

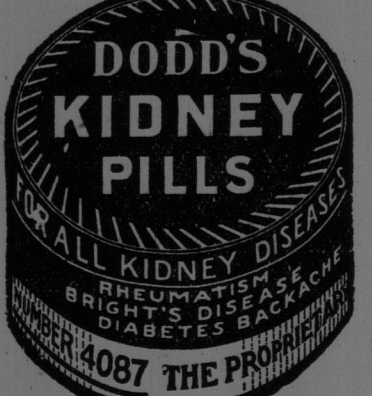
NORTH END FOR HYDRO AT COST

Audience That Crowds Hall to Capacity Cheers For Progressive Civic Policy

TIME FOR ACTION HAS ARRIVED

Power Company the Only Interest to Benefit by Delays, Says Herbert Phillips—Present Campaign a Fight For Freedom From Corporation Control, H. R. McLellan Declares.

The voters of the North End who, at the primary elections, rolled up a big majority for power at cost, last evening filled to overflowing the Palace Theatre and cheered to the echo H. R. McLellan and Herbert Phillips who addressed the



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gathering on the issues of the civic campaign. The meeting was under the auspices of the United Organizations with its president, Roy Willet, in the chair.

No Addition to Taxes.

The first speaker was Mr. Phillips who explained just how the city could distribute the Musquash power without adding one cent to the taxes of the citizens. City hall had been far at sea regarding the hydro problem, he said, and after twenty months had formed no programme. The arguments of those in favour of civic distribution were based on authentic figures, not on myths and fallacies.

The present situation was caused by the city having failed to come to any conclusion and prepare to take the power. The speaker reviewed the causes of delay and said that twenty months had been spent in making sure the Power company would not be interfered with. He next reviewed the struggle of the citizens in recent years to get rid of the entanglement of the Power company; also how the capitalization of the company had been increased and said that the freedom of the citizens had been capitalized at \$2,000,000.

The power had been developed by the government for the benefit of the people and the fetters of the Power company should be loosened. The mayor had been playing the company's game, as it had been the only one benefited by the delay.

The power which would cost the city 1.2 cents per k.w.h. must continue in public hands and there must be no danger of any one loading on private profits. Every means must be taken to make the cost the lowest possible. The speaker declared that there must be no dicker with the Power company which would load on additional costs for past mistakes.

Mr. Phillips next dealt with the cost of distribution and said the Kirby-Phillips report showed the annual operation cost to be \$322,000. Of this amount \$103,500 could be dispensed with the first four years, making the cost \$218,500 for 10,000,000 k.w.h., which was double the quantity of current for which the citizens now paid the company \$504,000 annually.

The first year would be spent in construction, when about twenty-five per cent would be handled and in the third year, 100 per cent, or all of the present load would be handled. The rates the first four years would be forty per cent less than the present company rates; an average rate of 6 1/4 cents against 10 1/2 cents.

The speaker produced figures to show that the gross revenue for the first four years would amount to \$987,499, which was a most conservative estimate. This amount, less the operation expense of \$777,000, would leave a balance of \$210,499 out of which would be paid the government in rebated payments \$160,000, leaving net surplus for the four years' operation of \$50,499.

Mr. Phillips declared that the platform of the United Organizations was power in the hands of the people, with the Power company; power to be paid for by the citizens and not by taxation.

He explained how he had become interested in the question and said that he had been solicited to take a lead in the matter by the Hardware Clerks' Association.

A Campaign of Slander.

The chairman, in introducing Mr. McLellan, said that all the opposition had brought to light was slander and opposition, not facts. Mr. McLellan had not sought the position of mayor. The Hardware Clerks had asked him to run on their platform. The United Organizations also backed him. The issue was whether the citizens or Power company should run the city.

Mr. McLellan.

Mr. McLellan, on arising, was given a hearty reception by the last gathering. After paying a tribute to the Hardware Clerks' Association, Mr. Phillips and the United Organizations, he said that in the present fight on the one side was lined up the privileged few and the "family compact" while on the other side were the common people around whom the privileged few and the corporations had cast their bonds.

Mr. McLellan declared that it was a difficult campaign and he had to sleep with one eye open. If the opposition had a fair case why did they not come out in the open, he asked.

He next read some Globe editorials on the power bill recently passed by the legislature, showing, he said, how that paper had changed its opinions.

The speaker declared that there had been no cause for the twenty months' delay. There had never been any doubt as to the price. The power commission had, in the spring of 1921, named a maximum price of two cents, or cost. The price was later reduced to 1.5 and then to 1.2, with still a chance for further reduction. There had been nothing to hinder the council from calling for estimates for a distribution system.

The speaker told how he had looked into the question and said that he would have been ashamed to have wasted twenty months of the people's time on the subject.

He declared that if he were elected the people would have gained the greatest victory and would have started St. John on the upward path. "We are going to the peak and will get there by the back-bone of the city, not by the efforts of the safe, sane business men," Mr. McLellan said.

Repeating his declaration regarding the citizens' committee of sixty-five, Mr. McLellan said that his colleagues in the council would thank him for the idea. Cleveland had a committee that worked along similar lines and which had been of benefit.

The speaker attacked the city council for being ready to give the harbor away for \$771,000, and the Globe had tried to help them, he said.

