

GAS RATE REDUCTION CANNOT GO INTO EFFECT IN CITY AT ONCE

Question Comes Before Public Utilities—Taken Up Next Month.

A difference of opinion between the chairman of the New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities and the solicitor for the New Brunswick Power Company as to the interpretation of the act under which the company proposed to issue \$70,000 of bonds developed at the meeting of the board this morning but no action was taken by the board, as the city still had an opportunity to object if it wished to do so. The proposed decrease in the price of gas, which was to have gone into effect on July 1, was postponed and more will be heard in this connection at the August meeting of the board.

It was stated by the Board that, under the existing legislation, the Board had no power to act on its own motion in this matter, although the expert of the Board, S. H. Mildram, had expressed the opinion that this proposed rate was discrimination, but they could if the City Council made an objection, hold an investigation and revise the rate.

J. McMillan, chairman of the board, presided and T. C. Burgess, F. X. LeBlanc, other members of the board, were present. The New Brunswick Power Company was represented by M. A. Pooler and T. L. McGloin.

Bond Issue.

In connection with the notice that the company proposed to issue \$70,000 of bonds, this being 15 per cent. of the amount spent in renewals and repairs to April 30, 1924, Mr. McGloin said they were not asking the approval of the board for this issue as it was not intended to issue within 30 days from the time the Board of Directors authorized the sale of these bonds and under the Act of 1920, when an issue was not made within 30 days the approval of the board was not necessary. It was pointed out that this \$70,000 was a part of the capital on which 9 per cent. was authorized, but they were authorized to earn 9 per cent. and it was said by Mr. Pooler that the amount on which they were authorized to earn 9 per cent. was \$1,000,000.

The chairman said he could not agree with Mr. McGloin in his interpretation of the act but as the city still time to object if they wished no action would be taken at present.

Gas Rate.

In connection with the notice that on July 1 it was proposed to reduce the price of gas 15 cents per 1,000 cubic feet to customers using both gas and electric services of the company, the following letter from S. H. Mildram, expert employed by the board, was read:

Oliver Building,
141 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.,
July 19, 1924.

Mr. J. M. Trueman, Chairman,
New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities,
St. John, New Brunswick.

My Dear Mr. Trueman:

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst., enclosing copy of a letter which your board received from the New Brunswick Power Company notifying you that the company proposed to reduce the price of gas in St. John, from 14.15c. per thousand cubic feet to customers who were using the combined electric and gas services of the company on the same premises.

You state that this seems to you to be a gross discrimination in favor of certain users of gas and asked me if I knew of such a practice being followed in other localities.

I would state that so far as I have any personal knowledge no such practice is in vogue anywhere in the United States, but in order to make certain of this I took the matter up with our Public Utilities Commission here, and they inform me that they know of no similar instance anywhere and would most assuredly class this as being "undue discrimination."

Any public utility from its very nature should stand ready to give any service supplied by it to the public to any customer who desires it.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents.

BIRTHS

HAMILTON—To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamilton, of Oak Street, a son, born July 19, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Woodley, 48 Broad Street, a daughter.

THOMSON—At Evangelical Maternity Hospital, on July 22, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. David Thomson, 189 Duke Street, a daughter, Ruth Bisset.

BRENNAN—To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brennan, July 18, 1924, a daughter, Lydia Clara May.

HAZELWOOD—At the Evangelical Home, July 22, to Mr. and Mrs. V. Hazelwood, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Fudge, 714 Dale Place, July 19, a son—12 pounds.

MARRIAGES

JONES-HEARDSLEY—At the residence of Rev. W. A. Robbins, West St. John, William McKee Jones and Mabel Bertie Heardsley.

DEATHS

DOODY—At Los Angeles, on July 20, 1924, Frederick J. Doody, age 41 years, leaving a wife and child, his mother, two brothers and one sister. Funeral on July 25, 1924, with requiem high mass at Los Angeles, California.

GREEN'S DINING HALL
King Square
BREAKFAST 40c
DINNER 60c
SUPPER 60c
NOON, 12-2:30 P.M., 5-8c
12-27-1924

slies such service, only providing that the customer at a rate sufficient to provide a fair return to the public utility without undue discrimination toward any other customer.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) SAMUEL H. MILDRAH.

Ottawa Situation Cited.

