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CITY DECIDES TO PAY POWER BILL

Commissioners Accept Settlement Offer of \$64,000—Will Issue Bonds.

The city council this morning agreed to accept the offer of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission in settlement of the bill against the city for current and to issue bonds for \$64,000 to pay the amount due under this agreement to December 31, 1923. There was some criticism of the attitude of the government in placing the Simms load through their own substation instead of through the city.

Mayor Fisher read a telegram from Hon. J. E. Michaud, stating that he was speaking for both the government and the commission in his offer made to His Worship and also received a letter from the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission saying they had received a copy of the bill of the New Brunswick Power Company amounting to \$243.63 and they considered this a fair and reasonable charge. In view of this, he thought the city should act fairly by the government and not have the impression go abroad that St. John was trying to get the better of the government. He thought this was the best offer that could be secured and should be accepted.

Commissioner Thornton said at one time His Worship had recommended the paying of the bill in full and thought at that time it was the best offer. So far as acting fairly with the government was concerned he did not think there was anything to complain of. He thought the council had done wisely in this and other matters. He referred to the price in the contract, 1.2 cents per k.w.h. When the matter was under discussion there was a demand to sign for current and but the placing of a maximum had been wise for the Power Commission today admitted the cost was in excess of 1.2, and he thought it probably was nearer 2.1 cents per k.w.h.

He also contended that if the bill had been rendered as the contract provided the bill would have been \$12,000 instead of \$64,000.

Commissioner Wigmore said he did not think the city had used the government unfairly, but he did think the city had not been used right in the matter of the Simms load. He had taken this matter up with the chairman of the Power Commission and also the matter of a service to the residents of Beaconsfield.

Commissioner Frink said he wanted the advice of the city solicitor that the offer be accepted because of the uncertainty of litigation written into the minutes. He was going to vote for the motion for a bond issue because he saw no other way to pay the bill, although he did not like the idea of bonds for rental. He was in favor of serial bonds and let the operating surplus when reduced to the amount outstanding. He moved that there be added to the resolution a clause saying that bonds be issued for the \$64,000 if found necessary or expedient.

The amendment carried.

DOKEYS HAVE BIG CEREMONIAL TODAY

City Members and Visitors are Here for Anniversary Celebration.

This is the big day of the year for the members of Adila Temple, No. 157, D. O. K. K., better known as "Dokeys" as today they observe the fourth annual celebration and that means the best ceremonial. The ceremonies began at 12:30 this afternoon when the candidates for the journey across the desert sands presented themselves and interviewed the secretary.

At 1:40 the Temple opened. A large class was ready to brave the rage of the "sage" and led by the "cavaliers" make their way across the desert wastes to the promised lands where they may wear the "fey" and stand as the equal of any and all.

At 7 o'clock a big banquet will be served. The catering for this is being done by "Dokey" J. T. Dunlop, of the Hotel Dunlop, and that means the best. This is open to dokeys and their ladies. At 9 o'clock there will be an informal dance, music for which will be provided by "Dokey" Harry Black and his orchestra.

Members of the Temple from Fredericton, St. Stephen and Moncton are here and among those who arrived this morning were G. A. Tennant, of Fredericton and J. S. Lord, St. Stephen, past royal vicer.

VALENTINE DAY

Today was a lovely day and 'twas also a day of love—the one day in the year when the bashful lovers can gather together sufficient courage to address to their chosen ones burning expressions of sentiment and love. True it is, most of these salutations go through the mails and that means the best. Matters little—the sender has the satisfaction of knowing that he has done it regardless of whether the recipient is aware of its origin. 'Tis St. Valentine's Day!

Then there is the other side of the picture. The bad boy of the school class who arrives early and leaves a horrible caricature of his teacher on the desk; the boys and girls who send "comics" to one another—some mildly joking, others really humorous, and a few hardly tasty.

There are a few of those of meaner mentality who always take advantage of the day to vent some spite or jealousy on others and the tender sentiment which once prevailed is profaned by the transmission of alleged valentines which, to say the least, are in very poor taste.

