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PROVINCIAL LIGHT AND POWER.

A recent publication prepared by Leo G. Dennis for The Canadian Commission of Conservation, contains the following details with respect to light and power companies in the Province of New Brunswick:

Andover-Victoria County: Municipal control; hydro-electric power; 150 consumers; lighting ten cents per K.W.H.; power four cents per K.W.H.

Centerville-Carleton County: Private hydraulic plant, night service only; domestic lighting one-half cent per lamp per night; commercial and street rate one cent per 40 watt lamp per night.

Chatham-Northumberland County: Municipal engine power plant; 480 consumers; lighting rate fifteen cents, less five per cent; power rate five and one-half cents.

Chipman-Queens County: King Lumber Company steam plant; 25 consumers; forty-five cents per amp per month.

Dalhousie - Restigouche County: Municipal producer-gas plant; 123 consumers; lighting rate ten cents, with special rates for power.

Dorchester - Westmoreland County: Dorchester electric steam plant; 100 consumers; lighting rate fifteen cents.

Edmundston-Madawaska County: Municipal Hydro-electric plant; 250 consumers; lighting rate ten cents, less twenty to thirty-five per cent; power three cents.

Fredericton-York County: Private steam plant; 952 consumers; lighting rate ten cents; power ten cents, less nineteen to fifty per cent.

of one thousand five hundred and sixty square miles of timber limits at a rental of five thousand dollars annually, plus forty cents per cord for spruce and twenty cents per cord for other woods as set, with the privilege of removing sufficient pulpwood to supply a paper mill of two hundred tons daily capacity. Although these timber rates and water power cost not a penny to the company, that company promptly proceeded to capitalize them.

Not only was the Ontario Government—that is, the people of Ontario—asked to give certain rights, but also to hand over money on which dividends might be paid on a paper value placed by the company on those rights.

Then the company was reorganized. It became the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, taking over the \$3,317,750, of capitalized timber limits as one of the old company's assets. But the new company had five million of common stock which was all water, and it had to get two million of something somewhere in order to account for the extra capital it did not gather in this two million from the pockets of investors, but according to the report of the Government auditor, it wrote up its goodwill at \$2,041,503, and later transferred that sum to the timber limits account, making its capitalization of the Ontario Government's resources \$5,359,253.

A little later an issue of debentures was made on which a discount of \$525,000 was sustained, and again the company thought it wise to write up its value of timber limited to offset this loss. By this simple method the capitalization of timber limits owned by the Ontario Government reached \$5,884,253 and on this capitalization the company yesterday was able to show earnings of 8.82 per cent on common stock.

These are facts. Counsel for the company has admitted the injection of five million dollars of water as common stock and Government audit shows the earnings to be as stated, after allowing \$259,768 for exhaustion of timber limits, although forest growth in a timber area of such an extent would more than offset the exhaustion through cutting. Had this allowance not been made, and there is no good reason why it should be made, the earnings on five million dollars of water would be fourteen per cent. Canadian publishers who have been fighting the increase of newspaper prices from thirty-five dollars per ton in 1916, to sixty-five dollars per ton in 1918, are unable to believe from the statement such as that presented by the Abitibi Company that manufacturers are suffering to such an extent that a further increase in the price of newspaper is desirable.

MR. BURCHILL'S PLEA. After the local Government's clumsy efforts to exploit the patriotic potato transaction for partisan purposes and its bare-faced whitewashing of the Shippegan road bunch, the plea of its venerable supporter, the dean of the Legislature, to stop playing party politics, must strike his associates as rather amusing. Mr. Burchill, who himself has played the party game for a great many years with considerable zest and skill, has not recently shown any symptoms of repentance, and although his latest exhibition of subservience to the party whip may have given him some qualms of conscience, these have scarcely so clouded his intellect as to make him blind to the hypocrisy of his plea. If Mr. Burchill, having come to the conclusion that his Government's action in the McEwen report had proved a boomerang, had prefaced his prayer with that open confession which is said to be good for the soul, he would still have perpetrated a piece of hypocrisy. For Mr. Burchill knows as well as anybody that the last thing the Veniot-Foster Government wants to do is to cut out party politics and get down to business. That Government has given every possible evidence of its determination to play the party game to the limit, not only because the party game is the breath of life to the boss of the administration, but because the life of the Government itself depends upon its measure of success in distracting public attention from its administrative record, its financial profligacy, its unprecedented addition to the public debt, its multiplication of offices and service of doubtful utility, its forgotten promises and its arbitrary taxation under the pretense of assisting specific patriotic projects.

Mr. Burchill knows as well as does Mr. Foster that the moment the present Government settles down to business and forgets the party game, at that moment its fate is sealed.

According to correspondence that was brought down in the Legislature, Mr. Veniot is displeased with the old Government because it did not pay a certain sub-contractor for material before he supplied it—or rather, after he did not supply it. If that is the policy upon which Mr. Veniot is conducting the public works department it is not surprising that his expenditures are so large compared with the visible improvement to roads and bridges in the province.

