

WANTS TO DEBATE

A challenge to W. P. Mulock, K.C. Liberal member for North York Federal riding, to debate the war veterans' pension question with him early next month, has been issued by Harold Breuls, defeated Conservative candidate. Col. Mulock has been investigating pensions at Ottawa since he took his seat in the house.

An Open Letter

To The Electors of the Federal Riding of East York

Dear Electors:

Just a little explanation in offering myself as a Candidate for the Liberal Nomination for the Federal Riding of East York, that my

association with East York, as a taxpayer, and also in active community work, goes back now for twenty years, particularly my service on Soldier Re-Establishment, and as President of the Amalgamated Rate-Payers Association of the Old Township of York, (twenty-five Associations.)

I will not detain you with further details of my long and varied community service for East York.

My professional association for East York, has been both intimate and rather extensive, including, amongst other solicitations, my work as solicitor for the central council of ratepayers, Township of East York, on whose behalf I made two applications to the Legislature, which resulted in an ultimatum from the Legislature against payment of further Hydro deficits from East York.

As evidence of my fitness and qualifications as a Liberal and a public man, and of my standing in the Party, it seems proper to add that I was appointed, without even applying for the office, to succeed the eminent leader of the Liberal Party in Ontario, the late Hartley Dewart, K.C., as a Member of the Dominion Statute Revision Commission, under Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, formerly a Member of the Laurier Cabinet.

I was also, without applying for the office, appointed Government Counsel on the Royal Commission, which inquired into certain phases of the administration of the Department of Soldier Re-Establishment of Toronto, Ottawa and London. The action of that Commission met with the approval of Parliament, as well as the approval of the Veterans.

I have been three times unanimously nominated as a stated Liberal Candidate, namely, in South York in 1917 and 1921, and in West York against Sir Henry Drayton, then acting Prime Minister in 1925.

My services on the platform for the Liberal Party, started twenty-seven years ago.

I have borne practically all my campaign expenses in said three Federal Campaigns.

I trust you will give this letter your favourable consideration, and assure you that if I am favored with your support, I will ever do my utmost to be worthy of your valued support.

Yours faithfully,
Alex. McGregor

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Queen's Park Arena

(By the Watchman)
Premier Hepburn and his new Government are fighting a battle to save Ontario power users literally hundreds of millions of dollars on their electricity bills during the next several decades.

In assailing the validity of the Conservative administration's power tie-ups with Quebec private corporations, the Liberal Prime Minister of Ontario is raising an issue which means dollars and cents—yes, and even jobs—to every Ontario citizen of the present and the future.

Rural Ontario cannot afford to underestimate the importance to agricultural of the battle now being waged at Queen's Park—it means in many thousands of rural homes the difference between the available and economic unavailability of Hydro for farmers.

In essence, as the facts become apparent in the Legislature and in Queen's Park corridors, the province is obligated to pay \$15 per horse power for unwanted electricity which Premier Hepburn, Attorney General Roebuck and their colleagues of the cabinet say should have been purchased—if purchase were inevitable at a much lower figure.

The capitalization and financial set-ups given by Government spokesmen to the Legislature have revealed, according to statements, a series of power-purchase deals immensely profitable to Quebec private power corporations but apparently disastrous to the people's Hydro venture.

Unless the Premier wins his battle against the Quebec power barons, the Ontario user of electricity is doomed to pay higher and higher prices for power. With the Hydro Commission newly striving for increased distribution of electricity in rural Ontario, hopes of "electrification" in many farm homes are to be blasted—unless Premier Hepburn wins the present fight at Queen's Park.

Economically, the issue as drawn is one of the most important this province has faced for many a year. Increased power-costs would mean increased production costs in industry; this would mean less business in competition with world industry; in turn, this would mean fewer jobs for urban workmen; and, in its turn, would mean less urban buying power with which to make rural Ontario prosperous. To an observer in Queen's Park during the past few weeks of Legislature sittings, it would seem that the people of Ontario may fail to grasp the importance of Premier Hepburn's present efforts. They are so vital to Ontario's welfare, that it is difficult to understand the attitude of hilarity encountered upon Conservative benches.

MONGOLIA

Elwood Elson purchased a new horse at Ed. Baker's sale.

We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nighswander on their recent marriage.

Maggie is spending her vacation on the tenth. We wonder if Jiggs is having a feed of corn beef and cabbage.

