour and a quarter, during which time the House and the galleries listened attentively and his Liberal followers sustained him by much hearty applause and at the end of which they cheered him to the echo. He was replying to the Government's taunt that the Opposition was holding up the Farm and Unemployment Relief Bill. Mr. King said that the Liberal opposition were willing to pass the money for relief the day before the Easter adjournment if the Government would consent to bring it in as supplementary estimates or in any Parliamentary form. The thing, he contended, that the Government was asking for was that the authority of Parliament be bestowed upon the Cabinet while Parliament was in session and to that he would never agree.

The resolution now before the House simply announces the intention of the Government to introduce a bill. Mr. King said that he would agree to the bill they wished to introduce if they would make these two changes in it: first, name the sum they wished, "whether it was one million, ten million or a hundred million" and secondly, omit the clause "for peace, order and good government." It was under the peace, order and good government clause that the abuse of power by the Cabinet was exercised.

In the afternoon the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Mr. Weir had spoken—and most offensively—in relation to the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. Last year too he had made a biting attack on him. But on this occasion he said Mr. King was trying to get back at Saskatchewan for sending nine Conservative members to the House. He said the leader of the Opposition was filled with revenge against Saskatchewan.

"What revenge would I have against Saskatchewan?" asked Mr King. "Was not Saskatchewan the province which gave such splendid support to the Liberal party as to ensure its continuance in office from 1925 to 1930? Am I unmindful of the fact that I stand tonight in this House honored with the representation of a constituency in the province of Saskatchewan and that Prince Albert has on three or four occasions returned me to this Parliament I speak as a representative of the province of Saskatchewan.

"I challenge the Minister of Agriculture to point, in the entire course of my public career, to one single act of mine which has been inspired by the spirit of revenge. Only those who are themselves capable of that kind of thing would think of imputing that sort of action to others. As for the remarks of the Minister, I am prepared to treat them as beneath contempt."

The Hon. James Malcolm, member for North Bruce, Ontario, was given a hearty welcome when he entered the Chamber on Tuesday. Mr. Malcolm has been very ill and his friends much concerned over his condition. It made happy all members of the House to see him once more looking so well. In each Parliament there are a few members who are held in affectionate regard by the whole House and Mr. Malcolm is one of these and if good wishes would make him altogether well, he would indeed have a speedy recovery.

On Wednesday, March 23rd, the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R. B. Benett gave notice of closure which will forcibly bring to an end the debate on Farm and Unemployment Relief on Tuesday, March 29th. The Prime Minister suggested that Mr. King might agree to permit the vote on the closure to be put the same afternoon (Wednesday, 23rd.) When the closure comes into effect no speaker can speak more than once and then only for twenty minutes and the vote on the Farm and Unemployment Relief must take place before 2 o'clock on the morning of the next day. In beginning, the Prime Minister referred to the victory of Conservative forces in Athabasca and said this showed that there was support for his government in the country and certainly sufficient in the House for all purposes. Athabasca was a constituency where a Conservative candidate had not stood for ten years. He did not draw the attention of the House to the fact that the total vote given to the opponents of the government candidate outnumbered those received by him.

In a speech of more than an hour and a half he justified one by one the acts of his government which had been criticised by opposition speakers. The Orders-in-Council which prohibited the export of gold was justified, so was the Government's action in adding to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; in granting to insurance companies certain unusual rights regarding the valuation of stock held by them; the action of the Government in refusing to allow Mr. Woodsworth to introduce his bill, in which he asked that Section 98 of the Criminal Code be amended. The Government had been right in increasing the police force on Parliament Hill the day of the unemployed demonstration. In short, the Government had been right, The Government is right.

There is no doubt at all the Prime Minister is a very able man, sincere, courageous. Unfortunately his manner of speaking in the House arouses in one resentment. He speaks with a studied insolence, as though he and he alone possessed all the righteousness on earth, or at any rate in Canada. It was rather noteworthy that that when speaking in reply to the charge that his cabinet were meek and servile, he ably defended them against such a charge and compared them in ability to any group in the Opposition to the great advantage of his Ministers. He did not, however, compare his Ministers to himself.

I am inclined to think that the tactics of the Opposition have not been good. Strong opposition to the Government resolution could have been shown by a few strong speeches and a recorded vote and then of the first, second and third reading of the bill, the Opposition's dislike could have been further shown in a recorded vote Such was the method used in opposition to the revision of the Bank Act, nine years ago by a small group of members of the House.

The Hon. W. D. Euler speaks not often, but well—exceptionally well. He does not attempt oratory, never gets excited and never takes an extreme position. Because of his well known moderation the speech delivered by him just before the Easter recess is significant. While admitting he believed in tariffs, he stated that he did not believe that a country could live to itself alone and pointed out that furniture manufacturing establishments in his native city of Kitchener were having difficult times. "More furniture mechanics are walking the streets of Kitchener today than ever before, in fact some of the factories are closed down and that in spite of the fact that a tariff on furniture up to 40% or even 45%." Mr. Euler pointed out that the market which Kitchener had found in New Zealand for rubber had been entirely destroyed when this Government imposed a prohibitive duty against New Zealand butter.

In dealing with the present depression and the general unhappy condition of affairs, Mr. Euler said: "We have developed and grown industrially in such a way that the system under which we are now working needs either to be scrapped or very substantially modified. Capital as we have it today will break down altogether unless it is modified in a way that meets the needs of existing conditions."

"Remaining an individualist I am not particularly afraid of the word Socialism," said Mr. Euler. "For a good many years Canadians have in many ways been socialists and perhaps to some extent, communists. We live in communities; we have community schools, we have community enterprises of various kinds. In some of our towns and cities and especially throughout the province of Ontario, we find all our public utilities under public ownership. As I have said however, I am still an individualist, but go so far as to say I believe the great public services of the country, upon which the prosperity, convenience and happiness of nearly all the people depend, should be under the control of the public."

He went on to approve of a resolution introduced earlier in the session which had asked for the setting up of a national council looking toward planned economy in our national life. Mr. Euler believed that more and more labor saving machines would be introduced freeing finally all men from unending toil and giving them the opportunity to enjoy the pleasures and blessings of life: that capital, whether invested in financial or industrial undertakings, sets aside a reserve out of profits against a time when business may not be so profitable; capitalism also provides for the replacement of machinery. "Then," he said, "let us imagine the machine is a black slave. If the master is wise he will set aside an amount for depreciation, so that at an end of a ten year period the slave is paid for. Then the rather striking interrogation presents itself: If that can be done for a black slave, why should it not be done for a white working man?"

The suggestion was advanced that from the profits of industry in prosperous times a reserve should be set aside to take care of unemployment. Anticipating the criticism that business could not stand such a burden if it is to compete with other countries, Mr. Euler pointed out that it would be no harder for business to lay aside an amount year by year in good times than to make heavy contributions in taxes in times like these, such taxes to be used for the care of the unemployed.

—AGNES C. MCPHAIL.

The House of Commons,
Wednesday, March 23rd, 1932

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