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## WOULD SELL THE SYSTEM

### Central Ontario Power Bad Business Venture For Hydro.

#### THE GREGORY COMMISSION

##### Reports That \$35,642 Lost in Three Years on Kingston Contract.

The Ontario Hydro Inquiry Commission recommends that the Central Ontario system be disposed of by the Hydro Electric Power Commission as soon as practicable, in any event before the maturity of the bonds in 1926.

The Central Ontario system, commonly known as the Trent system supplies power to the municipalities from Kingston west to Whitchy and north to Penlon Falls. "The first step," states the Gregory report, "should be to have a comprehensive inventory and valuation made in conference with the government, the commission and the municipalities when an understanding should be arrived at as to what properties should be taken over by the municipalities. The properties that the municipalities do not desire to take over should be disposed of, and the balance should be taken over at price equal to the balance due the government in respect to its investment."

#### A Bad Business Venture.

The report is a severe arraignment of policy of the Hydro Commission in extending its control over the Central Ontario system, of the manner in which the properties were acquired and of the price paid.

"The government, in this system, is liable for an outlay of more than \$12,000,000. The reports have been made to it from time to time and although giving much information they have fallen far short of giving a clear and comprehensive view of conditions as they now exist."

In addition to generating plants the system includes the Peterboro Pulp Mill, a timber limit in the township of Brunton for which the commission paid \$200,000, two water works systems at Trenton and Cobourg and gas plants at Cobourg, Napawan, Oshawa and Peterboro. The accumulated losses up to Oct. 31st 1922 were \$207,167.96.

The contracts were badly drawn, and while local electric systems show profits, due to the increase in consumption and the extension of service, the Hydro Commission has to carry the enormous deficits. In the power department the deficit is \$374,547.44; gas works, \$103,430.32; Cobourg water works, \$27,010.13; Peterboro Radial Railway, \$130,450.52.

#### Kingston Contract Bad.

Regarding the Kingston contracts the report reads: "An agreement which has resulted in considerable loss to the province is that with the city of Kingston. This agreement was not in existence at the time of the purchase of the Central Ontario system but was entered by the commission with the city in September, 1916. It runs for twenty years. This contract has resulted in a consistent loss. This loss for the three years ending Oct. 31st, 1921 is as follows: 1919, \$14,142.34; 1920, \$12,754.10; 1921, \$8,746.48; total, \$35,642.92.

The loss on the power contract with the Canada Cement Company for three years ending Oct. 31st, 1921 was \$73,291.17, and the terms are such that should the company's operations increase the deficit would probably continue to grow in size. This contract is described as "a heavy burden on the enterprises."

#### Profitable For Kingston.

Against the above statement showing that Kingston is a loss to Hydro, the local utilities commission announced that owing to the profitable sale of power in the city, power did not cost the city itself one cent. So that Kingston was fortunate in securing a contract on such terms as though it is apparent that it was a bad bargain for the Central system. Some of the municipalities would be badly off, for at present the commission is fortunate in securing profits on some contracts for the sale of power that were taken over from the Electric Power Company. If the municipalities whose local distributing

## AN INQUEST IS ORDERED

### Into the Death in Kingston of May Dunnett.

#### A CRIMINAL OPERATION

##### Alleged to Have Been Performed--Provincial Police Detectives Direct Case.

Acting under instruction from the provincial police department, Henry Wilson was arrested on Tuesday last as a material witness in connection with the death of Miss May Dunnett, who formerly lived on Redan street, Kingston. It was learned on Tuesday morning that Inspector Hammond, of the criminal investigation department of the provincial police force, arrived in the city on Monday afternoon and was in charge of the investigation. Inspector Hammond is being assisted by Provincial Constable Roy Clarke.

When interviewed by a Whig representative, the inspector had nothing to say about the case but intimating that an inquest would likely be held the latter part of this week and then the facts would become known. On Tuesday morning, the provincial officers had a conference with Crown Attorney T. J. Rigney. It is understood that the case has advanced sufficiently for an action to be taken.

