

DISTRICT HYDRO MET AT MEAFORD

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the matter of available power with Ontario next, then Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Maritimes. The whole world was watching the hydro electric system in Ontario and it was also having its affect in regulating the prices charged by the privately owned plants in the province of Quebec. Ontario, he said, was wisely buying power from Quebec and establishing a prior claim as a customer of the sister province. Meantime Ontario was conserving her own power. Dr. Fowler made an eloquent appeal for greater effort to make a prosperous country from Canada's marvellous natural resources and quoted Webster's words to early America: "Develop our resources. Call forth our powers. Build up our industries. Promote the vast interests of our Country."

Ex-Mayor Londry upon whose invitation last year the association agreed to come to Meaford said he was not responsible for the bad weather. The fish in the bay had agreed to bite freely and everything was arranged for a splendid day until the weatherman spoiled it.

The Need of Publicity

Mr. C. J. Halliday of Chesley in proposing the toast to the press spoke of the necessity for publicity work by the municipalities in the system. His remarks gave rise to a very important discussion in which Mr. Taylor of Hanover was the main spokesman. Mr. Taylor wanted more than talk. He wanted action and very definite action and persisted until he scored his point.

The first two men to be considered, said Mr. Taylor, were the farmer and the industrial worker. In Canada there was no finer part than that included on the Georgian Bay System of the Hydro. It was a healthy district. There was abundance of good water. If the electric developments were owned by private interests they would be going after industries very strongly, he claimed. It behooved the publicly owned scheme to do likewise. My Taylor suggested that each commission put aside \$100 for advertising this year. Advertising, he continued, should be regular. Mr. Taylor thought the Ontario commission should be behind the publicity and that it should have an industrial department for the encouragement of industry. Quebec, he declared, was snapping industries right from under Ontario's nose.

Mr. Halliday pointed out that it would be impossible for the Hydro to recommend any towns for industries as it would immediately be charged with favoritism. Mr. Lucas of Markdale said it was up to the Georgian Bay system to boast itself. Dr. Fowler said that what was required was co-operative advertising among the hydro municipalities.

The president named a committee consisting of Taylor of Hanover, Halliday of Chesley and Lucas of Markdale to go ahead with an advertising scheme. Mr. Halliday suggested that this year it confine itself to the matter of rural extension.

Association should Broaden Out. Mr. Lucas proposed the toast to the Eugenia Association. That it was a live association, he said, was evidenced by the fact that men came hundreds of miles to attend on the worst rainy day of the year. Mr. Lucas said that the association was willing to sink its identity in a greater association to embrace all of the municipalities in the Georgian Bay System.

Mr. R. H. Star, of Orillia, replied stating that his town, although not a hydro town proper would join the association. Mr. Curney of Wingham also spoke briefly to the toast. Mr. Armstrong of Hanover supported the idea of a Georgian Bay association.

Mr. James, Engineer from the Ontario Commission made a splendid speech telling of the Georgian Bay System, its past performances, its present production and future plans. Mr. James spoke in practically all the 32 municipalities in the system when they introduced hydro proper through the usual laws. Midland was the first born. Orillia, although not in the hydro system was really a half brother as it was a municipally owned plant. Orillia was also the father of public ownership in Ontario.

Mr. James also advised the biggest association to include all the municipalities in the system which stretch from Kincardine on lake Huron to Port Perry in Central Ontario and Huntsville on the north. Sixteen years ago 130 horse power was being developed in the Georgian Bay System. Today 20,000 horse power is being developed. Mr. James pointed out that the commission has \$286,000,000 invested in plants, etc., and the municipalities of Ontario had \$65,000,000. The capital invested in development plants and transmission lines in the Georgian Bay system was \$5,300,000 to be repaid by the municipalities in 40 years. The Georgian Bay system had in reserves for renewals of equipment, contingency fund and sinking fund \$1,400,000.

