

HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN RATING SYSTEM

Flat Service Charge of 30 Cents Replaces Domestic Floor Space Toll—155 Municipalities Get Cheaper Power.

A despatch from Toronto says:—A revolutionary change in the rating system for domestic and commercial lighting throughout the various Hydro Electric systems of the Province was announced Thursday night by Sir Adam Beck, speaking on behalf of the Hydro Commission.

Simplification of the rating method has been under consideration by the officials of the Commission for some months, and on Tuesday members of the Municipal Hydro-Electric Association were called into conference. The call for this conference was issued by ex-Mayor Maguire of Toronto as president of the association. The result of these deliberations was a decision—which was communicated officially to the municipalities throughout the province—to abolish floor-space rating for all domestic services and to provide instead thereof a 30-cent service charge in the case of all houses, large or small, connected with municipal distribution services in the various Hydro zones.

It is believed, Sir Adam states, that this will be found in the end to be more equitable than the minimum and maximum floor space ratings hitherto enforced.

It also has been decided that the standard charge for current shall be 2 cents for a minimum of 60 kilowatts and 1 cent per kilowatt for all current supplied above that minimum. In the case of municipalities which find the revenue from this basis of rating insufficient for their needs and necessary additional revenue will be obtained by increasing the number of

kilowatts from 60 upwards to which the 2-cent rate is applicable.

If, for example, a municipality finds that it requires a minimum of 90 kilowatts per month at 2 cents to carry its necessary expenses, the local authority will have power to increase the standard minimum from time to time, subject, of course, to the general supervision of rating by the Provincial Commission.

It had been decided, Sir Adam stated, to accept for general use in the matter of commercial rating the basis put forward by the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission for use in this city. Formerly commercial lighting was supplied at a minimum rate of 5 cents per kilowatt hour for 30 kilowatt hours, 3 cents for the next 70 and 1 cent for all over 100. The Toronto rate, which will now be applied throughout the province, provides for a rating of 4 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 50 hours, 2 cents for the next 50, and 1 cent for all over 100.

These changes have been formally approved by the Provincial Commission, as well as the new domestic rating system, and, so far as possible, goes into force on the first of June.

At the session of the Commission, revisions of provincial rates in 212 cities, towns and villages were formally approved, having regard to the surpluses disclosed by last year's revenue returns. In 155 cases reductions were made in the rate for power supplied by the Provincial Hydro to the local authorities; in 54 the rate holds at that of last year, and in 3 only was it found necessary to make increases.

CHINESE BANDITS CARRY OF MISSIONARIES

One Canadian, One Englishman and Two Americans Held Prisoners in Hills.

A despatch from Hong Kong says:—The Chinese captain of the motor boat, belonging to the Stout Memorial Hospital, boarded by pirates as it was proceeding up the Cassia River from Wuchow to Kweilin, which place is being besieged by opposing Chinese armies, and where twenty missionaries are believed to be in danger, has escaped and returned to Wuchow. He reports that 300 brigands, all ex-soldiers, attacked and routed the escort of 80 soldiers. A Chinese gunboat passed and fired a few shots, but did not stop. The brigands then boarded the motor boat and demanded £100, firearms, gold leaf, etc.

When military reinforcements arrived, however, the pirates abandoned the motor boat, which they had ransacked, and carried off the four missionaries who were on board toward the hills. Soldiers followed in pursuit.

A despatch from Shanghai says:—Despatches published in the Shanghai papers tell of military and bandit outrages against missionaries both in South and North China. Reports state that five missionaries in Kwangsi and Kwantung Provinces, at the towns of Talwan and Pienlo, consisting of the Rev. R. A. Jaffray, of Toronto, and the Rev. E. H. Carne, Britishers, and two Americans, named Rev. Rex Ray and Dr. H. G. Miller, were captured and are being held prisoners in the mountains. The missionaries were proceeding toward the Town of Kwai-shun, in Kwangsi Province, in order to take supplies to their group of missionaries, practically held prisoners there due to the internal fighting.

A despatch from London says:—The Government has communicated with the British Minister at Pekin instructing him to make vigorous and immediate representations to the Chinese Foreign Office for action to effect the release of the four missionaries, two of whom are British, who were captured by pirates while proceeding to the relief of a band of twenty missionaries believed to be in danger at the hands of Chinese bandits. The Government has asked for an immediate official report of steps taken to secure the release of the captives.

Hong Kong, June 1.—Two of the four missionaries recently captured by Chinese pirates, Rev. Robert A. Jaffray of Toronto, Canada, and Dr. H. G. Miller of New York City, have been released by their captors to arrange for the payment of the ransom demanded. The other two, Rev. E. H. Carne, an Australian, and Rev. Rex Ray, an American, remain prisoners in the mountains, ten miles above Chiuping. The military authorities are endeavoring to secure their release.

Washington, May 31.—Official word of the latest outrage by Chinese pirates against British and American missionaries in China was reported to the State Department to-day. The Pekin Legation is already pressing



Pte. Charles Mullet of Toronto, spent his 65th birthday in the trenches of Flanders during the Great War, and can still fix bayonets with the best of them.

upon the Central Government the necessity for prompt action to obtain release of the foreigners and punishment of the pirates.