## NEEDN'T PAY CHURCH TAX

### QUEBEC COURT DECIDES

#### Man Who Gave Notice That He Had Renounced Catholic Faith Free.

Montreal, March 6.—Notification that he has renounced the Catholic Church, if made to the church authorities, frees a Roman Catholic from payment of church assessments in this province. That point of immense importance to many French-Canadians, brought up as Catholics, who object to the compulsion exacted by the church, was decided in the superior court, when Justice Lane upheld G. Staubin in his refusal to pay the trustees of St. John Baptist Parish \$3.03 church assessment, for which they sued him. Judge Lane dismissed the action taken by the parish, which was for an assessment to reconstruct church buildings destroyed by fire.

Permission was given by the legislature to the church authorities to levy a tax against parishioners owning freehold property after the church burned down in 1898. It was to be spread over fifty years. Mr. St. Aubin paid some of the levies to free himself from responsibility for any part of the assessment, the defendant, the judge said, instructed a notary to prepare a declaration of renunciation of Catholicism, which was served on the Catholic archbishop of Montreal, and also on the plaintiff's secretary. The defendant, who is fifty-seven years of age, admitted he was baptized a Roman Catholic, but said he had not practiced this religion for twenty-seven or twenty-eight years, though he had allowed his name to remain on the valuation roll of the city of Montreal for school taxes as a Catholic and had paid these taxes without protest.

Examined as to his religion, the defendant stated that he had no creed. He believed in a Supreme Being and a condition of reward and punishment after death. His religion, he said, was "to do unto others as you would that they should do unto you."

## French Prepare Refutation of German Chancellor's Charges

Paris, March 6.—The French have prepared a refutation of German Chancellor Cuno's charges and protests regarding the extension of occupied areas. A semi-official note denied that France has any idea of seeking annexation, please on this country has expended nearly fifty-four billion francs on devastated areas, while Germany's total reparations payments have been but six billion marks and that the Germans, having manipulated the mark, are buying coal abroad.

## Attack Dublin City Hall And Telephone Exchange

Dublin, March 6.—Rebels attacked the city hall and telephone exchange during the night. A heavy fire was exchanged with national troops guarding the buildings several on either side were wounded before Free State reinforcements arrived and drove off the irregulars.

## Priest Murdered at Mass

Buenos Aires, March 6.—Father Luis Peres was stabbed to death while conducting mass early Sunday morning at Bahia Blanca. His assassin, a Dane, was arrested, but thus far has declined to discuss the crime.

## Dug Up Mammoth Tooth.

Cincinnati, O., March 6.—A mammoth's tooth, weighing fifteen pounds and believed to be at least 10,000 years old, has been found in a gravel pit at Red Bank, O., by James M. Dugan, president of the Dugan Concrete Company.

## CIGARETTES AND DRINKS INDUCE HAIR GROWTH

### Bearded Women on Increase in Paris—Scientists Explain the Reason.

Paris, March 6.—Savant Georges Marin states the number of women having slight growths of hair on their lips and chins have increased ten per cent.

Professors agree that indications for the imminent future are that women will become bearded and mustached. Scientists are investigating why hair on women developed on their upper lips and chins. The opinion of the majority is that the increasing masculinization of modern women is making them like men.

Cocktails and cigarettes are inducing the growth of hair, statistics show, and also certain chemicals used as ingredients in cosmetics.

A leading modiste says veils are becoming more and more fashionable because numerous society women are embarrassed by a silken fringe on their lip and chin.

## BRITISH OIL CONCERNS ARE VERY MUCH AROUSED

### Over Concessions by Poland—Eastern Galicia Awakens Interest—Allies' Decision

London, March 6.—It looks as if all would decide the fate of another important slice of Europe left more or less in suspense by the Paris Peace Conference. American interests are apt to be involved deeply.

The Allies have finally determined to dispose of Eastern Galicia and European oil interests have taken a sudden interest in that part of the map. British oil men were, therefore, much concerned to-day to learn that in commercial treaties recently made by France and Italy with Poland, the latter gave important oil concessions to the two larger powers.

It is presumed the concessions are in Eastern Galicia, and since Poland has been in forestal possession of this territory since June, 1919, France will naturally want Warsaw's possession legalized.

