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DESERTED THE SHIP.

Mayor McLellan has come to the rescue of the New Brunswick Power Company. Regarding the Bodell scheme to give the company's property a value of \$3,900,000, he says:

"I can come to no other conclusion than that the city should avail itself of the proposed offer."

In his report to the council yesterday the mayor was a far more enthusiastic advocate for the power company than Mr. Phillips was before the United Organizations when they met a few evenings ago.

Knowing perfectly well that under competition the valuation of the company's property would quickly shrink to its right proportions, the mayor went into a series of calculations the natural inference from which would be that we might consider ourselves extremely fortunate that Mr. Bodell consents to be so very lenient with us. Consider this gem of Bodell-McLellan finance:

"The city by an annual payment of \$208,900 would save the difference between this amount and the company's right to earn, and which is practically being earned today, namely \$317,220, or \$108,322 per year; and this amount of \$108,322, compounded at 4 per cent per annum for thirty years, would pay all obligations of the company and the property would cost the city less than nothing."

Why not keep right on and show that the people of St. John by adopting this great financial scheme, would in time be able single-handed to pay off the national debt? The mayor, however, conveniently overlooks the fact that the city need not pay the \$208,900 per year on watered stock (alleged value \$3,900,000) but go into competition, reduce that valuation to where it ought to be, and eventually become the owner of the property at a reasonable cost.

But it is really not necessary to argue the case. The thing to do is to block that plebiscite if possible, because it merely means further delay in the interests of the power company. If a recall is necessary let that be the plebiscite, and let it be soon.

MR. H. R. McLELLAN

In his address to the city council yesterday Mayor McLellan said:

"The Telegraph and Times, under the direction of these men, is always a menace to public interest, but in this case more so."

Mr. McLellan was not always of this opinion. He has been so at intervals, when the Telegraph and Times did not take kindly to dictation. On three recent occasions, however, Mr. McLellan was so deeply convinced of the righteousness of the cause advocated by these newspapers that he climbed aboard.

That he has now disembarked is not a new nor an altogether unexpected development. In moving in his somewhat eccentric orbit he will doubtless on some future occasion again come into juxtaposition and move for a time along the same plane.

So far as hydro and the New Brunswick Power Company are concerned, these papers have pursued a consistent course—which the citizens of St. John have approved. They still believe that as a slogan "No truck or trade with the New Brunswick Power Company" has its merits. The Bodell scheme confronts that belief, and while the mayor may fulminate, he should perhaps also take time to reflect that he is not living in "the dear, dead days beyond recall."

The mayor in his report to the council yesterday referred to the civic electric commission. Mr. Phillips told the United Organizations that he was through as a member of that commission. Mr. C. H. Peters did not attend any of the meetings with Mr. Bodell. The remark that it is a "one-man commission" would appear to have some foundation. There are some who talk of a one-man city council, but that remains to be seen.

Under the Bodell scheme the power company wants to be paid twice for its alleged water power rights and the Eastern Electric Company. They are in the original valuation and again in the \$900,000 of city bonds called for in the deal. Easy money.

The executive of the United Organizations will meet this evening in the Y. M. C. A., and it is anticipated a prompt reply will be given to the challenge thrown down by the mayor to those who made his election possible.

WHO IS AFRAID?

Mayor McLellan admits that the New Brunswick Power Company cannot compete with the city, but this is how he puts it:

"That if St. John is to look forward to an industrial expansion, the same can only be brought about by encouraging foreign investors, and if legitimate investments are ruined by needless competition with them in this case, it is certain that it would be useless to expect further investment of outside capital."

In other words, the power company must get its price. The voice is the voice of the mayor, but the words might well be the words of Mr. Bodell. "Needless competition," says the mayor. The people elected him to enter into competition. They have not changed their minds. Mr. Phillips assured the United Organizations that Mr. Bodell's last word had been spoken. His final offer is the brazen demand that the city give the company's property a fixed value of \$3,900,000, on which five and six per cent interest is to be paid, regardless of declining rates of interest. Is competition needless in the face of such a proposal?

Is there a business man in St. John who would call it good business to pay the New Brunswick Power Company its price? The city must not only enter into competition but lose no more time about it. The mayor's talk about a change in the personnel of the power company is passing strange. The gentlemen who hold the common stock are handsomely looked after in the proposed deal, and the city pays. The citizens must face the issue. They are today without a leader. If the captain has left the ship the ship must still be brought into port. What was good business in April is good business in August, and the real menace is to be found at City Hall.

Toronto Star: "It is interesting to note how loyally the advocates of private ownership stick together and boost each other's interests far and near. They do this in referring to our national railways and they are equally alert in doing it in referring to the great hydro enterprise in Ontario. Wherever you go on the continent you find nearly all the power experts wrapped up and payed off on the side of private ownership of light and power. They are nearly all fully entrenched on that side of the question, and not unnaturally so because that is where most of the activity is and most of the big opportunities. But it makes it difficult to get disinterested opinions from men of large engineering experience. They are, by the habits of a lifetime, predisposed to feel that nothing can be carried to great success except under the drive for gain which propels private ownership forward."

