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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 28

Street Lighting Rates

We had considered the correspondence with the T. E. L. Co. regarding the Hydro-Electric Commission closed, to \$100 for power. but the company returns once more, believe that the company would have purpose of this discussion. done well to observe the truce which the hydro which broke it.

of the company regarding rates only creasing by leaps and bounds." The served to remind the public that fact is that in 1910, before the hydro they are now paying only one-fourth started, street lighting was over three a little expert advice on this techniwhat they paid before the hydro per cent. of the total city taxes, but cal question you will find that the system was established. More than last year this percentage was about capital cost per horsepower of curthis, if the company is correct 2.8 per cent. and that is after excludin its statements about the amazingly ing the special war tax. cheap rates at which it can now sell! There appears to be a hope that a well as greater reliability. The T. E. L. ally the hydro commissioners cannot and will not divulge for the benefit of competitors, but we think the facts as known from official reports are sufficient to go upon.

truths contained in the letter to which ent letter, published elsewhere, indimade a mistake about these things would be too charitable a view to take. What we took exception to and pointed out on a previous occasion was that the information which the company stated had been obtained from a hydro report was used without the qualifications accompanying such informaqualifications the information referred

to gives quite a different meaning. An example of this is made clear headed "part of 1915," and the com-"same period 1914." Comment is superfluous. To wriggle still further on all angles. this point can serve no good object,

and can only discredit the company. It is suggested that we consult an expert to advise us on the comparative capital cost of street and residence lighting. The company, howconsultation to a hypothetical question. We have no doubt that a clever younger children on the streets. This expert can prove most things theore- idea has been most successful across tically, but we have to deal with the border and should be effective facts, something far more solid when here. real, than theory. Our statement was The most striking testimony to the cent. greater than the cost of supply-

In support of and as justification of being taught to look alive. he theoretical contention as to capial cost the company states that poles being used for house lighting as well as street lighting should not be charged against street lighting. Anything more unfair and unbusinesslike it is hard to imagine, but when it is realized that originally the main object for which the hydro was started in postponed our gratitude until after Toronto was for civic purposes the the fact. We now desire to express company's statement becomes ridiculous. Again, in many streets the hydro wires were provided for street lighting when there was no other business, or at best, insufficient business to

justify the outlay. No doubt there are many scientific ways of calculating what proportion of the charges should be debited to way, but if only one-half of the cost lighting it would be getting off very

lighting when compared with residence service is handicapped in the matter of capital cost by the extra fifty per cent. This handicap is increased also by such charges as the cost of nightly patrolling the lamps and providing free lamp renewals. On the other hand there are admittedly some charges which are applicable to private services and not to street lighting, but that these are amply covered by the increased rate charged for residence service is obvious to anyone who knows that the rate per K W. Hr. obtained from the residence service in Toronto last year was practically three times the rate obtained from street lighting after deducting from the latter the charge made by the T. E. L. Company to their cus-

tomers for free lamps. That these arguments have convinced the company of the unsoundless of its position is shown by the hange of ground. The company now seeks to compare two dissimilar services-power and lighting. It is a well-known fact that electric supply undertakings, whether publicly or privately owned charge a rate for lighting largely in excess of that for power. Take, for example, Montreal, which is the nearest instance of private ownership on a large scale. We have authoritatively advised that the rates in force last year (and we have heard of no reduction since) were for commercial power: \$30 to \$100 per horse power per year; street lighting, \$72.70 for one size of luminous arc lamp, and \$63.15 for a smaller size of the same class of lamp. Now the demand of the larger size of these is 550 watts, or about three-quarters of a horse power, and for the smaller lamp about half a horse power. On this basis, therefore, the charge for street lighting is about \$99 to \$130 per horse power as against \$30

This shows that the latest argument and we shall have to request for the of the T. E. L. Company is absolutely last time, to a reiteration of what has unsound, and we are forced to the conalready been copiously dealt with. We clusion that it is trumped up for the

The last contention in the company's was established a year or two ago on letter is on a par with the rest. It assuch controversies, but it has not been serts that the hydro charges to the city are a large part of the reason for the We feel sure that every contention present taxes which it alleges are "in-

tal cost per horsepower for private This expenditure gives us 43,000 power, what justification does it offer lamps in 1915 as against 3000 in 1910, the fact that the same poles are used for both services and would be negative. charged, any reduction of which it smaller lamps, giving a far better and cessary for private lighting in any was asserted would ruin the company?
There appears to be a hope that a discussion of the hydro rates might.

