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**HYDRO ENGINEERS WILL INVESTIGATE AND REPORT UPON COST OF RADIAL**

Enthusiastic Meeting at Guelph.—25 Northern Municipalities Endorse Hon. Adam Beck's Scheme for Preston-Guelph-Georgian Bay Electric Line.—Municipalities May Vote Later, if Scheme is Feasible.

A large and enthusiastic meeting and banquet was held in Guelph on Tuesday evening, December 9, to learn all about the Hydro Electric Radial Scheme. This was attended by over 250 delegates representing the districts interested, which includes Guelph, Fergus, Elora, Mount Forest, Dundalk, Flesherton, Markdale, Owen Sound, Meaford, Thornbury, Collingwood and intervening municipalities.

The banquet was given in the splendid Y.M.C.A. building by the City and Board of Trade of Guelph and proved an unqualified success.

We want the Hydro Electric Rail-

way. We want it bad.

We want it now.

Altogether, and we'll get it. Let's have it

These were the phrases painted in large letters upon streamers that decorated the auditorium.

A UNION FORMED.

The 25 municipalities represented formed themselves into a union to be known as the "Hydro-Electric Radial Union of Western Ontario," whose purpose is to "uphold the hands of the Hydro Commission, and place an organization at their elbow." This union is open to receive membership from any other municipalities in the western section of the Province in entire sympathy with its objects. These objects are set forth as the dissemination of useful information and giving assistance to the commission in the gathering of necessary statistics for campaign purposes, to educate every citizen in order that the municipalities, when asked to guarantee bonds to build the line, will respond unanimously."

Officers of this union for the forthcoming year are: Hon. Adam Beck, honorary president; J. N. Lyon, president of Guelph Radial Railway; president; Mayor Carter, first vice-president; G. Powell, Hamilton, secretary-treasurer. Vice-presidents were added from 12 districts: H. W. Ironsides, Pinelands; Geo. Forbes, Hespeler; Jas. Rooth, Arthur; A. A. Armstrong, Fergus; W. S. Middlebrooks, M.J. Owen Sound; John Bernie, K.C. Collingwood; M. K. Richardson, Flesherton; S. Bell, Dundalk; Geo. J. Thorp, President of Guelph Board of Trade; Alex. Simmers, Vice-Pres. Guelph Board of Trade; Mr. J. Ball, Hanover; Udny Richardson, M.P.P., Elora, together with the reeves of the municipalities interested.

MAKERS OF HISTORY.

After hearing the representatives of the more outlying districts tell of the hardships brought upon them in the past for lack of adequate transportation facilities, the shower of eulogies heaped upon Mr. Beck came quite naturally, and the term "history-making epoch" fitted in without a jar.

The proposition as yet is recognized quite indefinite. What the people have asked, in a petition to Mr. Beck, backed by 250 representative citizens, is that a radial start at some point in the south, preferably Hespeler, run through Guelph via Mount Forest through Grey County and from there find one of three possible terminals on Georgian Bay, Meaford, Collingwood or Owen Sound. At the same time, spur lines might branch off to adjoining population centres, and along the districts where the lines were run the farms could be supplied with both light and power.

That much the Minister of Electricity promised—provided the people vote for it.

As for the message of the Hon. Adam Beck, it was not all optimistic. While elucidating the great possibilities of electricity in the aid of development, he did not seek to minimize the responsibility which must rest upon those districts which vote their demand for power. As the matter now stands, the promise of Mr. Beck is that the engineer of the Hydro Commission will be placed upon the scene, the four counties will be surveyed, several possible routes will be planned out, estimates of cost drawn up, and these will be furnished the municipalities, free of expense to them, to be voted upon.

From that point, the future of the northern counties rests with the people themselves. They must choose their own route, or reject all.

GIVE BECK A CHANCE.