Little Benny's Note Book

Me and Puds Simkins was wawking along jest wawking along, and we came to a middle size house with a little kid standing in a big window eating all size chockchills out of a box, and me and Puds stopped and started to watch him, me saying, "I bet he thinks he's grate, if he was half as grate as he thinks he is, he wouidnt be able to stand up straight."

With the kid jest kepp on taking chockchills out of the bag and eating them. Puds saying, "I suppose he thinks we're jollies, well, that's only wat he thinks, w'y, I wouidnt take one of his old chockchills if he came out heer on his hees with one and beegged de all his miles."

Me neither, I sed, I wouidnt take one if he sed please 1000 times and then gave me a dollar and 15 cents for eating it.

With jest then a lady came up in back of the kid and pointed at me, and Puds and sed something, and then she opened a window, saying, "Wont you boys have a peese of candy?"—my little boy will be very glad to offer you some, wont you, Charant?

With the kid sed, Yes man, something, as if he was thinking, No mam, and leened out the window and reetched the box of candy down, and me and Puds looked at each other, me saying, Do you think it would be impolite if we didnt? and Puds saying, Kind of.

And both of us each did, taking pritty big ones so the lady wouidnt think we was jeak taking them out of politeness. Proving you never know wat you'll do till the time comes.

Provided. Halifax Chronicle: The establishment of a Department of Public Health for Ontario is expected to be provided it does not mean the multiplication of unnecessary machinery and the creation of a vast administrative force which will only add to the work of the Provincial Health Department.

Prohibit Fermentation. New York Times: The Drys at Albany, while manufacturing a new "crime" don't go far enough. Apple trees should be prohibited. Even that prohibition does not go far enough on the road to perfect prohibition. This accurate process of fermentation is the root of all the evil of drink. Fermentation should be prohibited by constitutional amendment, an amendment to be adequately and successfully enforced as its latest predecessor.

What Does "Nationalization" Mean? Westminster Gazette: If the Government says the word "nationalization" don't you know what it means? It means immediately follow a careful and searching inquiry of what the thing means, of the terms on which it is to be carried out, and of its results to the public. There must also be a new rule found to govern the relations of the Government of municipalities and railwaymen, who will then be state servants, and will necessarily have to modify the attitude that they take up to the private employer.

Superiority of Air. Halifax Chronicle: At the close of the war Great Britain led all nations in the air, according to figures compiled by the Scientific American. The British air force fought on more fronts than any other nation, and its successes were therefore proportionately greater. In August, 1918, the British air force shot down together mustered only 285 officers and 1,853 men of other ranks. In November, 1918, there were 20,000 officers and 254,000 men. At the outbreak of the war Great Britain had 168 airplanes, 45 seaplanes and seven dirigibles, while at the close of the hostilities she had 21,000 airplanes, 1,200 seaplanes, and 105 dirigibles. Her lines of 25,000 miles of seaplanes being built and 55,000 air-planes engines under contract.

The Alternative to the League. London Chronicle: If anyone thinks that Mr. Wilson or Mr. Taft rate the moral claim of the cause too high, let him consider for a moment what is the only alternative in prospect. It is a renewed competition of armaments, with another war at the end of the vista. There is no third possibility. The present generation throughout Europe knows that the modern competition of armaments means, and what a modern war means as no generation anywhere has ever known before. There may be people in the United States who realize it less vividly; before 1914 the United States seemed to long way from Europe, and Europe's severed part of armaments barely reached it at all. Those days can never return. America is henceforth part of a single world community in which, if one of the continents suffer, all will suffer.

Great Britain's Aim. Glasgow Herald: The great ideal at the present moment is to promote harmonious relations between masters and men in order to assist British industry to recover from the effects of the war, and put it on a new and sound working order. The Government, therefore, while it would prefer to stand aloof, if possible, feels bound to do so to the best of its ability, and it is willing, with the consent of the Conference, to consider legislation with that object in view. Among the questions to be decided are whether the Government should enact a statutory minimum wage for workers and a maximum working week, whether Whitley Councils should be established compulsorily in all industries and their decisions enforced by law, and what steps, if any, should be taken to strengthen the position of trade unions whose authority has been challenged by wreckers of the movement.

A BIT OF VERSE. BUGLE SONG. (Forgive me, Alfred, Lord Tennyson) By Corporal Harry New Crookston. The bugle calls through barack halls And sounds its dismal note of warning; From far and high with sudden eye The blent soldier greets in the morning. Blow, bugle, blow; set the whole camp a-shaking. Answer, comrades; answer, from your banks profanely waking.

Their beds amuss, with muffled cuss, They hurry out to sniff the breezes; They do with many weary whoes. Blow, bugle, blow; for the early sun is shining. Answer, comrades; answer; whining, whining, whining. The torture done, they madly run To where the morning mess is stewing; And as they stow the tasty chow Within their minds and thoughts are brewing. Blow, bugle, blow; you windy, wind-blowing blizzard. Answer, comrades; answer, "We hope he busts his gizzard!"

