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TURNED DOWN.

The city council this morning gave the go-ahead to the Bodell proposition. Each of the four commissioners declared himself squarely against it. There will be no plebiscite. The way is now open to get on with the business of securing a new mayor. It must now be clear to Mayor McLellan that the opposition to the Bodell scheme is not confined to a few interested or deluded persons. The United Organizations have the citizens at their back. The bogies raised yesterday by the mayor did not frighten the council and will not frighten the people. That portion of the press which called for the rejection of the Bodell offer is vindicated by the council and will be vindicated by the people. While the commissioners are not averse to civil control of the power company's plant, they want it to be by ownership at a price to be fixed by the city and not by the power company.

WANTED—A MAYOR.

The citizens of St. John are facing a crisis which ought to arouse the intense indignation of every man and woman who have a real regard for the city's welfare. They are threatened with action at City Hall which would betray their interests. The challenge has been thrown down by Mayor McLellan. The people must take up the challenge and make whatever changes at City Hall the need of the hour demands. Mayor McLellan cannot be permitted to have his way—and Mr. Bodell's way. He made wild assertions yesterday that have no foundation in fact, and which could only be designed to frighten the people into accepting the outrageous proposal made by Mr. Bodell. The game is too transparent. It has gone quite far enough. Mr. McLellan was elected to do one thing and he is trying to do another. He cannot evade his responsibility. Neither can the other commissioners evade their responsibility. The recall proceedings will go on, and the people will assert their right to have their wishes respected by men elected to be their representatives. The newspapers which oppose the Bodell deal have no axe to grind. Neither have the United Organizations, nor the great mass of the citizens who are now ready to oppose the man they made mayor in April last. He is riding for a fall.

THE NEW RABBIT

The mayor has started a new rabbit. In solemn tones suggestive of profound emotion if not dread of impending disaster, he warned the council yesterday to beware. If the Bodell scheme were not adopted certain persons with ulterior motives, if not carabuncles, would unite with certain other interests, buy up the common stock of the New Brunswick Power Company, get control of that company, get from the government the Musquash current, and charge the people more than the present fifteen cents per kilowatt hour. He intimated that these fearsome folk would have no mercy on St. John, and were so eager to begin their career of plunder that they were ready to pay more for the property than Mr. Bodell, the city's friend, was asking from the city. When Commissioner Bullock mildly enquired why Mr. Bodell did not eagerly grasp the better offer, the mayor was somewhat obscure, but made up in words what he lacked in clarity of expression. The truth is that it was a gentleman very close to the mayor who stated some time ago that certain outside interests had been looking over the situation here, and had said that if they could get the Musquash current they would make the New Brunswick Power Company an offer for its property; but, when they found they could not get the Musquash current they went away, saying they would not consider the purchase for one moment.

This is the story the mayor has re-typed for his own purposes. Nobody wants the property of the New Brunswick Power Company unless Musquash goes with it. The city has been offered the power and can sign the contract tomorrow. Then by competition it can put the New Brunswick Power Company where it would be very glad to discuss reasonable terms.

The new rabbit only looks large when seen through the mayor's magnifying glass, and will not distract public attention from the fox that is approaching the hen-coop.

WILL ST. JOHN FOLLOW SUIT?

Read this from the Toronto Globe: "The proof of the pudding is in the eating. The Toronto householder who does not feel competent or willing to analyze a financial statement on a large scale has only to examine his own bill for electric service in order to realize the enormous advantage of public ownership and operation. One bill for \$2.98 for two months covers lighting, power for washing machine, iron, vacuum cleaner, toaster and fan. This provides, as Sir Adam Beck's statement shows, not only for operation, but for a sinking fund for the retirement at maturity of the bonds sold for the construction of the plant. "The water bill for the same house is \$7.46 for the summer months. As this includes \$3.38 for hose, used only in the summer the charge for the year would be \$11.84, or less than a dollar a month for water used in the lavish way in which Torontonians are accustomed. This is another instance of public ownership. No service or commodity supplied by any private concern can begin to compare with these in value for the money paid. The householder wants more of it. Cooking by electricity is becoming more and more common, and there is little doubt that heating by the same means will eventually become so cheap that the annual anxious scramble for coal will be at an end."

MR. PHILLIPS AND THE MAYOR.

What has Mr. Herbert Phillips to say to Mayor McLellan? The mayor yesterday, when asked if he knew anything about Mr. Kribs' credentials as an engineer, replied at first in the negative. He added that as far as he knew the last thing Mr. Kribs was doing in Ontario was making washing machines. When asked if Sir Adam Beck had not recommended Mr. Kribs, he said in such a tone as to suggest doubt: "We are told so." In other words, Premier Foster and the New Brunswick Electric Commission, who are trying to do a cheap light and power upon a people who want it expensive, but what of the mayor's friend and adviser, Mr. Phillips? Will the latter stand for it? When he returned from Toronto he informed the citizens that Mr. Kribs was one of the outstanding men in Ontario hydro, which means in America. And he told the truth. The credentials Mr. Kribs can submit are conclusive. Among his sponsors are Sir Adam Beck and the chief engineer of Ontario hydro, and some other gentlemen whose word would even impress the mayor's friend, Mr. Sanderson.

