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THE COUNCIL AND HYDRO

The City Council yesterday, after a very full and free discussion, during which some points that were not quite clear to one member or another had been cleared up by Mr. Herbert Phillips, adopted a series of resolutions providing for application to the hydro-electric commission for ten to fifteen million kilowatt hours, construction of a civil distribution plant, and a civil commission to make the contract and construct and operate the plant.

IN IRELAND

The serious condition of affairs in Ireland was made plain yesterday by the remarks of Mr. Chamberlain in the British House of Commons. The cabinet report says: "Mr. Chamberlain admitted that a grave issue was before the house—whether the government should decide if the great experiment in Ireland had been tried long enough and whether the government, acting under a sense of horror at certain murders should declare the treaty at an end and step in and assume once more the duty of preserving law and order throughout Ireland."

SEMPER PARATUS

They laid the flags to rest, in fair Saint John! The flags that waved their challenge to the field; The flags whose flaming glory spurred them on, No foot of ground, no inch of trench us that would yield.

Long may they rest, may waves of music sweep Soothe and subdue all dread of war's alarms; Too long we heard the drums, the marching feet, The bugle's skirl, the bugle's call to arms.

No sculptured monument could so inspire Our hearts with love for those who for us bled; For those who fought, yet lived; For those who would not yield; For those who fought and fell, our honored dead.

HOPE A. THOMSON. LIGHTER VEIN. Worth While. "Do you expect to raise your own vegetables this year?" "Why not? It doesn't cost much more than it does to buy them.—New York Sun.

She Had Them. Neighboring goodwives fell out, as neighbors will. Said one, paying the way to peace, "I wouldn't have said what I did say, if it hadn't been for the nasty looks you gave me." Said the other, not quite mollified, "I gave you no nasty looks—you always had them." Peace has yet to be ratified.

Try This. "Waiter, there's a half-drawn for you." "Thank you, sir. Did you wish to reserve a table?" "No. In a few minutes I shall come in with two ladies, and I want you to tell me that every table is engaged.—London Passing Show.

Wonderful Motorcar. A profiteer was bragging about his newly-acquired motorcar. He ended his eulogy by declaring: "It runs so smoothly that you can't feel it; so quietly that you can't hear it; it has such perfect ignition that you can't smell it; and as for speed, why, my boy, you can't see it!" His friend looked startled. "Bless my soul!" he exclaimed anxiously, "how do you know the car is there at all?"

"THE BELLS" GIVEN FINE PRESENTATION

Dramatic Production in St. Vincent's in Aid of New Church at Loch Lomond—On Again Tonight.

Very seldom have the people of the city an opportunity to see such a highly dramatic production as that presented last evening by Arthur McCloskey in "The Bells" in aid of a fund for Rev. Harold Coughlan's new church at Loch Lomond. Mr. McCloskey himself enacted the leading role of Mathias, the burgomaster, and gave a faithful and interesting interpretation. The play is a difficult one, even for professionals, and has been given here two or three times by traveling companies. Those who have seen the play in the hands of seasoned artists have expressed the opinion that the production of "The Bells" is one of the best of the kind.

Miss Mary Sharkey had an excellent role as Catherine, wife of the burgomaster, but she gave an excellent rendition, and Miss Mary Conroy, as Rose, a school girl, filled a minor part to advantage. William Hurley acted as president of the court during the evening. The play was presented by the St. Vincent's Dramatic Society.

EXPLAINS LOSS OF EXPORT BUSINESS

Secretary of Confectionery, Biscuit and Chocolate Manufacturers Replies to Hon. J. A. Robb. Montreal, May 11.—Speaking at the fourth annual banquet of the confectionery, biscuit and chocolate manufacturers of Canada, held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel here last night, Hon. James A. Robb, minister of trade and commerce, asked why the industry was losing its export business which had for a time assumed such large proportions. He said he had noticed that there had been a considerable drop in export business since 1920, according to the records of his department, and wondered whether it was because labor costs were too high or because of supplies too arduous, or whether goods had been sent out that were not up to the mark.

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UNITED STATES MUST HAVE FOREIGN TRADE

Its People Cannot Otherwise Maintain Present Standard of Living. Philadelphia, May 10.—Foreign trade is essential to the United States if American people are to maintain their present high standard of living, James S. Alexander, president of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, told delegates to the Ninth National Foreign Trade Convention at its afternoon session today.

"We have established upon this continent an economic society that has given to the average laboring man a higher standard of living than his fellow laborer enjoys in almost any other part of the world," he said. "The evidence of that standard constitutes one of the greatest achievements of American democracy. This standard, however, has been conditioned upon the maintenance of the productivity of the laborer and this productivity in turn has been conditioned upon the continued enlargement of the supply of highly productive land as fast as population grew."

"If we are to maintain our standard of living under a condition of diminishing returns in raw production we must effect such increased cost by devoting a larger and larger proportion of effort to those lines of industry that yield increasing returns per unit, namely, to manufacturing. That we are doing this to some extent is evidenced by the comparative figures for manufacturing. It is borne in mind, however, that this process of offsetting diminishing returns in agriculture by increasing returns in manufacturing involves an ever-expanding market for our manufactures and that such an expansion policy has the eastern members of the Dominion House of Commons visit Western Canada and the difficulties of east and west alike."

