

CHIPPAWA SYSTEM COST \$82,400,000 FINDING OF COMMISSION

Gregory Hydro-Electric Investigation Report Praises Project and Vindicates Integrity of Commission.

A despatch from Toronto says:—The Gregory Hydro-Electric Investigation Commission report, representing the results of over a year's probing and the expenditure of more than half a million dollars, was tabled on Thursday in the Ontario Legislature.

The Commissioners vindicated absolutely the personal integrity of the Hydro Commissioners and Engineers, conceded their admiration for the engineering phases of the scheme, but said that it should have cost, with reference to the Queenston-Chippawa development, \$11,800,000 less.

Concerning the management, it says: "There is not a breath of suspicion of any personal wrongdoing." There are special references to the efficient and loyal services of Engineers F. A. Gaby and Harry G. Acres, and as to the results of their engineering efforts as represented in the Queenston-Chippawa development plant, its efficiency, it states, "surpassed even their own expectations."

One paragraph pays tribute to Sir Adam Beck, who through anxious years has shouldered responsibility for the world's premier public ownership power project at Chippawa. "His fighting qualities," it says, "stood him in good stead and enabled him to overcome all obstacles. From the beginning he has kept the Commission free from paralyzing influences of officialdom." He "has rendered great and notable service to Ontario."

After praising the value of the work of Sir Adam Beck and of those in charge of the Hydro project, the report goes on to say: "The chairman of the Commission has been regarded in effect as the Commission itself, and his forceful personality has played a great part in settling—or unsettling—the relations between the Government and the Commission; he was arbitrary and inconsiderate, and allowed nothing to stand in his way." His "utter disregard for law" is also commented upon.

In other sections, with regard to the relations between the Commission and the Government, the report states: "There was a notable lack of frankness upon the part of the Commission. This led to misunderstanding and mistrust, which ought never to have existed." Again, the report declares: "The Commission over-spent the appropriation made by the Legislature and diverted funds which it had no authority to use for this purpose. The question of costs seems to have been lightly regarded."

The crux of the Gregory Commission's position in the whole matter of the Queenston-Chippawa development is that it should have been carried on by a separate construction department directly responsible to the Commission. To this policy largely, which resulted finally in the necessity for adopting the "rush schedule plan," it attributes the \$11,800,000 excess cost claimed to have been incurred on the Chippawa plant.

The full cost of the Queenston-Chippawa 550,000 horsepower development, the report states, will be \$82,483,914.

With regard to the general Hydro undertaking, the report makes various suggestions. It declares that the Hydro made a mistake in entering the radial business. It criticises the failure of the Commission to build up a sinking fund to take care of its bonded indebtedness. It finds that the powers of the Government to guarantee Hydro indebtedness are too wide. It believes that regular conferences should be held by the Commission with the municipalities. It recommends that the Central Ontario system should be unscrambled. It says that the Government should have fuller information regarding the operations of the Hydro. And it declares that the value of the power developments under the control and management of the Power Commission are inestimable.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.10½.
Man. oats—No. 3 CW, 44¾c; No. 1, 43¾c.

Man. barley—Nominal.
All the above, c.i.f., bay ports.
Ontario barley—65 to 70c.

American corn—No. 2 yellow 98½c.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 78 to 82c.
Ontario Rye—No. 3, 75 to 79c.

Peas—No. 2, \$1.45 to \$1.50.
Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights,
bags included: Bran, per ton, \$28;
shorts, per ton, \$30; middlings, \$36;
good feed flour, \$2.10.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, 98 to \$1.02, outside.
Ontario No. 2 white oats—41 to 43c.
Ontario corn—Nominal.

Ontario flour—Ninety per cent. pat.,
in jute bags, Montreal, prompt shipment,
\$4.70; Toronto basis, \$4.70; bulk
seaboard, \$4.35.

Manitoba flour—1st pats., in jute
sacks, \$6.30 per bbl.; 2nd pats., \$5.80.
Hay—Extra No. 2 timothy, per ton,
track, Toronto, \$14.50 to \$15; No. 2,
\$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50 to \$13; mixed,
\$12.50.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.50.
Standard re-cleaned screenings, f.o.
b. bay ports, per ton, \$20.

Cheese—New, large, 19 to 20c;
twins, 20 to 21c; triplets, 21 to 21½c;
Stiltons, 22 to 23c. Old, large, 25 to
27c; twins, 26 to 28c; triplets, 30c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 45
to 46c; No. 1 creamery, 43 to 44c; No.
2, 42 to 43c; dairy, 37c.

Eggs—Extras, fresh, in cartons, 36
to 37c; fresh extras, loose, 34 to 35c;
fresh firsts, 32 to 33c; fresh seconds,
28 to 29c.