Of course the mayor's action is in line with his policy of trying to deceive and discredit all who oppose him, but in his attack on Mr. Kribs he has led his friend Mr. Phillips to the slaughter. Will Mr. Phillips stay dead or will he resent the manner of his taking off and revisit the mayor's gillnets of the moon?

Mayor McLellan announced yesterday that he had the authority of Hon. William Pugsley for saying that the title of ownership would pass to the city with the acceptance of the Bodell offer. Why did he not add that it would be subject to a mortgage for \$3,000,000? Does the mayor think the people are as "densely ignorant" as he yesterday charged Commissioner Bullock with being?

The whole question of cheap light and power for St. John hinges on the contract for the Musquash current. When that contract is signed the way will be clear—and not before. If the city refuses to sign the New Brunswick Power Company will control the situation.

The mayor announced yesterday that if the United Organizations tried to recall him they would be properly trimmed. Well, they are getting ready for the trimming.

When a public official admits in the course of an afternoon that he was wrong in relation to a number of important matters in April, what guarantee is there that he is right in August?

Admission of Mr. Bodell's tolerance and generosity grows upon the mayor every time he thinks about that gentleman's offer to the city.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF RADIO EACH DAY

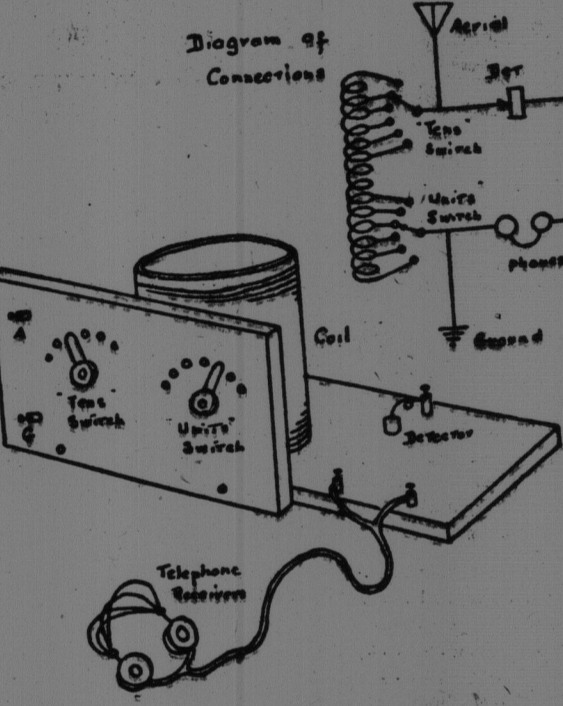
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Lesson No. 73.

HOW TO BUILD AND INSTALL A SIMPLE RECEIVING SET II.

A cardboard tube about four inches in diameter and six inches long is used as a support on which the coil is wound. About one half pound of number 24 or 26 double cotton, covered wire will be required for the winding which consists of 80 turns of wire. In winding the wire on the tube, every ten turns, a loop of wire about six inches long is twisted so as to form a tap into six such taps have been made. During the last ten turns of the winding taps are taken off at every turn, making a total of eighteen taps including the ends of winding.



Two knob switches, one having eight switch points and one with ten are mounted on the wooden panel already described. The single turn taps are connected to the switch points on the ten point switch and the ten turn taps are connected to the eight point switch. The coil itself resting on the wooden base behind the panel. Two binding posts are mounted on the left of the panel, one being connected to each of the knob switches by wires on the back of the panel, one post is marked antenna, and one is marked ground.

The detector crystal, which can be purchased mounted in a cup, is secured to the base by a screw through the board threaded into the cup at the right side of the base board. A wire is run from this cup under the base to the binding post marked antenna, which now has two wires connected to it. About two inches from the cup a set screw type of binding post is mounted with a wire from it running under the base to one of two binding posts mounted for the telephone. In the detector post a piece of bare number 24 wire is secured with the end just touching the crystal.

The second telephone binding post is connected to the binding post marked ground, which thus like the antenna post has two wires connected with it. The antenna and ground may now be connected to the terminal post marked for that purpose, and the telephone, which should be about 2000 ohms resistance, are connected to the posts provided. The set is now ready for operation. In order to save time in adjusting the detector to sensitiveness an ordinary buzzer and dry cell may be placed near the receiving set with one terminal of the buzzer connected to the ground terminal of the set. A buzzer will be heard in the telephone when a sensitive spot is found on the crystal with the end of the bare wire, if the buzzer is placed in operation while the detector is being adjusted. The intensity of the buzz indicates in a rough way the degree of sensitivity of the detector adjustment.

With the detector adjustment the switches are varied until signals from the desired station are heard, assuming the station to be transmitting and within range. It will be noted that by the combination of the two switches, one with eight taps of ten turns, and one with ten taps of one turn variations in the number of turns in circuit, from one to eighty may be secured in steps of one turn each.