Company should be gled that it is now. discussion of the hydro rates might Company should be glad that it is payelicit some information which naturing less for its street lighting in taxes tial business requires service connections and a meter, than it did six years ago.

> Public Safety in Toronto The Ontario Safety League is now

meter reading, billing, meter repairs, postage, collection, sales organization, well into the third year of service and It is a matter of regret, after the usefulness in Toronto. The educaacknowledgement of their desire to tional work being done by the league the residential business and not apply throw light on the facts, that the com- is bearing excellent fruit and the expany seeks to emphasize the half- cutive committee and officials are to to an analytical mind that the rate per kilowatt hour for 43,000 lamps for street lighting should not be comparbe congratulated upon the manner in we have already replied. The pres- which the campaign has been conductable with the average residential rate. ed. It would probably be advisable at cates that to suppose the company had this time that an effort be made to cost of patrolling and replacing burnt out lamps, which are chargeable to street lighting cost. This cost is more spread the propaganda thruout the than offset by the cost of emergency service, including automobiles and men province, particularly in the larger centres. to replace fuses, etc., meter testing and inspection charges, as well as the cost of installing and replacing meters

During 1915, an enormous amount of safety literature was distributed and the large reduction in the violent death rate must be attributed, in part, to the activities of the league. The tion in the report. Without these work done in the schools of the city has proven the most important part of the safety campaign, and the league has been well advised to deby the present letter in which it is vote the major portion of its time stated that "a rate per K.W. Hr. as to the education of the rising genquoted is the annual rate and is not eration. Each week a safety bulletin restricted to any part of a year." Now is sent to the various class-rooms, so the column in the hydro report in that the pupils have a constant rewhich the rate in dispute appears is minder of the need for caution. The subject matter of these bulletins is parative column was also marked changed from week to week and the scholars learn to think of safety from

It is expected that the league will enlarge the scope of the school campaign for 1916 and the officials hope to arrange for the "safety patrol" idea among our school children. This would mean that certain older pupils ever, carefully limits the suggested in each school would be appointed "safety scouts" to look after the

service where competition prevails.

We differ from you, Mr. Editor, when you say that the "Hydro-Electric Commission has minded its own that the capital cost of supplying the success of the league is the fact that business." The facts (again coming to facts) are that every rate and every street lamps in Toronto was fifty per violent deaths in Toronto have decontract form issued by this company creased from 275 in 1912, and 291 in has been unfairly criticized by the hying the same demand for residences. 1913, to 191 in 1915. The citizens are dro publicly. We, Mr. Editor, are taxpayers. The hydro property is exempt from taxa-

Street Lighting Rates

Editor World: Your editorial of the 15th inst. reminded us that we had not expressed the usual thanks for the courtesy extended in publish ng our letter, but as we were not at our appreciation of your courtesy, both for past favors and in anticipation of your publishing this letter. In reply to your further remarks, please be advised that it is only the facts we desire to throw light on, and we are quite satisfied to rest our case before any competent tribunal We do not wish to becloud the issue with trivialities as to whether the of the charges should be debited to the different classes of service given from one pole line which includes residence, power, commercial and rate for street lighting, or civic street rail
street lighting, or civic street rail
with trivianties as to whether the hydro report was published in June or August; the fact is that it was an official published report. Another fact is that it states that the new present rate of \$8 per lamp per year, is at the rate of \$2.12 can't per kile. is at the rate of 2.12 cents per kilowatt hour for electric energy. of the poles is charged against street other fact is that a rate per killowatt hour as quoted is the annual rate and is not restricted to any part of a year.
Your editorial contends that the As we pointed out before, street capital cost of street lighting is

GETTING MAD.



"Now, dot'll be about all from you, young feller."

