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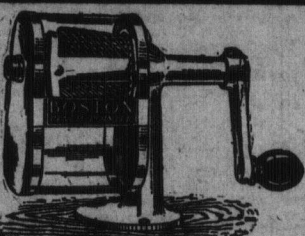
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PERSONAL

Rev. Wm. M. Duke has returned from Albert county where he spent a couple of weeks vacation.

NEW BRUNSWICK  
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Interim Order of Commission Under the Provisions of "An Act To Appoint a Commission in the Matter of the New Brunswick Power Company."

It appearing to the Commission, in the course of its investigation and inquiry, to be justifiable and necessary for the financial temporary relief of the company to adjust and allow rates of fare for transportation and to fix the maximum price to be charged for gas and the maximum rate for electricity, the Commission makes the following interim order, as of August 27, 1918:—

1. That as of the first day of October, 1918, and thereafter until the further order of the Commission, the maximum lighting rates shall be as follows:—  
First 50 kwh. .... per month. 15c.  
Next 100 kwh. .... 12c.  
Next 250 kwh. .... 10 1/2c.  
Next 500 kwh. .... 9c.  
Over 500 kwh. .... 7 1/2c.  
Discounts for prompt payment and provisions for minimum bills to remain as in the existing schedule without change.

2. That as of the said date, and thereafter until the further order of the Commission, the maximum power rates shall be as follows:—  
First 200 kwh. .... per month. 12c.  
Next 300 kwh. .... 8c.  
Next 500 kwh. .... 6 1/2c.  
Next 1000 kwh. .... 4 1/2c.  
Next 2000 kwh. .... 3 1/2c.  
Over 2000 kwh. .... 2 1/2c.  
Discounts for prompt payment and provisions for minimum bills to remain as in the existing schedule without change.

3. That as of the said date, and thereafter until the further order of the Commission, the maximum rate for gas, both fuel and lighting, shall be \$2.00 per 1000 ft.  
Any provision in existing schedules for discounts or minimum bills to remain unchanged.

4. That as of the said date, and thereafter until the further order of the Commission, the street railway fare shall be 6 cents. The Company shall not be required to issue tickets. Transfer privileges shall remain in force without change. Outstanding tickets shall not be valid for fares after said date but shall be redeemed in cash on demand at the Company's office.

The Commission has caused the accounts of the company to be examined by Messrs. Lybrand, Rose Bros. & Montgomery, a firm of certified public accountants familiar with public utility accounting. It appears from their report that the Company is not today earning its operating expenses to us to be at the rate of \$177,041 per annum in the two items of coal and labor alone.

Counsel for the City is carrying on, with the aid of experts, an extended inquiry into the valuation of the properties. The Commission is affording every facility for this inquiry, and regards it as an important factor in any final determination of rates. It is apparent, however, that the present earnings of the Company are entirely inadequate to pay a return on its investment computed on any theory or even to guarantee the continuance of service. The proceeds of the increased rates which the Commission has established in this order will not, in the opinion of the Commission, be sufficient to produce even the amount which was required for interest and dividends on the shares and securities of The Saint John Railway Company before its acquisition by the New Brunswick Power Company.

It has become apparent to the Commission in the course of its investigation of the Company's affairs that the present relations between the municipality and the Company are not such as should exist in the interests of the community. It is the hope of the Commission that before it reaches its final conclusion some method may be found to harmonize these relations. The same problems which are presented by the situation in Saint John have existed in many other localities, and in some cases have been settled by some form of public control or supervision. In the opinion of the Commission the controversy between the City of St. John and its public utilities cannot be permanently settled to the advantage of either party by the mere establishment of a correct rate base and the determination of a proper interest return. The Commission is of the opinion that certain economies may be effected in operation, which, however, cannot be made effective in time to assist in meeting the present emergency. The Commission requires, however, the Company to make no further payment of salaries to the Executive Committee or to officers not connected with operation while this order remains in effect. The Commission recommends to the Company that it make an immediate study of the question of more satisfactory rates as well as more economical routing of cars, and that it put in operation a sufficient number of one-man cars to determine their economical value and suitability for the service.

It is not within the authority of the Commission to amend the contract for municipal lighting. It does, however, recommend to the City of Saint John that it consent to such an amendment so that the price under the contract shall be increased 25 per cent.  
By order of the Commission,  
GUY W. CURRIER,  
Chairman.

GAMES OF CHANCE  
AS A MEANS OF  
RAISING WAR FUNDS

Rev. H. A. Goodwin Condemns All Gambling Devices No Matter What the Object Is—Sermon in Centenary Last Evening.

Rev. H. A. Goodwin at the evening service in Centenary church yesterday took as his subject "Games of chance as a means of raising war funds," and condemned in strong terms all gambling devices no matter what the object for which the money so obtained was to be used. He characterized such a method of raising money as a libel on the patriotism of the people of Canada and an insult to the dignity of their honor and humanity.

The speaker based his remarks on two passages of Scripture: 2nd Thessalonians, 3:10: "If any should not work, neither should he eat." Romans, 13:8: "And not rather (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), let us do evil that good may come? Whose damnation is just."

In the beginning the speaker said the sermon had been inspired by a call which he had received from a caller who was selling tickets for a lottery, the proceeds of which were to go to some war fund. If he held the lucky ticket he would win a handsome prize, if he lost he would have the satisfaction of knowing his money went toward beating the Germans. Believing that the practice of raising money by gambling of any kind was

wrong, he had felt it his duty to call attention to the evils attached to it, and state his conviction that all the money needed to carry on the war would be given freely and cheerfully by the Canadian people.

The doctor defined gambling as the hazarding of something on a chance. While it was true that in legitimate business it was sometimes necessary to take a chance, there was a difference, and every person was able to recognize this difference between this and pure gambling. In gambling the person interested had no control over the result, and there was no opportunity for the use of judgment.

Gambling was wrong because it flourished on a pervasion of the natural instincts of humanity and destroyed the rights of personal ownership. It was right to give liberally to all calls of charity, but when a person took a gambler's chance he lost his dignity. Money honestly earned was sacred and a part of the owner, and as such represented the man himself. Another reason why gambling was wrong, was that it was getting something which the other person gave up without receiving any benefit. It added nothing to the worth or possession of the community. It stood related to theft as duelling did to murder. Duelling tended to murder and gambling tended to theft.

Dealing with the second part of the subject, whether it was right to do evil that good might come, he said the words of St. Paul were conclusive and did not allow of any two opinions on that matter. The only comment on this doctrine by St. Paul was, "Whose damnation is just."

In closing he said he did not believe it was necessary to resort to gambling methods to get money to win the war. The people of Canada would give all that was needed, and sustained the success of the last Victory Loan and Y. M. C. A. campaign as proof of his statement. Such a method, he contended, was a libel on the patriotism of the people and an insult to the dignity of their honor and humanity.

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So if freedom is to prevail individuals must make voluntary sacrifices which in the aggregate will be greater than the forced sacrifices of the enemies of freedom.



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