In answer to this Mr. Pooler said he did not know what the practice was in the United States, but in Ottawa the private company gave a five per cent. discount to those users of gas who used the electric current of the company as well. He said the reason for this cut in the rate to the customer using both services was because it was more economical to read two meters than one and the company could afford to make this discount where both were installed.

The chairman asked if one man read both meters and Mr. Pooler said he did, and in answer to a question from the chairman as to the cost of reading a meter, Mr. Pooler said the cost was about \$6 a year for each meter.

The chairman said the board would have to be guided by their experts in the matter and if their approval was necessary he did not see how it could be given, but he was willing to let the matter stand and give the company an opportunity to show that in other cities it was the custom to allow a discount of this kind. It was decided to take up the matter further at the August meeting on the understanding that no change would be made in the rate in the meantime.

City Commission.

A letter was read from the New Brunswick Power Company asking if the St. John Power Commission paid anything toward the cost of the Public Utilities Commission, and Mr. Pooler said they would like to have this information as they had lost about \$100,000 a year in revenue by reason of the competition of the civic commission, and did not think they should be called on to meet the increased cost of the Utilities Board while their competitor escaped cost free.

Mr. McMillan said he thought it was the duty of the company to get these facts before the public, but they surely could not expect the commission to act contrary to the law, as under the existing legislation they had no control over the municipal corporation.

In answer to a question as to the amount paid by the New Brunswick Power Company toward the cost of the commission, the secretary stated their assessment was \$3,471.98.

Several other matters of routine business were dealt with and the commission adjourned.

Mayor Is Asked.

His Worship Mayor Potts when asked by a Times-Star reporter what his attitude would be in relation to a possible protest to the Board of Public Utilities against the proposed reduction of 15 cents per 1,000 cubic feet in the price of gas to customers supplied by the New Brunswick Power Company, on the ground of discrimination, said that he had not given the matter consideration as yet but he was opposed to discrimination of any kind. He said when the matter was brought to his attention in an official way he was prepared to take it up and give due consideration to the course to be taken.

FINE OF \$50.

A local brokerage concern was fined \$50 in the police court this morning on a charge made out by S. J. Moore, district seed inspector of the Department of Agriculture, that between May 6 and May 17 it sold 50 bags of seed, without the bags being branded or marked with the grade number. J. C. Belyea appeared for the defendants and E. J. Henneberry on behalf of the department. The former contended that the seed belonged to a lot which they had been convicted of selling some time ago and that an agreement had been made with the purchaser to have the seeds graded. Magistrate Henderson adjudged the defendants guilty of violation and as it was the second offence he struck a fine of \$50.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Montreal, July 22—"Accidental death," was the verdict rendered in the coroner's court today in the case of Fred D. Loneragan, commercial traveler, of Halifax, who died in a hospital here yesterday, as the result of injuries he received in a motor accident on Sunday afternoon.

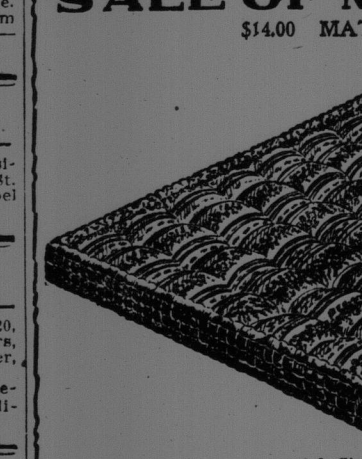
A LIQUOR SUIT.

Halifax, July 22—Joseph Spurling, of Rhode Island, was arrested here today on a capias for \$2,392 at the instance of Joseph Pettipas, local sea captain, who claims this amount for 104 cases of whiskey delivered to Spurling on the high seas.

There are now 540 buffalo on the national bison range in Montana.

SALE OF MATTRESSES

\$14.00 MATTRESS FOR \$9.40



Just think, a beautiful Simmons. All layer felt mattress, but for \$9.40. This offer will close when the allotment is sold out. Only a limited number to be sold. Show Early. These Mattresses can be seen in our windows. Oilcloths at 50c per yard. Blinds complete at 90c each and upwards.

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"BIM" BANKS



Every day has his banking day, but every dog has his banking day. "Bim" Elgert does not. Every Saturday he may be seen entering a Chicago bank to make his deposit. His bank already shows a balance of \$60. He gets dimes and quarters for carrying a shopping basket for his mistress, Mrs. Orel Elgert (above) watching her automobile and going to bed on time.

