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A PLAIN ISSUE

The citizens of St. John owe nothing to the New Brunswick Power Company. There is no reason why they should sacrifice an opportunity to get cheap light and power because that corporation happens to be doing business in the city. The provincial government did not undertake the Musquash development for the benefit of the power company, but of the people; and every particle of benefit should go to the people. The Kirby-Phillips report shows that even if the power company had the current from Musquash it would have to charge 10.17 cents per kilowatt hour in order to look after the deficit on street railway and gas account and the dividends on preference stock. The same report makes it clear that if the city could take and distribute 8,000,000 kilowatt hours it could make a rate of 4 cents. On what reasonable ground can anyone contend that the citizens should not have the chance to gain the lower rate? They are more concerned about the future growth of St. John, which cheap power would bring, than in the affairs of the New Brunswick Power Company. That corporation must look after itself. Its whole plant would not be worth to the city anything like the amount at which it is capitalized, and the citizens are certainly not responsible for the over-capitalization. It is quite wrong to assert that anybody is seeking to injure the power company. What the citizens protest against is a sacrifice of their interests for the benefit of the company. When interests clash, those of the people are paramount. The whole matter is much more simple than many persons seem to realize. The city is not asked to jeopardize its interests when it is urged to purchase the Musquash current, for when it gets the current and its own distribution system it will be entirely independent of the power company, and on the road to the expansion of industry which follows cheap light and power. Attempts to frighten the taxpayers have been made and will be made again, for the friends of the power company are by no means idle; but we know what cheap power has done for Ontario towns and cities, under distribution, and in some cases in competition. The people of St. John must have faith and go forward.

THINK THIS OVER

The Standard submits these reasons why the city should hand over the Musquash current to the New Brunswick Power Company and go on paying excessive rates for light and power—  
1.—The power company lost \$50,081.85 on its street railway last year.  
2.—The power company lost \$24,734.17 on the operation of its gas plant last year.  
3.—Competition would mean another line of poles in the streets.  
4.—Heavy sleet storms broke down trees and put the electric lights out of commission in some Ontario towns last week.  
5.—The Musquash dams might break and go out.  
What have the citizens of St. John to do with losses on the street railway and gas plant? If a business house loses money do the citizens assume the liability?  
Does the Standard assert that in the case of a storm city wires would suffer and corporation wires escape?  
As to the possible breaking of the dams at Musquash, there might also be an earthquake. There might even be such a general disturbance of the elements as would let a little light penetrate the gloom that enshrouds the Standard whenever it discusses this whole question.  
However, that journal has made it clear that what it and the New Brunswick Power Company want is a free hand for the latter to get all the benefits of the Musquash development and go on charging the people excessive rates for light and power to pay the street railway and gas plant bills.

We are told that the city of Toronto affords a good example of what may be accomplished in child welfare work. Toronto now has 96 public health nurses and the city's infant mortality rate has been reduced from 182 per 1,000 births in 1909 to 81 per 1,000 births in 1920. The St. John rate is more than 150 per 1,000. The suggestion that a course in public health nursing should be added to the training school for nurses at the General Public Hospital in this city should if at all possible be adopted. The whole province must soon adopt the public health nursing system, along the lines already introduced by the Red Cross.

THE MOTOR SHOW

The motor show was most auspiciously opened last evening in the Armory, and the Commercial Club, under whose auspices it is held, is to be congratulated on the exhibition and on the tone and matter of the addresses delivered. The citizens generally will desire to patronize this show, for all are interested in the products of the motor industry, which now bulks so large among the industries of Canada, and which St. John, because of its desirable location for export trade should share. Mr. W. J. McAlary dwelt in his opening remarks last night upon the growing importance of the industry, and Mr. Ronald A. McAvity pointed out very clearly the advantages of St. John as a location for factories established for export business. Lieut. Gov. Pugsley, as he always does, spoke with enthusiasm regarding the future of the port of St. John. He referred also to the importance of good roads for motor and other traffic, and to the value of fish and game preserves and the development of tourist traffic. Both his honor and Mr. McAvity referred to the advantages to be gained by cheap power, and to its effects upon industrial growth.  
The country owes much to the motor car, whose importance as a vehicle of traffic is steadily growing. The exhibition at the Armory is one of great excellence, and will be a popular attraction throughout the week.

Every citizen is interested in the tuberculosis case-finding campaign, and should urge any person, more especially the young, who may have symptoms suggesting possible lung trouble, to go to one of the clinics for free examination and advice. Any person who has any fear that he or she may be infected should take full advantage of this exceptional opportunity to get an expert opinion. If there were no infection it would be worth a great deal to be assured of the fact. The great thing in dealing with this disease is to discover the early cases, which may be successfully treated. Far too large a proportion of those now being treated in and out of hospital are advanced cases which should have been discovered and checked or cured. This is a great community campaign against a preventable and curable disease. The clinics should be crowded each day. There are hundreds of unknown cases in this city.

