

## TORONTO RUSSIANS SEND BIG SUMS TO POLAND

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As much as \$50,000 went from local Russians to the war-stricken area of Poland in one day last year through one agency, and did not include the money transmitted by banks, express companies and other agencies. The information was volunteered yesterday to his Honor Judge Denton by Mr. M. Garfunkel, of Rotenbergs, Limited, during the course of a suit instituted by two Russians. The Russians gave the Rotenberg firm \$250 each to transmit to their wives. Petrograd agents, when they received the commission, replied that the Germans were in occupation of the locality in which the women resided, and in due course the Russians here were offered \$127. Mr. Fletcher Kerr sought to obtain the difference for his clients, but they lost it by his Honor's decision owing to the difference in exchange.

Mr. Louis Singer, who appeared for the Rotenberg firm, said that local Russians had completely depleted their bank accounts to assist their famished relatives in the war-stricken zones. He said that it was no exaggeration to say that hundreds of thousands of dollars had gone from Canada to Russia in this way, and that millions had been sent from America.

## CONTINUE POWER COMPANY FIGHT

Board of Control Will Oppose  
Toronto-Niagara  
Power Control of  
Streets

At a private meeting of the Board of Control yesterday in the Mayor's office, along with the City Solicitor and Works Commissioner, it was decided to continue the municipalities' fight in the Senate against the Toronto-Niagara Power Company to secure control of the city's streets.

Mayor Church and Controller Maguire said that it was useless to continue the fight, as the bill would be sent to the Railway Committee anyway, but they were outvoted by the other three members of the board.

It was decided to leave the case in the hands of the legal department, though the Mayor and Controller Maguire wanted Mr. Geo. H. Kilmer, K.C., retained, as he had handled the case previously.

Senator Claude Macdonnell notified the city that the Railway Act, as it came from the Commons last year, would be reintroduced in the Senate on the reassembling of that body on April 8, when it will be referred to the Railway Committee of the Senate, and the fight will be repeated.

## Mayor Regrets Inaction on Hydro Resolutions

In a statement issued by Mayor Church yesterday, he expressed the greatest regret at the failure of the Ontario Legislature, during the past session, to deal with the resolutions presented by the Hydro-radial Union and Municipal Electric Association or to take any action on the enemy alien question.

His Worship said: "The Province has power now to regulate all property and civil rights in the Province and to regulate the employment of enemy alien labor on every farm, factory and munitions plant in the Province, but they have done nothing. Nor did they give the municipalities power to tax the profiteers, nor any amendment to the Assessment Act, nor legislative measures to get something practical done with the Toronto Railway Company's failure to give an adequate service, which would have been of some practical effect."