

FEDERAL MEMBERS URGE HARBOR COMMISSION IN ROTARY CLUB ADDRESSES

City Responsible for Greatly Needed Repairs Unless Change in Control Effected, Mr. Elkin Points Out—Earnings Under Commission Would be \$414,000 and in Time, Complete Nationalization Would be Worked Out—City Really Receiving \$2,300,000.

At the Rotary Club's luncheon at Bond's restaurant yesterday, Stanley E. Elkin, M.P., addressed the members on "Harbor Commission." The president, R. D. Paterson was in the chair and introduced the speaker with a few well chosen remarks.

Mr. Elkin, in opening, spoke of the lack of knowledge of most people in the community as to what harbor commission means and what the government intends to do with the port of St. John. He pointed out the advantages to be derived from harbor commission, and said that St. John would surely go ahead because harbor commission was only a step to the nationalization of the port, and he cited as an example the greatly increased prosperity of Montreal since the harbor had been taken over.

He said that harbor commission was not a sale of a property which will be taken away by the purchaser but that the property still remains available to the fullest extent for use by the community; also that it was not really the transfer of an asset from the city to the Dominion but the transfer of a liability.

In Need of Repairs.

Speaking of the West Side wharves, he said that those built in 1890-5, Nos. 1 and 2, to a greater extent and all the berths to a lesser extent will in a few years require extensive repairs, that if the city retains the ownership it would have to make the repairs just the same as the harbor commissioners would, and that this would involve the borrowing of money and an addition to the civic debt. Also for this interest and sinking fund would have to be provided and this would have to be made a charge upon the revenues of the port or a tax upon the taxpayers of the city.

"So far as maintenance is concerned," he said, "harbor commission would not have to spend a dollar that would not have to be spent by the city if it retained the ownership and if any disaster occurred to any of the wharves, the federal government would be in a much better position to deal with it than the city of St. John with its much more limited resources."

He said that the same thing was true of development and although it might be urged that the federal government may not develop the port and that it will be retarded by the city, he said that this was not possible as the policy of any government.

"Any government is desirous of obtaining all the support possible, and would find it to its interest to deal generously with the harbor of St. John," he said. "While harbor commission contains no promise of federal money being spent for harbor works without charging the interest and sinking fund against the harbor revenues, yet it does not prevent this being done. There is no reason to doubt but that protective works such as the extension of the breakwater to Partridge Island and works of a similar character would be considered as natural defenses against the sea making a harbor possible, as distinguished from actual harbor works restricted to and used by shipping. These latter would be built by the commissioners, the former would be charged against the whole country and should not be a burden upon the revenues of the commission," said Mr. Elkin.

Means Unified Control.

"Harbor commission means unified control. It also means continuous administration by the same body of men which makes it possible to adopt a comprehensive scheme and build gradually towards its realization. Under civic administration this is practically impossible because of the rapid changes of personnel in the civic administration."

He then went on to say that harbor commission is only a step towards na-

tionalization of harbors and he explained that the idea of nationalization is a progressive one and that probably after the commissioners have accumulated a debt greater than any harbor under their care can bear, the system of relief which will necessarily be inaugurated will be called nationalization; that this will consist in at first charging a lesser rate than is necessary for the upkeep of the harbor and eventually the rate will be fixed lower than the rates charged in competitive ports outside the dominion.

"The civic authorities can not make the extensions which are required to keep pace with the railway development and therefore we must trust the federal authorities to give us assistance in some form and it seems wise to take that assistance in the form in which it is offered trusting that no government will attempt to injure one port for the benefit of another nor to refuse its responsible demands to take care of the trade which offers."

Income of \$414,000.

He went on to say that the city wanted \$2,250,000 but that in assuming bonds the government have no right to the sinking fund of \$300,000, so that if the city gets \$2,000,000 and keeps the sinking fund, it is really getting \$2,800,000 or \$50,000 more than the commissioners agreed to take. Mr. Elkin then asked why the city commissioners say nothing about this \$300,000 sinking fund which is charged in as part of costs.

He said that under commission, doing away with dual control the total revenue would be \$279,827.56 as against the city revenue of \$181,048 for 1917, which are the last available figures. The switching profits which were approximately estimated at \$75,000, and the tug boat profits, at about \$60,000 would also be added to this, making a grand total of \$414,000.

"As business men we should sell it and put it in the hands of people who are financially able to carry the load in case of deficit and who can use the business as an adjunct to such a great big business as the government is, and which is not dependent on it alone as a business," said Mr. Elkin.

He then went on to say that in his opinion the bid of United States ports for ocean travel facilities being provided by the United States government would eventually lead to five Canadian ports being developed—Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal and Vancouver, and that only government control could stand the pace.

"Suppose this to be the case, then Montreal, Quebec and Halifax owned by the government can do it but can the city of St. John? If the government property here is made free the city must meet the conditions or eventually sell out, and it is not business to hesitate to get our cost price for a business we have demonstrated we cannot run successfully."

Mr. Wigmore Approves.

R. W. Wigmore, M.P., also spoke, and said that he entirely agreed with everything Mr. Elkin had said, and that he thought it the duty of the Rotary Club to take hold of the question as well as the question of the city streets, and to point out to the community as far as they were able its advantages. Mr. Wigmore thought that this question should be open to the citizens and at once, as the government had made provision for the city to vote on it, and he did not think that any body of men at City Hall no matter how learned they might be, should try to prevent the citizens from taking a plebiscite on this question.

He then moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Elkin which was tendered by the president on behalf of the club.

E. J. Terry was elected vice-president, as the former vice had resigned, and arrangements were made for the picnic to be held by the Rotarians at Loch Lomond on Thursday.

to immense crowds in the Imperial Theatre yesterday afternoon and evening and will doubtless continue to draw big crowds for the remainder of the three-day run. The pictures, which were taken by the Kinograph Company of New York, the Americanized branch of the British official government film company, were wonderfully clear and artistic, perfectly photographed and brimful of most interesting subject matter. In fact no topical pictures shown on the Imperial curtain has ever surpassed them in general excellence, let alone the fact that they are marking an historic event in this city itself.

The thousand feet of film contained all the features of the citizens' programme for the entertainment of soldiers last Thursday and then when the Friday proceedings were dealt with the film fairly sparkled with engrossing scenes, starting with the arrival of the Prince on H.M.S. Dragon. It was a queerly pleasing sensation to sit and see oneself either in the throngs that wended their way about town or at the place of celebration and while the pictures were being reeled off laughter and pleased giggles were heard throughout the theatre. The Prince and the soldiers were cheered repeatedly.

In addition to this most interesting film—a picture that marked a big day for St. John and also made a new record in entertainment enterprise in Eastern Canada—the Imperial showed Anita Stewart in her second famous production "A Midnight Romance," in which handsome Jack Holt co-starred. Mystery and romance combine in the story to give it a right to the designation of a "woman's picture." No matter how little or how much sentiment or romantic character there may be in any individual, there is no one who does not like a real mystery. And when that mystery shrouds the person of a beautiful, lovable girl in her natural feminine desire to win, against all odds, the man who unknowingly has captured her heart, it becomes doubly fascinating. And so "A Midnight Romance" proved of great pleasure to the vast crowds yesterday.



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