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### SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE CARNIVAL.

After the first of May the city will be paying over \$2,800 a week for Musquash power. At the urgent request of the City Council the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission extended the time of non-payment from the first of April to the first of May. The Commissioners pleaded that the time was short, and even by the first of May it would be difficult to have everything in readiness to begin the distribution of the current. Apparently that month of grace is to be of no value to the city. It is being rendered useless by the interference of the City Council with the work of the Civic Power Commission. The latter is giving its services voluntarily. It has the advice of two competent engineers. It desires to get on with the job. If the citizens had believed for a moment that their interests were to be imperilled by factional opposition on the part of any Commissioner or of the Council they would have expressed themselves even more emphatically when they sent Mayor Fisher to City Hall. We have arrived at a stage where there must be a show-down. Either the Civic Power Commission is competent or it is not. Who says it is less competent with its engineers, than the gentlemen at City Hall? The latter have a right to know what is going on, and it is not denied them, but the Civic Power Commission was appointed to erect a distribution system, and should either be permitted to do so or told in plain language that neither its competency nor its honesty is trusted at City Hall. It is very unfortunate that any member of the Council should act as if suspicious of the Civic Power Commission and its engineers. That might in the end give rise to other suspicions. Professions of a high sense of civic responsibility would best accord with such action as would hasten the carrying out of the declared will of the people.

### A LITTLE PLAIN TALK.

It is worth while to consider the results from a practical standpoint. In the first place it was worth while to vary the monotony of an exceptionally severe winter by a Carnival. It was worth while to arouse the general spirit of co-operation that prevailed. The city knows itself better as a result. There was the great impetus given to winter sports and healthy exercise in the open. The effect will be felt not only for the balance of the winter, but in the winters to come. It is a healthy effect. Not only will there be a great increase in the number of skaters and hockey players, but every form of outdoor winter sport will flourish to a greater extent. There is also the publicity. Whoever is interested in sport has been reading about St. John during the last week or more. They have read of the sporting spirit of a people who gathered to the number of twenty thousand to witness a great contest. They have read of a world's record being broken, and the largest assemblage at St. John of the skaters that has ever been seen at an international meet, than none has ever been more satisfactorily conducted. Incidentally, in connection with the Carnivals here and in Montreal, St. John has been selected as the best city in Canada, and brought to the city another enviable distinction.

The citizens, therefore, may well entertain a feeling of great satisfaction, and resolve that next winter also will be marked by an event which will give a new zest to life and confer a practical benefit upon the city.

So far as the skating championships are concerned, the honors have gone abroad. While regretting the fact that the standpoint of local loyalty, full honor is awarded to the champions who won fairly and on their merits. They deserve all praise, not only for their speed and endurance but for their general conduct. There is a lesson for St. John in the recent contest. If we would win honors we must give our skaters more care and better training, such as are given, for example, at Lake Placid. What our boys may do in hockey is suggested by the splendid showing made this winter, the first for many years in which they have had a suitable rink. If as a result of last week's exhibitions our young people devote a little more attention to fancy skating it will make for a more general interest on the part of all.

The skating season draws to its close. What will St. John do this year in baseball and aquatics?

That was an appropriate and pleasing incident yesterday when the pastor of Queen Square Methodist church spoke of the honor conferred upon one who had been a Sunday School teacher in that church, and who is now Miss Canada. Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin rightly regarded the higher interpretation of the role of Miss Canada, wherein "the modest and faultless demeanor" to which he referred would have its full expression as typical of true Canadian girlhood.

The Moncton Transcript suggests that if necessary the electrification of some of our railways might be adopted to ensure a large attendance at the power from Grand Falls. Regarding the development of that power it says: "No doubt the development could proceed piecemeal, power units being added as required; but the ultimate cost of a plant so constructed would be much higher than a well conceived plant, capable of exploiting all the water power, brought to completion as one undertaking."

Lake Placid swept the boards at the skating championships, with the solitary exception of the ladies' races. Lake Placid trains its skaters, and the result speaks for itself.

## WHAT'S WHAT

By Helen Deane

"Did the Gulf Stream change?"

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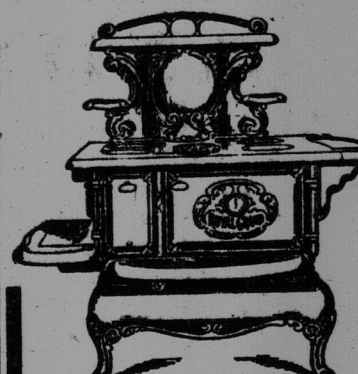
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