

GUELPH ONT. SUFFERS FROM BEING IN HYDRO RADIAL RING

Tax Rate Increased, Citizens Forced to Bear Heavy Burdens Because of Municipal Ownership, and There Is No Escape from Their Sorry Plight.

Guelph, Ont., Nov. 8.—Guelph, Ont., has been regarded as the pioneer public ownership city of Canada—a sort of Glasgow of America. Guelph owns its waterworks, its street railway, its power plant, etc. There were times when the local politicians drew dream pictures for the ratepayers of no taxes to pay, when they would go to the city hall to draw dividends. These enthusiasts did not stop with service-at-cost; their slogan was service-with-profits. But the ratepayers are today paying a 31 mill tax rate—and that is not the worst of it.

Periodically there are reports such as: "City of Guelph receives cheque for \$22,000 net profits for three months operation of Guelph Junction Railway." And the people outside the city are led to believe that the street railway system is paying big dividends and that public ownership is a great success.

The joker is that the cheque referred to is handed over by the Canadian Pacific Railway. It represents the city's share of receipts on freight passing over the Guelph Junction Railway, which was built by enterprising citizens of earlier days and was leased to the Canadian Pacific for 99 years. All that the city owns now is a right of way. The Canadian Pacific extended the line through to Goderich and the city gets the benefit of all the additional freight, which, by the way, might easily be routed differently with a saving to the company of a goodly share of that \$22,000 per quarter at present the C. P. R. loses by the arrangement, but lives up to both letter and spirit of the agreement.

As for the publicly operated utilities, the tax rate would indicate that the C. P. R. dividend comes in handy to make up deficits. Take the street railway which is operated by the Hydro Electric Commission of Ontario, for example.

This system was run down until it was worth little more than scrap. Some three years ago certain enterprising citizens, appreciating the very satisfactory and profitable relationship of the city and the Canadian Pacific, and realizing the importance of a con-

nection with the C. P. R. Grand River radial, nine miles away, to bring paying business, started negotiations with the company. Finally a deal was made. The company was to operate the system, build a line to Hespeler, which would connect with the Grand River system and provide a connection also with Puslinch Lake, a popular summer resort some miles from the city. It was a business-like co-operative deal and the citizens were jubilant.

But Guelph was in the Hydro radial ring. For one municipality to drop out meant that the chain, no stronger than its weakest link, would be broken. Sir Adam Beck appeared on the scene and invoked public ownership magic. He promised outside connections, he promised many other things and left the people with the impression that he would buy their run-down system and operate it. While the spell lasted the vote was taken and the C. P. R. proposal defeated. Then the people found that while the Hydro would spend \$150,000 on the line it would be on the credit of the city's bonds. The \$150,000 was spent. Then the Hydro demanded and got another \$150,000 credit. Now this has all been spent and the work on the system may take another \$100,000. And when it is all over there will be little improvement in service. The people are wondering how so little could have been accomplished with so much money.

The dream of outside connections was dispelled when the Sutherland Commission condemned the Hydro radial scheme. Today the ratepayers find that they have added \$300,000 or more to the municipal debt, service is little better, and the idea of an outside connection has been practically abandoned.

What is more, it is realized by the business men of the city that a great opportunity was lost to secure the co-operation of Canada's great and efficient transportation co-operation in the industrial development of the city with benefits in keeping with those from that corporation's operation of the Guelph Junction Railway.

CHANGE IN BRITISH GOV'T CAUSED NEW TROUBLE IN EAST

Such Is Opinion of Lloyd George, Concurred in by Manchester Guardian.

London, Nov. 8.—The Manchester Guardian, which is no great admirer of Lloyd George these days, admits the possibility suggested by the former Premier in his speech at Newcastle yesterday, that new troubles would arise in the Near East because of Great Britain's change of government and election pre-occupation. The Guardian declares that, undoubtedly, some of Lloyd George's opponents did their best to "convince the Turks that not a finger would be raised to check them going anywhere they liked." The Guardian, however, admits the equal possibility that the Turks never had any firm intention of observing the udania agreement. The Asquithian Daily News derides the spectacle of Lloyd George urging the new government to wake up and deal firmly with the Turks. It wants to know if ever there was a greater piece of bluff than the Lloyd George government's grotesque appeal to the Little Entente and the Dominions.