A BIT OF FUN

Gabson's Reputation. "What's Gabson's reputation for veracity?" "The same as an elephant's for high jumps."

But an elephant can't jump. "Well?"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Ambiguous. Artist (showing latest picture)—My object was to try to express at the horrors of war. "Friend—I have never seen any thing more horrible."

A Stable Government. Knicker—"What is a stable government?" Baker—"One that is locked before the horse is gone."

Safe Bet. She—"If failure makes our skirts any narrower than they are now I don't know what we'll do." He—"I do; you'll wear them."

The Reason. "Your father must have been in an unusual good humor when he gave you a motorcycle." "Oh, I seized the cyclological moment to ask for it."—Baltimore American.

The Obstacle. The Eagle—"Why don't you hurry up?" The Dove—"The peacock is in my way."

Father's Preference. Miss Pritthead—"But father, he is a man you can trust." Her Pa—"Dreadful girl! What I want is one I can borrow from."—Indianaapolis Star.

Hard Life. "Arabella," the gob softly whispered to her, "I am going to tell you something. I do not know just how you will receive it, but I hope for the best. For some time it has been in my heart to tell you of it, but I had not the courage. Arabella—" "Yes, yes, go on," the girl murmured, the third finger of her left hand licking perceptibly.

The Last Electric. "Yes, this, then. The last electric leaves here in three minutes, and if I miss it I'll have to walk back to Great Lakes."—Great Lakes Bulletin.

Tare's Undignified Task. A careless compositor can play havoc with a serious poem, as one did a short time ago across the water. As printed the lines read: "They faced the terrors of the deep And guarded our shores while we were asleep."

A Modest Ambition. I'd live in a house by the side of the sea. A friend of mine said, "But I mean not too friendly, but just enough. To sell them their fashions."—Tennyson J. Dart.

Looked the Same. The influenza epidemic has made a lasting impression on school children. The following conversation was overheard in a grammar school in West Philadelphia, where the recent epidemic rather than orthography claimed prominence: "Say, Bill, this 'flu' isn't anything new. Sir Walter Raleigh died with it."

"Aw, go on. He did not." "Sure he did. I'll show you. It's here in the history." He pointed a grimy finger to the sentence: "Sir Walter Raleigh's death was due to Spanish influenza."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

BAVARIAN GOVT AT MUSEMBURG

London, April 7.—Premier Hoffmann of Bavaria, according to a dispatch from Berlin, has announced that the Government of Bavaria has been transferred from Munich to Nuremberg.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Cape, April 7.—A very pleasing concert and basket social was held at Hopewell Cape on Thursday, March 27th, to help raise funds to repair the public hall which is sadly in need of repairs. The programme was as follows:

Chorus—"O Canada." Recitation—Dora Milburn. Dialogue—Advertising for Help. Recitation—Leata Christopher. Solo—Olive Caanan. Tableau—"Everybody Works but Father."

Recitation—Doris Hamilton. Chorus—"Pack Up Your Troubles." God Save the King. Mr. Steadman auctioned off the baskets in a very pleasing manner and did much to help with the pleasure of the evening. Ice cream was served. Forty dollars was realized. Everyone voted the evening a grand success.

INFLAMED GUMS—THE CAUSE OF TOOTH-BASE DECAY

Just as the strength of a building is dependent upon its foundations, so are healthy teeth dependent upon healthy gums. Permit the gums to become inflamed or tender and you weaken the foundation of the teeth. This condition is called Pyorrhoea (Riggs' Disease). Loosening of teeth is a direct result. And spongy, receding gums invite painful tooth base decay.

They act, too, as so many doorways for disease germs to enter the system—infected the joints or tonsils—or causing other ailments. Pyorrhoea (Riggs' Disease) attacks four out of five people who are over forty. And many under that age, also. Its first symptom is tender gums. So you should look to your gums! Use Forhan's, which positively prevents Pyorrhoea if used in time and used consistently. It also scientifically cleans the teeth—keeps them white and clean—brushes your teeth with it.

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COMMON COUNCIL MET IN COMMITTEE

Tenders for Painting Ferry Awarded to James Huey—Only Autos for Delivery or Hire to be Licensed.

At the committee meeting of the common council yesterday morning a petition from the trustees of Trinity church, protesting against the election of a garage in the rear of 64 Charlotte street was received. It was decided not to take any action until the city solicitor's opinion could be obtained. Tenders for painting the ferry steamer Governor Carleton were received from James Huey, \$594; J. H. Fullen, \$975. The tender of Mr. Huey was accepted. Only one tender for uniforms for ferry employees was received, from F. J. McInerney at \$49 and \$54 per suit of coat and trousers only, according to the cloth selected. No action taken.

Mr. Bullock's motion that the city should offer to purchase the Market Square clock was defeated. The commissioner of public safety was given authority to call for tenders for 1,000 feet of fire hose. The N. B. Telephone Company was given authority to erect three new

HOUSE Gillett's Lye holds necessity in so many w respect that no house without for washing ar Lye will make minutes. Many "GILLET