

CANNOT TELL

Where Power Will Be Secured For Kingston

HON. ADAM BECK SAYS

THIS DEPENDS ON VOTE OF MUNICIPALITIES.

References Made to Criticisms From Kingston—Impossible to Give a Rate Till Definite Application is Made.

"The waterways of this country are among its greatest assets, they belong to the people, and will be developed for the people, and owned by the people, for all time to come," declared Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, at the close of his address, in the city council chamber, Wednesday night. He



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dealt with the power question, at some length, before a joint meeting of the city council and the board of trade, and prominent citizens, the meeting being made a public one, and the chamber being well filled.

Mayor Graham presided, and Hon. Mr. Beck was introduced by Dr. Edward Ryan. The latter explained that the meeting had been rather hurriedly called, as it was only known in the morning, that Mr. Beck would be available. However, the city was glad of having an opportunity of welcoming the speaker, who would deal with a question of universal interest to the present, and future interests of the city.

Mr. Beck explained, at the outset, that he was not in Kingston as a power vendor. He wished to point out that where the power scheme had been carried out, it had proven to be an unqualified success. There had been an idea in the eastern part of Ontario, that this section had received due consideration on the part of the hydro-electric commission. Perhaps there were many reasons for this idea getting abroad. There was the fact that it was a new project, that it had never been put to the test. Results would first want to be seen. If the eastern part of the province desired to go into the undertaking the same as in the west, then ways and means would be undertaken to expropriate property and go on with the work.

The speaker then went on to speak of the principle of the project, referring to the securing of power at the Niagara Falls, how it was a great revelation to the people, and a great boon to the industrial world. None of the corporations, securing the power, had asked for a change, and he pointed out that this was a guarantee that it was acceptable to the people? The bill governing the work of the commission was most drastic, giving it power to expropriate lands, generating plants, etc. This was a great power to place in the hands of three men; if abused, it would work the greatest injustice, but if used right would be a great benefit to corporations.

Mr. Beck pointed out how the entire scheme brought no profit to the province. There was no other object, other than to assist municipalities. No attempt was made to induce a corporation to take the power. Reference was made to the amount of horse power being used by the different municipalities. These municipalities had come forward of their own accord, and voted for it, just as Kingston would have the privilege of doing. In some cases, there had been one vote in a municipality against the power scheme. At the elections in January 1st, thirty-nine municipalities would be voting on the by-law. There must be some good reason for this. As to the cost of power, it depended on three or four things; the cost of generating, interest and sinking fund and the loss in transit.

Reference was made to the fine equipment, especially to the high voltage, about which engineers said would be very risky, but in spite of all this, not a man had been killed or harmed. This was most creditable to the engineers, and showed the success of the plan.

Criticisms From Kingston.

There had been a great deal of criticism from Kingston, and the eastern district owing to the fact that the commission had no definite plan as

to the cost for power. The cost would all depend on the number of places taking the power, where they were situated, and the amount they would use. It would be absurd to say just at present, what the cost would be, as it was so interwoven.

Mr. Beck pointed out the great success of the power in Ottawa, and the great reductions made in the cost. In the first year 1905, there was a surplus of \$18,000; in 1909, over \$23,000 and in 1910, over \$31,000. And this was all after a reduction of one-half had been made in the former rates of the company, selling the power. It had been cut from fifteen cents to seven and one-half cents per kilowatt, and from sixty-five to forty per street lamp. Still further reductions had been made last October of nearly thirty per cent.

The speaker said that the whole question was as to whether the city would have a public owned concern, one owned by a company. The city was not forced to sign a contract. The matter was left in the hands of the people. The commission did not step in to make negotiations until the people voted to do so.

London reports showed that the city, after using the power for nine months had a net surplus of \$13,200. If taken for the year, this would easily be \$15,000. And this was most gratifying. London formerly had 2,500 users; to-day over 5,000 customers, and with new applications would reach 6,000. In Ottawa, the power was used, and it was costing all the way from twenty-five cents to ninety cents per month, and in many cases this included the ironing done by the women. London was the cheapest lighted city on the continent.

Mr. Beck referred to the power from the Trent river, stating that the centre of Canada was under one interest. The scheme of the government was to have the entire system on a line, including Windsor to Cornwall, Ottawa and North Bay. It was not possible to say that the power for the eastern section would not come from the Trent, but that it must come from Waddington, N.Y., Ottawa or High Falls. The action of the government in the matter depended entirely on the action of the municipalities in voting on the by-laws. If the people answered in the affirmative, then it would be the duty of the government to investigate and acquire the whole of the Trent district. He was not coming out with any imaginary schemes. This was not speculative, but an accomplished fact.

