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FRANK IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.

Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the Truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, January 31, 1929

PUBLICITY FOR HYDRO

Last Friday's Toronto Globe said editorially: "The Hydro-Electric municipalities sensed the only danger confronting their power policy when they went on record as favoring a continuous publicity campaign to offset the propaganda of privately owned enterprises. Their resolution should be translated into action without delay."

This is a step that the municipalities supporting Hydro should have taken long ago. Despite the fact that there are several large cities in the Hydro group, the smaller centres are just as much interested, and it is to be feared that in the past their requirements and desires have been shelved in order that the Hydro Commission might cater to the larger centres, where more power was needed and where it was easier to install than in the rural districts.

The smaller municipalities have too long submitted to what the Commission had to hand out to them and it is with genuine pleasure that we learn that they have at last taken the bit in their teeth in an endeavor to have Hydro made province-wide. As The Globe remarks, there is only a small portion of Ontario served by Hydro as yet.

Practically all the publicity the Hydro has ever received has been from the city angle. Little has ever been heard of the outlying centres, and if the controversy now going on over in Bruce County has done nothing else, it may have awakened the Hydro municipalities to the fact that the time has passed when this great power-distributing system can lie back on its oars and let the public come to them. The mountain in this case did not come to Mahomet; now Mahomet has to go to the mountain.

The Chronicle has long been a consistent advocate of Hydro, but at that we have not been altogether blind to its weaknesses. The greatest municipi-

pally owned electric producing commission in the world, it got into a rut, so far as the appointed Commission was concerned, it remained in the rut, and it was up to the municipalities to try and get it over on to the smooth highway.

In the years gone by there have been too many officious officials connected with the system. From the top to the bottom of the ladder it has been a case of wielding the "big stick" until the people who paid the fiddler had little or nothing to say, were given no information or asked any advice. We have had inspectors in Durham who vetoed their predecessor's work, as well as superintendents or whatever they were called, no two of whom seemed to know just what their duty was. "The People's Hydro" so far as we were concerned, was a joke. Sometimes we were forced to the conclusion that the fellow who landed in to inspect the installation of a couple of lights or fixtures owned the whole system, and on one occasion this office was threatened with a "no-hook-up" order because we had the work done evidently by someone who was not in that particular officials favor. It is true that this order was never put into effect, but the threat was there. The inspector was invited to go ahead, but relented—possibly because he feared the consequences if the matter were reported.

This will be a phase of Hydro that The Globe is not acquainted with, but it is too true that for a time "the hicks in the sticks" had to step lively to command very much civility out of the lance corporals in charge.

One inspector, and a mighty decent fellow he was and is, took the trouble to ask us one day what was the matter with the people up in this part of Ontario. "Every time I walk in to inspect a job, someone wants to fight," was his complaint. We told him the reason and he said he didn't blame us.

That sort of thing, though, is pretty well behind us, and perhaps we should not have mentioned it, but it is one of the things that has not had a good effect on Hydro. Today the officials are more painstaking, more civil, and appear willing to help a subscriber out of a difficulty he does not understand. With a real service behind it and the necessary publicity there is no reason why municipally owned Hydro should not increase more in the next ten years than it has in the past.

From the small town standpoint there is nothing that can take the place of the Hydro. Had the Hydro not been here we would have been short of power, and with a very limited number of subscribers to draw from it is hard to tell what the rates might have been for a twenty-four hour service. So far as price, service, and conditions generally are concerned, this Eugenia system seems to be the best of the lot and in the past thirteen years we have had an almost continuous and uninterrupted service at a fair cost.

There's nothing wrong with the Hydro from the mechanical standpoint, but we do think that there could be considerable improvement made in the publicity end by having someone on the Commission who understands rural conditions. Continual anthems of praise, perhaps, may have given the Hydro Commission and the Hydro generally the idea that it was infallible, but from the rumpus that has been raised since Bruce County gave it the kick in the neck it should have received long ago, considerable improvement may come.

We have always boosted Hydro, we are still boosting it; but the time for action has now arrived.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Town are visiting with friends in Detroit this week.

Mr. John C. Bryon of Owen Sound visited with his parents here over the week-end.

Miss Myrtle Koch was in Kitchener this week attending the funeral of an uncle.

Mrs. George Newell underwent an operation in Durham Hospital on Thursday last and we are pleased to report is making satisfactory progress.

Mrs. H. R. Koch, who underwent an operation for goitre in Toronto General Hospital recently, is recovering nicely and expects to be able to return to her home here the last of this week or the first of next.

Mr. Erben Schütz of Chicago is visiting for a few days at his parental home here. He came to Toronto to visit with Mr. H. A. Hunter, whom we regret to state is quite ill and came on to Durham for a few holidays.

The average man gives advice by the gallon and accepts it by the spoonful.—Chicago Daily News.