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WEST WANTS M. P.'S FROM EAST TO TAKE TRIP OUT THERE. Vancouver, B. C., May 11.—(By Canadian Press)—A movement initiated during the winter months to get eastern members of the House of Commons to visit the west and the Pacific coast after the houses rise is being given momentum. One after another western Boards of Trade are going on record in support of the idea. It is something more than propaganda on behalf of the west for it is based on a sincere conviction that the very best way to remove fancied causes of friction between east and west and to promote a better understanding is to show eastern parliamentarians just what the west is, to give them an insight of its varied resources, and to meet and talk over in the frank western way the special problems

Pacific Coast this summer," adds the rider that it hopes the party will return east through the Kootenay country, re-riding of gold, silver, copper, lead and in particular will visit the Tadmec and are carried on.

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SOUTH AFRICA DOES WELL

Mrs. A. McMurray, an official of the Child Welfare Conference, Union of South Africa, who has completed a course of study in social service in the University of Toronto, and is about to embark on a lecture tour from Quebec to Victoria, and in the United States, before returning home, has given the Toronto Globe an interesting account of child-welfare and school work in South Africa. She quotes: "The whole of the Union is only a little larger than Ontario, yet we have eight colleges. There are three big universities—the Capetown, Stellenbosch and South Africa. Under the latter six colleges are affiliated and in medical education is recognized anywhere in Europe."

We have up-to-date kindergartens, excellent elementary schools and schools for adolescents up to 18 and over. Education is compulsory, and free from six to sixteen, and for children under school age supervised play centres are held in schools and playgrounds after hours. In addition to this, we have the juvenile advisory board, which advises juveniles on the choice of occupations, and prevents boys and girls entering blind-alley occupations. In the industrial world there are stringent laws for the protection of women and children. A certificate of medical fitness is required before a junior is allowed to enter a factory, and night work is absolutely illegal for women and children. There is also a law prohibiting expectant mothers from working in a factory four weeks before and eight weeks after the birth of a child. During the period preceding childbirth the mother may be paid \$8 a week out of government funds."

It is clear from this review that most parts of Canada have a good deal to learn from South Africa. Mayor McLellan yesterday put on the record an achievement of Engineer Ross of Montreal. He collected \$3,100 for thirty-one days' work. His report is therefore more valuable than most people suppose. A glass case for its preservation might be considered by the city council.

Trans Canada Limited.

Effective May 21 from Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, the "Trans-Canada Limited" train service will be re-established by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. This splendid train, carrying standard sleeping car equipment only and making the fastest time between terminals of any transcontinental in America, leaves Montreal, Windsor street station, at 8 p.m., and Toronto, Union station, at 9 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, daily, consuming eighty-eight hours between Toronto and Vancouver, and ninety-two hours between Montreal and Vancouver, also reaching Winnipeg in forty-one, Regina in fifty-one, and Calgary in sixty-five hours.

The schedules are so arranged that train passes through all important points (commercial or tourist) at most convenient hours for entraining or detraining, and during the portion of the trip through the Canadian Rockies, open observation cars from Field to Revelstoke are a special feature. There is no extra charge made for this feature by Canadian Pacific. Although this is the only de-luxe train run in Canada in which sleeping car passengers only are carried, there is no special fare required to travel on same. With the resumption of the full summer transcontinental service, the Canadian Pacific will leave at 8 a.m. every day, thirty-six transcontinental trains moving on its rails at various points between Montreal and Vancouver, among which are included eight "Trans-Canada" trains—all of this vast fleet of trains the "Trans-Canada" is the "e-a-19 train."

Miss Laura Margaret Black of Sackville, was granted a diploma from McGill University in the department of physical education.

THE COST OF HYDRO

If the city takes 10,000,000 kilowatt hours of hydro-electric energy, and sells it, the average cost to the consumer would be four cents. The maximum for light would be eight cents, as compared with thirteen and a half cents at present, and the minimum for power would be one and a half cents. The Standard says that if the city sold only 5,000,000 kilowatt hours the maximum for light would be sixteen cents. The Standard might have gone further and said that if the city bought 10,000,000 kilowatt hours and sold only one kilowatt hour the cost of that one would be the price paid for the 10,000,000. Computations of this kind, however, are not impressive. Everybody knows the city could not be able to sell much current the first year, because it still has its distribution system to erect. It would increase the sale to a marked extent the second year, and still more so the third and fourth year. In computing cost and striking an average, a period of four years or so, while the market was being expanded, should be considered, and a low rate from the outset could safely be fixed. To assume that the market would not soon absorb 10,000,000 kilowatt hours is to assert that St. John cannot hope to grow or progress. Who is prepared to make that assertion? Civic distribution of the Musquash current means cheap light and power and an end of monopoly.

Speaking in Toronto last week, Dr. Alan Brown said: "It is surprising to many people to know that children in the country are, on the average, less healthy and more generally handicapped by physical defects than those in the city." This was due, he thought, to trained supervision in city schools and clinics. The members of municipal councils in the country should consider well the remarks of Dr. Brown. The provincial health department seeks to improve health conditions among children in the rural districts as well as in the cities, and should receive the fullest co-operation of all the municipal authorities.

A good many misconceptions were removed at yesterday's meeting of the city council. The case for civic distribution of hydro was made clear and strong.