The British House of Commons did the obviously wise thing yesterday when it gave the prime minister full and undoubted authority to speak for the nation at Genoa. By a vote of 372 to 94 the government's policy in regard to the Genoa conference was endorsed. Mr. Austen Chamberlain observed that he did not expect too much of the conference, but if it secured a satisfactory arrangement with Russia it would have made a step forward. Mr. Lloyd George has some hope of stabilizing the exchange but he also regards an agreement that would renew in some form relations of a more satisfactory nature with Russia as the great aim of the conference.

The Board of Trade has approved of the establishment of a great game and fish preserve in the area of half a million acres to which Mr. L. B. Knight has directed attention. No doubt other bodies will follow its example and the whole matter will be brought within the range of a practical policy which would enlist the co-operation of the provincial government. St. John would be especially interested in such a development so near to its own borders.

The whole province is interested in having a civic distribution of hydro in St. John, for the whole province is behind the Musquash development. The success of the hydro-electric policy rests upon the ability to market the whole product; and to get the widest expansion of the St. John market civic distribution is necessary.

The city should lose no further time in concluding a contract for the hydro-electric current from Musquash. That is the first step toward the emancipation of the city from corporate greed.

Candidates for the city council must make it clear whether they are for or against civic distribution of hydro. Five of them have declared for it. The attitude of three is still in doubt.

AUTO TRUCK KILLS WOMAN; DRIVER HELD

George Hilleken, Glendale, New York, driving a provision truck, struck and killed Mrs. Mary McCarthy, as she was crossing Seventh Avenue and Bedford street. Hilleken, apparently unaware of the accident, kept on going.  
Mrs. McCarthy, 11 years old, of 71 Bedford street, halted an automobile driven by Frank Connell of 2261 Andrews street, told Connell of the accident and started in pursuit of the truck in Connell's car.  
They overtook Hilleken at Sixth Avenue and Eighth street. He seemed surprised when told that his truck had struck the woman. The pursuers called Sergeant McManus of the Mercer street station, who ordered a patrolman to arrest Hilleken on a charge of homicide.

SONGS FOR MUSIC.

No. 4—The Lure of the Homeland.

In Maple Land the skies are clear,  
Spring smiles with glances gay,  
Forerunner of a fruitful year,  
And cloudless is the way.  
The lakes are seas, and vast the great  
primeval forests lie;  
But O! to see the Cooles hills, and the  
glorious glens of Skye!

In Maple Land the exiled Scot  
Receives a welcome true,  
The dear old land is ne'er forgot  
By those who seek the new.  
The lakes are seas, and vast the great  
St. Lawrence flowing wide;  
But O! to see auld Boreig Begg, where  
the Cawthor meets the Clyde!

In Maple Land from shore to shore,  
The willing hand is pressed,  
"Tis 'Man to man the world o'er,"  
And worth is recognised.  
The lakes are seas, and vast the snowy  
deserts of the North;  
But O! to see the Abbey Craig, and the  
windings of the Forth!  
HOPE A. THOMSON.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Too Much to Expect.

"But can't you and your husband live happily together without fighting?"  
"No, not 'apply."—The Bulletin (Sydney).

A Silent Partner.

"Life is just a game after all," remarks the solemn individual.  
"Yes," agreed Mr. Meek; "but I wish my wife wouldn't regard it as bridge, with me forever playing opposite as dummy."—Boston Transcript.

Mistake Somewhere.

Hubby—What does this mean? I opened a banking account for you last week, and now I learn that it is overdrawn.  
Wife—Impossible! I have half of the checks still left.—Megendorfer Blatter (Munich).

Long Journey Indicated.

Fortune Teller—I see in your hand a line which will have great importance for you in the near future.  
Cashier in Bank—I understand. The steamship line to South America—Kasper (Stockholm).

H. R. McLELLAN'S NOMINATION LIST

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Sandy Corbet's Reform Platform

1.—Civic control of hydro.  
2.—Aldermanic ward system and town manager.  
3.—Meetings called on all civic questions and to prepare a standing list for recall.  
4.—Reform the system of the paying of taxes.  
5.—Two elections for civic honors are not necessary.  
To these reforms I pledge myself.  
If you are in sympathy, call at my committee rooms on Colburn street, where these reforms will be explained.  
Meetings every night.—Adv.

THE MONTCALM IN

The C. P. S. liner Montcalm arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Liverpool. She had a total of 1091 passengers, including 891 adults and 140 children. There were two special parties on the liner, one brought out by A. H. Hill, who was in charge of 107 settlers, and the other consisted of forty-six boys known as Miss Birn's boys, who were going to Belleville in charge of H. R. Palk. Among the cabin passengers were Alexander, Montreal; J. Hughes, Winnipeg; G. W. G. Cook, Montreal; D. D. Churchwood, S. Q. M. S. Toronto, and A. Tourangeau, Montreal. The liner had a great deal of difficulty in rounding up any witnesses to the tragedy. They could not discover who carried them from the street into the Original lunch room, on Columbus street. David Zalkin, a bus driver, is being held, but denies that he ran down the liner. The body was identified by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Roosevelt, and was taken to the cemetery at the Mount Pleasant, Va., two years ago. He had been living with a friend, W. H. Danut, who said he did not know what had taken him to that part of the city. He leaves one child, about five weeks old.