Down to Earth
Husband to Authors—"Will you be much longer writing that novel?"
Wife—"I am just at the death scene of the hero."
Husband (politely)—"Good! And when he's dead, would you mind sewing this button on for me?"

A romance in a novel amounts to a scandal in real life.—Chicago Daily News.

Of course modesty is shrinking, any one can see it shrinking nowadays.—Brandon Sun.

BORN

Aljoe—In Glenelg, January 20, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Aljoe, a son.

Dobney—In Durham hospital, January 20, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dobney, Durham, a son.

Marsalles—In Durham Hospital, on January 27, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Marsalles, Dornoch, twin daughters.

Morton—In Durham, January 25, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Morton, a son.

IN MEMORIAM

Brown—In loving memory of husband and father, Charles Brown, who departed this life February 2, 1928.

As we loved him, so we miss him
In our memory he is dear
Loved, remembered, thought of always
Bringing many a silent tear.

He bade no one a last farewell
He said good-bye to none
The heavenly gates were opened wide
A loving voice said "Come".

Sleep on, dear father, your cares are ended
Rest in peace, your work is done
You are gone where those who loved you
Will meet you, one by one.

—Ever remembered by Wife and Family.

SOLD HIS RESIDENCE
Mr. Doyle Braithwaite has disposed of his residence on Countess street to Mr. Robert Ledingham, who gets possession on the first of June.

Advertise in The Chronicle. It pays!

This Week's BARGAIN LIST

- Stamped Aprons, each 25c.
 - Stamped Centre Pieces, each 19c.
 - Good quality Flannelette, 36 ins. wide, 4 yards for... 98c.
 - Ladies' Broadcloth Bloomers lined \$1.19
 - Tooth Brushes, Allright make reg. 40c. for 29c.
 - Palmyra Shaving Cream regular 35c. for 29c.
 - Silk Elastic, ¼ in. wide, 6 yards for 19c.
 - Stamped Pillow Cases, reg. \$1.75 per pair \$1.29
- This includes lace for edging.

The Variety Store
R. L. Saunders, Prop.
PHONE 4 DURHAM

BARGAINS!

- Men's 15" Leather top Rubbers, white sole, special at \$6.45
- Men's 15" Leather top Rubbers Red sole, special at \$5.95
- Men's 12" Leather top Rubbers, White sole, special at \$5.95
- Men's 12" Leather top Rubbers, Red sole, special at \$5.45 and \$4.95

We only have a limited number of these rubbers so be sure to take advantage of these prices, while we have your size in stock.

J. S. McIlraith

The Cash Shoe Store Durham

HYMENEAL

SMYTHE—WHITTAKER

A very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beverley Durant, 135 Grenadier Road, Toronto, when Miss Irene Whittaker became the bride of Mr. William Smythe of Montreal. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Hinks of High Park United Church.

The bride was beautifully dressed in a long white tulle dress, trimmed with silver, silver shoes and stockings to match. Her bridal veil came in a cap effect over her head and was caught at each side with orange blossoms.

The bridesmaid was Miss Marjory Slipp of Cardiff, Wales. Her dress was of peach tulle in period fashion. Both the bride and the bridesmaid carried nosegays of sweetheart roses and lily-of-the-valley.

The groom was supported by Mr. Arden Whittaker, brother of the bride. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Chas. Duke, who rendered music all through the ceremony and during the signing of the register.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the archway being decorated with pink and white streamers with pink rosebuds. There were about twenty-five guests present and Mrs. Durant received them in the drawing room dressed in pink georgette trimmed with black tulle with corsage bouquet of orchids.

After congratulations, the guests sat down to a daintily decorated table and enjoyed the wedding supper, the bride's table being decorated with a three-storey wedding cake.

The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a gold compact and to the best man a silver cigarette lighter.

Mr. and Mrs. Smythe will reside in Toronto.

Durham friends of the bride will join with The Chronicle in wishing her a happy married life.

HELD INFORMAL DANCE

The dance given in the town hall Friday night under auspices of the hockey club did not clear very much money but a good time is reported by those who attended. The night was very stormy, not at all inviting, and as a result most people preferred the comforts of their fireside to turning out into the storm. Music was supplied by the Mount Forest orchestra.

Commands Harbor Tug at Fort Churchill

Capt. J. F. Wright Has Signed Up With Canadian Government Merchant Marine and Leaves For North About Middle of April.

Capt. J. F. Wright of this place, for years holding a master's certificate on the Great Lakes, and of late years in the employ of the Dominion Towing Company at Fort William, has decided to quit the fresh water for a time and last week signed up with the Canadian Government to take command of one of their harbor tugs at Fort Churchill, the northern terminal of the Hudson's Bay Railway.