A circular issued by the Canadian Bank of Commerce says: "The British manufacturer in the past has not been alive to Canadian requirements, and to the fact that Canada has been buying much more from the United States than from the United Kingdom. With the present feeling which exists in the United Kingdom, however, that the development of trade within the Empire is becoming a matter of vital importance, there is already a tendency for British houses to establish more branch factories in Canada, or to adopt methods of sale which will counteract the proximity of the United States and the consequent ease with which Canada can obtain supplies, repairs and duplicate parts from that country."

The mayor says that "the property of the New Brunswick Power Company is not the junk-pile nor in such a delapidated condition as the general public is led to believe." Yet he suggests that \$100,000 be spent on the gas plant, and Mr. Phillips sets down \$280,000 for the street railway, and there is still the distribution system with its leakage in transmission. But who cares for a few hundreds of thousands of dollars when there is a chance to play Santa Claus for the orphans in the New Brunswick Power Company?

The citizens are waiting for Commissioners Frink, Bullock, Thornton and Wigmore to declare themselves on the Bodell offer and on the signing of the contract for hydro. All the cards should be on the table now, so that there may be no shadow of misunderstanding as to where each man stands and will stand in relation to this whole question. The mayor has shown his hand. Every commissioner must do the same.

It is time those who wish to discuss the hydro situation came out of the underbrush so that the citizens may know who they are and how much weight should be attached to their utterances.

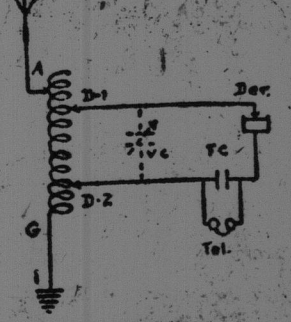
Mayor McLellan nominates Messrs. Sanderson and Porter as managers for the city after the deal with the power company is completed. How kind of the mayor to relieve the citizens of all worry.

The newspapers have not only been kind to Mayor McLellan, but lenient. He has been given every opportunity and every encouragement to carry out his pledge.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF RADIO EACH DAY

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Lesson No. 74.
THE THREE SLIDE TUNER.
The three slide tuner consists of a single coil of insulated or bare, spaced wire wound on an insulating core three or four inches in diameter with three sliding contacts. Nearly as selective tuning can be done with the three slide tuner as with the ordinary loose coupler receiver set.



The three slide tuner for receiving purposes corresponds to the single coil helix for transmitting purposes, each making use of conductive coupling. The loose coupler on the other hand corresponds to the oscillation transformer of the transmitter, each employing inductive coupling. In the diagram shown above the portion of the coil from "A" to "G" is in the antenna circuit, while the portion of the coil from "D1" to "D2" is in the secondary or detector circuit. A variable air condenser may be shunted across the secondary to permit sharper tuning, but is not absolutely necessary. It will be noted in the diagram that some of the turns of the coil in the antenna circuit are very closely coupled. If sliders "D1" and "D2" are moved up beyond slider "A" while maintaining the same number of turns between them (sliders "D1" and "D2" there will be no turns in common in the two circuits and the coupling will be loose. The three slide tuner thus has the advantage over the two slide tuner of having variable coupling features, while it is not so complicated in construction as the loose coupler. Where every large antenna is employed it may be necessary to insert a series condenser in the antenna circuit in order to tune in short wave lengths. Although the diagram shows the three slide tuner in circuit with a crystal detector, a vacuum tube detector could be used with equal success. It should be borne in mind, however, that a vacuum tube detector alone with amplification or regenerative features is not much superior to a good crystal detector. Connecting up a three slide tuner is a very simple process, the antenna being connected to any one of the three sliders, the detector circuit to the other two sliders, and the ground to one end of the coil. The three slide tuner is a very good instrument for demonstrating the principles of coupling and tuning, any chance in coupling or adjustment of turns to tune in a given station being instantly apparent to the eye. Any one or two slide tuning coil may be converted into a three slide tuner by the addition of one or two more sliders, which process will well repay the experimenter in increased selectivity and flexibility of adjustment.

COLLEGE COURSES BY RADIO.
Transmission of free extension courses by radio is a phase of broadcasting which the large universities are planning for the future. Through the medium of the electric waves, elements of higher education may be placed within the reach of all. Thousands of young men and women who are at present denied further advancement than the grammar or high school academics course may receive daily lectures by the foremost educators in our large colleges of learning. Development of long range reception permits the words of the instructor to be clearly received at far distant points. All that is necessary is the use of a properly adjusted radio receiver which may be privately owned or may be installed by a particular community in some large auditorium where the addition of a loud-speaking device will render the words of the speaker clearly audible to a large audience. It is possible that the educational boards of the various states will co-operate with the universities and provide the facilities for receiving the lectures. (All Rights Reserved by United Feature Syndicate, Reproduction Prohibited.)