Whether or not the Washington State Department will be drawn in through its policy of safeguarding the American oil industry is not yet known.

Even though the United States does not participate in the controversy through Ambassador Herrick, its representative on the Council of Ambassadors, it is known here former Secretary of State Colby represents a powerful American oil group, which is vitally concerned with Galicia's ultimate nationality.

It is understood Mr. Colby will soon come to Europe and seek a hearing before the Council of Ambassadors, which has been charged with settling the Galician question.

Fortunately, for those who are concerned with Galicia's oil alone, there is also a very large population to consider. They have revolted once and protested innumerable times against being treated as a Polish province.

## FOX FARMING.

### A Good Number in United States Are in Industry.

Washington, March 6.—Canadians for some years have been taking the lead in the fur farming industry, and Canadian bred foxes, particularly those of the maritime provinces are famous throughout the United States. It now appears that many people on this side of the line are following the example set by Canadians in establishing this profitable industry. A recent bulletin issued by the department of agriculture says:

"Important progress has been made in investigations pertaining to the rearing of wild fur bearing animals in captivity. Fur farms are reported from twenty-five states where foxes, skunks, raccoons, minks, opossums, martens, muskrats, squirrels and beavers are raised. It is estimated that 500 ranchers are raising silver foxes in the United States, that they have between 12,000 and 15,000 foxes in captivity, and that the value of the investment is about \$3,000,000.

## Berlin Soon to Buy Coal From Mines of America

Berlin, March 6.—Germany soon will call on America for coal. Importers led owing to the cheapness at the pit heads, they are able to lay down coal in Germany at about the same figure as the British, only five per cent. over the legal price.

British coal imports will total 1,500,000 metric tons during the month of March. The Berlin Telegraph points out that the import could be much higher, but for the steep prices, which were set when the mark dropped to 50,000 to a dollar.

## WORLD-WIDE WIRELESS

London, March 6.—The government has decided to erect a wireless station for communication with the dominions, so Premier Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons yesterday. The government has also decided to license the erection of private wireless stations in Great Britain for world-wide communication, the Premier stated.

Pope Pius is reported well satisfied with Premier Mussolini of Italy.

## FOUND AFTER A LONG HUNT

### Man Accused of Murder is Arrested in Renfrew.

#### CRIME AT LAWRENCE, MASS.

##### Murderer Had Elopement With Wife of Man He Afterwards Slew.

Lawrence, Mass., March 6.—Cyrille Vandenneke, alias Joseph Vandenneke, alleged slayer of Gelain Shureman, of 267 Water street, is a prisoner at the Lawrence county jail, where he awaits the calling of a special murder trial by District Attorney William G. Clark.

Haggard and worn through fear of arrest after having successfully eluded the police of the United States, Belgium and Canada for four and one-half years, Vandenneke was returned to this city after being apprehended at the Renfrew woolen mills, Renfrew, Ontario.

The story of his capture reads like a chapter from Sherlock Holmes. A crime was committed here on the morning of August 9th, 1918. He had left Lawrence only a few weeks previously, eloping to Philadelphia with the slain man's wife, Mrs. Sophie Shureman. The couple were traced by Gelain Shureman, who persuaded his wife to return home with her seven-year-old daughter, whom she had taken with her.

Vandenneke followed and then came the murder tragedy. The poor aim of the alleged slayer saved Mrs. Shureman from sharing the same fate as her husband.

During the four years that followed the fugitive's travels were many. After leaving Lawrence, he worked his way to London, on a transport, to France, Belgium, Egypt, Canada, back to the United States and then returning to Canada—all this tells the story of his flight.

## Arrest At Renfrew.

Following his arrest in Renfrew by Police Marshall Timothy J. O'Brien and State Officer Richard Griffin, both of Lawrence, his young wife was sent for. He stood unmotional as his wife and babe held him farewell. He told his wife that there was nothing for her to worry about, as "everything will come out all right."

With the meagre information contained in a cable from Belgium that the wanted man had married in Canada under a false name and was employed in a small woolen mill, the two local police officials went to Montreal and then Toronto, tracing marriage records for the past four years. They learned that a man named Joseph Vandenneke had married a Miss Grace Wade at Brantford, Ontario, during 1920.