Only Four at a Loss. In 1927 only four municipalities of the 32 had run at a loss and of these only a few hundred dollars altogether. The total cost of power supplied in the system was \$671,000 and there was a surplus on this sale of \$46,000 which will be refunded to the municipalities. The investment of the municipalities



Captain Alfred Loewenstein, world-famous Belgian financier and mystery man of Europe, who disappeared from his private aeroplane while crossing the North Sea from England to Belgium.

in local plants and equipment in the system amounts to \$2,150,000 and against that there is only \$800,000 debenture debt which is less than one half of the plant values. There are reserves of \$47,000 which brings the net debt down to less than half a million.

Three hundred and fifty thousand of the five millions borrowed have been paid back. There is a depreciation fund of \$4,000,000 which is 19 per cent of the capital. In re-arranging the rates for 1928 the commission did not desire to make a big reduction because of considerable new construction work to be done. They did not want to be in the position of lowering rates and then increasing them again. Therefore they did not propose to make big reductions but rather let the municipalities build up a surplus. In all municipalities, however, there would be reductions equivalent to one month's power bill. In 12 municipalities there would be reduction in street lighting costs.

Growth in Power Use

Mr. James told of the ever increasing load on the Georgian Bay system. In 1927 the peak load was 21,000 horse power. The load was increasing by about 2,000 h.p. a year. More generation must be secured, he said. The commission was getting some power from Orillia. A new plant was being built in Muskoka and the old Owen Sound steam plant would be put into operation. "You may this fall be asked to curtail your street lighting," said Mr. James, "but you can rest assured that the Georgian Bay will get all the power it wants. We can hook up with the Niagara or Gatineau lines," Mr. James said that the Eugenia development was not big enough to look after the Eugenia municipalities. It would be necessary shortly to increase the voltage on the Eugenia lines to 53,000.

Mr. James said that the great extension in the next twenty years would be in the rural parts. All the incorporated towns and villages in this district now had the hydro power. The urban municipalities would find it to their great advantage to help the rural people get power and light.

Rural Extensions

There was considerable activity now in rural districts near Owen Sound, Wingham, Ripley, Kincardine, Grand Valley and Meaford. "But the Georgian Bay System lags woefully behind the Niagara System with respect to rural power," said Mr. James. "You are also behind Eastern Ontario. Boost rural hydro."

Mr. Purcell told about the recent visit of the Wisconsin Government party to Ontario to study the hydro. He said that the average power cost in Wisconsin was 7.6 cents per k.w. as compared with 1.66 cents in Ontario. He said that the visitors were much impressed.

Mr. L. Purcell who is the rural electric expert of the Ontario Commission dealt with that subject in some detail as he did at a recent meeting of the St. Vincent farmers in Meaford. He said that rural Ontario was the great potential market for hydro electric power in the province. The Georgian Bay system had a great opportunity as up here there were 22 rural persons for every urban one, while in the rest of Ontario there were 1.8 urban people to every one rural. He illustrated the farm market for power by quoting from Norwich, a village in Oxford County which today sold 500 horse power. Rural lines were put out Owen Sound to Allenford and to near Hepworth. Mr. Purcell said that a farmer was a better user of power than the urban dweller.

There were only 33 1/2 miles of rural lines in the Georgian Bay system. However, rapid extensions were now being made all over the province. Mr. Milligan spoke on safety matters. He said the record of accident in the Georgian Bay system was very good. Eugenia had only one accident last year when a man got a leg broken. He urged commissions.

A vote of thanks was moved to Mr. and Mrs. Paul, the host and hostess, to which Mr. Paul replied inviting the association back any time it wished to come.

Lynchings have decreased considerably in the United States of late, but they still have a lot of saxophonists left.

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance

Launches Move for Hydro

Declaring that a change in the ownership of the Walkerton Electric Light and Power Plant, whereby an American concern had taken over from Messrs. David Robertson and John Rowland, the big electric plant they had been operating here for years under the title of The Walkerton Electric Light & Power Co. Ltd., presented an opportunity for securing Hydro Electric power for the town and thus get out of the control of a private corporation into the public-ownership column of this great public utility. Mayor Halladay convened a special meeting of the Council on Saturday evening.