THEY APPEAR EARLY

A resident of Kennebecasis Island, who has resided there for more than twenty-five years, says that he had never before this year seen muskrats appear so early in the season. A few days ago he saw a number about the shore where ice had either broken away or had melted.

A WORD IN GOOD SEASON

Have you noticed the things that have begun to Perk Up Since it was announced that we are going to have another Big Skating Meet here this winter?

With vivid memories of the impetus that was given to Sport by the Skating Championships last year and the year before, The announcement of the coming International Indoor Championships At The Arena On February 25, 26 and 27, Has been received with Great Enthusiasm.

The Dates have been fixed—The rink has been secured—The Skaters are coming.

No—The big question left to worry about is the Crowd—Not how many will attend—Multiply the capacity of the Arena By Three and the Answer is easy.

How many will be unable To gain admittance?

A word or two to The Wise—The tickets will be on sale soon. Make sure you get YOURS early, FOR THEY'LL NOT LAST LONG!

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, FEB. 14.

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LOCAL NEWS

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings for the week, as announced today by the St. John Clearing House Association, totaled \$2,425,803, as compared with \$2,882,856 for the same period last year and \$2,476,112 in 1922.

BUILDING COMPANY MEETS

The meeting of the shareholders of the War Veterans Building Company, Ltd., was held this morning in their building in Wellington Row, after routine business the directors were re-elected as follows: E. A. Schiefel, F. C. Beattie, M. E. Agar, R. T. Hayes and G. L. Warwick.

HAD PLEASANT EVENING

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Dominion Express employees, held a social at 7 o'clock in Orange Hall, Simonds street, last evening. Mrs. Eldon Mullin presiding. After routine business, members of the brotherhood and their families, social. H. C. Marley and Samuel Paige gave pleasing vocal solos and duets, following which games and dancing were enjoyed and refreshments served. All voted the function a most enjoyable one.

MRS. A. O. SKINNER IS DEAD.

Mrs. Margaret Skinner, wife of Alfred O. Skinner, died this morning at her home, 34 Coburn street, after a brief illness. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and resided in this city all her life. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Basil and Donald, and two daughters, Miss Edith at home, and Mrs. Percy W. Thomson of Rothesay. News of her death was heard without regret by a wide circle of friends and there will be deep sympathy for those bereaved. Her funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence.

ENJOYED FORTY-FIVES

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Edgar, Bentley street, entertained a number of the summer residents of Morna last evening. Progressive auction forty-fives were enjoyed. The prize winners were Mrs. E. S. Wiers and Mrs. S. C. Webb and J. W. Brittain and G. R. Andrews. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Watters, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lingier, Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Case, Miss B. Andrews, Miss Armstrong, Mrs. Armstrong and E. Watters.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Edward Taylor was held this morning from her late residence, 287 Tower street, west, in the Church of the Assumption for requiem high mass by Rev. H. Ramond. Relatives acted as pall bearers. Interment in the new Catholic cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Honora Hurley

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Funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Ring

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TEAS HELD TODAY

A tea and sale is being conducted by the Kings Daughters this afternoon in the school room of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, from four to seven o'clock. The room has been prettily decorated. The predominating color in the decorations being red in honor of St. Valentine. The general convenor is Mrs. H. W. Robertson. The convenor for the tea is Mrs. F. K. McCarthy and four divines—In His Name, Lend A Hand, Ministering and Good Cheer—are looking after the tea tables. Door Keepers Circle are in charge of the home cooking. Opportunity Circle of the apron table and individuals of the candy table.

A Valentine tea and candy sale

is being conducted this afternoon by the Young Women's Chancel Guild of St. James church in the Sunday school room. Mrs. A. Ellis is general convenor; Miss Edith Frost is convenor for the candy table and she is assisted by Miss Dorothy Kee and Mrs. William Jones. Mrs. W. S. Vaughan and Mrs. K. J. Dibble are pourers.

WILL REDUCE RATES FOR ELECTRICITY

Power Co. Manager Forecasts Material Cut—Announcement Soon.