A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year rent consumed for street lighting By John Kendrick Bangs should be less than one-half the capi

about the same as the fixtures for a

When you consider, if you will, the

advertising, uncollectable accounts and

other incidental expenses inherent in

Your remarks lay emphasis on the

owing to dropping or moving of cus

Toronto.

power year.

per horsepower year.

omers, which is particularly heavy in

Now. Mr. Editor, if you will stop to

analyze the hydro rates as they should be and as they would be if the hydro

cally, you would find that with depre-

ciation, interest, operation expenses and all charges to revenue account,

the average cost per horsepower per

annum, based on the average demand for the system thruout the year, would

reach the astonishing figure of about \$60 per horsepower year. If you will

also analyze the power rates charged

alienation are receiving rates for pow-

er used of from \$16 to \$20 per horse-

with a maximum demand of 100 horse-

power and running the usual 10 hours per day. The cost of current under hydro and Telco rates would be about

\$125 per month, or \$1626 per year for

This difference in rates, or, shall we say, loss on competitive business, is

made up by hydro charging the city

taxpayers on civic services a figure

far and beyond the charges for similar

tion. Our taxes are increasing yearly

by leaps and bounds. Other taxpayers may have noticed the same thing. There is a reason. The hydro charges

to the city are a large part of that

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was not so strongly entrenched

similar consumption of street lighting

THE SURE HERITAGE.

(Copyright, 1916.) THERE'S smarter folks no doubt than I, And Fortune smile on me-In fact she seems to pass me As if I'd never chanced to be.

Yet what I have in pleasant All other folks are welcome

And while I have no golden wings To fly on as some others do I've quite convinced myself that he

Who runs along with smiling face Vill come into a legacy Of daily light, and love, and

WILLS PROBATED

Arthur Pearson, former superintend ent of the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Co., who died in Toronto Dec. 30 last, left an estate of \$5442. His daughter, Mrs. E. S. Furst of Cedar Springs, Pa., gets the income from the estate, and at her death the estate is to be divided among her children. Several relatives were given keepsakes. by the hydro you will find that the consumers who are susceptible to Feb. 13, left an estate of \$12,738. His widow, Mrs. Emma L. Cragg, is the sole beneficiary.

An estate of \$6862 was left by Edward B. Stratton, who died at Holy-oke, Mass., May 21, 1914. Edward A Stevens of Westfield, Mass, and Mrs. Addie Johnson of Belleville, N.Y., uncle and aunt respectively of Stratton, will share equally in the estate. An estate consisting of an equity \$3734 in 564 College street; household

goods, and a small sum in the bank, was left by Luigi Zupo, who died in Toronto September last. His widow will get one-third of the estate. The remainder of the estate is to be divided between the children, Dominico, Carmina and Filomena. Isabella S. Miller, who died March 14, left on estate of \$648. Isabella Jane

Margaret and John Miller will share equally in the estate. An estate of \$950 was left by John Killeen, who died in Toronto May 27. His widow, Annie Killeen, gets the en

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NO EFFORT IS SPARED

Hon. J. D. Reid Says Task is, However, Most Difficult One.

SOMEWHERE IN U. S.?

Carvell Thinks Allison May Have Taken Passage Across Ocean.

O'TTAWA, March 22 .- At the close of the evidence before the public accounts committee today, Mr. F. B. Carvell asked if there was any tidings of the whereabouts of Col. J. Wesley Allison, or if there were any hopes of

securing him. "I don't know where he is," replied Hon. J. D. Reid, "but if there is any way under heaven of getting him we do so. I remember an attempt made several years ago to secure a witness, Mr. J. Orr Lewis, who was on

British territory.
"Mr. Carvell argued that there was no power to produce him when he was outside Canada. If Mr. Carvell can tell us how we can bring him tack from the United States we will take action."

"I have forgotten the case entirely," said Mr. Carvell. "I know you have forgotten him," "Where is he?" asked Mr. G. H. Barnard. "You know where he is; you have got detectives on his tracks."

Mr. Carvell said he was in New York a few days ago and added: "Per-haps he's sailed across the ocean." Messrs. Kyte and Carvell moved for papers in connection with traveling expenses for Gen. Sam Hughes. "There are items of \$400, \$387, \$1200 and 57117 for special trains for the minister of militia and \$516 for a sleeper for his brother. James L. Hughes, of Toronto," it was said.

