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TO MAKE KINGSTON ANOTHER POWER OFFER.

He Wants to Address a Public Meeting Next Week—Had a Talk With Ald. R. F. Elliott Over the Telephone.

Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the hydro-electric commission, has another proposition to offer Kingston in the way of cheap power. He telephoned Ald. R. F. Elliott, chairman of the light, heat and power committee, Friday morning from Toronto, to say that he would like to address a public meeting here next week, before he left for England, as he had something new to offer. Mr. Beck stated that he had closed arrangements with the Wadlington, N.Y. company for the delivery of 60,000 horsepower for eastern Ontario.

The hydro-electric chairman would not say what his new proposition was. Ald. Elliott remarked that he looked upon the matter entirely as a business proposition, and could not see that there was much necessity of a public meeting, but readily acceded to Mr. Beck's request to arrange for one. He will consult the mayor, and have a meeting called some evening next week in the city hall, to suit the convenience of Mr. Beck.

Any proposition the hydro-electric commission has to make will have to go to the light, heat and power committee. Ald. Elliott wanted it sent down at once in writing, but Mr. Beck said he would bring it with him.

The light, heat and power committee is beginning to think that it may have new propositions before it all year in the way of power offers, and Ald. Elliott stated that it would be advisable for the city to appoint an expert as soon as possible, and have him report upon the proposition that would be the better suited for Kingston. The report that the Seymour company is making a further offer to the city has again awakened the Hydro Electric commission, which does not want to lose Kingston as a customer in its eastern Ontario plan.

CALLLED AWAY BY DEATH.

The Late Mrs. Francis Mallen—Remains Brought Here.

The death occurred in Detroit, on Wednesday, of Mrs. Mallen, the young wife of Francis Mallen, formerly of Kingston, after an illness of several months of tuberculosis. Deceased was formerly Miss Anna Whitmarsh, of Wolfe Island, and was married to Mr. Mallen about seven months ago. She was twenty-three years of age. The remains were brought to Kingston, and the funeral will take place from the residence of deceased's father-in-law, James Mallen, 170 Rideau street, on Saturday morning to St. Mary's cathedral.

Died Very Suddenly.

A sad death occurred on Friday morning of Cecilia Marguerite, second youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cassidy. Deceased had been ailing for the past month, but only took to her bed, Thursday, suffering from convulsions, brought on by Bright's disease. Besides her sorrowing parents, she leaves four sisters and two brothers, to mourn her loss, also her many playmates and school teachers with whom she was a great favorite.

The Late Mrs. Ann Pollie.

Mrs. Ann Pollie, one of the oldest residents of this city, passed away at her home, 194 Ordinance street, Thursday evening, as the result of a stroke of paralysis. She had been ill only about nine days. Deceased was eighty-two years of age and had resided in this city nearly all her life. She was born in Ireland but came to this country when quite young. She was a Presbyterian in religion and for many years had been an attendant at St. Andrew's church. Beside her son, John, with whom she lived, she leaves three daughters, Mrs. William Ada, Winnipeg, Miss Ellen, of this city, and a married daughter on Amber Island.

Travers to Kingston.

There is some talk in Toronto of W. R. Travers, former general manager of the Farmers' Bank, being brought down to the penitentiary on a day Monday. Assistant Crown Attorney Monahan stated that he could not see how he could keep Travers in Toronto until the September session of the court, when the trial of Messrs. Stratton, Warren and the provisional directors will go on. Col. Munro's case will come up next week and it is the intention to bring down the prisoner after that is over.

Joins Canadian Manufacturers.

Gordon C. Keith, M.E.R.Sc., managing editor of Canadian Machinery, The Power House and Canadian Foundryman, has resigned to join the editorial staff of the Canadian Manufacturer. Mr. Keith is a graduate of Queen's university in mechanical and civil engineering, and previous to making his connection with the technical publishing business he had six years' experience in the plants of Frost & Woods, Smith's Falls, and the Canadian Locomotive Works, Kingston.

A Nelson Street Sensation.

A team of horses and a waggon caused a mix-up on Nelson street Friday morning. The outfit, which was being used by some men looking after a drain, was standing alongside the road. The horses somehow turned around and upset the waggon. One of the animals became tangled up in the harness and it was some time before the mix-up could be straightened out.

Troubles of a Mariner.

A mariner of the steamer Kinmount was arrested, this morning, by Constable. While his steamer was being drunk. While his steamer was being discharged of her cargo, he went about and succeeded in getting quite a cargo on board, so much so that he could not navigate. He will make his bow before the magistrate in the morning.

Strawberries, large quart boxes, 25c. at Ross.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Queen Street Methodist Sunday School.

The annual meeting in connection with the Queen street Methodist Sunday school took place last evening. It was presided by a tea which was enjoyed by a large number of officers and teachers. At this meeting, there was a review of the operations of the year. The reports of the superintendent, the secretary, the treasurer, the librarians, and the superintendents of the home and junior departments were received and fully considered.

The records of the year showed a distinct improvement in every direction. There was a growing interest, a growing increase in membership and funds, and a decided improvement in the tone and order of the school. Its financial position was especially commended upon, and in consequence of the larger receipts there was a larger grant to missions.

The following things were noticeable in the reports: That the grade system had been introduced into the junior departments, and will be extended to all the departments of the school in October; that the Young Ladies' Guild has accumulated funds to the extent of \$1,500 towards the new Sunday school building; that Flower Day will, this year, occur on the last Sunday in June, and the picnic on the beginning of the second week in July; that there has been an auxiliary organized in connection with the Sunday school athletic association of the city, and that it will put two teams in the field.

