

HYDRO MAY GET WIDER POWERS

Farmers in Toronto Legislature Object to Bill Backed by Sir Adam Beck

Toronto, April 2.—Amendments to the Power Commission Act, designed to give the Hydro Commission wider powers of control over standards of electrical equipment permitted to be sold and used, encountered objections from farmer members, when Sir Adam Beck sought second reading in the legislature.

The bill was advanced on the understanding that free discussion of the questioned feature will be permitted in the committee stage.

The objections were based on the fear that the right to prohibit unapproved exterior wiring, etc., as well as appliances, might result in putting out of business certain private companies which, because of the inexpensive wire and other equipment used in transmission lines, etc., were able to distribute electric energy to farming communities at moderate cost. Hon. Manning Doherty, Hon. F. C. Biggs, and Hon. E. W. Raney objected to giving the Hydro Commission powers which might result in shutting off the advantages now enjoyed by the farmers of the areas served by such companies.

Both Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro Commission, and Premier Ferguson, however, denied that the authority which the bill proposed to give would have any such result. They argued that, so far as transmission systems were concerned, the amendment gave the Hydro Commission practically no different powers than it already had under existing legislation.

The real purpose of the proposed changes, they stated, was to give the Commission power to prohibit the sale of cheap and poorly-made appliances which were dangerous to human life and to property.

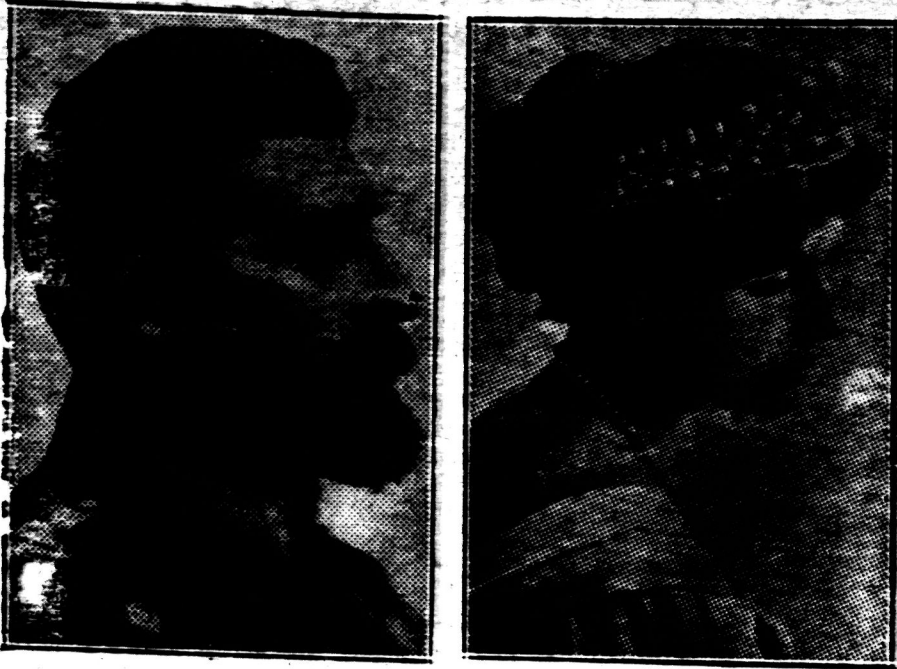
Another section of the bill is intended to make clear the right of the Commission to place poles on the highways, and also provides that the location of such poles, etc., shall hereafter be the subject of agreement between the Commission and the municipal corporation, or, in case they cannot come to terms, on judgment of the Ontario Railway Board.

NARCOTIC KING AND MUCH DOPE SEIZED

New York, April 2.—Mike Heller, "king of the narcotic trade," and \$1,000,000 in opium, morphine, cocaine, heroin and other drugs are now in the hands of the internal revenue department, according to Ralph H. Oyer, chief special agent.

The largest cache of smuggled drugs ever seized in New York was uncovered in a raid on an east side tenement.

Not Wanted in Italy



King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Romania, whose visit to Italy has recently been announced, have been told very plainly by Premier Mussolini of Italy that they will not be welcome, and consequently the visit has been cancelled. Italy's attitude is due to the fact that Romania owes large sums to private Italian investors who have not been paid.

HAMILTON MONEY IS GOING TO RUSSIA

Hamilton, April 2.—Thousands of dollars are being sent from Hamilton to relatives in Russia every week by local Russians, according to A. A. Yarosh, J. P., the court interpreter.

