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Thursday Night's Disturbance

It is to be hoped the old adage, a poor beginning makes a good ending will prove true in connections with our water works system, a gang of men under the employ of one of the contractors on the Waterworks System for the Village (evidently under the influence of liquor) congregated at the hub, and created what might have developed into a very serious affair on Thursday evening when the lady baseballers were returning from a game on the Park. One of the gang using undue familiarity accosted one of them which was at once resented by a couple of gallants who happened to be there, which at once precipitated a row and bedlam reigned for a time, but soon quieted down. Constable Thompson having been sent for in the interim and upon attempting to arrest the leader was set upon by him, but finally succeeded in arresting him and with the help of the guards placed three others in irons.

The lock-up not being sufficiently commodious for so many prisoners, a taxi was summoned and the lot were conveyed to the Jail Farm for the night, and on Friday morning the four answering to the names of Trilsky, Cruison, Atchison, and Reid, appeared before Major Brunton, and upon a plea of guilty the first three were lightly fined, \$5 and costs and Reid for obstructing the police, was let off on suspended sentence. It is hoped this will prove a lesson to the many foreigners and others employed on the work of installation, and also awaken the Council to the necessity of increased police protection while the work is being carried out.

The young men who participated in the fray, protecting the ladies are to be congratulated on the stand they took and we trust they will not be called on again for like services. No heavy marks were left and possibly the constable got the worst, whilst his opponent was let off on suspended sentence. Be Frank and Clement in all your dealings. He who fights and runs away, lives to fight another day.

Letter To Editor

Editor of THE LIBERAL
Sir: The majority and minority reports of the Hydro Electric Radials Commission are now before the people of our province.

The former report signed by the Hon. Justice Sutherland, Brig. Gen. C. H. Mitchell, A. F. McCallum, C. E. and Mr. W. A. Amos advises strongly against a government guarantee for municipal electric radial bonds for the construction of electric railway lines. Mr. F. Bancroft, labor member of the commission reports in favor of such guarantee, asserting that there is every reason to believe that the operation of radial lines will be self-supporting, that they should be supplementary to steam railways which they are not likely to injure.

Mr. Bancroft also does not believe that the finances of Ontario will be prejudiced by guaranteeing of radial bonds.

The majority report gives much more full and direct reasons for declining to recommend the guaranteeing of radial bonds by the government, as follows:

1. The financial condition of electric railways in Canada, and the United States up to 1920, has been so precarious and unsatisfactory that the construction of them ought not to be entered upon.

2. Consideration of the evidence of witnesses lead us to believe that they would not be self-supporting.

3. Further we are of the opinion that the construction of radials paralleling and competing with the Canadian National Railways would be economically unsound.

4. That until the Chippewa power scheme costing \$25,000,000 be completed and proved self-supporting, the province would not be justified in endorsing the construction of radial lines.

5. Endorsement of radial bonds at the request of municipalities in various parts of the province, is highly dangerous and may lead to financial difficulties. We recommend that such endorsement be discontinued.

6. We are further of the opinion that the construction of public highways at a cost of \$25,000,000 should be completed and their effect of motor freight and passenger traffic in competition upon our national railways be ascertained before building radial lines.

7. We are further of the opinion that the rapidly increasing debts and financial commitments of the Dominion, Province, and the municipalities arouse apprehension and are a cogent reason against construction of proposed radial lines.

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I have endeavored briefly to make a simple statement of the findings presented by the two reports of the commissioners. If permitted next week I will try to present in like brief outline the three aspects of the Hydro Light and Power Commission problem which Mr. Elson will discuss before us in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, Sept. 14th.

Mr. M. H. Staples from the U. F. O. head office will also be present to take part in the evening discussion.
Henry Moyle, Secy.
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