OPERATING DEFICIT ON C. N. R. IN AUGUST TOTALLED \$829,847

This Is An Increase of \$812,742 for Corresponding Month in 1921.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The net operating deficit on the national railways in August was \$829,847, compared with an operating deficit of \$17,085 in August 1921, an increase of \$812,742. To earn a dollar in August 1921 the national railways expended a dollar and a fraction of a cent. In August last they spent a dollar and eight cents. The increasing in operating deficit is due to a decrease of \$805,370 or 7.3 per cent in total revenues while operating expenses were practically unchanged from August 1921.

The reduction in revenues indicates that the effect of lower freight rates is already being felt. With the Crow's Nest agreement again partially effective, freight rates on grain and grain products, west of Port Arthur and between 20 and 25 per cent. Effective August 1, rates on basic commodities such as forest products, building materials, iron, etc., were reduced about six per cent and all increases on coal granted September 13, 1920, were removed.

The full effect of these reductions will not, however, be evident till September and October statements are available. It was in these months that the heavy movement of grain and coal began.

On the C. P. R. total operating revenues were \$10,100,139 in August last compared with \$17,431,292 in August 1921. In the same months, operating expenses were reduced from \$14,350,688 to \$13,196,516 in August 1922. In August last, the C. P. R. spent \$1.96 cents to earn a dollar; in August 1922, 82.33 cents.

HYDRO COMMISSION TO CREATE CERTAIN ELECTRIC DISTRICTS

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 8.—Legislation suggested by the Hydro Electric Commission to create electrical districts so that rural communities can more readily organize and take advantage of hydro power development throughout New Brunswick was considered by the Provincial Government today. C. P. Foss, chief engineer, and J. D. P. Lewis, legal adviser, both of St. John, appeared before the cabinet and presented a proposed bill. Mr. Foss also tabled the monthly progress reports of the commission.

A THOUGHT

Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule; let us mind the same thing.—Philippians 3:16. If any little love of mine, May make a life the sweeter; If any little care of mine May make a friend's life the clearer; If any lift of mine may ease The burden of another, God give me love, and care, and strength, To help a tolling brother. —Anon.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

The Journal invites Correspondence on any topic of public interest and will print the same in reason, without assuming any responsibility for the opinions expressed. Letters must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer and when explicit statements are made affecting individuals the letters to be published must be signed by the writer.—EDITOR.

CHANGES OF OPINION

To the Editor of the Journal,

Sir,—Many of Mayor McLellan's critics condemn him because he has changed his mind. Evidently they would prefer a man who would go "pig-headed" to the end, utterly regardless of whether or not he was right or wrong. Just because a man changes his mind or his opinion, is he to be condemned "for that"? If such is the case a good many of us mortals can be condemned for the same thing. It has been said that "a fool never changes his mind" and I am inclined to think that is correct. Minds and opinions are changed every day. Mayor McLellan has changed his to a certain degree and I think very wisely on his part. He has learned many things about the Musquash proposition, and we all have. I'll have a little to say about that later. Just now I am dealing with those who have changed their minds and I find that there are many others besides the Mayor who have changed theirs in the past.

Let us take the Premiers of Canada for instance. Can you Mr. and Mrs. Reader not recall occasions when every Premier that Canada has had changed their minds on many very important occasions? Time and space will not permit me enumerating any of them, but it can be cited. The same applies to the Premiers of the Province of N. B., and every other Province as well. Business men change their minds and opinions every day, they have to. Today they are of one opinion and tomorrow they learn of some detail that completely changes their point of view. Is there any harm in that? What business man will condemn any man for changing his opinion when he learns that the opinion he has held is all wrong? Echo answers not one. Premier Lloyd George has changed his opinion many times in the past six weeks. If he had not there would have been many nice mixers in the affairs of Great Britain. True he is condemned by many great Englishmen, but the greater part of this condemnation comes from political enemies. Independent observers unite in praising him for his policy and his predictions are heard that he will soon be "in the saddle" again.