The eastern section was well situated for cheap power, and the farmers would get the use of the power cheaper than the farmer in the west. It was a question of whether there would be co-operation between two parties. How did the people look upon the development of the resources of the country. The waterways were a great asset, they belonged to the people, and would be developed and owned by the people for all time to come. (Loud applause.)

It was our pride in this country that our pulp should not only be made into paper, but that it should be made in our own country, and by our own people. If the people of Ontario did not understand what this power meant for the future of the province, they would be unanimous in the passing of the by-laws on election day. He wished the people to remember that he was not a vendor of the power; he was not urging the city to take it; but he felt that he was but only doing his duty as a public man, in pointing out the facts before the people. He begged the people to forget party lines. In London there had been a great many political struggles, but this power question politics were being dropped, and he hoped that this would also be done in Kingston. It was purely a matter of business, and politics should not enter into it. It was more than a party issue; it was a national issue.

Mr. Beck pointed out that the rates for power would be adjusted from time to time, according to the amount of power used. All the surplus went to the municipalities. Reference was made to the villages being supplied with power.

As to the cost of equipment, etc., the saving in five years would cover all this.

Mr. Beck's remarks were listened to very attentively throughout, and at the close, on motion of Ald. R. F. Elliott, chairman of the light, heat and power committee, which has been dealing with the power question, and who is also chairman of the eastern section of municipalities after cheap power, a vote of thanks was tendered to the speaker. The resolution was seconded by Mayor-Elect F. J. Hoag, and carried by a standing vote.

MOVING FOR HER YOUNG.

Ottawa Widow Had Seven Small Children to Keep.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Elizabeth Nasser, a widow residing on Bell street, was arrested about nine o'clock Saturday night in the store of Murphy-Gamble, limited, charged with shoplifting. Her case was brought up in court this morning when Magistrate O'Keefe remanded her for a week, pending an investigation.

The circumstances, as told by the woman herself, were that she was a widow and had seven small children to care for. She was not very strong and therefore unable to do any hard work, and she felt obliged to steal in order to provide food for her young.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Christmas Eve, First Baptist Sunday school, this evening at 7:30. A.O.U.W. meets to-night, eight o'clock. Business' meeting of officers.

Remember the commercial traveller's dinner, Hotel Randolph, at 8:30 o'clock Friday evening, Dec. 29th, 1911.

Whisky, sweet apple cider, 30c a gallon, at Gilbert's.

WORKER WEDS

She Married Her First Convert In Bowery

SHE LEFT HER HOME

TO AID THOSE WHO WERE VERY UNFORTUNATE.

The Romance Began When She Labored to Rescue "Sunny Jim" From the Life He Was Leading.

New York, Dec. 28.—A romance of the Bowery reached a happy stage when Miss Anna Butler gave herself in marriage to Charles H. Kronenberg, the first of her converts.

Six months ago Miss Butler appeared at the Rescue Hall, told John Callahan, the superintendent, that she felt there must be some part of his difficult work that a woman could help him in. Miss Butler had left a home where every luxury that money could buy was hers for the asking. Mr. Callahan welcomed her and she became a regular worker.

Miss Butler, an unusually pretty girl, had no difficulty in making friends with the men. None was so low, none so much of a backslider, but what she had encouraging words for him. And so she came to know Kronenberg, a great, hardy fellow of forty-five years, who had run the gamut of the life which men fall into along the Bowery.

Miss Butler made Kronenberg's reform her special work. She labored with him incessantly. She got him work and she made him stick to the job. For weeks she rarely let him out of her sight and gradually her influence worked on the man until about a month ago it was clear that "Sunny Jim" Kronenberg was really a permanently reformed man.

About this time the Bowery began to suspect the romance. Kronenberg joined the Washington Square Methodist church, to which Miss Butler belonged, and he took the little mission worker to and from service regularly. Then the two began to go to the Rescue Hall together and go away together.

Last week the news of the engagement got out. After the services the usual testimony was given by the men, and one old timer rose and said:

"We all have got to thank the Lord for one thing to-day, and that is that Sunny Jim and our dear friend, Miss Butler, are going to be married. May the Lord bless them and keep them happy." There was a chorus of "Amen's" at this. Then Dr. Verts invited everybody who cared to remain to stay and see the wedding. Not a man left the place.