At this session, which was attended by a full representation of the Board, the Mayor cited the fact that the receipt of a letter from Messrs. Robertson and Rowland that they had disposed of their electrical business in Walkerton to a United States concern had appealed to him as being an occasion of so great moment to the town that he felt no time should be lost by the Council in getting in touch with the Hydro Electric Commission and endeavoring to secure for the municipality control of the light and power situation here, hence the suddenness with which this meeting had been called.

Maintaining that over 75 per cent of the ratepayers of the town wanted hydro, Mayor Halladay declared that as their representatives it was up to them to endeavor to obtain what the people favored. They had not only expressed themselves overwhelmingly at the polls, when the issue was submitted some

years ago, but from time to time he had been urged to take some action in this regard.

Any town of any size or importance around Walkerton had Hydro power, and was coming into ownership of its own distributing system, while Walkerton was getting nowhere under private ownership. —Walkerton Times.

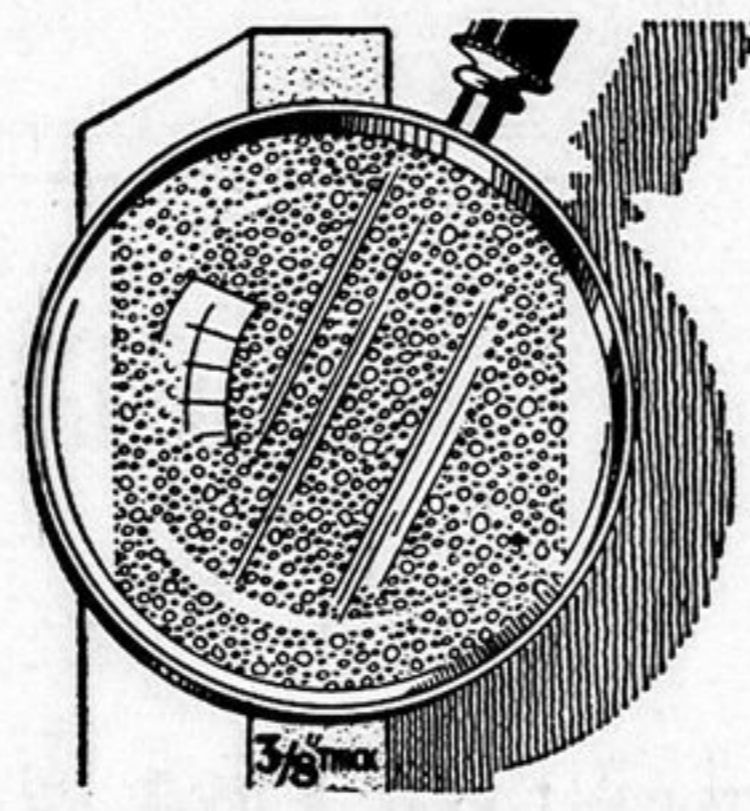
Auto Crash at Walkerton

While Mr. Harris Rife was motoring back from the Old Home celebration in Mildmay about 9 o'clock Tuesday night in a McLaughlin touring car, he beheld another motorist stalled on the road near the cemetery corner, fixing a flat tire and as he approached the anchored roadship, which was facing him, a Stratford motorist named Stone in a new Chevrolet sedan suddenly loomed up in front of him and attempted to pass. Somebody miscalculated and there was a bang.

The Rife car turned over a couple of times in the ditch, and was wrecked beyond repair. Harris, who was thrown against the steering wheel in the crash, sustained a black eye and a cut arm. The Stratford chariot lost a front wheel, and had a fender and lamp demolished by the impact, but otherwise the driver and the car escaped unhurt.

As the Stratfordite is a brother of Mr. Stone, one of the speed cops up this way, who was present at the mixup, a lot of argument ensued as to who was responsible for the mishap without anybody getting anywhere in the debate. —Walkerton Times.