INSPIRATION CLUB

Extracts From a Soldier's Letter.

Y OUR letter was waiting for me when I arrived here (at the base), and to have your letter and the photo and a bath and a real bed all at once seems most too good to be true. Surely sometimes the gods are good. Was given my commission today too, teacher—so

sometimes the gods are good. Was given my commission today, too, teacher—so this must be my lucky day.

.....But maybe you drink tea now..

.....I expect to turn into a tea-caddy pretty soon. I have been with the English troops lately and they drink tea every fifteen minutes; but it is either tea or water, and water is so liable to rust your stemach.

one of the chaps came in to supper last night just before I left for here and asked the cook what there was for supper. He said: "I hope it's not that d——n roast chicken and dry champagne a——n roast chicken and dry champagne again; it gets so monotonous!" To appreciate the point of this it is necessary to live on bully beef and mulligan for a few weeks. But it must be healthy—because I have put on about ten pounds' weight in the past month and a half.

I know your good wishes are with the boys out here and it sure helps—be-I know your good wishes are with the boys out here, and it sure helps—because, leaving all joking aside, it is living on the raw edge, and there isn't much romance.....years. And to know there is someone back in a decent clean country thinking about them and wishing them well helps a lot.

Last night was a beautiful night, and at 3 o'clock the moon was full.

Last night was a beautiful night, and at 3 o'clock the moon was full. We were coming thru Calais, and some one of the sentries on the line was singing. He had a beautiful voice, and today I heard the song in the mess and will send you a copy. It may be an old *song, but the accompaniment is swell, and I like the sentiment—do you? Your message to the little corporal will be delivered when I go up the line,

tomorrow. Am sending you a newhere a Voice is Calling" is the title of the song.

The Grouch.

KNOW a fellow, who ordinarily is one of the finest chaps in the world. But he has a colossal failing.

Something goes wrong—his personal comfort or his work is interfered with, and naturally he becomes aggravated and pretty nasty to anyone with whom he happens to come in contact about this

ime.
"Then," you ask, "afterward he is sorry?"
Not a bit of it! He nurses that aggravation until it becomes a sulk, nurses the sulk until it grows into a grouch, and carries that around with him for the remainder of the day.

His wife has to suffer. He generally

His wife has to suffer. He generally finds her at least partially responsible for his ugly feeling. His stenographers and friends suffer; and when he meets strangers he is hurt indefinitely by creating a bad impression.

What satisfaction he gets from this attitude must be meagre. Perhaps he thinks he owes humanity a knock in return for the little hurt done him, so he retallates by hurting his sympathetic wife and long-suffering disgusted friends. Eventually of course this all hurts himself—alone. It lessens everyone's opinion of him; makes them pity him—which is intolerable.

MMORTAL eyes; Cool as the cold Saskatchewan's stream, Blue-gray as cold Saskatchewan skies, Thou art the symbol of a dream I dreamed last night.

From thy bright face their radio-glow Seemed like the flash of a midnight sun Lo, there reflected, northward lo, I saw a miracle begun.

The gleam, and the still, still voice of the snow, The blue of the Arctic, which cannot Blended with gray of the barren lands (Emblems of truth cool and unafraid).

And Aurora's glitter And freezing stars Created thine eyes, Canadian maid.

Coined and "Conned." B EERILY steins" the froth as

glides
Along the greasy-gue
It slides
It glides On prohibition's watery tides.
What will the thirsty person do—
As he sees his beer on the Greasy-Gue?
He'll moan;

He ii moan;
In tone,
"I wish they'd leave my beer alone!"
He'll brood;
"These "Pros" and Temperance men so rude
If they take my bear when I'm Fatty.
Gued.

There may be an "idea" in this effu-sion, Ikie—but I don't know about ideals Ed.

Will the young lady who accused the editor of being a "big, fat man," please apologize? The editor of the Inspiration Club is as good-natured as possible—but he is far from being unduly "stout."

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The Child. THE RACE'S ONLY HOPE.

W HY not see that every child that is born has a chance to get started right in "the pursuit of life. liberty and happiness"? Let none want for food or education until self-supporting. All have the chance of a real technical school, where in time they would naturally go to the thing they liked to do best, and their proficiency in it would soon pay back to the state the capital invested in their training.

