

STANDS BY SIR ADAM BECK

PREMIER ANNOUNCES GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON HYDRO

Financial Side to be Considered—Denies Any Strained Relations With Chairman of Commission.

Toronto, Nov. 26.—Premier Drury defined the attitude of the Government and of himself toward Sir Adam Beck, the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, and the Hydro-Electric projects of the province.

"Speaking for myself and the Government," stated Premier Drury, "I am behind the Hydro-Electric projects as they have been developed up to the present, as they show signs of being developed, to the fullest possible extent that finances will permit."

"There is no truth whatever in any report that the personal relationship between Sir Adam Beck and myself is strained or is likely to be strained in future. On the contrary, I have found co-operation with Sir Adam easy and pleasant. The personal feeling between us is of the friendliest."

"I have found Sir Adam very ready to co-operate with the present Government, including myself, and we have shown and intend to show the same spirit toward the Hydro chairman. The negotiations to date have been conducted in a spirit of personal agreeableness. Moreover, I can see nothing in future that could possibly be calculated to disturb this relationship."

"I have always taken a direct stand towards the development of public ownership, and I have not wavered in this since being called to the head of the present Government. This includes the Hydro-Electric projects as we have them in Ontario."

Denies Disagreement. "It has been rumored that there has been some disagreement between Sir Adam and myself in connection with the suggested enlargement of the present Hydro Power Commission from three to five members."

"There is nothing in such a report," Sir Adam opposes the enlargement of the commission, favoring the present constitution of three members. I am very much inclined to agree with him on this. At any rate the matter has been discussed between us and there is no disagreement, much less ill-feeling, on the subject. I am not out to oust Sir Adam, as has been suggested, neither is the Government, I have confidence in him as chairman of the Hydro Commission."

"What is the Government's attitude towards the development of the Hydro radial plan as contemplated by the commission?" "The Government is heartily behind the Hydro radial movement. We will support every move towards the development of his scheme where there is any reasonable prospect of proper return from the investment."

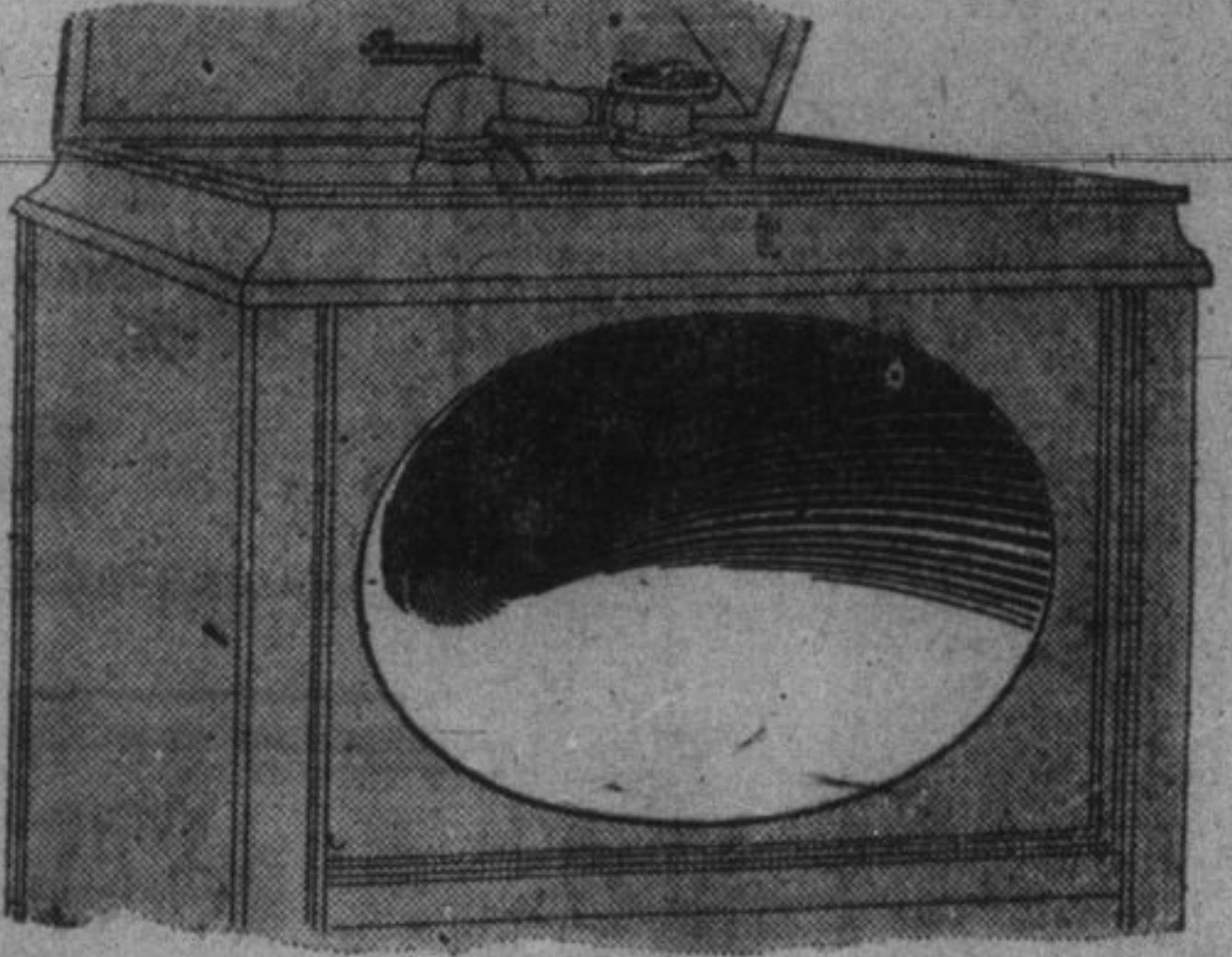
"The Government may not entirely agree with the policy involving the paralleling of lines to a great extent, and we may not be able to lend our support to the laying over of lines which would be white elephants in the matter of financial return, but I foresee no division on Hydro matters between the Government and the Commission."

