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NIAGARA IN POLITICS

"Niagara in Politics", a post humus publication from the pen of the late Dr. James Mavor, Professor Emeritus of Political Economy at the University of Toronto, is at present attracting considerable attention, especially in the Province of Ontario. While the book is described as "a critical account of the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission", it is really a slashing attack on the principle of government ownership. The history of hydro development in Ontario is traced through its various stages, and Prof. Mavor takes the ground that it affords "very vivid instances of the use to which a combination of economic monopoly and political power may be put."

"Since the Hydro Commission was established," he goes on to say, "there have been one Farmers' government and three Conservative Government, all of which as well as the contemporary oppositions, have been under the control of the Hydro Electric Commission. All of the governments," he continues, "have been obliged to find the enormous sums of money demanded by the Commission for the carrying out of its projects."

The professor accuses the Commission of flagrant violations of statute law, as well as acts passed on behalf of hydro itself, and declares that the various governments have been compelled to legalize its actions by passing ex-post facto legislation. In the case of an act passed in the interests of hydro there is no appeal, and even when gross injustice has been perpetrated there is no redress as the law courts are closed against any suit that may be brought against the Commission.

A chapter in Prof. Mavor's book devoted to the propaganda carried on in Ontario in favor of cheap power makes very interesting reading. As an example of the furor which was fomented against private enterprise he quotes a newspaper report of a meeting of fifteen hundred delegates representing various municipalities held in Toronto in 1906. This monster delegation afterwards appeared before the government in the Assembly Chamber, but before doing so each speaker was instructed to say "We want cheap power and we want the government to act quickly." Quite naturally the Premier of the day, Sir James Whitney, assured the delegation that there would not be a moment's unnecessary delay on the part of the government. Prof. Mavor charges that professional claquers were employed at the meeting and were instructed when to applaud and what to shout. "Such," he says, "was the organized method by which what afterwards became the Hydro Commission, obtained the driving force of public approval which enabled it to control the Provincial Legislature and to dictate to successive Provincial Governments."

The author's reference to the hydro propaganda in Ontario will be apt to carry the minds of many people in this province back to the days when the agitation was started which culminated in the construction of the St. John Valley Railway. Delegation after delegation demanded that this road be constructed as a government work, but few ever dreamed at that time that it was going to cost taxpayers of the province \$260,000 a year to keep it in operation.

In summing up in the closing chapter of his book Prof. Mavor uses these words: "The general conclusions are irresistible that the hydro electric system of Ontario has been ineptly managed from the beginning and that the aims of its management have been political and not economical in the strict sense. Indeed, the economical interests of the province have been sacrificed to the political ambition of a small number of municipal and provincial politicians. These politicians have led the province into an expenditure which may yet turn out to be ruinous and have in doing so upset the political system of the province. By means of cajolery and electioneering management not lacking in cunning, the hydro party has altered the political character of the province, has inflicted a serious blow to spontaneous industrial action within it and has contributed towards driving industry and intelligent organization

either into the Province of Quebec or across the line into the United States."

As hydro development is a live issue in New Brunswick at the present time Prof. Mavor's book should be of special interest to the people of this province. It is to be hoped that every member of the government and Legislature will procure a copy and peruse its pages very carefully.

The "opposition" civic meeting at the Capitol theatre on Saturday night was well attended and as on the previous meeting, the people sat patiently in their seats until midnight, while the various candidates held forth on the stage. After all such keen interest on the part of the public in civic affairs is not an unhealthy sign.

The action of the York Municipal Council with respect to the grant in aid of the Victoria Hospital seems to have been a clear case of passing the buck. The sum of \$500 was voted to the institution with the stipulation that each parish pay for its own patients sent to the institution for treatment.

While the names of Sir George Foster, Sir Edward Kemp, Hon. Gideon Robertson and others were mentioned in connection with the Conservative leadership in the Senate, the position went to Hon. W. B. Ross, a Nova Scotian. It is some years since a maritime man held this appointment.

Civic politicians in Fredericton always had to work for nothing and find themselves, but prior to this year they never before had to pay for the publication of their campaign speeches.

Production manager of a Newark hosiery factory says women's feet are growing bigger. Accommodating themselves to the march of progress.

New York hot-dog vendor has just bought a \$275,000 apartment house. And finds life's linked sweetness thus long drawn out.

New York has organized an "Early Risers' Club" and a lot of them are staying out all night to join it.

What ever became of the earrings, so popular a year or so ago, that looked like a pair of Indian clubs?

Teahh the child to be seen and not heard and what kind of a radio announcer would he make?

Mrs. Edlin Macyay was of the opinion that life's sweet song should be properly jazzed.

Struck with a shovel, the victim has sued for \$25,000. In his declaration he calls a spade a spade.