CAR IS WRECKED; MEN DRINKING

That men operating automobiles under the influence of liquor not only endanger their own lives but also those of other citizens was brought out in an emphatic manner last night as the result of an accident which occurred on the Highway road. Three men, who were reported being under the influence of liquor, were driving along and, being unable to steer, their car was overturned and badly damaged. One of the men was pinned under the car and was helped out by the occupants of another automobile which happened along. Not one of the three, it was said, was able to take care of himself. All were taken to the hospital, where an examination showed that one had sustained a bruised shoulder. Another accident occurred on the Loch Lomond road some time during the night. A truck was ditched and was heavily damaged. Inquiries failed to show that any person had been injured. This morning the truck was lying in a ditch short distance from the Church Land road.

ASSOCIATIONS WILL AFFILIATE

British Medical Men Decide to Join With Canadian Organization

London, July 22—Extraordinary enthusiasm was shown at Bradford at the annual congress of the British Medical Association yesterday when the congress unanimously gave instructions to the council of the association to carry through the policy of affiliation with the Canadian Medical Association which had been recommended in the report of the delegation that had recently visited Canada in connection with the proposed affiliation.

The members of the congress stood and loudly applauded the decision to affiliate with the Canadian Medical Association.

A hot water bottle has been invented which can be fitted about the neck and throat of the user.

RECEIVES GIFT OF HANDSOME CLOCK

G. F. A. Anderson is Honored at Simms Company Dinner.

Discussion of the technical details connected with the paint brush line, including the cost of raw material, the trend of the market and its influence on the prices for the coming year, marked this morning's session of the convention being conducted by T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd. Reports on the type of competition in various sections were considered.

Last evening the visitors and the members of the company's executive will motor to the Cedars, where supper will be served.

The executive were the guests of L. W. Simms, president of the company, at his home at an informal dinner. During the evening Mr. Anderson presented a handsome chiming clock to G. F. A. Anderson, who is withdrawing from the road after a little more than 45 years of active service. The clock bears a silver plate engraved with the date and the information that the gift is on behalf of the firm to Mr. Anderson for many years of faithful service.

NEW PASTOR AT QUEEN SQUARE

Rev. Harry Rice, pastor of the Methodist church at Bathurst, N. B., will succeed Rev. Neil MacLaughlin as pastor of Queen Square Methodist church here, according to an announcement today. Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin's term will expire in July, 1925.

LOCAL NEWS

ELECTS SPEEDY TRIAL.

Charles Green, charged with theft, was before His Honor Judge J. A. Barry in County Court chambers this morning, and chose speedy trial. The case will come up next Wednesday. R. A. Davidson appeared for the prisoner.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

A meeting of the vocational committee of the Board of School trustees was called for this afternoon. It was expected the matter of taking the necessary steps for the construction of the proposed vocational school would occupy the time of the meeting.

COMING FROM VICTORIA.

At a meeting of the executive of the Women's Canadian Club of Victoria recently, the question of sending a delegate to the Association of Women's Clubs to be held in St. John in September, was discussed and Miss Cann, vice-president of the local organization, was asked to undertake this mission.

TAXES DROPS.

Whether it was due to the wet weather or some other reason the number of those paying taxes this morning at City Hall was not as large as expected and was called for this afternoon. It was said to fairly easy. Up to last night there had been paid in \$645,000, which is in excess of the amount to the same period last year. Only tomorrow remains in which to pay and get the five per cent. discount.

LINEN SHOWER.

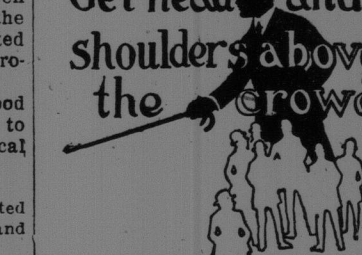
A linen shower was given on Monday evening to Miss Lillian Israel of Montreal by Mrs. J. Tobin of St. John at the home of Mrs. Louis Lang, 208 King Street, Fredericton. Many beautiful gifts were received by the bride-to-be. Dancing was enjoyed during the evening and refreshments were served. Those who assisted Mrs. Tobin in serving were: Mrs. L. Lang, Mrs. B. Budovitz and Miss Lena Budovitz. Also present were: Mrs. Isaacson and daughter of Woodstock, Miss Ida Garson, Mrs. J. Tobin, Miss Lena Budovitz and Jack Levine, St. John; Frank Crossman, Newcastle. A diet was sung by Frank and Miss Annie Isaacson.