Ezra and Joe Brownberger have engaged Albert Boake for the summer months, and he intends moving very soon.

The stork while making his rounds has visited two more homes, leaving a baby boy with both Jack Barky and Bob Hook. Who says the tenth is not a prosperous community.

WHITCHURCH TORY OFFICER



EWART G. PINDER

of Whitchurch elected second vice-president of the Federation of Young Canada Conservative Clubs of Ontario. Mr. Pinder was a district representative last year.

NOTES & COMMENTS

The citizens of the village of Coldwater in Simcoe County banqueting members of the council and school board. That is news because unique. These officials are more accustomed to cold water being thrown on their best efforts for the public all the year round.

The Ontario Hydro Commission paid \$400 for a portrait of Alf. McGuire, Commissioner. (What a rotten waste of public funds, which must be paid for through the cost of electric current burned in our homes. What interest have the owners of hydro (the consumers) in Alf. McGuire that \$400 of our funds be expended on his portrait.)

Should the Ontario government decide to assume the whole cost of the King's Highways throughout the province, the direct saving to York County Council, according to the treasurer's estimate, would be between 90 and 100 thousand dollars. It would be well for the treasurers of each municipality to figure the saving, if any, to their respective municipalities, after the subsidies now received on township road is cancelled.

The Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, by reduction in managerial and administrative costs during the past six months, has effected a yearly saving of more than \$600,000. In addition, a reduction of more than \$450,000 in annual interest payments will be apparent this year, and a decline will continue until the money advanced by the province for capital expenditure has been returned through sinking funds. The one big alarm or black cloud for Hydro is the enormous contracts entered into for power which is not been used, and which was bought at shamefully high rates. If the Ontario government succeeds in getting the cost of this power lowered they will earn the unending thanks of all the people of this province.

The Agricultural Committee of York County Council passed a recommendation that eggs be sold by weight after being candled, instead of by the dozen as at present. It is contended by the Committee that the present various grades under which eggs are sold are confusing and conflicting to the public. Another recommendation sent forward to the legislature by this committee is that the service charge on rural hydro be reduced. Such reduction as the Ontario Hydro Commission might make, would certainly be welcome by the farmers, but after all its hydro at cost. If hydro rates now coupled with the service charge, pays the cost of current and line investment only, then any reduction in service charge would have to be countered by increased rates, so what have we.

Abolition of Government House

A few newspapers and politicians are trying to arouse public sentiment in Ontario against the decision of the Legislature to refuse to vote funds for the maintenance of Government House or Chorley Park as it has been called in recent years, but little headway will be made in these days with one in every nine persons in Canada on relief.

The cost of building this Castle of Indolence was nearly a million dollars, made up as follows: site and legal expenses \$147,054, laying out of grounds \$116,132, buildings \$459,902, laying out of grounds and fencing \$35,000, additional building \$162,364, furnishings, electric fixtures and decorations \$55,000.

The ballroom of this palace is 44x66 feet and there are 31 bedrooms for the servants. The castle was completed in October 1915 and has cost for its upkeep about \$90,000 a year for the benefit of Toronto's society set and the social set of other urban centres. It is too big a price to pay for special balls of the elite of society and for the ten-course dinners of those who are fortunate enough to get an invitation.

There has been an agitation to stop voting funds for this castle of folly's up-keep ever since it was built and the Ontario government should be congratulated for carrying out its promises during the election campaign to refuse to vote funds for the maintenance of an official residence for a Lieutenant Governor. The refusal to support a luxury home is timely when unemployment is rife and relief charges are high.

9th LINE, MARKHAM

Wedding Bells are beginning to tingle on the line. Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas were in Toronto on Saturday.

Miss Anna Housser spent the weekend at her home at Lincolnville.

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Why doesn't some one open up a gas-station on the ninth to supply those who run out?
Misses Annie and Mae Barkey of Cherrywood visited Wednesday afternoon at Burkholder's.
Come to our Young People's Meeting, held every Monday evening at Mr. R. R. Johnson's home.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Batt and Mr. Hector Batt visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. Boyd and family Tuesday evening.
V. Lewis and Miss M. Peacock motored to Toronto Sunday evening—Miss Peacock remained to visit with her sister Mrs. Ken. Graham, and Joe came home alone.

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