The presence of a sister-in-law of the alleged murderer was learned. Representing that a friend of Vandenneke's had just arrived in New York from Belgium, a Canadian immigration official and the local officers went to her home and stating that the friend wanted aid from Vandenneke learned that he was at work in a woolen mill in Renfrew.

When arraigned in the local superior court he pleaded not guilty to two grand jury indictments, one charging the murder of Gelain Shureman and the second attempt to murder Mrs. Shureman. He was then remanded to jail without bail.

## Wrangling Over Price.

Chicago, March 6.—Is \$5 too much for a wife?

The county board is wrangling over this poser. At a recent meeting County Treasurer Carr agreed that the present marriage license fee, \$1.50—"the cheapest in the world"—is too little, and said the county should increase its revenue at the expense of bridegrooms. Statistics were quoted to show \$133,000 now spent on "unnecessary honeymoons" would be diverted into the county coffers if Mr. Carr's proposal was approved.

"If a man can't pay \$5 for a wife he ought not to get one," was Commissioner Tom Murray's closing broadside.

## Want Pure Milk Supply.

Bellefonte, March 6.—Steps will be taken here shortly to compel inspection of all cattle and herds which supply milk to dealers in this city. The local board of health has taken up the question of improving the supply of milk and also of pasteurization. It is expected that at the next meeting of the board the council will be requested to pass a by-law compelling inspection.

## Bellefonte Kiwanians.

Bellefonte, March 6.—An organization meeting of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club was held on Saturday when arrangements were made for the election of some officers. W. O'Brien was appointed secretary, pro-tem, and R. Wotten, nominating secretary. Some forty have already signified their intention of becoming members.

## CRITICS SEVERE ON SINGER.

### No Musical Appreciation Say the McCormicks.

New York, March 6.—Ganna Walska, wife of Harold F. McCormick, of Chicago, and aspirant to operatic fame, will not sing in New York for a time at least. Announcement that her projected concert here had been postponed came close upon Mrs. McCormick's recital in Boston. She had been heard in Chicago and an unfavorable verdict was rendered by the critics there. Declaring that Chicago had no musical appreciation, the McCormicks arranged for appearances in Boston and New York. But the majority of the Boston critics were even more severe than those of the Windy City. Here are a few of their very frank opinions:

H. T. Parker, of the Transcript: "Mrs. Walska's voice is thin, sharp, wily, metallic. She uses it dryly, laudably. She is unskilled and insensitive in the arts and means of song—note, phrase, modulation, transition, climax. With pace and rhythm, she exhibits neither intelligence, intuition, nor the fruits of study."

Olin Downes, of the Boston Post: "She has a laudable ambition to sing, but she cannot. After listening to the complete programme of Mrs. Walska it is not possible with sincerity to say that she ever gave the impression of being an artist."

It is reported now that Mrs. McCormick intends to become a moving picture actress.

## ROBERT A. FOWLER, M.P.P., PASSES AWAY IN TORONTO

### He Was Conservative Member For Lennox—Lived on Amherst Island.

Toronto, March 6.—Reginald Amherst Fowler, Conservative member for Lennox in the Ontario legislature, died suddenly of heart failure at his temporary residence, 165 Wellesley street, yesterday afternoon. He had not been in best of health since the house opened, but his condition was not such as to cause any serious anxiety among his numerous friends who were to be found on both sides of the house. He attended to his parliamentary duties up to Friday last.

Mr. Fowler was the oldest member of the legislature, having attained his seventy-seventh year in July last. Through their various legislative parties in Ontario legislature he joined in paying tribute to his character and sterling qualities. Out of respect for his memory the house adjourned at 6 o'clock, until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

There will be no by-election to fill the vacancy in the Ontario legislature owing to the proximity of the general elections.

## Burial Arrangements.

Toronto, March 6.—With the flag on the parliament buildings at half-mast, the legislature is today mourning the death of R. A. Fowler. Funeral arrangements are being completed by the Conservatives. The remains will be taken tonight to Napawan and from there to Bath and across the bay to the Fowler home on Amherst Island. The funeral will probably be held Thursday.