The Cherry Heart.

Let poets sing their lulling song,
And gaily smite their lyre,
Give me the man who whistles while
He's putting on a tire.

The diameter of the sun is 864,000 miles, while that of the earth is 8,000.

Get head and shoulders above the crowd!



"Good clothes will not do it alone but one can hardly do it without good clothes."

Our blue serge suit at \$35 and our smart grey suit at \$38 will give a man a good working capital and a big step to help him do the rest.

For the week-end or vacation here are Outing Trousers for style and comfort, \$4.25 to \$8.50. White Tennis Flannel, \$9.75.

Specials in Topcoats, \$17.50.

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PERSONALS

Dr. Walter Kennedy and Robert Wilson, of Boston, are guests of Jeremiah Quinn at his summer home at Loch Lomond.

Miss Blanche MacEachern, Baltimore, and Miss Adeline McDonough, Portland, Me., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald, 239 King Street east.

Mrs. Harry Chellis and family arrived at noon on Friday from Bath, Me., called by the death of Mrs. Chellis' father, Joseph Wiley.

The Misses George and Mildred Allan, of this city, will leave the last of this week for Barnesville, where they will be the guests of Miss Mabel Kilpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Vradenburg, of New York, left on the Boston train on Saturday morning for the home after a two weeks' visit with relatives at Highfield and Belyea's Cove. While in St. John, Mr. and Mrs. Vradenburg were guests of Mrs. L. M. Stevens and their daughter, Miss Mabel J. S. Fisher, of St. John, was in the city on Monday afternoon en route to Sackville on a business trip. Ex-Premier Hon. W. E. Foster and Mrs. Foster, Colonel Alexander MacMillan and J. P. Harrison, of St. John, were in Moncton on Monday evening on a fishing trip to the Nepisiquit waters. J. F. Elgert, a harristier, of St. John, arrived in Moncton on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. MacDonald and Mrs. Niles, before returning to Woodstock last evening.

Visitors to the city from the United States are Charles A. McCaffrey of Worcester, Mass., and J. H. O'Neill, of Boston, who arrived here on the steamship Governor Dingley on Tuesday. Mr. McCaffrey paid a visit to St. John, some years ago with his wife and son, and he is renewing friendships made on that occasion. He and Mr. O'Neill are enjoying a pleasant tour of the Maritimes.

Colonel J. W. Worden, D. S. O., of Kansas City, is spending a few days with his brother, Captain E. C. Worden, Bayswater. Colonel Worden is a former Kings county boy, but for many years has resided in Western Canada and the United States.

W. H. White and wife, W. J. McAlary and wife, and H. R. Arrowsmith and wife, of St. John, who are motoring, were registered at the Barker House, Fredericton, on Tuesday.

Mrs. H. E. MacDonald, Montreal, has left to spend several weeks in St. John.

Captain Henry Morley, of St. John, was in Ottawa for a few days recently, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fairweather.

J. P. Vantour, postmaster at Richibucto, is at the Victoria Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pincock of Moncton, are the guests of Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Rice, at the parsonage, Fairville. Mrs. Pincock is a sister of Mrs. Rice.

Miss Marjorie James, 404 Wright Street, has left on a vacation trip to Boston, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Earle Bean.

Captain and Mrs. E. W. Brown, of Medford, Mass., are visiting in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cameron, Victoria street.

C. P. R. OFFICIALS WEST.

C. B. Foster, H. S. Matthews and C. E. McPherson are a party of C. P. R. officials from Montreal and Winnipeg who are making a visit on the Pacific Coast.

MANY AT FUNERAL OF D. M'ARTHUR

Numerous Floral Tributes Also Sent—Fraternal Societies in Cortege.

Many relatives and friends, including representatives of both the Orange order and the Knights of Pythias, assembled this afternoon to pay their last respects to the late Douglas McArthur, whose funeral was held from his brother's residence, 3 Paradise row, to Knox Presbyterian church this afternoon.

Service was conducted by Rev. B. Moorhead Legate, minister of Knox church, assisted by Dr. D. J. Fraser, former minister of St. Stephen's church and now principal of the Presbyterian College in Montreal. Members of the Orange fraternity and Knights of Pythias marched and the ritual of both orders was carried out at the grave in the family lot in Fernhill. The pall-bearers were from the Orange fraternity and Knights of Pythias.