Reference to the diagram will aid in mounting the parts of the set and connecting them up.

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LIGHTER VEIN.

Absent-minded. The professor was very absent-minded, so he gasped with astonishment when he noticed his wife placing a large bouquet on his desk one morning.

"What does this mean, my dear?" he asked.

"Why, don't you know?" she exclaimed. "This is the anniversary of your wedding day."

"Ah! is it indeed?" he answered, politely. "Kindly let me know when yours comes round, and I will reciprocate."

Against Union Rules.

The liner's skipper—"Sir, yourself, you loater! There's a heavy fog coming up and plenty of work to do."

The Green Deckhand—"It's quittin' time. I just now heard the whistle blow."—Judge.

Opposing Powers.

"Not everyone understands the purchasing power of a dollar."

"What troubles me most is the purchasing power of my wife."—Boston Transcript.

He Knew His Place.

"I hear you've signed up a skipper of the good ship matrimony?"

"No, my wife's the skipper. I married a widow. I am her second mate."

Heard in a Curb Office.

Broker—"Now don't worry about that mining stock you bought; it's all right for a long pull."

Customer—"The trouble is they don't seem to be pulling at all—they're just resting on their ores."—Boston Transcript.

One Step Lower.

The almost bankrupt "broker" was eating his meagre meal—the cheapest the restaurant afforded—when he noticed that the waiter was an erstwhile colleague on the street.

"Great heavens, George!" he exclaimed. "Has it come to this?"

George gave his old-time pal a frosty glance. "I wait here, Bill," was his reproving rejoinder. "I don't eat here."—Boston Globe.

ITALIAN SENATE APPROVES OF NEW GOVERNMENT

Rome, Aug. 16.—The senate unanimously confided in the new government of Signor De Facta yesterday.

The cabinet has decided to withdraw its order of martial law and to restore to the civil authorities full responsibility for the maintenance of order.

ASSUMPTION OF VIRGIN MARY IN MYSTERY PLAY.

Pittsburg, N. Y., Aug. 16.—A pageant and mystery play depicting the Catholic belief in the death and assumption of the Virgin Mary to Heaven was produced at the Catholic Summer School of America at Cliffhaven, on Lake Champlain before a crowd of more than two thousand yesterday.

MORRIS GRIEVED BY NEWS OF DEATH OF NORTHCLIFFE

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

New York, Aug. 16.—Lord Morris, formerly premier of Newfoundland, who is in New York for a few days, today expressed himself as much shocked by Lord Northcliffe's death. Lord Morris, as attorney-general for Newfoundland several years ago drew the contract between his government and the Northcliffe enterprises for the erection of the Newfoundland government of the pulp and paper mill in that country, which manufactured paper for the Northcliffe publications. Later, as premier for nine years, Lord Morris became a close friend of the publisher.

SAYS CLERGYMEN HAVE FEWER CHILDREN NOW

Clergymen no longer have large families, the members of the New England Birth Control Society were told by Prof. MacBride at a recent conference in England. Thirty years ago clergymen were reckoned among the most prolific members of the community and rightly regarded as breeders of talent, but today road sweepers, dock laborers and people of that class indulge in large families, while clerical families consist on the average of only one or two children.

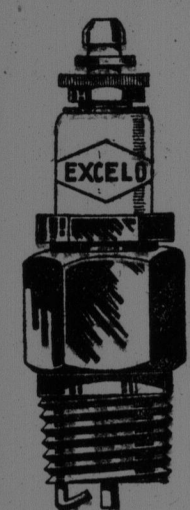
The professor declared also that every species of animal and plant, if allowed to exercise unchecked its natural powers of reproduction, would in comparatively few years completely overrun the earth and crush out other forms of life.

SKETCH OF ARTHUR GRIFFITH.

A sketch of Arthur Griffith by Ernest A. Boyd, which appeared in the Evening Post shortly after his arrest in 1920, discussed his character and his personality. "In personal appearance," said Mr. Boyd, "never was an Irish leader more unlike the popular conception of the type than Arthur Griffith. "There is nothing of the traditional Irishman about this unobtrusive, unassuming, rather insignificant looking man. Of low stature, with a dark, monotonous, trimmed hair, a dark, dressed in conventional, shabby clothes, he is in strange contrast with the Bohemian individualism in dress and manner of some of the Dublin intelligentsia.

"Unlike the synthetic Gaelic transplant from Oxford to Ireland, he doesn't insist upon speaking Irish to English-speaking Irishmen, and he would hesitate to appear, as the imported patriots do, attired in the saffron kilt of ancient Ireland.

"His whole personality carries a suggestion of thoroughly British doggedness and determination, and when he speaks his head and shoulders move as if of one piece in a deliberate movement of the bust, like an Oriental idol. He is the finest political pamphleteer of his time, cold, incisive, and deadly in his humorless argumentation, rising at times to the invective power of Swift."



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