Capt. Wright expects to leave the middle of April for St. John, New Brunswick, where the tug he is to command is now laid up. From there he will be in command up the coast of Newfoundland, Labrador, through Hudson Strait and across Hudson's Bay to Fort Churchill. He expects his duties here will keep him busy well into December or possibly later. On the trip he will be accompanied by a larger harbor tug and the two of them will have lighters in tow carrying supplies needed in the harbor improvements contemplated at the terminal.

Fort Churchill is in latitude 58, some 2,000 miles from the North Pole, and we have suggested to Captain Wright that some week-end he take a run up to the pole and secure a piece of it for us to use as an anchor for one end of our aerial wire.

DISQUALIFIED FOR LIFE

In England, a man convicted a second time for driving dangerously while intoxicated was fined £50 and costs, which were 10 guineas, altogether \$252, and—

Disqualified from driving for life! That is the real way to punish drunken drivers.

Fines do not mean much to a great many such brutes. Even a short imprisonment—good as that is—does not always prevent a second offence.

But disqualification for life makes the public quite safe from that fiend.—Municipal Review.

"I hear the bank is looking for a new cashier. Is it true? They engaged a new one only a month ago." "That's the one they're looking for."

MOVIES

"HINDLE WAKES" ENGROSSING PICTURE OF LANCASHIRE

The Homely and Famous Story of Lancashire Life that Captured the Emotions of Two Continents.—Under Auspices of the I. O. D. E., Durham.

Theatre-goers have the opportunity this week to appreciate the film version of "Hindle Wakes", coming to the Star Theatre Monday and Tuesday, February 4 and 5.

Adapted from Stanley Houghton's famous play of Lancashire mill life, "Hindle Wakes" at the time of its production, inaugurated a new school of drama, an essentially modern school, which dramatised the new social order wherein the rising generation claimed independence and set up a new code of relations between the sexes.

The film is an incident in the life of Hindle, a Lancashire cotton town. For fifty-one weeks in the year the Lancashire prototypes of Hindle rise with the dawn and match their dreary atmosphere with the drab existence in the cotton mills, but for one week in the year the looms stand silent whilst the cotton slaves give themselves up to holiday-making, popularly known as "wakes".

Every portion of the film was taken in the locale of the story. One of the largest cotton mills near Manchester was pressed into service, whilst the wake scenes were filmed at Lancashire's popular resort, Blackpool, with its amazing and lively Fun City on the South Shore, its great ballrooms, and its myriad lights transforming it into a fairyland by the sea. The ballroom scenes were filmed in the Tower Ballroom, to which 6,347 people paid admission—the largest ballroom 'crowd' ever filmed.

Every character is true to type, and every player splendid in his or her part, whether of major or minor importance, from the mill-owner of Normal McKinnel, to the millgirl of Estelle Brody (who will be remembered as the popular heroine of "Made-moiselle from Armentieres"), the conscientious carder of Humberston Wright, and the nagging, avaricious "Mrs. Hawthorne" of Marie Ault to Arthur Chesney's "mayor" and the mill-hands played by Alf Goddard and Cyril McLaglen.



SPRING DRESSES

Rarely have we had such exceptional Dresses to offer at these prices. Seldom have our buyers been so enthusiastic over newly arrived merchandize. You'll share in their enthusiasm when you see the gala array of beautiful new frocks for early spring days.

Remarkable Values
\$9.95

Flannel Dresses \$3.95
Wool Jersey Suits .. \$5.95

FINE'S Durham
"The Home of Good Clothes"

Varney
(Our Own Correspondent)
Last winter the motoruary and the weather w this winter it is like a last was the first nice S time and at church ser ment of the Lord's Supp sed and a real good ga attendance.
Mr. James Leeson left for Stratford where he stayed for a few days.
Mr. Richard Allan to visit his wife's people and Kincardine.
Mrs. John Kerr took and is confined to the doctor in attendan rew Marshall is attendi Our mail man, Mr. did not make his trip account of bad roads.
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. near Holstein attended Sunday and also visit Mrs. Hooper of Mou up Monday and is vi ther's home, Dr. G. M.

Rocky Saus
(Our Own Correspondent)
We have had a ve January and will hope weather soon.
Mr. Campbell McL nesday night with Mr Crutchley.
Quite a number from the hockey match in D day night and report Mr. Dave Young, Wa with Mr. Duncan McA Mr. Willis, Teeswater few days at the hom Reay.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack C ily were guests with M vin Caswell, Durham.
Mrs. Neil Livingston spending a few days Mrs. L. McLean.

Travers
(Our Own Correspondent)
The young folks ha skating on the 5-acre three nights of last w For several years, M has delivered the wood and the quality has be anticipated the big sto so had it all snugly

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THIS V Friday and FEBRUARY SPECIAL Richard A. Row "THE HAUNT CHESTER CONK Regular Prices Good Co

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