There were numerous floral offerings from friends and relatives and in addition the following large floral tributes: A pillow, from the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick; a wreath, from Vernon Lodge, L. O. L. No. 1; a wreath, from L. O. L. No. 8 and L. O. B. A. No. 698, jointly; a set piece, triangular shaped, from Queen's Presbyterian, No. 62, Royal Black Knights; a wreath, from the Pandemic Outing Association; a cross, from the New Brunswick Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and a large spray of roses, from E. G. Staunton, of Toronto.

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet H. Lindsay was held this afternoon from her son's residence, 335 Union street. Service was conducted by Rev. George Orman and interment was in Fernhill.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Regular meeting Loyalist Temple, No. 18, Pythian Sisters, Thursday, at 8 p.m.
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A RARE TREAT.

The recital tomorrow night (Thursday, 8.15 p.m.), at the new Memorial Hall, College Hill, Rothsay, by Mrs. F. M. Ross, will provide an artistic event of rare occurrence here. Mrs. Ross' well known versatility, subtle wit and dramatic force abound in her songs and charm. Tickets at Nelson's, Grey & Ritchey's in the city, also at Robertson's and Diggle's in Rothsay, and at the door. Free transportation out and back may be engaged by phoning H. B. Schofield, Main 641 or 685.
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L'ASSOMPTION CHORISTERS

TUESDAY, JULY 29TH.
Splendid musical attraction St. Vincent's Theatre. Date changed from tomorrow evening to next Tuesday.
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SUCCEEDS IN RIDING MOOSE

Fredericton, July 23—Rev. Dr. Thomas Travis, Presbyterian clergyman, Montreal, N. J., who left here on Monday for Cain's River, Grand Lake, in company with W. Harry Allen, of Pemiac, president of the New Brunswick Guides Association, and F. Alexander Cameron, for C. P. R. Publicity Bureau, Montreal, with the avowed intention of riding a bull moose for the movies has succeeded in completing his purpose, according to word which has reached here.

DOLLAR AT 34 PER CENT DISCOUNT

New York, July 23—Sterling, easier; demand rates (in cents): Great Britain, 4.29-5.8; France, 5.14 1/2; Italy, 4.91; Germany (per trillion) 287-8; Canadian dollars 84 of one per cent. discount.

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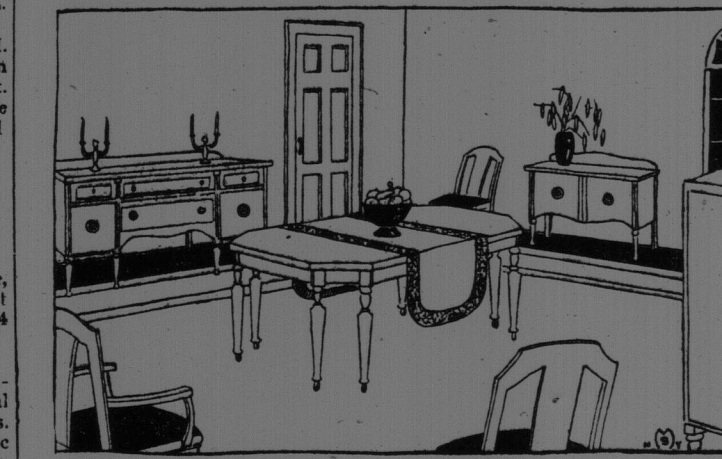
WILL BE TAKEN UP NEXT MONTH

Fire Prevention Instruction in Schools Important, Says Dr. Carter.

Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education for the province, arrived in the city last evening from Sussex where he addressed the summer school of agriculture yesterday. Dr. Carter reports there are about 35 attending, some taking first courses and others second courses. The school members are under canvas on the military grounds and seem to be enjoying themselves. A. C. Gorham is in charge and is assisted by several outstanding educationists of the province.

ARREST PROBABLE.

Woodstock Press—In the month of June the Glastig bridge in the Parish of Wicklow was set on fire and the Minister of Public Works offered a reward of \$100 to any one giving information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties. The matter was placed in Sheriff A. R. Foster's hands for investigation. It is pretty well known that an arrest will be made, as the guilty party is known.



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