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Light and Power

The following article taken from the Trade Review, dealing with the position of citizens of St. John's in relation to electric power facilities, is reproduced, not because our weekly contemporary has broken fresh ground, but because it is timely to refer again to a subject that has on several occasions been commented upon by the Telegram, and because the attitude of the public in such matters is so accurately defined.

We agree with the Trade Review as to the tendency on the part of the public to let matters of this kind slide and to reserve their energy for an outcry until after the opportunity has passed, whereas they might have safeguarded their interests by asserting their rights while matters were pending. At a recent meeting held by the Municipal Council the question of light and power rates was raised, and it was gratifying to learn that they have the matter under consideration, but if the discussion had taken place before the present agreement was made by the Light & Power Co. and the United Towns Electric Co., some definite concessions might have been secured for householders. At present it would seem that we have to rely mainly upon the generosity of the corporation.

A few days ago we clipped from a Canadian paper an account of the experiences of the city of St. John, N.B., in this connection. Charged excessive rates by a private corporation, the Municipality decided to provide power from a source which it controlled. It was found possible to supply electricity at a surprisingly low cost compared with the prices charged by the private company, with the result that the latter were compelled to make a slashing reduction in their rates in order to compete.

Over all the Island we have been altogether too generous in disposing of our water power to the first bidder. At Mobile the city has an asset which it is to be hoped will never be allowed to pass out of its control. The suggestion made by the Trade Review in this connection is well worth considering, and from the wealth which seems to be derived everywhere by the development of water power, there seems to be no reason why this should not become a valuable source of revenue for the city.

The Trade Review article reads:—

ELECTRIC LIGHT CHARGES.

The public of St. John's who use electricity for power, lighting and domestic purposes have about given up the dream of cheaper light indulged in a few years ago by the professions and proposals of the United Towns Electric Co. They were going to cut our light bills in half on the acquisition of certain franchises and privileges from the Government; they were going to extend their lines into the city in competition with the Reid Nfd. Co., and the expected competition would reduce the cost of lighting from 15 cents to 6 cents a kilowatt.

Public sentiment ran so strong in favor of the United Towns Electric Co. that the Government and the City Council dare not put any obstacle in their way; nothing was too good for them for they were going to relieve the over-taxed householders from the eternal burden of fifteen cents a kilowatt and the monthly charge for the meter, which, like Tennyson's brook, goes on forever under the old system.

We were going to get our light as cheap as the people of Conception Bay.

The door is now closed and the dream is over. It is mainly so because the people lie down and put up with it. Nobody agitates for cheaper light, but we all go quietly like sheep and pay our monthly bills at 15 cents a kilowatt, while next door in Harbour Grace the charge is about half this, and in some United States and Canadian cities the rate is as low as three and a half cents.

In our case in St. John's "what is everybody's business is nobody's business," and no one thinks of calling a public meeting to discuss the question of "why cannot we get cheaper electric light?" The City Council should lead in this and they will be backed by the disappointed public, who feel sore at the way they were "fooled to the top of their bent" when the United Towns people, having used their sentiment and got all the franchise they wanted, sold out to the Electric Light Co. in St. John's. It is said, at half a cent a kilowatt, electric power for which the people are now compelled to pay 15 cents.

There is one dog of relief open, but an attempt was made also to close that. Fortunately a few years ago the Ellis City Council, looking to the future, secured the valuable water power at Tor's Cove for the city in order to have a weapon to protect the people of St. John's from the unfairness of such a condition as now exists, and which will go on forever if the citizens make no move to get cheaper light.

Mayor Cook and his Council men now have an opportunity to show that they are working in the interest of the public. Let them, without delay, set their earnest attention to the problem of harnessing up the Southern Shore water power to give light and power to St. John's at reasonable rates.

It will, we realize, require considerable finances but the money, we believe, will be forthcoming for they will have the stimulus of public sentiment and public need behind them to accomplish the work. It is a good investment and people who have money to spare will freely buy up any bonds that may be issued.