"All I ask as chairman of the Hydro Commission," Hon. Mr. Beck added, "is an ample opportunity of discussing the principles involved, and I take this demonstration as indicating a feeling of confidence, which the people in the north have both in the Hydro-Electric power, and in their own ability to finance an undertaking which is unique the world over.

The Hydro has had an enormous and unprecedented success and it has had that energy behind it which merits success."

The speakers preferred not to elaborate upon the details of the movement, since in this instance they were so unsettled, but would rather point out to them as an illustration the success already met.

When we began the lighting undertaking we had in mind a three-fold purpose—to convert a nation-

construction, which that bill provided for the building municipalities, that is: A local commission might be appointed to oversee the construction, or the Hydro Commission might be asked to take over the construction, or the Hydro could construct and the municipalities operate, or vice versa the whole object being to give the districts the scheme of operation which they thought would be most advantageous to them.

**HYDRO THE TRUSTEES.**

"We have provided you the fundamental principles," the speaker continued, "and not a make-believe legislation to jolly you along. You are the financiers, we act as trustees. It must be a direct dividend earned to the farmer.

The scheme does not intend that any money shall go to the promoter, no money goes to the man who sells the bonds. In this we have honest administration, which will benefit the whole people."

Following out the line of the

Markham—Port Perry illustration, Mr. Beck pointed out that the first estimate was around \$2,500,000. Since then, the engineers had gone into the matter more fully, were convinced that the 80 miles of railway could be constructed much more cheaply than that, and still provide a surplus, over operating of \$74,000 annually.

Mr. Beck further emphasized the possibility of getting cheap debentures by handling the money through the Government; for he did not attempt to skip over the point of a possible deficit.

**DEFICIT FROM TAXES.**

"If there should be such a thing as a deficit," he pointed out, "the bill states that this shall be made up in taxes. You must go into this thing with your eyes wide open—just as Guelph went into the matter of Hydro lighting. But just now you are piling up huge assets from that system, and in ten years' time I feel confident we will see between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 invested in the Hydro-Electric radials throughout Ontario.

It will not be expended, it will be an investment, a wealth-making, pride-making investment.

Similar optimistic speeches were made by more than a score of enthusiasts from the different districts.

**OTHER PLACES HEARD FROM.**

"What we have in mind," Mr. Beck resumed, "is a system which will not place any burden upon the public, but which will stand upon its own merits. We do not say we can, but we have given estimates and we hope to be able to speak of results which will bring back life to the farms, which will prevent the young men and the young women being attracted away to the cities. We can run a main line, carrying a voltage of 44,000, and can split-line this for twenty miles in any direction, and supply it that it would help the farmers. He at the same time light and power stated that the Port Perry line to the farms for eight miles was estimated to cost \$35,000 a either side of all those lines from mile.

The same source of energy which

will run the railways. So, as to the exclusion of other municipalities," he concluded, referring to the three alternative places for a terminus, "but every man likes to see his own town prosper. It is as Brutus said: 'It isn't that I love Caesar less, but that I love Rome more!'

The following accounts were or-

dered to be paid: R. Lawrence

for work on 4th line, \$100;

