

Theatrical

"Alburtus" at the Allen. Capacity audiences still continue to throng the Allen Theatre, to see "Alburtus," the miracle man, who has set all Kingston agog with excitement.

At The Strand. "Miss Lulu Bett" is a story that has made three attacks on the citadel of popularity and won each time. The name of the writer, Zona Gale, ensured it a good sale when it appeared as a novel, but the strong human interest of the story made it a real winner.

May Go to Exchequer Court. Halifax, N.S., March 10.—A political rumor published by the Evening Mail says that Hon. A. K. Maclean, M.P. for Halifax, will shortly be appointed to the exchequer court.

The Irish Free State bill was read in the House of Lords. The U. S. senate is to oppose naval reductions.

MEIGHEN IS PEEVED WITH PREMIER KING Starts a "Sluff" But the Premier Has a "Come-back."

Ottawa, March 10.—When the Commons returned yesterday from their visit to the Senate there were a couple of little tiffs between Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and Premier King. Also, the House was given something of Mr. King's ideas regarding the status of Canada within the Empire.

There has been gossip around the lobbies that the ex-premier was out to make it a fighting session and lead a militant Opposition. If the first two days are any criterion, interesting times are ahead.

CHEESE FACTORY IN WAY OF PROVINCIAL ROAD And It Will Be Put Back Fifty Yards at the Finger Board.

The cheese factory at the Finger Board, eleven miles east of Kingston, is being taken down to make way for the provincial highway which is under construction between Kingston and Gananoque.

An earthquake shock was felt at Fresno, Cal., at 3.30 o'clock Friday morning, but no damage was done.

HARD SLAM AT ONTARIO'S HYDRO POWER COSTS

(Continued from Page 1.) "The building of new power plant facilities under the auspices of governmental ownership, as shown in the cases of Nipigon and Chippawa, both in respect to policy, and cost, is not to the economic interest of the people," continues the report, which also complains that "the Hydro-Electric Power Commission is the judge of its own acts."

"Public Information" Wrong?

Mr. Murray in one place suggests that the public is not told everything about Hydro prices. He says that the highest "interim" wholesale rates quoted in the 1920 annual report of the Hydro commission were between \$80 and \$90 per horsepower year.

More Murray Claims.

The report further points out that existing contracts for the purchase of the Ontario Power Company by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission included existing contracts to supply power to American and Canadian companies at 2.53 mills per k.w.h. generated, and claims this results in Canadian municipalities of the Niagara system of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission paying 11.1 mills per k.w.h. instead of the purchase price of 9.25 mills.

Says California Cheaper.

"The revenue per k.w.h. generated for the American Niagara power district which is comparable with the Ontario power district, is 17 per cent. less than that from the total operations of the Hydro-electric power commission and the municipal commissions for wholesale power delivered in the Canadian Niagara district. It is about 13 per cent. less than that for all the electric utilities in that district, whether governmentally or privately owned."

Nipigon Project Unnecessary.

"I am unable to escape the conclusion that there were no economic grounds justifying the construction of the Nipigon works," declares Mr. Murray, who states that these were built at a time when the Kaministiquia Power Company was under an agreement to supply Port Arthur, and had in reserve a sufficient amount of power to cover the power needs of the Thunder Bay district, inclusive of the Port William load.

Canada's Debt Declines In February \$89,332

Ottawa, March 10.—A decrease of \$89,332 in the net debt of Canada during the month of February, as compared with an increase of \$4,296,143 in the same month last year, is shown by the financial statement issued from the finance department. The net debt of Canada now stands at \$2,371,886,102, as compared with \$2,372,585,934 on January 31st, 1922, and \$2,307,013,156 on February 28th, 1921.

Prefers American System.

The revenue per dollar of salary paid employees of electric light and power plants is almost 32.5 per cent. greater in Quebec than in Ontario, and the revenue per employee earned by private electric companies in Ontario is 31.5 per cent. greater than that earned from the government-owned utilities, whereas the revenue per employee earned in the Province of Quebec is 42 per cent. greater than that for the governmentally-owned and operated properties of Ontario, the report alleges.

Dealing with further alleged discrepancies in charges, it is said that in 1919 the figure was \$16.70 per horsepower year for Toronto and \$53.80 per horsepower year for Bolton, notwithstanding the small distance apart.

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SPORTING NEWS

Queen's Hockey Games. At the arena, Wednesday the Science and Medical interfaculty teams played off the tie which resulted from the first game and the Miners were successful in defeating the Meds by a score of 4-2. The winners will now play arts for the interfaculty championship.

Junior O. H. A. Aura Lee, 2; St. Mary's, 2. Aura Lee win group on round by two goals.

GANANOQUE

March 10.—The cantata entitled "The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet" was presented by a number of the Y.P.S. of Grace church in the lecture hall last evening to a capacity audience. The parts were well taken.

The town council held their regular session on Tuesday evening, when the office of assessor was filled by the appointment of R. C. McCullough at a salary of \$500.

Next Sunday morning the children's choir of St. Andrew's church will have charge of the musical portion of the service.

Mrs. E. Grey was taken to Hotel Dieu, Kingston, yesterday for treatment. Margaret Wiley, North street, was removed to the Hotel Dieu, Kingston, on Thursday suffering from appendicitis.

Gordon Henderson, son of Richard Henderson, formerly of Gananoque, was married on Feb. 26th to Miss Harriet Sebald, Detroit, Mich.

MOWAT HOSPITAL CONCERT

A splendid concert was given at the Mowat hospital on Thursday evening by a local concert party for the entertainment of the soldier patients, and the members of the hospital staff. The entertainment was greatly appreciated by the "boys" nurses, doctors and visitors in the audience.

DIED AT MOSCOW.

Mrs. Charles Darling Passed Away on Monday Morning. Moscow, March 8.—On Monday, March 6th, the death occurred of Amanda Simmons, wife of Charles Darling, Moscow. The deceased had been in failing health for the past three years, but it was not until Sunday evening that her illness became serious. She was surrounded by her family, and all was done that loving hands could do, but she passed away early Monday morning.

Breaks Her Engagement.

New York, March 10.—Anna Fitzhugh, noted singer, has terminated her engagement to De Seguro, bass operatic star. Anna says: "Absence doesn't make hearts grow fonder—it makes them farther wander."

Representatives of the Jugo-Slav Government.

Representatives of the Jugo-Slav government have informed the government here that measures taken by the Italian government to settle the Fiume crisis were considered satisfactory. Cast not out the old water until the new comes in.

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of the best staged at the Mowat in some time. It is understood that the party will visit the Sydenham hospital next week and give the same performance there.

WATERS OF LAKE ONTARIO.

Lake Ontario is 0.03 foot lower than last month; 0.76 foot lower than a year ago, 0.83 foot below the average stage of February of the last ten years, 2.97 feet below the high stage of February, 1886, and 0.87 foot above the low stage of February, 1897. During the last ten years the February level has averaged about the same as the January level, and 0.2 foot lower than the arch level.

Hartington Hockey Boys Came Over on Saturday and Played Moscow.

The score was 1-0 in favor of Hartington. Miss Ruth Lampkin is at her home here. Mrs. Robert Freeman is spending a week with her

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