The new government of Russia has put the gold in circulation, and the new gold rouble is worth 50 cents.

Money sent to Russia is now being promptly received by the people there. Mr. Yarosh stated. Receipts are received from the banks by the local Russians who are sending money home.

"At first the Soviet government deducted seven per cent. from all money sent into Russia from the outside," said Mr. Yarosh. "Now the money is handled free by the banks there. Russia was like a drunken man who smashed his own furniture and dishes. Now they've sobered up and the gold which has been held by the government is being put back into circulation. The rouble is rapidly coming back to its own by this new gold issue."

Letters that came to Canada from Russia used to require between 10,000 and 30,000 roubles in stamps. A letter which was received this week had only 10 kopek stamps on it, which is considerably under one rouble.

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SAYS BRITAIN IN RUSSIA'S DEBT

Soviet Government Has Figured How to Escape Debt Payment

Moscow, April 2.—Soviet Russia's claims against Great Britain exceed the latter's claim against Russia by 2,000,000,000 gold roubles, M. Zinoforthcoming Russo-British conference, announced in a speech at Leningrad on the subject of the Russia's claims were for damages.

The British claims, he stated, were divided in three groups; First, state debts and "pretensions" for loans and nationalized property to a total value of 2,450,000,000 gold roubles; second war debts of 5,373,000,000 gold roubles, and third, interest on all the debts of 2,210,000,000, making a total of 10,033,000,000 gold roubles.

vielf, president of the communist caused by the intervention of Admiral Kolchak and for the seizure of gold.

"If there is no hope for us to receive from England these two billions of gold roubles," he went on, "then at any rate we confidently declare that England will not get either the war debts or the interest. The nationalized property of British subjects presents the most difficult question. There are 115 claims, amounting to 600,000,000 roubles."

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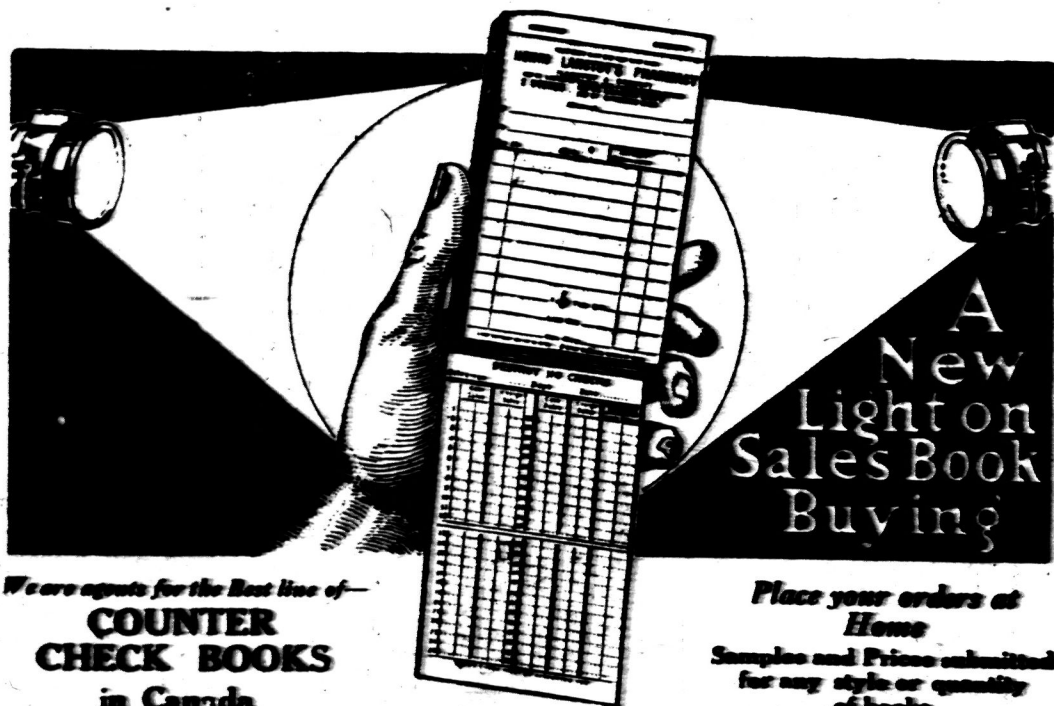
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