I have enumerated the eminent politicians who have changed their opinions. Now let us look over the eminent editors who have changed theirs. We won't have to wander far afield. We can point to some shining examples right in this city, and as I am grouping them with such eminent politicians as Lloyd George, the Premiers of Canada and the Premiers of the different provinces, to say nothing of His Worship Mayor McLellan, I know that these editors will not object to being mentioned in such brilliant company.

Let us start with the editors of the Telegraph and Times. We'll have to go back to history in an entertaining study, so the reader will not object. The Telegraph was founded as a Liberal paper. So was the Times. It was purchased by a well-known local man "who needed it in his business," as the present owners do in theirs. He wanted an evening paper and he started the Times. If memory serves me right he made the present editor of the Times, the editor, and he was retained ever since. This gentleman was if I remember at one time a member of the Sun. The Sun since deceased—was a Conservative paper, and I remember that there used to be a series of articles Mr. Paul and the Reporter. Mr. Paul the "Sagamore" and the reporter discussed politics and the awful "Grits" were roundly and soundly condemned by them. The writer of these entertaining skits was the present editor of the Times.

We will now take a hop-step-and-a-jump in history and land at the time of the Blair affair. Older readers will remember that occasion. Those who were mixed up in the election of that time will remember it particularly well, especially those who were working for the Liberal cause. Just how Mr. Blair was to go no one knew, that is no one here, but no doubt two men knew, Mr. Blair and the owner of the Telegraph and Times, then resident in Montreal. The fatal day arrived when Mr. Blair was to declare himself. As I remember it the word arrived about nine o'clock at night. He had broken with Laurier. I was one that was waiting for the news in the Liberal committee rooms. How the owner of the Telegraph and Times was cursed that night, for we all knew that now that Blair had broken with Laurier the Telegraph and Times next morning would be Blair and not Laurier. Were they? You bet! Did the editors of the Telegraph and Times resign? They did not—yes bet! They started out next morning and wrote editorials in their finest English and those editorials did not extol the greatness of Laurier by any means. To read them one would think that these editors had never told an admiring public how great Sir Wilfrid was. It was an excellent example of what a pen can do when combined with an absence of conscience and a command of the English language.

You said in your editorial columns a day or two ago that the Telegraph and Times, in shutting out the meeting of Mayor McLellan in the Imperial Theatre from their news columns, gave a display of very poor and cheap journalism. Most people agree with you. Even Hearst will publish news items favoring his opponent, but will attack them in his editorial columns. That is the right of an editor, but there are editors, and editors.

If I may be allowed the space I will deal with some other editors tomorrow.

Yours truly,

LITTLE WILLIE.

KNOCKING AMERICANS

To The Editor of The Journal.

Dear Sir:—I notice in the Evening Times some very slighting remarks about our American friends. It seems to me that this sudden condemnation of everything that comes from across the border is merely another instance of that inconsistency and misrepresentation with which your good paper has charged them.

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Louis Duplisa Had Both Arms and Legs Severed by C. P. R. Express.

Special to Journal.

Fredericton Junction, Nov. 8.—A most frightful accident occurred at 9 o'clock this morning when Louis Duplisa, aged 79, of this place was killed by the morning C.P.R. express

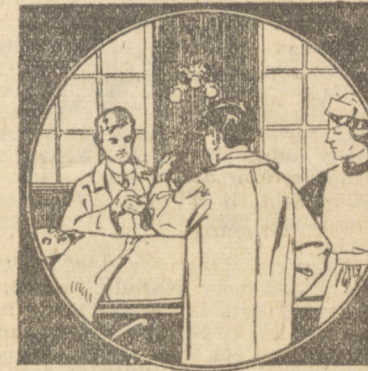
from St. John to McAdam. Mr. Duplisa was walking along the track when the train came along. He was near the C.P.R. railway bridge, south of the station, stepping to one side and caught hold of the end of the bridge, while the train was passing. He was struck by the last coach, thrown under the wheels, both legs and arms being cut off and the body badly mutilated.

The train was stopped and Dr. Roberts, who was aboard, gave orders for the removal of the remains to the deceased's home and left instructions for an inquest.

Mr. Duplisa is survived by four sons and two daughters.