"The Hydro Commission, and Sir Adam Beck will lack no support from the present Government that they had from our predecessors. The Hearst Government did not go too far in standing behind Hydro ventures."

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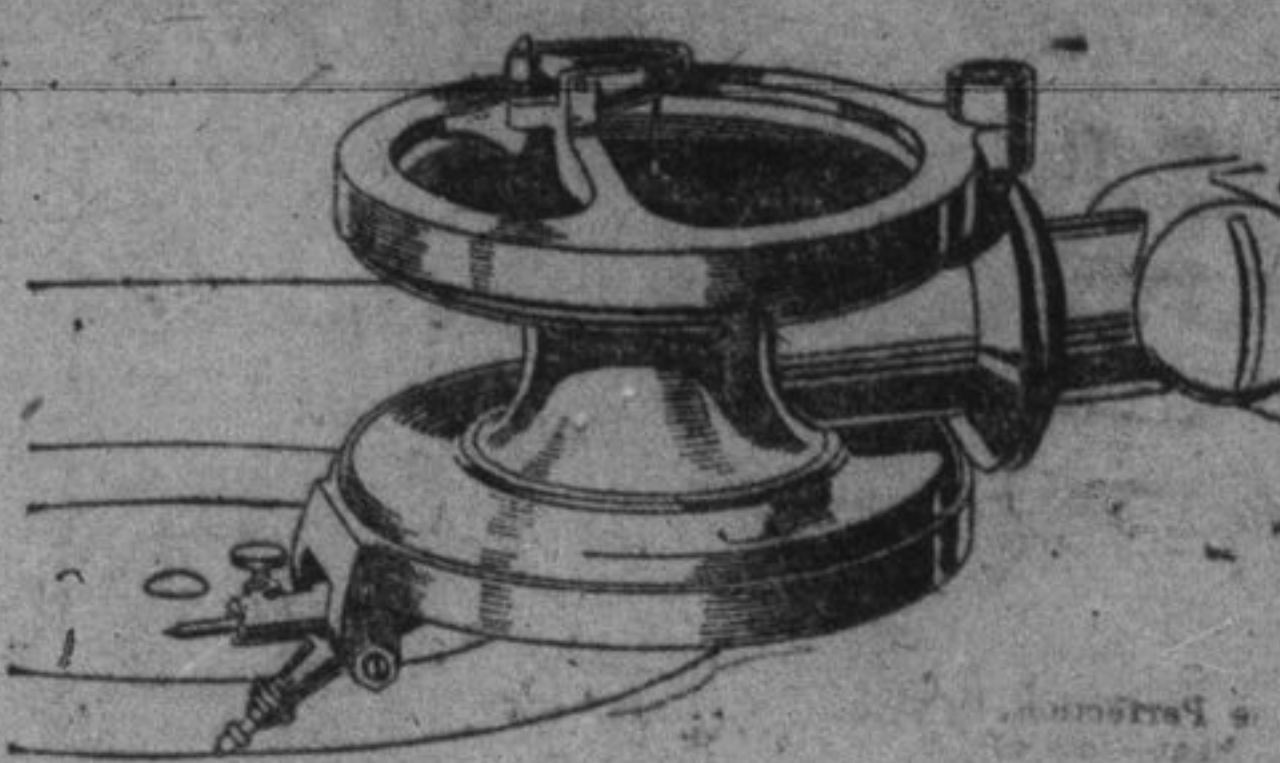
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tures, in the opinion of the present administration." Premier Drury denied rumors that have been in circulation that it is the intention of the U.F.O.-Labor Government to sell the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway to the Dominion Government. The matter, he said, has not as yet had serious consideration from the Government. The whole T. and N.O. situation needed very grave consideration, he stated adding that it was not likely that the sale to the Dominion Government of the Northern Ontario railway would be made.

