

N. B. Power Co. Makes City Preposterous Offer

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to bring the existing distributing system to efficiency. The balance for the first year's operation, putting into effect the most practicable hydro rates and making no allowance for increased consumption, can be drawn with fair certainty as follows:—

Estimated Balance Sheet for First Year's Operation by City Under Mr. Bodell's Proposal.	
Cost of power	\$132,000.00
Cost of distribution	85,000.00
Interest and dividends on N. B. Power Company's securities and on \$900,000 city bonds	96,094.00
Interest on new capital expenditure	6,000.00
Total expenses	\$319,094.00
Revenue:	
Railway	\$1,902.00
Light and small heat and power	305,483.00
	307,385.00

Gross surplus for sinking fund, etc. \$11,511.00
The above statement does not account for any increase in use of electricity but with such rates in effect it is only reasonable to count on very materially increased use. Every 10 per cent increase in consumption would add about \$18,000 to the surplus. 25 per cent would add about \$45,000. The estimate of the immediate increase in consumption and if this proves correct the annual gross surplus would amount to over \$34,000, which should be ample for all contingencies.

It is true that a greater surplus than this can be figured for a new electric distributing system supposing the Power Company to have been driven into bankruptcy (which I fully believe would be the inevitable consequence of the erection of a new system) but out of this greater surplus would have to be deducted the cost of a light the duration and expense of which can only be conjectured, and setting aside altogether the rights and wrongs of this matter, considering only the probable financial results, it seems rather unlikely that any real gain could be made for the next decade at least without the inconvenience and disgrace caused to the city by a rapidly decaying Street Railway system. I am convinced that the most practical method to secure for the consumers the full benefit of the Musquash development and of the hydro policy and at the same time promote the best interests of the city as a whole, is to take over the Power Company's operations if possible.

Early efforts to take over the city's electric service on the one hand by the city and on the other by the city authorities ready acceptance of their assertion that the railway could only be operated at a loss and on the other by the fact that the company being solvent the directors were not in a position to sell to the city even had they been willing to do so.

The company's assertion is now shown to have been an attempt to excuse the very high rates charged for their electric service on the grounds that the street railway could not provide sufficient revenue to maintain itself. Until recently there have been truth in this contention. Between 1917 and 1921 all details entering into the operation of this utility passed over an unprecedented peak of costs, coal, labour, rails, repair parts and supplies reached a price level not likely to be equalled in future.

Frequent disputes with employees and with the citizens who had a marked effect on earnings during this period but it must be evident to anyone familiar with conditions now and knowing of the quite large gross revenue earned for the city of the system and of the economy of operation which has been secured that the street railway should be paying its own way. Investigation proves that such is the case.

Better service and further economies are also easily obtainable by the provision of new and up-to-date rolling stock and by extensive (though not particularly expensive) repair and betterment of the track. Mr. Pooler, the present manager of the company, has a rough estimate of the requirements in this respect made after experienced study of the actual conditions, and which seems very reasonable.

He would provide fifteen new cars at a cost of about \$120,000, and spend about \$100,000 on track betterments; in all an expenditure of about \$220,000. The economy effected in maintenance if these improvements were undertaken would reach an annual total of between forty and fifty thousand dollars, which, added to the present operating surplus, would enable the street railway to easily carry its own load of capital charges, which, if brought under public ownership, would be much lighter than the one it now bears. The fact that Mr. Bodell's proposal opens the way to secure almost immediately an improved railway service at cost; and at less cost by reason of the cheaper rate at which the city can secure capital than can possibly be provided by the present or any other private corporation without the appearance of not less importance than securing a low electrical rate.

The company is still solvent and therefore, unless expropriated at an arbitrated value, their property can only be acquired by an agreement to which the bond and share holders give free consent. This consent Mr. Bodell pledges himself to obtain provided the principal monies invested in the company's securities is not impaired. The amount of interest which he requires to be secured is equivalent to permanently reducing the rate base established by the provincial legislature to \$2,400,000.

Bearing in mind the company's indifference to public opinion and their costly failure to maintain and develop efficient and economical service, this is asking very generous treatment indeed; but since it appears the best that may be done without driving them into bankruptcy and



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At Saturday's matinee a complete new show from that which will be offered on Friday or Saturday night, will be given. It will be a distinct novelty never before shown in St. John, called "Mother Goose Rhymes." It is a fairy story, but the success of this evening is assured is evident by the number of telephone calls entering the contest, as on last Friday night, cash prizes will again be given to the winner and the audience will be the judges.