"I Avoided an Operation Appendicitis Disappeared"

Mrs. James Wells, Udon, Ont., writes:—



"I took a severe pain in my right side. It was very bad at times. I tried oils and tablets without gaining any relief. The doctor pronounced it chronic appendicitis. I dreaded an operation and a friend advised Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I used them and not only obtained relief from pain, but I believe it has completely freed me of appendicitis, as it is now over a year since I have had any of the old symptoms."

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MORNING FIRE AT MAUGERVILLE

Family of Hedley V. Upton Narrowly Escaped Being Entrapped by the Flames.

Fredericton, Nov. 8.—Fire this morning completely destroyed the residence of Hedley V. Upton at Maugerville, Sunbury county. Mrs. Upton and her two daughters, who were alone in the house, just escaped with their lives, being awakened from their sleep by the crackling of flames to find their means of exit almost cut off. (Mr. Upton, who is the putter on the D. J. Purdy, was away from home at the time of the fire and was communicated with by telephone.

CONSERVATIVES MAY CONTEST HALIFAX BY-ELECTION DEC. 4

Liberal-Conservative Party of Halifax County to Decide Question Today.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 7.—The Halifax county branch of the provincial Liberal-Conservative party will hold a meeting here tomorrow night and while not on the programme, it is generally thought that the matter of whether or not a Conservative candidate will be put forward for the Halifax by-election of December 4th, will be discussed. It is said that while the party leaders favor no contest there is, nevertheless, a strong urge among the rank and file that the election be fought.

TRADE QUIET ON LONDON EXCHANGE

London, Nov. 8.—Prices moved irregularly on the stock exchange today. Bar gold 92s. 6d; money 2 per cent. Discount rates short and three month bills 2 1/2 to 2 9/16 per cent.

AMERICA BECOMES DISSOLUTE NATION

Modern Marriages Nothing More Than Trial Marriages, Says Bishop Sumner.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—(By Canadian Press)—Next to Japan, the United States is the worst nation in the world as far as the sacredness with which the people regard the matrimonial ties is concerned, said Bishop Walter T. Sumner of Oregon, who is visiting Chicago.

"Modern marriages are virtually nothing more than trial marriages," he declared. "and the United States is in danger of becoming the most dissolute nation in the world."

TROUBLE IN THE AMATEUR RANKS

A. W. Covey, President of the Maritime Provinces Branch of the A. A. U. of C. left for Halifax on the late express Monday night to look into the actions of some amateur boxers. It is reported that some of them have been violating the amateur rules and during a recent exhibition received money for their services. It is understood that Healy who made such a showing here against Hogan has turned Pro and if the reports received by President Covey are substantiated it will be quite possible that a number of the young glove artists in the sister city will be obliged to get out of the amateur ranks.

PRICES IRREGULAR ON PARIS BOURSE

Paris, Nov. 2.—Prices moved irregularly on the Bourse today. Three per cent. rentes 58 francs, 5 centimes. Exchange on London 70 francs, 95 centimes. Five per cent. loan 74 francs, 50 centimes. The United States dollar was quoted at 16 francs, 6 centimes.

Billy Mike's comeback certainly was nothing over which Jack Dempsey could enthuse. Looks like an idle winter for the champion.

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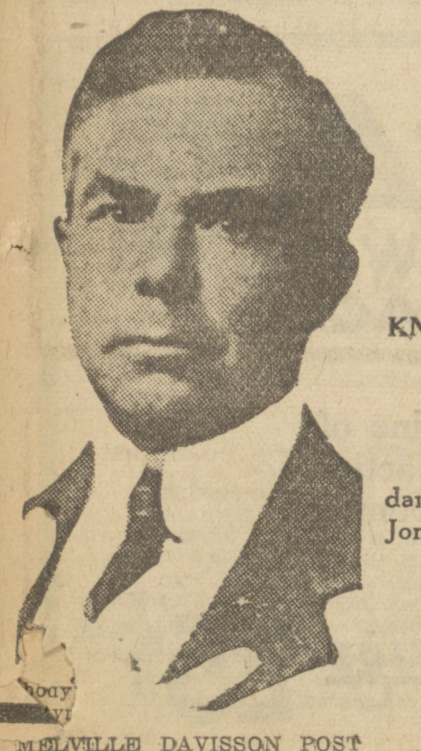
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