

ST. JOHN'S NEW APARTMENT HOTEL



The above is an exterior front view of the new "Prince William Apartments" Hotel, upon which work will be commenced this month. Specifications are now being drawn by Mr. F. Neil Brodie, architect, and tenders for the alterations and repairs will be called in a few days. This property has recently been purchased by a company known as the Prince William Apartments, Limited, and it is expected will be opened for occupation about September 1st. Mr. L. P. D. Tilley and Mr. Brodie recently visited New York and inspected a number of apartment hotels with a view to having the above structure completed in an up-to-date manner. The management are very much encouraged by the fact that already a large number of names have been listed with the company by prospective occupants.

N.B. TELEPHONE INVESTIGATION

Two Witnesses on the Stand in the Course of the Hearing Before Public Utilities Commission, Yesterday.

The public utilities commission met yesterday in the Admiralty court and continued the hearing into the N. B. Telephone Company's affairs. Very little of importance transpired at either session. The morning was taken up with the examination of the accounts and the amount of depreciation in stock. At the afternoon hearing the plants accounts of the Central Telephone Co. were dealt with. At the morning session City Councillor Fraser again took the stand. From references to journals of the company he gave the tolls and rentals of the St. John exchange received monthly beginning May, 1906, and showed by comparison with the annual reports of the accounts shown in the latter as revenue corresponded with the amounts in the company's books and not the actual amount collected. The rentals and tolls from April 1st, 1910 monthly, were then given. Witness showed that \$373,000 in stock of the N. B. Telephone Co. was paid for the transfer of the Central Telephone Co. There was no cash paid, he simply exchanged their stock for N. B. Telephone stock. No Allowance for Depreciation There was always considerable depreciation in stock, witness said, but he could not give the average depreciation, but considered that the system of depreciation was not correct. It would be lessened by laying the cables underground. In reply to Mr. Powell he stated that he had not seen anything on the books written off for depreciation, except one amount of \$20,000 and another for \$9,000. Telephone experts generally put the depreciation at 10 per cent at six or seven per cent, annually. Questioned by Mr. Powell as to whether or not there was some ratio between the amount of depreciation and the revenue, witness asserted that larger earnings would mean increased investment, and consequently increased amount of depreciation, affecting the total but not the percentage. In the St. John exchange the depreciation had worked out as follows: Poles and their equipment—8 1/2 to 9 per cent. Underground conduits—2 1/2 per cent. Cables in conduits—6 per cent. Aerial cables—12 per cent. Switchboards—8 per cent. Instruments—10 per cent. Private exchanges, etc.—15 per cent. Building—2 per cent. That the depreciation did not show in the old books was due to their method of bookkeeping, by which it was charged to maintenance. The witness found difficulty in replying to a question as to whether, relatively to income, the depreciation was more rapid in towns or county districts. Previous to the merger, the witness thought about half of the investment of the N. B. T. Co. would be in the city of St. John. Previous to the merger the earning power of the N. B. T. Co. in relation to the investment was very large. They had the cream of the province. Mr. Powell—Then, taking in the Central was a disaster? Witness—I did not say so. Mr. Powell—At the time the Central plant was turned over to the N. B. T. Co. could it show any net earnings? Witness—Yes, according to the auditor's statement. Mr. Powell—You believe that? Witness—I believe the auditor's statement. Central Made a Profit. Mr. Powell—If you had allowed for the depreciation, including that on the lines you had in operation, could you have shown a net profit? Witness—I could not say definitely without going into the matter thoroughly. In my opinion the Central company was earning money and making a profit. Mr. Powell—Did you not add practically all the lines you had in operation you took over to the capital account? Witness—Yes, but we did not have to rebuild all of them. Mr. Robinson promised to produce a statement of the mileage of the long distance lines in the province and the commission then adjourned until 2:30 p. m. The Afternoon Session. The afternoon session did not reveal anything of special importance in the investigation. The principal part of the proceedings consisted in the reading of the statements of the expenditure made by the Central Telephone Company. The witness stand was again occupied for a short time by City Councillor Fraser, but after a few questions put by Mr. Powell, he was permitted to retire. Mr. Powell then stated that he could not think of anything more that he desired to know, except to ask for the capital expenditure made on the St. John exchange for the years 1906-07 and 1909-10. At this stage the counsel for the Telephone Company claimed that they thought Mr. Powell had spent much time with statements which had proved nothing against the company. When adjournment had been asked for last week, they understood that Mr. Powell would today make some general statement which would serve as a basis for them in preparing their defence; but he had produced nothing to the detriment of their clients. Some allegations had been made, but they could not be expected to answer, as no conclusions adverse to a general company could be deduced from Mr. Powell's procedure thus far, and they considered that Mr. Powell should have given some idea of the course he proposed to pursue. In reply Mr. Powell said he had proved what he had set out to prove. He intimated, however, in a general way, that he would attack them by comparing the rates for telephones in St. John and in Fredericton. Mr. Corbett, auditor for the company then took the stand and at the request of Mr. Powell, showed from the company's books the statements of expenditure made by the Central Telephone Co. during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1909.