The Position of City Employees

The comments in the Daily News this morning on the strike of the Municipal employees were of somewhat the same tenor as those which had already been expressed by the Telegram, but the suggestion that those enrolled in future on the sanitary staff should not be Union men opens up another field which bristles with a new crop of difficulties.

In the first place it would be necessary to have non-Union men working together in harmony, a state of affairs which, however desirable, seems altogether improbable under present conditions. The real purpose of a Union, as we understand it, is not to organize strikes, but to protect the interests of the members and generally to render assistance to them or their families in emergencies. In other words it acts as a benefit society.

To say that a city official must not belong to such an organization would be an interference with his personal liberty, and might be the means of inflicting a hardship upon him, particularly in the case of a man applying to the Council for a position after having been for years a paid up member. It is doubtful if any Municipal Council would undertake to make such a proposal, but that body would be justified in taking the attitude that nothing must be permitted to interfere with the work of keeping the city clean, and that in the event of the employees taking part in a strike, their places would immediately be filled by other men. Such a policy would not interfere with the functions of the Union or the privileges of the men, and would at the same time safeguard the rights of the citizens.

Chinese Funeral Yesterday

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of Hong Sai Tee, who died on Friday last, took place and was attended by practically all the Chinese in the city. J. T. Martin, the Undertaker, had charge of funeral arrangements. Interment took place at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Weed Non-Skid Chains at SILVERLOCK'S. No charge for fitting.—nov15.41a.m.w.f

Supreme Court

(Before Mr. Justice Kent).

King vs. Leonard Gillespie Reid—Before a Special Jury.

The hearing of the above matter began this morning, before the following special jury:—W. K. Mercer, Jabez Snooks, Wilfred Whiteway, Geo. Adams, Jas. Rowe, Jas. Armstrong, Roy Smith, Geo. W. Macklin, Noah Ivany, Walter Vay, Thos. Rink, Victor W. Hillier.

Howley K.C. and L. E. Emerson, appeared for the accused. Mr. C. E. Hunt and Gordon Bradley, appeared for the Crown.

The accused is charged with manslaughter arising out of the deaths of Wm. King, Gerald Whitty, Geo. Burrows, Clinton Duder, Geo. Harrison, Lt.-Com. O'Callaghan, which occurred on Sept. 15th last, near Donovan's.

Mr. Bradley gave a brief resume of the tragedy and indicated to the jury the various points on which evidence would be given. He then called Mr. Noel, first surveyor of the Crown Lands Department.

Witness went to Donovan's on Sept. 16th, at the request of the Inspector General, and made a plan of the scene of the accident (plan produced). Witness, in reference to grades, said the west of Donovan's there was a steep up grade and east there was a slight upgrade coming to town. At the cross road east of Donovan's he saw two stumps. They were about 1,200 feet from the top of the hill to the westward. The road varies from 22 to 25 feet from grass to grass.

Howley took the position that the plan contained identifications which should not be submitted. Mr. Hunt replied that the plan was only put in as the evidence of Mr. Noel, and the Crown was willing that any marks made on it by others than the witness be removed.

The marks were accordingly erased. Mr. Howley again objected that the grades were not complete enough and asked that another plan be made. Crown Counsel agreed to produce another copy of the plan.

A second plan, showing road to top of hill, telegraph poles and stumps, was produced. This plan, witness said, did not show marks of blood or wheel marks, as were on the first plan.

Witness said he saw automobile marks for about 100 feet west of the stumps. The witness was dispensed with for a period to permit him to put in all marks except the objectionable ones made on the plan.

Wm. Parsons, a photographer, and on the 16th and 17th of September, he made photographs of the scene of the accident on an order from the Inspector General. (Photographs produced).

Howley objected that the photos were secondary evidence and that the jury should have primary evidence of a view of the locus.

Crown Counsel said it was the intention of the Crown to bring the jury to the scene. The photo objected to gave a view of the Toppal Road, showing the bus. It was not allowed as evidence. As evidence, a photograph was submitted, but vehicles figuring in the accident were not shown in it. A third photograph submitted showed some stumps of poles on the south side of the road. There was no cross-examination.