Canadian Welcome for British Fleet at Victoria

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The Dominion Government plans for the reception to the British special service squadron on the Pacific coast were announced by Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Minister of National Defence. The Dominion will give the officers of the fleet an official welcome on their arrival and will tender them a reception and dinner at Victoria. Subsequently a party of 30 officers and 250 men will be given a tour to Calgary and Edmonton and back by way of the Yellow Head Pass. In this tour the Government of Alberta will co-operate with the Dominion.



James Brown, Labor-miner M.P., has leaped into the limelight through being named by King George as Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland and ruler of Holyrood Palace. He didn't forget to chat with the "bobbie" at the gate.

CHANCELLOR SHOT WHILE LEAVING TRAIN

Ignaz Seipel, of Austria, Was Wounded by Fellow-Passenger in Vienna.

Vienna, June 1.—The Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Ignaz Seipel, lies in a hospital here to-night in the gravest condition. A bullet fired by a young railroad employe, Karl Jaworek, penetrated the Chancellor's lung and it remains imbedded there. The surgeons have been unable to extract it.

The Chancellor's condition is aggravated by diabetes. Three shots were fired at him, one going wide, another grazing the skin, and the third penetrating the lung. He was shot as he stepped from the train on his return from Wiener Neustadt. His assailant, 29 years of age, of Rottendorf, near Wiener Neustadt, wounded himself seriously in an attempt to commit suicide.

Dr. Ignaz Seipel, who has been Chancellor of Austria since May, 1922, is one of the outstanding figures in the European political and economic situation. Born in 1876, he entered the priesthood in 1899 and served the church for four years. Then he became a teacher of religion in a fashionable girls' school at Vienna, and later a professor of moral theology at the University of Vienna. Just before the collapse of the empire he took the post of Minister of Public Welfare in the Mammash Cabinet. His great work as Chancellor consisted of obtaining a loan through the League of Nations.

NIAGARA WHIRLPOOL CLAIMS YOUNG VICTIM

Youth of Seventeen Leaps from Boat in Futile Attempt to Reach Shore.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says:—Joseph Alexander Dempsey, 17 years of age, was drowned in the whirlpool in the lower river early Thursday morning when he jumped out of a rowboat which had become unmanageable.

Dempsey, with Edward Barrie and Morley Pearson of this city, went along the river bank with a skiff and launched it just above the whirlpool with the idea of taking it down to Queenston for the summer. Dempsey got into the boat himself and started to row across the big eddy. The current, however, was too strong for him and he had to pull the oars into the boat. Finding himself gradually being drawn into the vortex of the pool, he jumped into the water and started toward the shore. He made about twenty strokes, shouting for help, and

suddenly disappeared. It looked as if he was caught by a strong undertow. The body has not been recovered.

It is probable that if he had remained in the boat he would have been saved, for it drifted around the eddy and was drawn up near the shore.

WILL BUILD NEW NEWSPRINT PLANT

International Paper Company Will Eventually Move Entire Interests Here.

New York, June 1.—Looking forward to the gradual removal of its entire newsprint manufacturing interests in Canada, the International Paper Co. will break ground in the near future for the erection of a new plant in the Dominion, Philip T. Dodge, president of the company, announced to-day.

"Action of the United States Congress in placing newsprint on the free list," Mr. Dodge said, "has dealt the United States industry a death blow. We will continue manufacturing in the United States for a long time to come, but without a tariff to protect us we cannot thrive. We will continue, because we own vast timber tracts; but when these are exhausted we will cease manufacturing. We cannot compete against the cheap labor of foreign countries. "Our plants in the United States will be utilized for the manufacture of electricity, for which we have a well equipped engineering force. The company of which I am the head will suffer no loss."

Immigration Shows Increase of 103 Per Cent in April

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Immigration into Canada in the month of April this year shows an increase of 103 per cent. over that of the same month last year, the total for April, 1924, being 19,330, as compared with 9,500 in April, 1923. Of the total for April this year 9,410 were British, as compared with 4,671 in the same month last year; from the United States, 1,838, as against 2,140 in April last year, and 8,082 from other countries, as against 2,689 in April last year.

Father of Soldiers' Insurance Passes in Fort William

Fort William, June 1.—Arthur ("Joe") Lucas, who was first in Canada to broach the subject of soldiers' insurance, and whose suggestion was finally adopted by the Dominion Government during the war, died at 6.15 o'clock last night in McKellar General Hospital, Fort William, following an illness of six weeks' duration.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.13 1/4; No. 3 North, \$1.05 1/2.
Man. oats—No. 3 CW, 42 3/4c; No. 2, 41c.
Man. barley—Nominal.
All the above c.i.f., bay ports.
Ont. barley—65 to 70c.
Am. corn—No. 2 yellow, 95c.
Ont. Rye—74 to 78c.
Peas—No. 2, \$1.40 to \$1.45.
Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$23 shorts, per ton, \$24; middlings, \$30; good feed flour, \$1.85.
Ont. wheat—No. 2 white, nominal Ontario No. 2 white oats—39 to 41c.
Ont. corn—Nominal.
In jute bags, Montreal, prompt shipment, \$4.95; Toronto basis, \$4.95; bulk, seaboard, \$4.60.
Man. flour—1st pats., in jute sacks, \$6.50 per bbl.; 2nd pats., \$6.
Hay—Extra No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$16; No. 2, \$16; No. 3, \$13 to \$14; mixed, \$11 to \$11.50; lower grades, \$10 to \$12.
Straw—Carlots, per ton \$9.50 to \$10.