This should pay better than pensioning mothers, for the mere fact of being a mother is no guarantee that a woman is wise.

Canadian:
Your other idea is of socialistic tendency—not practical. It may come with the millennium.

"One Who Has Suffered":
We publish nothing that is unaccompanied by the signature of the contributor.—Ed.

In the Manner of Elbert Hubbard.

AM the germ of an idea—
The root of all good and all evil.
I find myself in bodies frail and small—and in some that are strong, like casings of steel.

I am the germ of an idea.

I breed a countless myriad of ideas.

But sometimes one idea predominates, and then I become a great book, a star-like canvas, a symphony, a fine philanthropy, or a war!

When these are effected thru the submersion of some parts of a man's thinking machine, and the elevation of another part—

of another part—
I am called Genius.
Or, if the poor machine should go wrong in the stress—when it's radio-electric motive power is not properly insulated, the whole, alas, is submerged in a chaotic flood—and I am called mad. mad. I am the germ of an idea.

This is the song of the idea.

I grow. I grow.
I conquer with my inimitable strength
And my heavenly numbers.
I recruit from the ranks of the humble
and the mighty.
I raise my hand like Thor—within the
hills.

And men tremble.

I am the germ of an idea.

I am moral, and I am unmoral—for I create my own standard.

I have caused men to speak truth, without shame-faces; and some to whisper without egotism, "I am genius," which is all their reward, generally, excepting work. excepting work.

am the germ of an idea—
am Inspiration.

Blinded With Star Dust.

what satisfaction he gets from this attitude must be meagre. Perhaps he thinks he owes humanity a knock in return for the little hurt done him, so he retaliates by hurting his synapathetic wife and long-suffering disgusted friends. Eventually of course this all hurts himself—alone. It lessens everyone's opinion of him; makes them pity him—which is intolerable.

And really, I think he must have a kind of rankling sore feeling inside all the time. Such thin; are ingrowing instead of—as popularly supposed—the reverse.

What's the use!

Canadian Eyes

I MMORTAL eyes;

I MMORTAL eyes;

Women whose only pursuit is house-keeping, and who work conscientiously at it from day to day, in working hours from 7 a.m. until bedtime, should study system and management, as applied in the modern sense. Then, if they gain a little time, spend it in the open air or other recreation; or, if they must work, a tleast vary their pursuit.

There are some women tied down to earth by poverty and too large families, who will bitterly resent the above sugsestion. Their work seems endless.

Better for them to leave some of that drudgery undone—to open the doors of the home and let the fresh air and sun effect a little housecleaning; to walk—if there are any—with the babies, drinking in deep chestfuls of nature's tonic, returning home refreshed, and to a refreshed home!

In one of Arnold Bennett's books, "Hilda Tessways." is a passage.

freshed home!
In one of Arnold Bennett's books,
"Hilda Tessways," is a passage:
"There were three women in the place,
or, at any rate, a woman, a young woman and a girl, and in theory the main
preoccupation of them all was this business of domesticity. It was, of course,
ridiculous. * * * *"

one of the first things to remember in "keeping house" systematically, should be to make up a schedule, wherein each piece of work to be accomplished should be "timed," and then have every day's summary adhere to as nearly as possible. Then take the work in prospective—forget details—which women are prone to exaggerate, and pounce on the heaviest tasks in not too hurried a way.

Harmony.

A chord.

A mystic chord—she struck:
Its pure and lilting harmony
Awoke the very soul of me;
So thrilled my heart
And "keened" my brain
That looking up I seemed to see
A wond rous vista, new to me.

Four notes! It must have been the way
She touched them.
Like a flash of day
I seemed full pent with super-sense
Of one inspired.
And on their way
The long vibrations paused to say
The theme is here, compose thy lay!

Is It Here Now.

"There was"
"That wild exhilaration in the air,
"Which makes the passers in the city
street
"Congratulate each other as they meet."
Longfellow in his Tales of a Wayside
Inn (Student's tale) wrote the above quotation—descriptive of a September mornng. It seems to apply also to spring's com-

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