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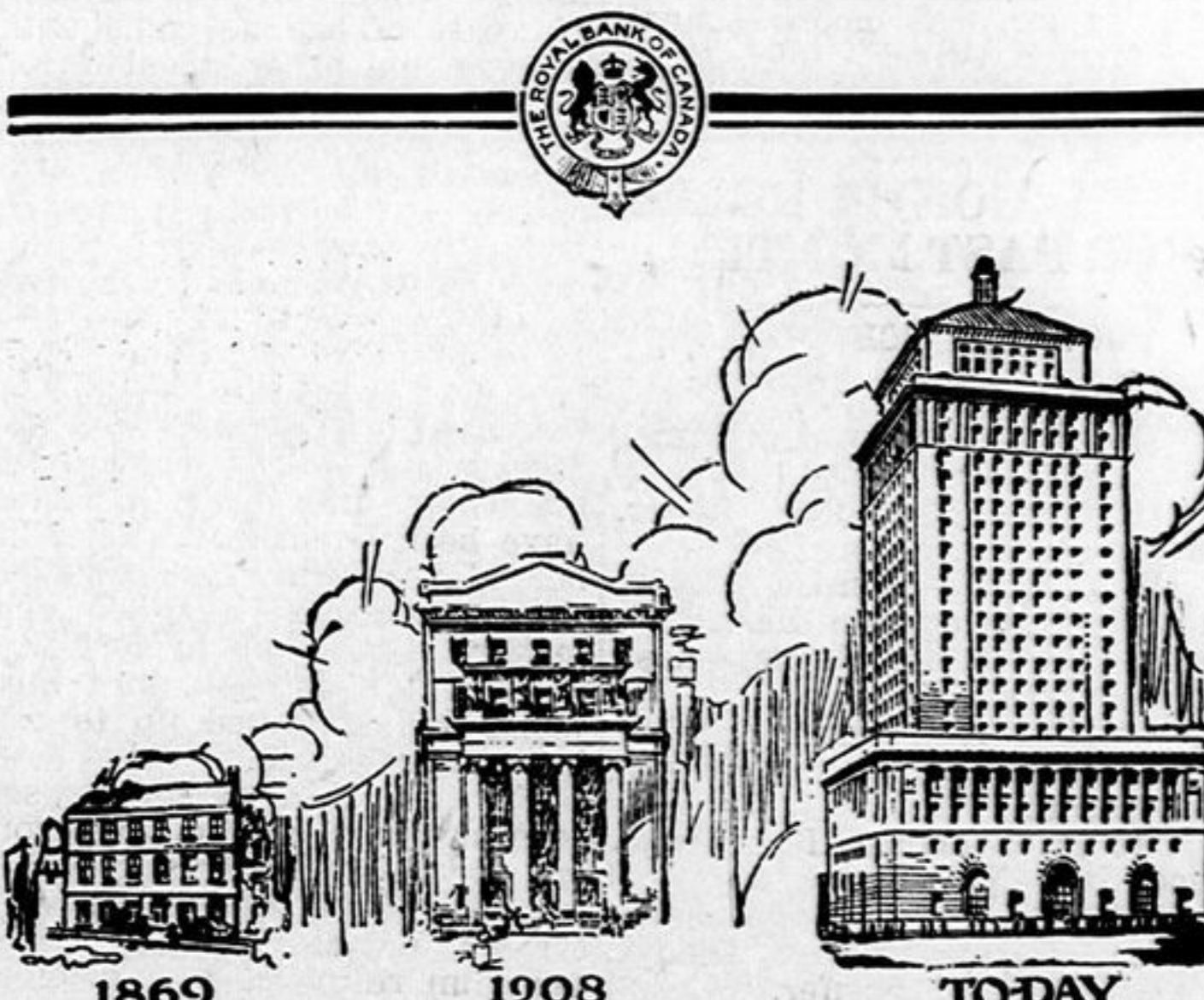
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Dated this 9th day of June, 1928. J. H. McQUARRIE Durham (Solicitor for the Executors)

Those who play the saxophone should be careful whose they play it by.