Live poultry—Chickens, 3 to 4 lbs.,
20c; hens, over 5 lbs., 22c; do, 4 to 5
lbs., 15c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 15c; spring
chickens, 4 lbs. and over, 25c; roosters,
15c; ducklings, over 5 lbs., 19c; do,
4 to 5 lbs., 18c; turkeys, young, 10 lbs.,
and up, 22c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, 3 to 4
lbs., 25c; hens, over 5 lbs., 28c; do,
4 to 5 lbs., 24c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 18c;
spring chickens, 4 lbs. and over, 30c;
roosters, over 5 lbs., 18c; ducklings,
over 5 lbs., 24c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 25c;
turkeys, young, 10 lbs. and up 32 to
35c; geese, 22c.

Beans—Canadian hand-picked, lb.,
7c; primes, 6½c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp.
gal., \$2.50; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.40 per
gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 11 to 11½c per
lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11 to 12c; 5-lb. tins,
11½ to 12c; 2½-lb. tins, 12½ to 13c;
comb honey, per doz., No. 1, \$3.75 to
\$4; No. 2, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 24 to
25c; cooked hams, 34 to 36c; smoked
rolls, 17 to 18c; cottage rolls, 19 to
21c; breakfast bacon, 28 to 26c; special
breakfast bacon, 28 to 30c; backs,
boneless, 28 to 33c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50
to 70 lbs., \$18.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$18;
90 lbs. and up, \$17; lightweight rolls,
in barrels, \$37; heavyweight rolls, \$32.

Lard—Pure tierces, 14¾ to 14½c;
tubs, 14½ to 15c; pails, 15 to 15½c;
prints, 17½ to 18c; shortening tierces,

14 to 14½c; tubs, 14 to 15c; pails, 15
to 15½c; prints, 17 to 17½c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$7.75;
butcher steers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.75;
do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5 to
\$5.75; do, com., \$4 to \$4.50; butcher
heifers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.50; do,
med., \$5 to \$5.75; do, com., \$4.25 to
\$4.75; butcher cows, choice, \$4.75 to
\$5.50; do, med., \$3.50 to \$4.50; can-
ners and cutters, \$1.50 to \$2; do, com.,
\$2.50 to \$3.50; feeding steers, choice,
\$5.50 to \$6; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; stockers,
choice, \$4 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4;
milkers and springers, choice, \$80 to
\$120; calves, choice, \$10 to \$12; do,
med., \$7 to \$9; do, com., \$5.50 to \$6;
lams, choice ewes, \$14 to \$15; do,
bucks, \$12.50 to \$13.50; do, culls, \$8
to \$9; hogs, fed and watered, \$7.75 to
\$8; do, f.o.b., \$7.25 to \$7.50; do, coun-
try points, \$7 to \$7.25; do, selects,
\$8.50 to \$8.80.

MONTREAL.

Oats, Can. West., No. 2, 53 to 54c;
do, No. 3, 50½ to 51c; extra No. 1
feed, 49½ to 50c; No. 2 local white,
47½ to 48c. Flour, Man. spring wheat
pats, 1sts, \$6.30; 2nds, \$5.80; strong
bakers', \$5.60; winter pats., choice,
\$5.65 to \$5.75. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs.,
\$3.05. Bran, \$28.25. Shorts, \$30.25.
Middlings, \$36.25. Hay, No. 2, per
ton, car lots, \$16.20.

Butter, No. 1, pasteurized, 38c; No.
1 creamery, 37c; 2nds, 36c. Eggs,
fresh extras, 36c; fresh firsts, 33c. Pot-
atoes, per bag, car lots, \$1.55 to \$1.60.

Heavy veals, \$8; com. light calves,
\$6.75 and up; hogs, thick, smooth, and
shops, \$8.25 to \$8.50; do, poor quality,
\$8; select bacon hogs, \$9.