## To Have Amusement Tax.

Albany, N.Y., March 6.—The amusement field, which up to the present has escaped state taxation, would be taxed six per cent. on gross receipts under a bill which has been introduced by Assemblyman C. P. Miller, of Genesee. The measure, if adopted, will net between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000 annually.

All forms of amusement except those given by religious, charitable or agrarian associations would be subject to the tax. These would include both the legitimate and vaudeville stages, motion pictures and all forms of sporting exhibitions. At present only boxing and wrestling matches are taxed.

## Farm Residence Burned.

Bellefonte, March 6.—At an early hour on Saturday, a large stone farm residence in Ameliasburg township was, with the greater portion of its contents, destroyed by fire. The building was owned by W. Wessie, and occupied by Thomas Kimmery, the tenant of the farm.

## Expect Lively Debate At Presbytery Meeting

Brockville, March 6.—A lively debate upon the question of church union is likely to ensue when the Brockville Presbytery meets at Kemptonville today and takes action upon the proposed overture to the General Assembly of Rev. J. M. Glasford, Winchester, that church union be postponed. It is stated in circles of the Presbytery in favor of union that a counter-overture will be introduced, and the opinion of the presbytery sought upon the matter.

Patrolman H. John Dale, war hero, rescued six children and two women from a burning tenement in Brooklyn, N.Y., Tuesday morning.

## BALED HAY HAD LIQUOR

### \$144,000-Worth of Whiskey Seized At Montreal.

#### CAME FROM CORBYVILLE

##### Consignee Denies Knowledge of Shipment--Investigation To Be Held.

Montreal, March 6.—The seizure of \$144,000 worth of whiskey hidden in bales of hay consigned to the city from Corbyville, Ontario, and which arrived in the city over the week-end, has caused a furor at police headquarters and at the offices of the Quebec liquor commission.

As a result of the seizure it is understood that three of the Grand Trunk Railway Company employees which transported the "hay" to Montreal will be subjected to a searching cross-examination. The Montreal merchant to whom the stock was consigned denied having ordered even hay to be forwarded to him from Ontario, and declared that his signature on the papers also seized had been forged.

Hon. Jacques Bureau, minister of customs, has been notified of the seizure, and the excise department. It is understood, will hold an investigation.

The liquor police received information which led to the discovery. Twelve cars loaded with what appeared to be bundles of hay and addressed to a Montreal merchant left Corbyville, a few days ago. The cars were brought here by the G.T.R. When they arrived in Montreal they were gone through by the liquor police and the whiskey was discovered. The liquor is now in the hands of the Quebec liquor commission, but it cannot be disposed of until the excise taxes on the stock have been paid.

## Union to Be Consummated in 1924, Predicts Dr. Chown

Stratford, March 6.—Church union will be consummated in 1924, according to the prediction of Dr. D. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, speaking here. While Methodists were unanimously in favor of fusion, a group of Presbyterians had organized to oppose the measure, said Dr. Chown. No further efforts will be made to win over opponents of this scheme, Dr. Chown stated, and the matter will be left entirely to officials of each body.

Dr. Chown has just returned from a tour of the west and leaves shortly for Bermuda.

## TRIED FIVE-CENT FARE

### Calgary Street Railway Experiments Not Successful

Calgary, March 6.—R. A. Brown, superintendent of the city's street railway department on Saturday reported the failure of the five-cent fare plan. The council decided to reduce car fares in anticipation of an increased traffic. Two weeks' try-out showed that the system was carrying less people than during the same period last year. The old charge was four tickets for 25c.

## NEW PEACE OFFER MADE TO TURKEY

Constantinople, March 6.—Premier Poincare has made a new peace offer to the Turks, presumably similar to the recent note to Mustafa Kemal.

Constantinople newspapers reported today.

Serious desertions from the Turkish army are said to have taken place.

## MANY OFFER BLOOD

London, March 6.—By public advertisement the Bradford Royal Infirmary has called for volunteers to give their blood for transfusion purposes. The response has been most encouraging. A dozen offers were received immediately, several volunteered disclaiming and desire for the £10 offered, regarding it a sufficient reward to serve suffering humanity.