HE DID WELL
(Winnipeg Tribune)
Analysis of the vote in Winnipeg in the provincial elections last week discloses again the fact that under proportional representation the wishes of the people were registered with complete accuracy. It discloses also some interesting figures indicating the manner in which party slate is weakened by weak candidates, and also how strongly a candidate's personal popularity helps his standing regardless of party labels.

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LOCAL NEWS

According to reports received thieves have been doing a great deal of damage to summer houses in Upper Loch Lemond. They have even carried off window sashes and doors, notably from the residence of Francis Caine.

An automobile owned and driven by Miss Louis Kinghorn of Fredericton and one owned by Mrs. W. H. Barnaby of this city and driven by her chauffeur, Carl Winchester, collided last evening near the residence of Peter Campbell in Fair Vale. Miss Kinghorn's car was quite badly damaged. None of the passengers of the car were injured.

Yesterday was a very warm day in the city. From between 54 and 60 degrees on Wednesday the temperature rose yesterday to 78 degrees. It was also very warm in other parts of Canada. Medicine Hat having a temperature maximum of 94 degrees.

James Garnett, who yesterday morning put up a deposit of \$200 for his appearance to answer to a charge of having liquor in his beer shop, failed to appear yesterday afternoon and the deposit was forfeited. J. M. Trueman appeared for Garnett in the morning and W. M. Ryan was present in the interests of the prosecution.

A meeting of the directors of the Home for Incurables was held yesterday afternoon at the home with the retiring president, Dr. Thomas Walker, in the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:—president, James S. Gregory; vice-president, F. P. Starr; treasurer, F. B. Ellis; secretary, M. Munsell. Dr. Walker refused to stand again for president. An order was passed, the admission of one female ward patient.

Charles Earle lies in the hospital with a broken collar bone and a probable fracture of the skull, as the result of an accident in the Stetson Cutter quarries yesterday afternoon, and John Kierian is at his home suffering from minor bruises. After a shot the two men were up the slope clearing away, when a boulder which had become loosened from above rolled down and struck them. Both men were rushed to the hospital but Kierian was able to return to his home on Bridge street. Earle is in a serious condition.

THREE BROTHERS ARE DROWNED

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 3.—Three sons of Mark Sheppard, Catalina, were drowned off that place while returning from the fishing grounds, when a whirlwind struck their boat and upset it. Another son, who was also in the boat, escaped.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE DR. BELL

J. H. Windfeld, general manager of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, asked by the Halifax Evening Echo for an expression of tribute to the memory of the late Alexander Graham Bell, furnishes the following:—
With the passing of Alexander Graham Bell the world loses one whose life has been given to the service of humanity. Popularly known as the inventor of the telephone, which instrument has been of untold value to civilization, his interest in the world of science was not confined to the transmission of speech. He was greatly interested in the problems of mechanical flight and the hydro-plane. At his beautiful estate, Bell's Tower on the tetrachlorine principle, claiming that it enabled a structure to stand with the least possible amount of metal for a given strength.

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LOCAL NEWS

The three Jackson brothers who are making the trip from Toronto in a canoe and arrived here on Wednesday afternoon, left the west side yesterday morning and proceeded down the coast en route to Boston.

The Carleton Cornet Band gave a very delightful programme last evening in the King square. The band concert was enjoyed by a large number of people who took advantage of the exceptionally fine weather to get out of doors for the evening.

Rev. John V. Young, priest-in-charge of the Mission church of St. John Baptist, will be spending the summer vacation at the summer home of Mrs. Young's parents, Dr. and Mrs. James P. Harrington, of Montreal (formerly of St. John), at Shediac Cape.

A party of musicians under the leadership of C. Martin went over to the recreation hut at the Lancaster Military Hospital last evening and furnished the music for a very enjoyable dance. Several instrumental selections were given during the course of the evening and were much appreciated.

Friends of Miss Agnes Lawlor, daughter of Michael Lawlor, of Union street, will learn with pleasure of the opening of a magnificent new hospital in Du Quoin, Illinois, on Thursday, July 20, last, which institution Miss Lawlor is now superintendent. Miss Lawlor is very well known in the city and two years ago was stationed at the East St. John County Hospital. She is a sister of George Lawlor, who pitches for St. Peter's baseball team. Miss Lawlor is a graduate of a training school in Worcester (Mass.), and served during the world war overseas in France. Previous to taking charge of the new Browning Hospital at Du Quoin, she was superintendent of the City Hospital at Peru (Ill.).

Truro, Aug. 3.—At a meeting of the town council tonight, Dr. E. D. McLean was appointed medical health officer in succession to the late Dr. R. D. Bentley, who was shot to death two weeks ago by a Syrian boot and shoe dealer, named Felix Cook. Dr. McLean was overseas for several years during the war.

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