

ONTARIO ACQUIRES ELECTRIC INTERESTS

**Province Takes Over Mackenzie
Concerns, Valued at More
Than \$32,000,000.**

RAIL AND POWER PLANTS

**All Electrical Development Now
Passes to Public Ownership
Under Hydro Board.**

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TORONTO, Dec. 4.—The people of Ontario will be the owners of the largest electric power system in the world as a result of a deal early this morning whereby all the Mackenzie electrical interests in and about Toronto, except the Toronto Street Railway, will be taken over in September, 1921. The deal has yet to be ratified by the Ontario Government. The price paid is \$32,734,000, possession to date from Dec. 1. This transaction wipes out all the private electrical interests that have been regarded as antagonistic to public ownership as exemplified through the Hydro-Electric Commission.

Properties included in the deal are:

The Toronto Power Company, the Toronto and York Radial Company, the Schomberg & Aurora Railway Company, which three companies combine control of the property of the Toronto Power Company, the Toronto and Niagara Power Company at Niagara Falls, the Electrical Development Company, the Toronto Electric Light Company and the Toronto & York Radial Railway Company.

The purchase will be financed as follows:

The consideration will be \$6,971,295 6 per cent. twenty-year bonds of the City of Toronto, \$2,375,000 twenty-year 6 per cent. bonds of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission; \$612,528 twenty-year 5 per cent. bonds of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and the assumption by the commission of the underlying bonds of the Toronto Power Company, \$4,355,000 bonds of the Electrical Development Company, \$13,558 bonds or debenture stock of the Toronto Power Company, \$4,103,200 5 per cent. mortgage bonds of the Development Company, \$840,000 three year 6 per cent. notes of the Toronto Electric Light Company and outstanding stock of the Electrical Development Company, \$13,100.

The obligations to be assumed total \$22,775,177 and the bonds to be delivered \$9,958,823.

R. J. Fleming, manager for the Mackenzie interests, today said the company put up a valuation originally of \$46,639,384 for the whole interest; but Sir Adam Beck, Chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, finally obtained the lower price.

Until the institution a few years ago of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission and construction under public ownership of electric developing power and lighting plants, with radial electric railways supplying most of the towns and cities in Ontario, west of Toronto, Sir William Mackenzie was the leading electrical magnate of the Province.

With Sir Donald Mann he built the Canadian Northern Transcontinental Railway, now owned by the Government.

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