Robert G. Lovett, R.N. Examined by Mr. Hunt, witness said that on the 16th of September, he with a party of G. W. V. A., attended a dinner at Donovan's. There were 14 in the party and they went out by motor bus. The dinner finished about 10 p.m. After dinner the party engaged in singing songs. When they came out the motor bus was on the left-hand side of the road, coming from St. John's. The car was about 60 yards east of Donovan's entrance.

Sydney Centre for Big Trade With Colony

ADEQUATE TERMINALS TO CARE FOR BUSINESS SHOULD BE ERECTED HERE.

Commissioner Given Data by Trade Board.

City Merchants Impress on Col. Brown Port's Need of Terminals.

Colonel Brown, travelling trade commissioner for the federal government who was in the city during the past week looking over the site of the proposed ocean terminals has left for Newfoundland, where he will go into the matter of docking and freight handling facilities there, before reporting to Ottawa on the project. This was the gist of a progress report of the terminal committee presented at last night's meeting of the Sydney Board of Trade. Col. Brown's visit was made as the result of the agitation carried on by the Board during the past year. On his arrival here, he was met by Mr. Buckley, president of the Board of Trade, and taken on an inspection trip to the proposed site, in addition to being supplied with much data concerning Sydney's fast growing trade with Newfoundland.

After leaving the terminal committee project from the Sydney end, Col. Brown left for Newfoundland and on his return will prepare a full report. He is expected to arrive in Sydney on the 20th of this month, when he will meet with a committee of the Board, who are at present engaged on preparing additional data in support of Sydney's claim for terminal facilities.

Vast Opportunities.

Mr. O. N. Mann reported the receipt of a letter from the C. N. R. freight department requesting this additional data for Mr. Brown, and read a copy of a letter sent in reply which set forth Sydney's argument in an admirable manner. Stress was laid on the fact that this city is the centre of population of the Island, that the bulk of the export wholesale houses were located here, that Sydney has more meat packing house branches than any city east of Montreal and that their opportunities for trade with Newfoundland, were limited owing to inadequate transportation facilities. It is the contention of the Board, that even granting that at the present time, the water carried trade from and to Sydney was not great enough to warrant the expense of installing terminals, the potentialities for trade with Newfoundland demanded that facilities be installed here. The Board however is emphatic in stating that there is sufficient trade with Newfoundland and other ports at the present time to warrant the expenditure. This was evidenced by figures obtained from local business houses showing the amount of business transacted with Newfoundland last year. The figures will be placed at Col. Brown's disposal.

THE TRAINS.—Yesterday's west bound train arrived at Bishop's Falls 3.40 a.m. The express with the Kyles' mail and passengers reached the city at 1.10 p.m. The local train arrived at 12.25 p.m.

Is Your Grocer Here?
Just as a person is known by the company he keeps, so it is that a grocer is known by the quality of the goods in stock. Following is a list of the Quality Stores in town selling "Armada".

Magistrates Court
Eight drunks arrested Saturday night were each fined \$1.00.

A drunk in charge of a horse was discharged upon paying costs.

A 44 year old carpenter given in charge by police for being drunk and disorderly in his home, was ordered to gather up his belongings and leave the house.

A labourer arrested Saturday night, was charged with (1) with drunk and disorderly (2) breaking the glass of a weighing machine, the property of George Trainor, value \$10.00. The accused was convicted and fined \$10.00. Should the fine be paid it was ordered to be passed over to the owner of machine to cover damages.

A 50 year old seaman given in charge by his wife for being drunk and disorderly in his home, was given a caution, and discharged.

Three drunks and disorderlies were each fined \$2.00 with the option of 7 days.

Two vagrants were sent down for 7 days.

Get your Weed Chains now at MCKINLAY'S. No extra charges for putting them on.—nov17.61

Government Boats

Argyle left Argentina 8 a.m. yesterday.

Clyde arrived at Lewisporte 11.20 p.m. yesterday.

Malakoff arrived Port Blandford 4.50 p.m. yesterday.

Glencoe left La Poile 5.10 p.m. Saturday, coming east.