For that year the expenditures for plant accounts made by the Central Co. were: Northern division: \$34,258 for material. Southern division: \$38,822.98 for material. The witness here informed Mr. Powell the amount in wages was included in these amounts. For the eastern division, \$34,695.37; for material and wages; southern division, \$24,462.32; eastern, \$36,021.25; western division, \$110,959.84 for wages and material. For five months of 1907 until May 31st in plant accounts the company expended on the western division the sum of \$12,210.40; on the eastern division, the amount was \$27,854.74. In reply to Mr. Powell, witness said that the amount for wages was included in the above accounts. Mrs. Vaughan for plant accounts on the northern division was \$6,109.94 and on the southern division, \$36,341.96. Mr. Powell—Don't you know that we haven't found any reduction for depreciation? The books show no reserve for depreciation. In going to the accounts did you trace matters out to their vouchers? Witness—Yes. Mr. Powell—Do you know if the stock sold at par? To this witness answered that it was his impression that it sold at par and that all stock was sold directly to the subscribers. Questioned as to amount of promotion stock, Mr. Robinson answered that there was about fifteen or twenty thousand dollars worth; but it had all been surrendered except about \$5,000 worth. Mr. Powell—Was any stock sold below par during your connection with the company? Answer—All stock sold at par and brought its par value in cash to the company. This practically concluded the proceedings of the session and adjournment was made until Tuesday, April 4th, at 10:30 a. m.

CHINA FAMINE FUND.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the China Famine Fund. Includes names like W. H. Heine, Nelson, N. B., Mrs. S. Hayward, Hampton, etc.

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CITIZENS' COMMITTEE TO REGULATE SPEED OF AUTOMOBILES

Continued from page 1. The chairman said that it was understood that if 2400 voted for, and 2400 against, commission that an additional 200 aldermanic ballots which might not be marked for or against commission would count against commission. He thought they should not worry over the question as they should not ask for the commission unless they had a sweeping majority. Mr. E. Agar said they were not proposing a radical change if they could not get a clear majority of all the voters to mark their ballots for commission they should be content to continue the ordinary election. "We had," he added, "in our power to debate our terms at Fredericton. The bill is ours, just as we wanted it. He was anxious that there should be dissatisfaction with the work of the committee. In reply to Mr. Magee, Mr. Agar said a ballot not marked counted for the present system. The Fredericton Trip. J. A. Belyea then reviewed the work at Fredericton corroborated Mr. Agar's statements. He thought they were assuming a big responsibility, and should make certain they had the people behind them. Col. A. J. Armstrong said that they ought to decide upon what majority they ought to have. He wasn't prepared to consider that point. Mr. Agar said the bill provided that a majority was sufficient. A. M. Rowan said the greater trouble was apathy of the people. Seventeen aldermen could govern the city well if they had the people behind them. He did not think that there should be vote should be entitled to much consideration. At Mr. Agar's suggestion Mr. Allingham and Mr. Magee moved a resolution of the committee in regard to the plebiscite bill be confirmed, and this was adopted. The chairman then gave a report of the work at Fredericton. He told of the conferences with the city representatives and their failure to reach an agreement permitting a legislative charter to be granted. He mentioned the appointment of a Royal Commission to frame a charter. "We then," he added, "received the agreeable news that the government had authorized the charter committee of the citizens' association to prepare a charter, and the Common Council to send that charter to Fredericton for consideration. After stating that they had come to an agreement with the government on these lines, he said the recorder had confessed that he was responsible for the Royal Commission proposition, but that Mr. Baxter recognized that the commission was a foregone conclusion and was ready to meet the wishes of the citizens in regard to the making of the charter. Were Well Received. At Fredericton they received the kindest attention from the city, the premier and legislature. They had everything their own way and could have got anything they asked for. If they didn't get what they wanted, it was their own fault. Continuing, the chairman said he thought Mr. Baxter would be a good man to consult with, owing to his knowledge of civic affairs. In reference to the aldermanic campaign, he said he did not approve of the committee organizing opposition to certain aldermen. It would only create ill feeling. He would let the election to go as if there was no such movement on foot. In conclusion Mr. Barnaby said that after the plebiscite was taken the committee would invite the men of large interests, as well as professional and other classes to act as an advisory board in the preparation of the charter, which would involve a year's work. Mr. Tilley said the chairman had not mentioned that Mr. Baxter had