SALOONS OPEN WITH RUSH

New Orleans Has a Real Wet Thanksgiving Day. Nov. 28.—Whiskey, beer, wines and, in fact, every drink usually found in the old days in a well-stocked bar, was sold openly over the counter in New Orleans after Federal Judge Foster had declared wartime prohibition unconstitutional.

Less than an hour after Judge Foster had enjoined the Federal authorities from interfering with the sale of bonded whiskeys in compliance with the petition of the Herman Leiser Liquor Company, bars were serving liquor in steadily varied assortments.

Judge Foster, in granting the injunction, ruled that the world war came to an official end when Congress adjourned recently without rejecting the peace treaty with Germany. He maintained that when President Wilson vetoed the Volstead wartime prohibition enforcement bill October 28, the President declared the army and navy forces demobilized.

Judge Foster formerly held that 2.75 per cent. beer was non-intoxicating.

ALLEGES EX-CURATE WAS CRUEL TO WIFE

The Latter is Asking For Judicial Separation at Montreal.

Montreal, Nov. 28.—The Very Rev. Dean Evans was one of the witnesses called in the Levison-Baldwin case, which is proceeding in the Superior Court before Mr. Justice Howard. The case in which Mrs. Baldwin is petitioning for a judicial separation from her husband had been closed by her counsel, and the opposition was proceeding with the defence by calling evidence to disprove allegations that Mr. Baldwin had been guilty of cruelty to his wife and using violent language.

Dean Evans said that Mr. Baldwin was his curate fourteen or fifteen years ago, and he knew of no occasion on which he had displayed ill temper or used unbecoming language. After Mr. Baldwin was appointed rector of All Saint's church, Montreal, the dean said he met him only two or three times a year. Personally the witness knew nothing of Mr. Baldwin's domestic life, never having been at his home.

Mr. Baldwin left the church some twelve years ago, and counsel for defendant, asked the dean, if, supposing he desired to re-enter the ministry, a ministerial charge could be opened to him? "That," replied the dean, "would be a matter for the bishop of Montreal to decide."

Raise Lumber Prices. Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 28.—The market committee of the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association met yesterday and made a decided jump in the lumber prices for rail and domestic trade.

Timbers were raised \$2 per 1,000 bringing the base price to about \$28. Dimensions and boards went up \$3, giving a base price of approximately \$32.50, with \$34 for eight and to inch ship lap. The most marked advance, however, was in cleats, which jumped a straight \$5, making number 1 flooring now \$70. V. Johns \$55 and drop siding \$55.

This is the third raise to be made in the price of lumber since November 1 and others are expected as the spring trade takes on new proportions.

Bishop Budka is Acquitted. Winnipeg, Ont., Nov. 28.—An acquittal on the charges laid against Bishop Budka by the Great War Veterans' association was handed down today by Judge Peterson in the Court of King's Bench. The charge was alleged failure to report as an enemy alien, and the judge held that the bishop did not have to report, Col.

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A correspondent writes from Pisa that Italian airplanes here all have their magnetos and Joyce sticks out, and I was told it is because the Government is afraid of their being flown over to France. The International Confederation of Students Associations, with headquarters in Brussels, has been decided on by the Congress of Students in Strasburg. Germans will not be admitted.