Screenings—Standard, recleaned, f. o.b., Bay ports, per ton, \$17.
Cheese—New, large, 16 1/2 to 17c; twins, 17 to 18c; triplets, 18 to 19c; Stiltons, 20c. Old, large, 22 to 23c; twins, 23 to 24c; triplets, 24 to 25c.
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 35 to 36c; No. 1 creamery, 34 to 35c; No. 2, 33 to 34c; dairy, 28 to 30c.
Eggs—Extras, fresh, in cartons, 33 to 34c; extra loose, 31c; firsts, 28c; seconds, 24c.

Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 24c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 15c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 55c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 24c.
Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 28c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 18c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 60c; roosters, 22c.

Beans—Can., hand-picked, lb., 6 1/2c; primes, 6c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.40 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

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

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 23 to 24c; cooked hams, 34 to 36c; smoked rolls, 17 to 18c; cottage rolls, 18 to 20c; breakfast bacon, 21 to 25c; special brand 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 tereces, 14 1/2 to 15 1/4c; tubs, 15 to 15 1/2c; pails, 15 1/2 to 16c; prints, 18 to 18 1/2c; shortening, tierces, 14 to 14 1/2c; tubs, 14 1/2 to 15c; pails, 15 to 15 1/2c; prints, 16 1/2 to 17c.

Export steers, choice, \$8 to \$8.25; do, good \$7.50 to \$7.75; export heifers, \$5.75 to \$6; do, com., \$4.75 to \$5; \$9; butcher steers, choice, \$7 to \$7.75; do, good, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do, med., \$5.75 to \$6; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.25; do, med., \$5.25 to \$6; do, com., \$4.75 to \$5; butcher cows, choice, \$5.25 to \$6.25; do, med., \$3.50 to \$4.50; butcher bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.50; bolognas, \$2.50 to \$3.50; canners and cutters, \$1.25 to \$1.50; feeding steers, choice, \$6 to \$6.75; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; milkers, springers, choice, \$75 to \$90; do, fair, \$45.00 to \$60.00; stockers, choice, \$5 to \$5.25; do, fair, \$4 to \$4.25; calves, choice, \$10 to \$10.50; do, med., \$7.50 to \$9; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5.50; lambs, choice ewes, \$16 to \$17; do, bucks, \$14 to \$16; do, culls, \$8 to \$9; spring lambs, per lb., 15c to 18c; sheep, light ewes, \$7 to \$8; do, culls, \$4.50 to \$5; hogs, fed and watered, \$7.85; do, f.o.b., \$7.35; do, country points, \$7.10; do, select, \$8.60; do, off cars, long haul, \$8.25.

MONTREAL.

Oats, Can. West, No. 2, 51 to 52c; do, No. 3, 49 to 50c; extra No. 1 feed, 48 to 48 1/2c; No. 2 local white, 44 to 45c. Flour, Man. spring wheat pats., 1sts, \$6.50; 2nds, \$6; strong bakers, \$5.80; winter pats., choice, \$5.90 to \$6.00. Rolled oats, bag, 90 lbs., \$2.90; bran, \$23.25; shorts, \$24.25; middlings, \$30.25; hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$16.

Cheese—Finest wests., 15 1/2 to 15 3/4c; finest easts., 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c. Butter, No. 1, pasteurized, 33c; No. 1, creamery, 32 1/4c; seconds, 31 1/2c. Eggs, fresh specials, 35c; fresh extras, 32c; fresh firsts, 28c.

Potatoes, per bag, car lots, \$1.40 to \$1.45.

Com. dairy type cows, \$3 to \$4; canners, \$1.50 to \$1.75; good veal calves, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5.50 to \$5.75; pail fed calves, \$4 to \$4.50; spring lambs, 18c per pound.

Thirteen Unaccompanied Children on Atlantic Voyage

A despatch from Quebec says:—There were 13 unaccompanied children whose ages ranged from 7 years upward on the Canadian Pacific steamer "Montcalm," which arrived at Quebec at two o'clock Friday afternoon.

William Burgess, aged 9, is destined to meet his uncle at Tadmore, Sask.; Gertrude and Jack Hanrahan will meet their mother at Walkerton, Ont., and the remainder of the children are going to join relatives in other parts of Canada, mostly in the Western Provinces.



So near and yet so far—but the plucky New Brunswick salmon pictured will keep on trying until it eventually scales the falls and reaches the quiet waters above.