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lakehead branch would receive favorable consideration.

St. John, N.B.

Steadily increasing business for the first four months of the current fiscal year was reported on April 1 at the monthly meeting of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission. **Hon. E. A. Reilly, K.C.**, Chairman of the Commission, presided.

Sarnia, Ont.

The waterworks committee of Sarnia, Ont., has been authorized by the city council to prepare a report on the estimated cost of the installation of a diesel engine to replace the present steam auxiliary power at the city waterworks plant. Council was informed that at present it costs about \$4,000 a year to keep the steam at pressure in preparation for off-peak hydro loads and for the peak loads in pumping water.

Victoria, B.C.

Water rights have been secured and preliminary surveys are now being made for the Swamp River Power Company, Limited, project which will supply power to Barkerville and the surrounding area. Site and size of the plant have been settled and the undertaking will be financed almost entirely by English capital. **F. P. Burden** former B. C. Agent-General in London is the engineer-in-charge. The only electricity in Barkerville at the present time is supplied by individual plants and the new plant will make electricity available both for lighting and power. The Cariboo Gold Quartz Mines and the Island Mountain Mines (Newmount) develop their own power at present but, it is anticipated, will take power from the new company when the plant is completed.

City council of Victoria, B.C., has awarded Northern Electric Company Limited a contract for the installation of traffic signals.

Westmount, P.Q.

Commencing with the April meter readings, the Westmount Light and Power Department adopted a schedule of rates for residential service in the municipality similar to the new tariff of the M.L.H. & P. Cons. The new rates are: Residential—Rates per month per service one meter for all purposes; minimum and initial charge (including 0-12 kw. hours), 66c; energy charge—12 to 70 kw. hours (per kw. hour), 2.8c; 71 to 200 kw. hours, 2c; 201 kw. hours and upwards, 1c; discount—(for payment within 15 days), 10 percent; additional meter—net charge per meter per month, 25c. These rates will apply immediately

to all residential customers who heretofore have been billed at the rate of 4c less 1c discount.

Winnipeg, Man.

Capital estimates providing for the expenditure of \$325,000 by the Manitoba Power Commission on extension and other work have been submitted to the Manitoba legislature. The largest amount is one of \$178,478.50, for the extension of the hydro line from Winkler to Rosenfeld, Altona, Gretna, Dominion City, Plum Coulee, Horndean, Letellier, St. Jean and Morris. An item of \$22,000 is for an extension to Oak Lake. The sum of \$6,714 will be spent on changes in the Altamont and Somerset plant rendered necessary by the installation of higher power wires for connecting up a mill. A total of \$96,576 is required for additional improvements to lines and generators at the city of Brandon. The sum of \$12,681 is to cover capital costs on the whole distribution system.

Net income of Winnipeg Electric Company increased from \$27,330 in 1933 to \$149,256 last year, bringing total profit and loss surplus up to \$568,321. Gross earnings in 1934 were \$5,155,062, as compared to \$5,102,682 the preceding year. Operating expenses in the past year were \$3,249,066, as compared to \$3,304,256 in 1933. Current assets in 1934 totalled \$1,593,018, compared with \$1,520,126, and current liabilities were \$2,302,221, compared with \$2,516,641 in 1933.

Jowsey Island Mines Limited is proceeding with a plan of development which will involve the building of camps, diamond drilling and other exploration work as the finances of the company may warrant, states **R. J. Jowsey**, president, in submitting the company's first annual report.

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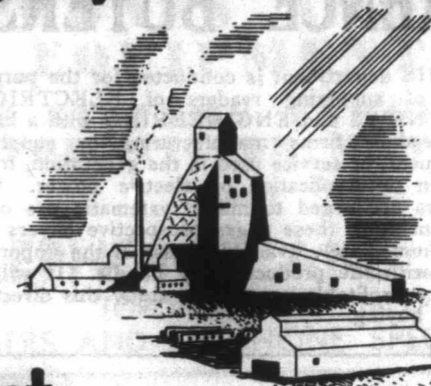
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