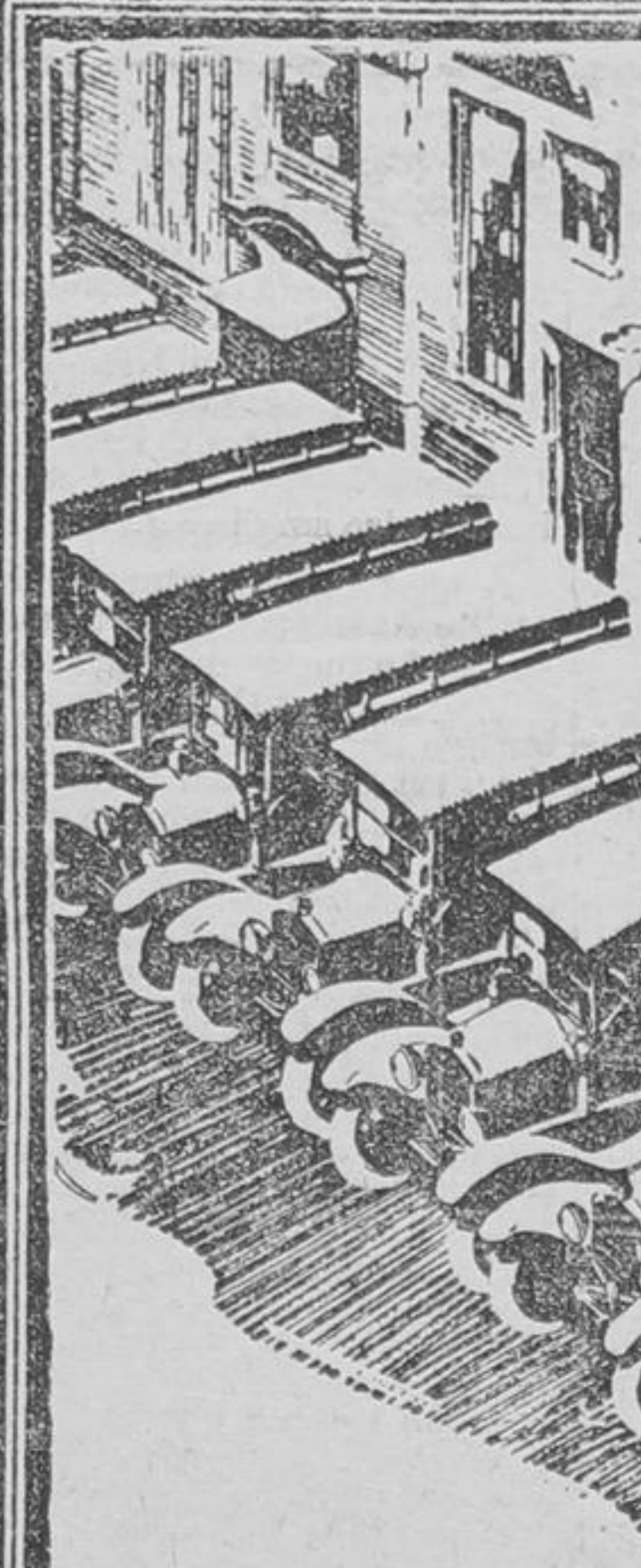
NEW CANADIAN FLAG ON THE SEVEN SEAS

Red Ensign to Appear on Shipping—Union Jack Floats on Land.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The Canadian red ensign is to be used by all privately owned ships of Canadian register on the high seas—as it is now by the offices of the Canadian High Commissioner in London. It will make its appearance wherever Canadian merchantmen are voyaging, on the last day of this month. This flag has a red field, with the Union Jack in the left upper corner. It has been called the exclusive flag of Canada, but will not be used in Canada, where, as before, the Union Jack will be flown as the national emblem.

The new flag will carry a simplified form of the new Canadian coat-of-arms in the field. It has been authorized in order to give to Canadian shipping a mark in contrast with vessels of the Motherland and the other Dominions. For the same reason it has been authorized for the flagstaff of the High Commissioner's office in London.

The blue ensign will be used exclusively by Government owned vessels or vessels which number among their crew a specified percentage of naval reserve men.






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PRINCE HAS MISHAP ON RACING COURSE

Thrown from Horse Again While Contesting Arborfield Steeplechase.

London, March 16.—National concern for the life of the heir to the throne received another shock yesterday when the Prince of Wales, only just recovered from a serious riding accident, involving the fracture of a collar bone, again indulged his love of steeplechasing and got a nasty spill, fortunately without serious consequences.

Much as the public loves and admires the spirit and high courage of the Prince, this incident is certain to revive in intensified form the national agitation in favor of some sort of check being put upon this undaunted spirit which places a heavy risk on the succession to the throne.

The event in which the Prince met with mishap was a steeplechase in the army point-to-point meeting at Arborfield, near Wokingham. There was a brilliant concourse, with beautiful weather and the Prince appeared to be in excellent health, laughing and chatting with friends before the races started. He was entered in two events

and met with mishaps in both. Prince Henry also came a cropper, but escaped with little damage. Both Princes were unseated early in the afternoon, but were merely shaken up. Prince Henry was to ride in the last event of the day, a steeplechase for the Earl of Cravan's cup, but withdrew. The Prince of Wales, however, was one of the eight starters. He got away well, but at the first fence his horse stumbled and fell, throwing the rider heavily on his head and hands.

A rush was made to the scene of the accident by the large crowds watching from various points, among the first being the Duke of York. An ambulance was quickly on the spot, and, bleeding profusely from the nose, the Prince of Wales was placed on a stretcher and taken to a nearby farm house, where it was found his injuries were not of a serious character.

The Prince tried to get up, protesting to the stretcher bearers that he was quite able to walk, but gentle pressure was applied to keep him on the stretcher until the farm house was reached. His injuries having been attended to by physicians, the Prince later in the evening was sufficiently recovered to return to Aldershot by motor car and it was then officially ascertained that he was suffering

from a slight concussion, which included some bruising of the face.

PASSPORT FEES UP AS DEMAND GROWS

Need of Revenue Only Reason Given by Department of External Affairs.

Ottawa, March 16.—In anticipation of the increase from \$2 to \$5 in the fee payable for passports issued by the Department of External Affairs, which increase took effect on Saturday, there has been a big rush of applications during the past three or four weeks. The staff in the Passport Branch has been kept exceedingly busy receiving applications.

As passports are required for entry into Great Britain, as well as to other countries of Europe, and as thousands of Canadians are planning to attend the British Empire Exhibition in London this summer, the demand for passports is heavier than it has been for some years.

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