The speaker also took the mayor to task for his treatment last summer of the taxicab drivers, which he characterized as autocratic.

Mr. McLellan next took up some of the campaign literature issued by the mayor and answered in a telling manner the allegations contained therein. The mayor had said that Mr. McLellan told an untruth when he said there was a \$12,000 campaign fund. If he was wrong it was because he had named too small an amount, Mr. McLellan declared. It was nearer \$20,000. The mayor had also said that he had received a letter of commendation from F. A. Campbell for his efforts in behalf of the city. Mr. McLellan said that the mayor had never received any such letter.

The opposition platform was that the New Brunswick Power Company should be saved at any cost and there was nothing sufficiently mean that they were not



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In conclusion, he declared that the issue was "civic ownership and distribution of light, heat and power at actual cost and without one cent of taxation to the people of St. John."

He urged them all to go to the polls and release themselves from the thrall of the Power Company.

Mr. McLellan's speech was marked with spontaneous outbursts of enthusiasm and at its conclusion he was loudly cheered.

The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR AND A WORD OF COMMENT ON IT.

(Daily Telegraph.)

The following communication has been received from Mayor Schofield:

Following the Telegraph's editorial comments in its issue of this, Thursday morning, April 20—I would like the readers to note the position they state themselves, as follows:

"There is only one real method of escaping from the Power company, and that is through the city buying the power immediately after the elections, and proceeding to give it to the consumers as soon as a distribution system can be built."

By this I presume they mean buying the hydro power. Are the citizens really awake to what The Telegraph is advocating?

Imagine their asking a commitment to buying the hydro power immediately after the election, and holding it, paying for it all the time while the distribution system can be built, which would most unquestionably take from a year to a year and a half together with making a satisfactory contract, and in

the meantime will not The Telegraph and the citizens take light and power from the present distribution system, as advocated by my position?

Surely they have answered all the arguments themselves, and surely the one intention they have in mind is to get the new development unloaded on the city, and the owners of The Telegraph and Times taken care of in their claims for land damages, and then in addition the taxpayers keep paying the price for the hydro and letting it go to waste.

I do not think there need be any greater argument for my proposal than the arguments of the editor of The Telegraph himself.

E. A. SCHOFIELD.

In seeking to promote the heavenly concord now prevailing The Telegraph must make a little comment on the Mayor's excited but not exciting epistle.

In the first place His Worship begins by drawing six cards. We can allow him only five, the usual number. Instead of quoting a paragraph complete from The Telegraph article, he cuts a sentence off at a comma, deliberately omitting the words "and then parting company with the monopoly for good and all."

The Mayor knows that if a contract is made to buy the Musquash power payment will not begin until the current is ready for delivery. For the purpose of misleading and terrifying the electors he says that the business of making a contract and building a distribution system would unquestionably take from a year to a year and a half, which is nonsense. It might take that long under his authority and guidance, and probably would take a great deal longer. It should take not more than six months. If he had been ready with a distribution system and had been ready to distribute cheap power when it was ready for delivery, he would have saved the city a very large amount of money. Since he made no progress in that direction there will be a period during which the city will be paying for hydro and will be unable to distribute it, a fact which has been frequently and explicitly set forth. For that fact Mayor Schofield more than anyone else is responsible. But even if the city should contract for the power when it is ready for delivery and be unable to distribute it for six months, the general taxpayer would not suffer. There would be a loss for the first year on hydro, which as has been fully explained by the engineers, would be made up during the subsequent three years, without increased taxation of any sort, inasmuch as the light and power consumed would pay the whole cost of the amount of current taken, and still for the first four years would have saved forty per cent annually by paying the civic rate instead of the company's rates. Their average light and power rate would be six and a quarter cents from the first year to the end of the fourth.

The Mayor makes a contemptible reference to the owners of The Telegraph and Times being "taken care of" in the matter of claims for land damages. A part of the land in the Musquash basin is owned by the Inglewood Pulp and Paper Company. That company, as the

Mayor knows, would not get a dollar more or a dollar less for their land whether this city takes Musquash power or refuses to touch it. If the whole hydro enterprise were a failure the land damages would be in no way affected. The province has taken the land and has agreed to a settlement by arbitration, and whether the city uses Musquash power or refuses it, or gives it to the Power Company, no land owner will get a cent more or less on that account. The Mayor knew this when he wrote the paragraph charging The Telegraph and Times with being interested parties. Making these insinuations when he knew the facts to be otherwise may be safely left with The Telegraph's readers. The Mayor's real quarrel with The Telegraph and Times is that they would not accept him and the Power Company along with him.—The Telegraph.

THE WEAVERS' WALK-OUT.

In connection with the protest of the weavers at the York Cotton mill against a reduction in wages, in consequence of which forty-nine of the weavers walked out on April 12, a meeting of Local 1469, United Textile Workers of America, was held in the Trades and Labor Council hall, Prince William street, last evening. The cut, which it was said, varied from twenty-five to forty per cent, went into effect as of April 4 and on April 12 the weavers, including both men and women, ceased work. Since that date they have been joined by

eight other employees. Negotiations with the local management have been discontinued and the matter has been taken up with upper Canadian officials of the company by officers of the local union. F. S. A. McMullin, president of the Trades and Labor Council, and P. A. Campbell, a former president, addressed the meeting last evening over which H. Chandler, president of the local, presided.

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