A further reduction in the rates for electricity for lighting purposes in the city of St. John by the New Brunswick Power Company was forecast this morning by H. A. Pooler, general manager of the company. He said that a meeting of the directors would be held in a few days to consider the matter.

The figures for 1923, covering consumption and earnings, he said, had been completed, and the indication was that they would warrant a material reduction in the rates to local consumers. He expected that some definite announcement in this connection would be made at the end of this week or early next week.

PROMINENT PEOPLE SAIL FROM HERE

Melita Takes More Than 200 Passengers—Montrose to Leave Tomorrow.

The Canadian Pacific steamship Melita sailed this afternoon for Cherbourg, Southampton and Antwerp with more than 200 passengers, a large freight and mail. Among the cabin passengers were Sydney Paxton, Ambrose Manning and Fred Kemp, who were members of the "Sweet Lavender Dramatic Company," who were playing in Montreal; M. McD. Duff, general manager of the C. P. R. Lake services, Ltd., and Mrs. Duff, Marchioness M. Bourbon del Monde and Mlle. M. L. Bourbon del Monde of Quebec; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Piers of Montreal; Mrs. E. R. E. Chevier and infant of Ottawa; Capt. R. Ryan of Montreal and Rev. A. J. Oakley of Cape Cove, Quebec.

The Montrose will sail tomorrow for Liverpool and is expected to take away upwards of 300 passengers in addition to a large general cargo and mail.

CATCH 8 TRYING TO CROSS BORDER

U. S. Immigration Officials on Maine Line Making Drive.

The United States immigration officials on the Maine border are making a big drive on those who are trying to get around the quota regulations by coming to Canada and then smuggling across the border. Within the last week they have caught eight persons who have been apprehended and who have to stay jail until next June before they are brought to trial, as the next court does not sit until that time. The officers say they intend to keep a close watch on the border line from Eastport to Edmundston and they are especially active between Eastport and Houlton.

NOT SO MUCH GRAIN HAS BEEN SHIPPED

Figures compiled to date show that 7,000,000 bushels of grain were shipped from the C. P. R. elevators in West St. John so far this season. During the same period last season 9,930,000 bushels had been shipped. At the present time there are 1,130,000 bushels in the elevators and there is a steady movement eastward. The outlook for the remainder of the season is favorable and while it is not expected the record shipments of last season will be equalled it is confidently expected that this year will surpass former years. At the present time there are five steamers docked at Sand Point ready to receive grain.

RETREAT ENDS

The official closing of the three-day retreat for the unmarried men of the Cathedral Parish took place last evening when, after a recital of the rosary and a sermon on the theme of "The Kingdom of God is within you," delivered by Rev. A. MacDonald, C. S. R., of St. Peter's church. There was a large congregation of men present.

This morning the men attended a special mass which was celebrated at 7 o'clock by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc and received Holy Communion in a body. At the close of the service, His Lordship addressed the men, congratulating them on the success of the retreat and urging them to keep in mind the lessons taught and profit by them.

A retreat for the single women of the parish will be opened after the vespers devotions on Sunday evening.

As Hiram Sees It

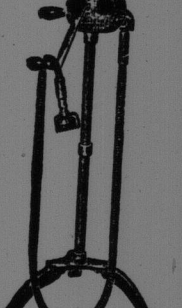
"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "the Legislature will be meeting soon, and the members will be juggling with our dollars again."

"Well, sir," said Hiram, "it's time they called a halt. It's awful the way they spend money. Why you'd think Noo Brunswick had been o' gold in the sullivan, as Doc. Frink says about that there City Hall, where you can just shovel it up. Look at the debt o' the province—growing bigger all the time. An' that there Valley Railroad slung around our necks. I tell you we got to call a halt right now—yes, sir."

"It does me good to hear you," said the reporter. "I infer that The Settlement will not be sending any delegations up this year."

"We won't!" said Hiram. "Why won't we? Don't we want three bridges an' fifteen mile o' road put in shape? Don't the farmers want some help? Yes, sir—we'll be right there—an' we'll get what we want or bust the Governor—By Heavens!"

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Street Floor.

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