There will be no wedding trip. Kronenberg will go right on with his work and he and his bride will work all their spare moments to the work of the Hadley Rescue Hall. Miss Butler is twenty-one years old. Kronenberg is forty-five.

Dr. Sun Yet San will probably be the first president of the Chinese republic.

Mongolia is to become a Russian protectorate.

YOU CAN VOTE YES!

Hon. Adam Beck scored a distinct success last evening when he defined the present status of the Hydro-Electric Commission and its ability to serve the people with regard to cheap power. He was heard in Kingston before, on two occasions, but not to the advantage with which he was heard in this last visit, and simply because he was in a position to deal more particularly with his work.

A new and satisfactory meaning has been given to the enabling by-law upon which the people will vote on Monday. It clothes the council with an authority, which it has not now, to consider a contract for power. It warrants the council in considering how it may utilize its plant, and how far it may have to add to the equipment, in order to receive the hydro current and distribute it at a profit. Then, and only then, it seems, the commission will be justified in proposing a "binding agreement."

Since Mr. Beck was last here conditions have changed in Eastern Ontario. The Waddington option for power remains. At Ottawa, and at Charley Falls, there is the prospect of an early development of power. On the Trent, at dams 4 and 5, the commission applied for leases, and while they were under discussion at Ottawa the way was opened for a transfer of the power plants owned and operated by the Seymour company. The government will, in all probability, acquire them, though they may cost several millions, and the premier has passed his word that the province will, in the meantime, act in the name of the municipalities, finance the scheme, so that from these sources now the com-

A NATIVE APPOINTED.

Sir Krishna Gupta to be Governor of Bengal.

London, Dec. 27.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Calcutta gives the rumor that Sir Krishna Gopinath Gupta, member of the India council, will be appointed governor of the new province of Bengal. A native has never before held such an important post.

MAY GET \$25,000

FOR BEING TARRED

Girl's Attorneys Won't Accept Less as Compromise for Outrage It Is Said

Lincoln Centre, Kan., Dec. 28.—Miss Mary Chamberlain, the victim of the Shady Bend "tar party," will receive not less than \$25,000 as "smart money" for the outrage committed on her.

Miss Chamberlain intended to bring suits for damages against all the participants in the tarring, but proceedings are now under way for a compromise and \$25,000 is the least her attorneys will accept in settlement.

E. C. Clark, Jay Fitzwater and Watson Seranton, who pleaded guilty, and John Schmidt, who was convicted, are worth in the aggregate \$100,000. Their pleas of guilty and the conviction of Schmidt leave them exposed for damages, and upon the advice of their attorneys they are attempting to compromise rather than to go into court where they might be stripped clean.

Clark has transferred his flour and feed mill and other property worth \$60,000 to his business partner, and is preparing to leave town. This action can be set aside in the courts, if necessary.

There is talk also in Shady Bend of changing the name of the village. The almost unanimous condemnation of the tarring has fallen upon the quiet. The boys are eager to get from under it. They say that so long as the town retains the name it will be held up to scorn, and its inhabitants marked wherever they go. The better people of the town are saying they have smelled all the tar they want to for the next hundred years.

EARTHQUAKES UNDER SEA IMPERIL VESSEL

Series of Upheavals Mark Voyage of the Pennsylvania in Pacific Waters

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Earthquakes and unusually heavy seas marked the voyage of the Pacific Mail steamship Pennsylvania, which arrived in port from Panama.

J. E. Keenan, chief engineer, was caught by a huge roller that boarded the Pennsylvania off the Gulf of California and was swept one hundred feet along the deck. He was dashed against a winch and seriously bruised.

The earthquake zone was entered at eight o'clock on the morning of December 17th, and the upheavals continued until three o'clock in the afternoon, coming at intervals of about twenty minutes. The Pennsylvania was off Acapulco at the time.

Lawrence Fitzgerald has returned to Montreal after spending his Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzgerald, 194 King street.

A TIGER SPRANG

Upon Elephant Carring King George

NERVE OF THE KING

REMAINED UNSHAKEN AS HE FIRED INTO ANIMAL.

Two Marksmen on Either Side of His Majesty Put Two Bullets Through the Tiger's Head, Killing It.