A big shakeup is predicted in one of the largest studios in Hollywood. And California's the place for it.

Before the movies, where did people go to do their coughing?

Paris styles are all right, unless somebody owes you money.

How is the New Year's resolution working out?

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

As a sport the anthracite strike is no more interesting to the public than a game of checkers.

Lima Beane saps the little weaknesses of the human race are what make us interesting to one another.

Nearly always, what is called the tendency of the times, is the tendency of the times is the tendency of the people.

The ballot used in today's civic election was quite a weighty affair. It was the biggest thing the rate payers of the city ever handled.

Notable difference between a baritone singer and a soprano is that the baritone sings the words and the soprano sings the music.

If there is a hell we know exactly what kind of coal they use in the furnace.—Ohio State Journal.—Bob's got another clinker in the grate.

A London war hero has won a prize for a new safety-first slogan. It is: "Life is short; don't make it shorter." It sounds pretty good, particularly to pedestrians.

Our notion of a perfect gentleman is one who hesitates and feels a bit sorry when he tunes out on a man who is approaching an eloquent climax in his radio address.

PLAN TO BUILD THE WORLD'S BIGGEST AIRSHIP

New York, Jan. 11—Completion of the designs for the largest metal-clad airship in the world, two and one half times the size of the Shenandoah, to be built by the Aircraft Development Corporation at the Ford Airport, Dearborn, Mich., was announced tonight by Carl F. Fritsche general manager of the corporation.

Speaking at a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Mr. Fritsche said that the ship will be luxuriously equipped for commercial use but in the event of war can be equipped for military purposes in 48 hours. Another smaller ship one-tenth the size of the Shenandoah will also be built, he said.

The larger airship will have a gas capacity of 5,000,000 cubic feet and the smaller capacity of 200,000 cubic feet. Both ships will be fire proof. Mr. Fritsche said, none of which requirements are fulfilled by fabric lighter than aircraft. The smaller of the two will be used for demonstration and experimental purposes.

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CHARLOTTE M.L.A. IS REMOVING TO TORONTO

(St. Croix Courier.) Last evening, James S. Lord, M. L. A., announced to the Courier that he had finally decided to accept a position which the Toronto branch of his company had been holding out to him for some months past.

Mr. Lord has been considering this tempting offer for some time, his friends have known, but it was not until this week that he gave his head office a definite answer.

Hosts of friends everywhere through out the county will be very sorry to learn of his intentions but can only wish for him every success in his new and larger undertaking.

Mr. Lord, a native of this county, has been a resident of St. Stephen for the past nineteen years and was elected to the local legislature as a county member at the recent election, by a large majority.

He will return later, he announced, and take his place in the Legislature for one session at least.

STAFF OF LIFE CHANGED FROM WHEAT TO CORN

Chicago, Jan. 11—The "staff of life" has been changed from wheat to corn in the grain belt.

The golden corn, one of America's contributions to the world's food supply, is going on mid-western tables in every conceivable form—corn "pone," corn meal mush, corn fritters, corn syrup, and even corn sugar.

Faced with a corn surplus, farm leaders hope in this way to turn the gold of the corn into the gold of a dividend for the grower or at least to provide a means for working off excess supplies.

Corn days and corn meetings are planned throughout the central West with one of the first scheduled at Morris, Ill., on Saturday. A feature of the Morris affair will be a free corn dinner, running the gastronomic scale from corn fed beef, corn gravy succotash, corn bread and corn syrup down to coffee sweetened with corn sugar.

THAMES THREE MILES WIDE AFTER RAINS

London, Jan. 11—The River Thames is three miles wide in places today, following a deluge from 5 o'clock to 10 this morning, when more than twenty million tons of water fell on Greater London. The river has been rising steadily for some weeks, and in the valley hundreds have been driven from their homes, while others are forced to live in the upper stories by high water.

J. Redfern of Saint John is a guest at the Barker House.

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PROBATE COURT County of York

To the Heirs-at-Law, Next-of-Kin, and Creditors of Lloyd Boyd, late of the Parish of Douglass in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, deceased, and to all others whom it may in any wise concern.

GREETING

On the application of Thomas E. Griffiths of the Town of Devon in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick, Esquire, You are hereby cited and required to appear, before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the County of York at the City of Fredericton on Tuesday the second day of February, A. D. 1926 at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why Letters of Administration of all and singular the goods and chattels, lands and tenements which were of the said Lloyd Boyd, should not be granted to him in due form of law.

Given under my hand this Ninth day of January, A. D. 1925.

(Sgd) ARTHUR L. SLIPP, Registrar of Probate.
(Sgd) HARRIS G. FENETY, Judge of Probate.

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