John Ruskin, for sheep killed by dogs, \$88.00; Fred Gillis, for sheep killed by dogs, \$82.33; R. Carruthers, for inspecting sheep, \$1.00; J. T. Miller, for selecting jurors, \$3.00; J. Currie, for selecting jurors, \$3.00; Geo. Merrifield, refund of taxes for error in assessment, \$15.00; J. Merrifield, refund of taxes for error in assessment, \$15.00; Joseph Louheed, Euphrasia's share for work on Townline north, \$3.50; J. T. Miller, Telephone most to the House of Refuge, 25c; J. Spike, for conveying A. McHennin to House of Refuge, \$2.00; Jas. Penris, for drawing tile, and putting in concert on 4th line, lot 3, \$1.00; A. Little, for repairing valley road, \$7.00; R. Ratcliffe, for work at lot 4, con. 4, \$7.80; D. Wallace, for work on 6' sideroad, \$7.02; H. Hurd, for work at lot 9, con. 4, \$2.35; E. Gilbert, for work at lot 8, con. 4, \$2.50; W. S. Bishop, account for lumber, \$5.05; W. J. Cornfield, for work on 16th line, \$2.00; J. Fawcett, for drawing timber to lot 9, con. 4, \$1.25; H. Haines, for ditching at lot 11, con. 4, \$2.00; W. H. Sloan, to pay for work at lot 3, con. 4, \$8.70; A. Manarey, refund of dog tax, \$1.00; F. McMillen, Euphrasia's share for graveling swamp on Townline south, \$30.37; Jas. White, for 11' rock cut plank, \$5.29; A. Fawcett, for 28' vds. gravel, \$7.40; Geo. Cummins, grant to Heathcote sidewalk, \$15.00; Geo. Cruckshank, day man and cement mixer, \$5.50; A. Dawn, for 4' barrell cement, \$0.50; J. R. Fawcett, for material and repairing 3 culverts, \$10.30; J. R. Fawcett, for straightening river, \$10.00; A. Sampson, for 58' culverts, gravel, \$1.00; J. Cook, to pay for material and repairing bridge lot 25, con. 7, \$3.16; Jas. Blomig, for 8 yds. gravel, \$1.60; Lewis Knight, for inspecting sheep, \$1.00; R. Williamson, account for repairing culvert and snow, \$11.77; J. Brown, to pay for work in road division, \$26.25; Geo. Harbottle, for work on 3rd line, log 2, \$10.25.

The Council adjourned until the 15th December.

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Joseph Roach, of Arthur, stated that the farmers round his town had converted a wilderness into fertile land, and yet were looking for a Moses to lead them out of the desert. (Laughter.) "We have a fertile country up there," said he, "and a people that are aggressive and progressive and up-to-date farmers, and that will mitigate a long way against the cost of the construction of this road. The people in the north country are behind this body and soul. (Applause.) They cannot build it on their own resources, but they have the money and are willing to contribute their fair share of the burden of the cost."

"We are 25 to 30 strong hero from Collingwood, and if that road is built it's got to come to Collingwood," stated John Bernie, K.C. "We have Hydro-Electric up there now—the only one that's got it, and that should give us some priority. The people of Collingwood are crying out for this railway. Let's get all together and we'll get it."

**Euphrasia Council.**

The Council met at the Town Hall, Rocklyn, on Friday, the 14th Nov., all members present, Reeve in the chair, minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

**Cook**—Hutchinson—That the Reeve interview J. H. Gardner account rendered and explain matters to him, and report at next meeting.—Carried.

**Manarey**—Davis—That the sum of \$3.00 be refunded to Wm. Hawkins, error in assessment in 1912.—Carried.

**Hawkins**—Cook—That J. J. Cook have all: brush and rubbish cleared from 11th line at lot 22 as soon as possible.—Carried.

**Manarey**—Cook—That J. J. Davis get list of subscribers added to the Euphrasia Telephone System, and when received hand over note to the Commissioners.—Carried.

**Cook**—Manarey—That the Treasurer receive from G. O. Hutchinson \$3.50, proceeds of tile sold to J. G. Vickars.—Carried.

**Cook**—Hutchinson—That J. J. Cook and T. J. Fawcett be appointed auditors, and that they commence their duties on the 16th Dec. and audit 12 date; also to audit from Dec. 15th to end of the year. And that they receive the sum of \$15.00 each for their services.—Carried.

By-Law No. 25, borrowing \$2000 from Robieka Kerr, No. 26, borrowing \$2000 from Sarah Jane McConnell, No. 27, borrowing \$1000 from Ann Reed, No. 28, borrowing \$2000 from John Canna, No. 29, borrowing \$800 from Jas. Nelson No. 30, appointing Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, were passed.

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