Bombay, Dec. 28.—A sensational report that King George had a narrow escape from death while tiger-hunting in Nepal, was circulated here yesterday. The story was told by a native who had accompanied the royal expedition as a game beater.

Although every precaution possible had been taken to protect the life of his majesty, an enormous tiger, streaked with blood from several wounds, and frantic with pain and rage, leaped upon the elephant from whose back King George did the shooting.

Two of the best shots in India were stationed on the elephants on each side of the king. Each had fired upon the tiger when it was driven from cover by a horde of game beaters, but their bullets missed a vital spot.

King George fired first, that honor being accorded all guests of the Maharaja. He missed, and after the beast had been wounded in half a dozen places, it made the leap that landed it on the elephant just back of the royal howdah.

The king's nerve remained unshaken, and as the tiger fell to the ground with two bullets through its head, fired by marksmen on either side of the king, his majesty coolly pumped another shot into it from his heavy express rifle.

OTTAWA KIDS DELIGHTED

With Entertainment Given Them at Rialto Hall.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia are veritable Santa Clauses in the opinion of the children of New Edinburgh, which is the ward where Rideau Hall is located. These children were entertained at Government House last evening in the truly royal style. Princess Patricia pulling crackers with the merry children and the duke himself dismantling the Christmas tree for their benefit. Everybody got away with some morsels of the occasion, as well as a liberal supply of sweets and other delicacies for the folks at home.

DELEGATES TO DECIDE

The Monarchy in China is Likely to Soon End.

Peking, Dec. 28.—It is understood that the imperial family, after a long conference with the ministers, in which the dowager empress fought hard for a war on the revolutionists to a finish, have decided to allow the question of abolishing the monarchy to be settled by delegates from all the provinces. This practically means their abdication and arrangements are already made to prepare for them their palace at Jehol on the mountains of Mongolia, a hundred and fifty miles from here.

SIXTY-FIVE DEATHS

In Berlin From Eating Diseased Smoked Herrings.

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 28.—More deaths occurred at the municipal poor houses, to-day, bringing the total as a result of eating diseased smoked herrings, up to sixty-five, with eighty others still in hospital in a critical condition. The civic authorities have been ordered by the government to take drastic measures, and fourteen arrests of civic contractors and officials have been made.

Another G.T.R. Strike?

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Officials of the Grand Trunk Railway company declare there is no chance of their conductors and engineers going out on strike on January 1st, as alleged by an article in Le Canada, this morning. Members of the men's unions will not discuss the matter. According to Le Canada, the men will demand that their wages equal those on the Canadian Pacific railway.

Splendid Heroism.

New York, Dec. 28.—The four-masted schooner Randall was driven on the rocks near Rhode Island, early this morning, and sank partly. All the crew took refuge in the cross trees and could be seen from the shore waving frantically for help. Several life boat crews have tried to make the wreck and rescue the sailors, finally saving them after all splendid heroism.

Caused Her Death.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 28.—While feeling her way across the kitchen floor, Mrs. Matilda Guichon, a blind widow, aged eighty-two, fell through a trap door to the cellar that had been left open by her daughter, and sustained injuries that caused her death almost immediately.

Prince Luitpold in Bad Shape.

Munich, Bavaria, Dec. 28.—Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria, now in his ninety-first year, is suffering, it is feared, from serious injuries. The regent recently fell from his horse. Since then he has shown symptoms which have given the attending physicians much concern.

A few \$1 waterproof motor veils left for 50c. Dutton's, 280 Princess street.

Last opportunity for your winter's reading, Tabard Inn, \$1. "Gibson's."

SHOT MASKED ROBBER.

A Success Until He Started to Leave Shop.

Hoboken, N.J., Dec. 28.—A masked and armed robber, who held up father and son in their undertaking establishment, last night, was shot and killed by the son while the man was engaged in a desperate struggle with the father for the possession of a revolver.

The pair, Charles Hoffman and Charles Hoffman, Jr., allowed the robber to go through their pockets, but as he started to leave the elder Hoffman seized the hand holding the revolver before he could fire.

A TOWN AGAIN BURNED.

Golden City, Porcupine, Again Suffers From Fire.

Golden City, Porcupine, Dec. 28.—Nearly half the town had to be dynamited to stop the progress of a fire which broke out at two o'clock this morning, in the Roumanian saloon. Nearly every building which escaped fire last July was destroyed, to-day, including the Lyric theatre, where the relief committee directed operations at the last fire. The total damage is fifty thousand dollars; insurance practically nil. Hundreds are living in tents again, with the thermometer around the zero mark.