DISCUSS SITUATION OF AUTOMOBILES

Continued from Page One. An Automobile Bill. A bill relating to the registration and identification of motor vehicles and the use of the public highways by such vehicles was considered. Dr. Sormay thought that automobiles were permitted to run much too fast on the highways at present and would like to see the speed more strictly regulated. Dr. Bourque read a resolution passed at the last January session of the Kent county council in favor of legislation prohibiting motor vehicles from using the highways two days in the week. Mr. Leger (West) agreed that the speed should be reduced. Mr. Robinson said the latest method of speed restriction was by setting traps in order to find out if the auto-ists were exceeding the speed limit. A man would stand at one point, get his stop watch and signal to a confederate a certain distance away who would stop his watch when the speeding autoist passed him. This could easily be adapted here. Hon. Mr. Fleming thought the lives of our people should be fully protected and ample restrictions placed on the speed of automobiles. He thought that the machine should be slowed down to at least 20 miles an hour when within 100 yards of a curve. He wanted a speed of 30 miles an hour on the speed of straight roads. Hon. Mr. Morris was of the opinion that the automobile owners were usually a class of men and showed pretty good judgment in controlling their machines. He did not think it was necessary to place rigid restrictions upon them. Mr. Sweeney said that as a rule owners of motor cars did not run at a high average speed and an automobile under the most modern appliances could be stopped within two or three lengths of itself when running at almost any speed. Chauffeurs should be subjected to an examination before being permitted to run a car. Mr. Bentley said he thought there should be no speed limit laid down in the act but the owner should run his machine in accordance with the safety of the people. Mr. Leger, Westmorland, said he wished to amend the record as to objecting to the provision of the bill permitting a speed of 30 miles an hour. He wanted the speed reduced to a mile in four minutes. He insisted on a reduction of the speed limit, and said the fine for over-speeding was not high enough. Col. Belyea said the only way to restrict the speed was to let the roads fall into the condition they were in 1907. Mr. Leger moved an amendment so that the section stating that the speed should not exceed one mile in four minutes should read "one mile in four minutes." The amendment was lost. Hon. Mr. Fleming thought automobiles should slow up when approaching bridges. Hon. Mr. Robinson—Would my honorable friend feel safer if he skated over this ice quickly or slowly? Hon. Mr. Fleming—Unlike my honorable friend, I never get on this ice. After some further discussion progress was reported. Mr. Slipp presented the petition of Donald Fraser and others in favor of their bill to incorporate Fraser's, Limited. Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the Act relating to liquor licenses. House adjourned at 5:40 till Monday next. promised that organized opposition to commission would cease. The chairman—"I think he said something like that in the Standard this morning." A. M. Rowan thought they should run opposition candidates to the present members, as they would tend to bring out a larger vote. The chairman said it was the duty of the commission to get the people to the polls anyway. After further discussion the meeting adjourned without taking action on this point.

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