Home left Cow Head noon Saturday, coming south.

Kyle at Port aux Basques, awaiting arrival Sunday's express.

Meigle passed Pickford's Island 8.30 a.m. yesterday, coming south.

Portia left St. Jacques' 7.20 p.m. Saturday, going west.

Prospero left Seal Cove 6.45 p.m. Friday, going north.

New Cross Bars fitted in broken weed chains at MCKINLAY'S.—nov17.61

Schooners Moved From Wharves

During last night's gale of wind several schooners were moved off from the wharves along the waterfront and anchored in the stream. The schooner Springwood, moored at the G. R. East's wharf, met with slight damages to her stern above the water line by colliding with the pier when moving off. This was the only damage reported.

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and shake during the cold weather which he knows is surely coming, when he can look so well and feel so warm in one of these

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DIED.

Passed peacefully away, on Sunday, at the Sanatorium, James Ramsey, aged 32 years, eldest son of Robert and Catherine Ramsey. Buried on Tuesday from his late residence, No. 54 Cabot Street.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of my dear husband, William Churchill, died Nov. 16th, 1923. Why do we weep for our dear one? Who has left this world of pain; For to be with God the Father Up in Heaven to remain.

He's gone, Oh! how we miss him; But we know it's for the best; God has called him from his suffering To his heavenly home for rest.

We all hope to meet our dear one, When the storm of life is o'er; For to know him, and to greet him, Over on the eternal shore.

—Inserted by his wife and children.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of Frank, darling child of James and Susie Hillier, who died Nov. 16th, 1923. He shall gather the lambs in His arms.

IN FOND AND LOVING MEMORY
of my dear daughter, Agnes Hafey, who departed this life Nov. 17, 1922.—R.I.P.

The roses in memory's garden, They never fade away; But the one that died two years ago, Is the one I miss to-day.

When the evening shades are falling, And I am sitting all alone; In my heart there comes a longing For the one who could come home.

Oh, and oft my thoughts will wander, To her grave so far away; Where they gently lowered her body Just two years ago to-day.

May the sacred heart of Jesus have mercy on her soul.

—Inserted by her father and mother.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The family of the late Mrs. S. Willar wish to express their sincere thanks to the following friends for floral tributes:—Miss S. Sparkes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. W. McCrindle, Mr. and Mrs. H. Willar, Mr. and Mrs. F. Willar, Mr. and Mrs. D. Willar, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. R. Yabsley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cornick, Mrs. H. Yabsley, Miss A. Mullett, Mrs. W. Power, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mitchell. Notes of sympathy:—Mr. A. Tilley, St. Margaret's Guild, Mrs. Wm. Tilley, Miss K. Ryan, Mrs. W. H. Goudie, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Goudie, Sgt. and Mrs. March, Carbonear; Mrs. F. Corbin, Channel, Mr. A. Willar and family, Grand Falls; Mr. W. Sparkes, New Orleans; Mrs. J. Mercer; also Mrs. Blandford and all kind friends who helped them in any way to bear their sorrow in their dear mother's death, and for use of phone W. J. Reid and Miss Mary Veitch.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. M. McCormack and family wish to sincerely thank all kind friends who by thought and acts of kindness helped to lessen their sorrow in their recent bereavement in the death of a kind husband and loving father, especially the following:—Revs. Fr. Summers and Murphy, Dr. Fallon, Mr. Fred Bursell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Breen (Kilbride), Mrs. Ed. McCormack, Mrs. Samuelson and Mrs. A. Cochrane for attention and kindness through his illness; also Mrs. Chas. Tessier, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Walsh, Male staff of Insane Asylum, Mrs. Ed. McCormack, Employees Parker & Monro's East End store for wreaths and flowers; Mr. and Mrs. T. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. T. Horan, Mrs. G. Flood for Spiritual Bouquets, and all the many kind friends who with letters and messages of sympathy helped to console them in their hour of sorrow.

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Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind S.W. blowing strong, weather dull preceded by S.E. gale with rain last night; a heavy sea on coast to-day. Bar. 29.18; ther. 45.

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