BURIAL BY INSTALLMENTS.

Victim of Accident—Mourner at Funeral of Leg.

Minneapolis, Dec. 28.—To be chief mourner at the funeral of part of himself is to be the novel experience of John Moe, of this city, who was run over by a street car and injured so severely that the amputation of his right leg was necessary.

By Moe's direction the limb will be placed in a vault, placed in a cemetery and when he has recovered, it will be interred with the customary burial rites.

Suicided on Christmas Eve.

Beauce, Que., Dec. 28.—With the sound of the Christmas bells ringing in her ears, Angelina Roy, eighteen years old, jumped to death from the river pier in the village of St. George on Sunday evening. No motive for the girl's act is known.

GIRL JILTS SWEETHEART; HANGS ONTO PRESENTS

Disappointed Lover Has Whole Family Arrested for Obtaining Goods Under False Pretences

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 28.—Charging that Miss Anna O'Sada, of West Hazleton, has jilted him and has refused to return the valuable presents as well as the wedding trousseau that he provided for her, George Michalich, of this city, had warrants issued for the arrest of the girl and of her parents.

He charges them with obtaining goods under false pretences, and Ald. Brown will give them a hearing to-day.

Michaelich declares he was to have been married to the girl within a few days, but that last week she jilted him and when he found she would not change her mind, he decided to have the whole family arrested.

Short of Candidates.

Prescott, Ont., Dec. 28.—Prescott is in the peculiar position of having only one candidate for the town council, instead of the necessary seven. John Smythe is the only citizen aspiring to that honor.

The two candidates for the mayor's chair as well as all the other candidates were nominated for aldermen resigned at the last moment.

As the school board is elected by acclamation the only question to be decided by the electors on Monday will be the hydro-electric power by-law.

NO QUARTER GIVEN IN PARAGUAY BATTLES

Wounded Killed After Each Fight—Five Factions Seek Control of Government

New York, Dec. 28.—Interesting details of the revolution in Paraguay were related here, to-day, by a New York lawyer, who has just returned after a five months' stay in Paraguay and Uruguay. According to this man the published reports of events in the civil war, which began last January, fall far short of showing the real nature of the revolution.

In a battle in March near the city of Assunition there were 900 dead and no wounded. It is stated as a fact that after this battle the victorious army went through the ranks of the vanquished, bayonetting and cutting the throats of the wounded. There were no hospital arrangements on either side.

The situation in Paraguay has been brought about chiefly through the struggle of five factions for the control of the government. Martial law prevails and has prevailed for many months in the capital. The churches are used for barracks. The business of the country has been brought to a standstill. Every man is liable to serve in the army, and few trouble to take up regular occupations. Everywhere, according to the American visitor, there is the hard work. They man the shops, the farms, and even the slaughter houses.

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28th, 10 a.m.—Ontario Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong north-westerly winds; fair and much colder, with local snow flurries to-day and on Friday.

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MARRIED.

OSBER—LAWSON—At the Parsonage, Eglinton, Ont., Dec. 27th, 1911, by Rev. F. W. Franks, B. A., Walter Greer, son of Ambrose Greer, Reporter, Ont., to Velma Lawson, daughter of Edwin Lawson, Reporter, Ont. and Toronto papers please copy. CORNELL—HARTIDGE—In Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27th, 1911, by Rev. Mr. Selby, Gertrude B. Campbell, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, 292 Bagrie Street, to Jas. G. Taggart, of Toronto. Ottawa and Toronto papers please copy. NICHOLSON—WILSON—In St. George's Cathedral, on Wednesday, Dec. 27th, 1911, by the Rev. Canon Harty, E. A. Amelia Anna Wilson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, to Walter Benjamin Nicholson.

DIED.

BURTON—In Kingston, on Dec. 27th, 1911, Martha Dunsen, wife of J. W. H. Burton, aged 72 years. Funeral from her late residence, 210 Queen street, on Friday afternoon at 2:30. Service at two. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend.

STEACY—In Kingston, Ont., on Dec. 27th, 1911, William H. Steacy, brother of Mrs. E. J. Taylor, Alfred Street, aged 59 years. Funeral (private) from S. S. Corbett's Undertaking Business, Saturday morning, ten o'clock.

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