The officers of the school for the ensuing year will be: Superintendent—J. G. Elliott, Miss Crawford. Assistant superintendents—J. Clark, John A. Gardiner. Superintendent—R. Meek. Assistants—E. W. Skinner, Dr. E. Sparks. Secretary—W. S. Gordon. Assistants—H. Aseletine, W. Thurston. Librarian—Capt. Crawford. Assistants—J. G. Elliott, Miss Crawford.

Superintendent of the home department—T. Lambert. Superintendent of junior department—Miss Day. The officers and teachers number thirty-five.

There will be an installation of the officers and teachers at the morning service in the church on Sunday, May 14th.

Youth Accused of Theft.

A sixteen-year-old lad is accused of the theft of a bicycle from a well-known merchant. He appeared in the police court, this morning, and was remanded for a week, to give the magistrate time to investigate. It appears that the lad was going to purchase the wheel from the merchant after it had undergone some repairs. It is alleged that the lad was given instructions to take the wheel to be repaired, but that instead of doing so, he sold it to another party.

Last Chance.

Many requests have been made for another sale of Best's Bottled Wit-hazel cream, the 25c. size. Three hundred bottles will be put on sale to-morrow for the last time at 10 cents a bottle, with a limit of three bottles to each customer.

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Her Wedding Supper

By RUBY BAUGHMAN.

The little brown cottage cuddled shyly away among the lilac bushes, humble and modest as its own mistress. Since the death of her widow-mother, Margaret had lived here alone. The tiny rooms had watched the years trace lines of departing youth on her gentle face, though their own trim neatness showed little evidence of the lapse of time. The oaken chairs, the carefully-dusted table, the brightly-polished stove, stood just where they had stood the dreary morning after the funeral. The black walnut clock ticked the same weary, its equilibrium assured by the same bit of pasteboard tucked under one edge. The rug showed no wear from the soft tread of Margaret's dainty, unambitious feet. Placid, habit-bound, solitary, the house and its owner had grown with the flying years.

Into this measured seclusion the small village intruded little interruption. With the chatter of village talk and the clack of idle gossip Margaret had nothing in common. A slight deafness, quite imperceptible to less sensitive spirits than her own, removed her a bit further from companionship. Her family, her mother's people, finding her "quiet," slowly detached themselves from her. Gradually her life was absorbed into her books, her garden, her sewing and her household cares, until the world outside her own time-worn brown fence palings and the hedge of yellow roses, came to have the unreality of a dream.

True, dreams of the future had come to her earlier moods; the feminine yearning for some one to share her life, for tiny fingers to disturb the monotony of orderliness that pervaded the house. But time and habit had swallowed these creations of her fancy.

The events of human experience, death, love, pain, sorrow, fear, left her untouched, appearing to her lonely aloneness as unreal as the human beings they blessed and cursed.

Even Jacob Wilkins, in the big white house beyond the rose-hedge, had long since lost the quality of actual earthly existence. He shovelled the snow regularly from her walk in winter; he sawed her wood and stacked it neatly in the tiny "panty"; he trimmed her hedges and mowed the grass plot; but he never ventured into her garden or her sitting-room. So even he, in time, grew to be as lacking in the human qualities as the elements he protected her from thus generously and carefully.

To a sense, however, of his very genuine protection, Margaret's awakening came rudely enough. A dirty tramp shuffled in one summer after-noon from the outer haze of things, within the range of Margaret's near-sighted vision. Catching a realization of her lonely defencelessness, he demanded food and money, stepping threateningly along the stone walk toward the startled woman.

Far gripped her relentless, overwhelming fear, all the more dreadful for the long years of impunity it had granted to her inexperience. She could not scream, nor run, nor defend herself; she froze into a moveless image of fright.

"You clear out of here quick, you ornery cuss!"

Margaret's eyes lifted to the smiling gaze of Jacob Wilkins. Even in her dizziness of ideas, memories of bright, happy parties of picnics, of moonlight walks with the youthful counterpart of this man struggled for her attention, but the tremors of fright stifled them again. With his usual unassertiveness, he ventured to take her trembling fingers, gently, slowly, into his big hands.

"It ain't right, Margaret, for you to live here alone like this. It ain't safe for you," he explained softly, as if he comprehended the shock to her awakened helplessness.

She could only shiver with the passing of the terror. She felt his anxious eyes reading her face as for some sign.

"Would you—do you think—don't you believe—could you come over to the big house and live with me and let me look after you? It would be safer," he added, breathlessly.

The abrupt invasion of the things of this world had left her powerless to think or to act. Her universe was crumbling to pieces beneath her feet. All that he meant she did not comprehend. She knew only that his fingers were kind and strong, his voice tender and assuring. With the chill of alarm, still shaking her voice, she whispered:

"Oh, yes, yes, yes."

"I'll bring Dr. Brandon right up here and we'll be married this very afternoon."

"Dr. Brandon? Married?"

"Why, sure; you can't come to live with me unless we are married," holding her fluttering hands in his persuasively tender palms.

Before her accustomed thought could traverse the length of the new proposition, he went on:

"I'll be right up with him. I'm glad you're wearing the white dress with the pink daisies in it, Margaret. You had one like it years ago and it always looked to me like a wedding dress."

With weakening knees and bewildered spirit, she sat down on the grass-edge beside the walk, to think this out with a brain that would not wrestle with this matter of marriage affairs. Too brave to cry, she could only pick the green blades, one by one, and lay them in a row on her pink-sprigged gown. Upon her troubled, huddled, pondering, broke the voice of Dr. Brandon.

"I'm so glad to learn, Margaret, what Jacob has just told me. Mrs. Brandon and James have come along as witnesses."

With a puzzled smile of greeting, Margaret rose with Jacob's unobtrusive assistance. In a haze she followed his gentle leading to the little front parlor, where, in the presence of the silent companions of her twenty years of isolation, she stood beside Jacob and said to Dr.

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