POEMS OF THE DAY.

Two poems from Medora C. Addison's "Dreams and a Sword" (Vale University Press):

G. G. H.
He laughed, they said, and leapt the part—
He turned and, laughing, baled them
follow on.
"You could not worry him," they said,
and yet
He knew what lay before him in the dawn.

His comrades saw him last in No Man's
Still laughing at the bitter game he
played,
And death came and took him by the
hand
With reverent touch for one so un-
fraid.

Yet well we know the laughter has not
died
Upon those gallant lips, nor shall our
tears
Efface the flaming splendour of our pride
In that brave laughter ringing down
the years.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Literature and Reading.

"Never!—Now, I've ordered
sets of Scott, Dickens, Irving and
all them boys. Now show me something to
read."

Seeds in Doubt.
Having helped his mother plant the
seeds and place at the end of each row
the pictured envelopes showing here a
radish, there a beet and so on, little
Edwin was quite distressed when he went
out next day and found that the rain-
storm had washed the envelopes off into
the mud.

"Never mind, dear," comforted his
mother, "it doesn't really matter."
"But, mamma," said the child greatly
worried, "how will the little seeds know
what to be when they come up?"

The Latest News.

"Good afternoon, Mrs. Jones!" ex-
claimed Mr. Brown. "What a coinci-
dence, meeting you. I ran into your
husband an hour ago."

"How funny!" replied Mrs. Jones.
"And how did you think he was look-
ing?"
"Pretty poorly."

"Well, I'm surprised to hear you say
that. Everyone says he is looking much
better lately."

"Well, he looked bad enough an hour
ago," said Mr. Brown.
"I wonder why that was," said Mrs.
Jones.
"Oh, I can tell you that," said Mr.
Brown. "You see, I was in my car when
I ran into him."

Modern Art.

An "impressionist" painter, now a
resident in a lunatic asylum, says to all
his visitors: "Look here, this is my mas-
terpiece." They look, and seeing only
an expanse of bare canvas, they ask,
"What does that represent?"
"That represents the passage of the
children of Israel through the Red Sea."

"But where is the sea?"
"It has been driven back."

"And where are the children of
Israel?"
"They have crossed over."

"And the Egyptians?"
"They will be here directly. That's
the sort of painting I like—simple, sug-
gestive and unpretentious."—Fun.

CARPENTERS BACK UP THE UNITED ORGANIZATIONS

The Carpenters' Union at its meeting last night went on record as endorsing the platform put forward by the United Organizations with regard to the hydro-electric power. The meeting was held in the Trades and Labor Hall in Prince William street and the president, M. Day, was the chief speaker. The only other business dealt with was of a routine nature.

FLORA MACDONALD.

(London Observer, July 16th).
In the lonely Kirkcaldy of Kilmuir, near Portree, in the Isle of Skye, overlooking the stormy waters of the Minch is the grave of the most famous of all Scottish heroines.

The bed-sheet upon which Bonnie Prince Charlie and Dr. Johnson slept at different times and in widely different circumstances, July 12th, which was chosen for the unveiling of a memorial tablet, is perhaps as suitable a relic as any. The tablet has been attached to the monument which stands to the memory of Flora Macdonald in Kilmuir Kirkyard. It was unveiled by Miss Livingston, of Flogdigar, a great-grand-daughter of Flora Macdonald, and the oration was delivered by Sir Murdoch Macdonald, M. P. for Inverness-shire. Another descendant of the heroine, Major Livingston of Flogdigar, and a brother of the lady who performed the unveiling ceremony was home from Egypt to take part in the celebration. Dr. C. G. Vardell, President of the Flora Macdonald College, North Carolina, U. S. A. was also present.

A former marble tablet was destroyed by a storm some years ago. The original tablet, also of marble, erected on the heroine's grave, was shipped to pieces and carried off by souvenir seekers. It was after the latter event that the obelisk which now surrounds the grave was erected by public subscription.

The story of how Flora Macdonald helped the fugitive Prince to escape, of her subsequent arrest and brief imprisonment, and of the great popularity which she had in London, are well known. A few years after her return to Skye, where she married Captain Macdonald of Flogdigar and went with him to America just as the War of Independence was brewing. Her husband served in the campaign as an officer on the British side, and was taken prisoner by the Americans, but eventually both husband and wife were able to return to Skye, where Flora Macdonald spent the remainder of her days, dying at Peindin Farm on March 5th, 1790. She had five sons and four daughters, two of the girls dying in infancy.

Among the many people who came to see the famous heroine in her Highland home were Dr. Johnson and Boswell. Johnson's tribute to Flora Macdonald has proved as prophetic as the subject she died it, being:—"Here is a name that will be mentioned in history."

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