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SORRY HE COULDN'T IMPRISON JANITOR

Magistrate Fines Him and Regrets the Law Couldn't Reach Apartment House Manager.

Robert Washington, a negro janitor, was fined \$50 in the New York West Court by Magistrate Max S. Levine, who said he regretted that he could not send him to the workhouse and that he was sorry that the law could not reach Gouverneur Edwards of 154 East Ninety-first street, manager of the apartment house.

The complaint was that the janitor and two assistants entered the apartment of John G. Edmondson, a wounded veteran, on March 22 last, dragged two couches used by two of the Edmondson children, stricken with measles, from the room and tore wallpaper from the walls and dumped it into the middle of the room. A third child was convalescing from measles. As a result of the exposure of the two others they had to be taken to Willard Parker Hospital.

The father of the children, who has the Distinguished Service Medal and the Croix de Guerre, said he had been out of the hospital and in a job only a few weeks and that he had been paying the rent since last July out of the government compensation allowance and that he had been unable to pay for the last few months because he did not receive the government pay.

Mrs. Edmondson, a frail woman, said she was in her apartment, caring for her sick children, on March 22. Morris, 8 years old, and John Jr., 9 1/2 years old, were on couches made up as beds and were suffering from measles, Mary, 6, was on another couch, convalescing. When Washington and his two negro assistants entered, she said, the children were frightened and jumped from their couches. Over her protest the men dragged the couches from the apartment, she testified, and she arranged mattresses on the floor for the children until she prepared her own bed for them. The men tore the paper from the walls threw the debris on the floor and repaired the walls. When her husband returned Mrs. Edmondson had him telephone the department of health. A patrolman ordered Washington to return the beds from the basement.

Assistant Corporation Counsel James D. O'Sullivan, attached to the Health Department, who prosecuted the case, told the magistrate that subpoenas had been served on Washington and Edwards to appear in the Fifth District Municipal Court next Tuesday to answer for alleged violation of Section 100 of the Penal Law, pertaining to the exposing of a person suffering from a contagious disease.

This is a most outrageous occurrence, said Magistrate Levine at the conclusion of the testimony, "I am sorry there is not sufficient evidence to implicate Edwards, whom I must discharge, but I find Washington guilty of disorderly conduct."

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

R. B. Maxwell, president of the dominion command of the G. W. V. U. V. A., was the chief speaker at a meeting in St. John last night, at which G. H. L. Cockburn presided. Mayor John F. Clark made a speech of welcome. Later President Maxwell was guest at a luncheon in the clubs rooms of the local association.

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Bennie Swin was committed for trial yesterday at Woodstock by Magistrate of the name and his wife. The evidence given was the same as that at the inquest. One new witness, Edward Estabrook, told of seeing the defendant, a revolver, which was rapidly recovered from the wound in his head. The trial will probably be held on April 25.

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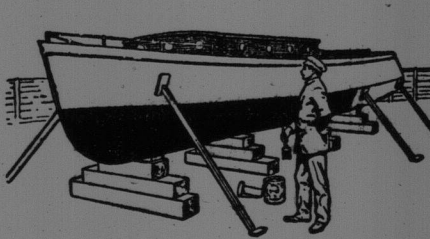
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THE ROYAL WEDDING GIFTS.

London, March 17.—(Associated Press, by Mail)—The vast number and varied assortment of wedding presents to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles displayed here caused many people to wonder what the newly-weds would do with the sixty-six jugs and bowls, sixteen silver toast-racks and twenty-two clocks included in the offerings.

The late King Edward, after his marriage, found himself the possessor of 1,600 presents of all types and descriptions and of more than 800 cruets. It is reported that some of these are still stored in London.

Only persons who had been presented at court or who could claim personal acquaintance with either Princess Mary or her husband were permitted to tender wedding gifts on the occasion of the recent royal wedding. Charitable and other public organizations and institutions were, of course, excepted.

A classification of the gifts exhibited at St. James' palace shows 28 tea services. Other items are 188 articles of jewelry, including bracelets, necklaces, pendants, tiaras, brooches, rings, case-kets, fans and watches; a trayful of flawless, unset precious stones; 893 gifts made from precious metals, including twenty-nine trays, twenty-four vases, thirty-one cups, twelve goblets, eighteen card trays, nine cigarette cases, four travel cases, and seven workboxes; 197 books and manuscripts, twenty-two candelabra, seventeen umbrellas, fourteen lamps and shades, seventeen rugs,

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