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THOUSANDS ARE LOST BY CARELESS SYSTEM

Outages of Electric Lights in Past Years Unchecked

City Wants an Adjustment with Western Counties Co.

That Brantford has lost thousands of dollars in recent years through an ineffective system of checking the outages of the street lighting service was shown at the City Council last night, when members showed from personal knowledge that lights which had been out several nights in a row...

Ald. McFarland did not want the company's account held up, as the city had to get light from it in January and February until Hydro was ready. For that reason, holding the account up might prejudice the agreement. Ald. Spence, however, could not see where the city should pay for what it did not receive, and suggested that an adjustment be made. The suggestion was finally agreed upon. The police are supposed to report outages to the fire chief, but the police do not cover the entire city. Consequently the company has received payment for current time after time when the current was not supplied.

Ald. Ward said he knew of one light being out five nights, one being out three nights, and another being out two nights. In connection with an account of \$11.28 from the Western Counties Company for the removal of poles, the Acting Mayor mentioned the fact that Toronto in this matter recently won a victory over a company, the latter having to pay.

COST MILLION IN THIS SUIT

Efforts to Dissolve the United States' Steel Are Prodigious.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Some idea of the huge cost to a corporation defending itself against a dissolution suit brought by the government is given in an estimate made to-day by a Wall street statistical of the expenses involved in the United States Steel Corporation suit. According to this estimate, the steel corporation has already spent in the neighborhood of \$180,000. And the end is not yet in sight.

It is admitted that this estimate is a loose one, for it is difficult to obtain an accurate idea of the average per day cost of the present trial. It is placed variously at \$1,000 to \$2,000, and a conservative estimate is \$1,500. Included in the cost are travelling expenses, hotel bills, typewriting and various similar charges, besides the big item of attorney's fees. The hearings were started in March of 1912, but have taken up only 122 days thus far, on account of numerous postponements. On the basis of \$1,500 a day, the expense of the company would be \$183,000. More than 17,000 typewritten sheets of evidence has been taken, making perhaps 3,400,000 words. The hearings, it is expected, will be continued three months or so longer, so that the total cost may run above \$300,000. The cost of litigation after the testimony now being taken probably will be much more. In fact it is regarded as not improbable that the total of the dissolution suit will be at least \$1,000,000.

INQUEST WAS HELD

PLUM COULLE, Man, Dec. 9.—The coroner's jury investigating the murder of H. M. Arnold, manager of the Bank of Montreal here, brought in a verdict declaring that evidence pointed strongly to Jack Krachenko, as the bandit and recommended better protection for bank staffs. William Dycke, the chauffeur who drove the car in which the robbers escaped, was not called.

Will Get Paid Every Two Weeks

At the City Council meeting last night Acting Mayor Spence, on behalf of the 40 construction men of the Hydro-Electric department asked the chairman of the committee, Ald. McFarland, if it would not be possible to arrange to have the men paid for their work every two weeks instead of monthly. The Acting Mayor was of the opinion that men engaged in laboring work required their pay oftener than every month, especially at this time of the year. Ald. McFarland agreed to take the matter up with the Engineer, and in all likelihood a new system will be inaugurated.

MAYORS ELECTED OUT WEST ON MONDAY

Edmonton Had a Unique Fight when Short was Beaten

Government By Commission Is Favored Largely

WINNIPEG, Dec. 9.—The municipal elections were held yesterday in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and although two mayors were elected by acclamation out of 38, nearly every municipality saw a hot election. Many results not being known yet. Mayor Short, father of Edmonton city charter, was defeated in that city by W. J. McNamara, former mayor of Wetaskiwin, by 270, after a very keen fight in which all three newspapers supported Short. The mayor-elect is pledged to enact an elective form of commission government next year, if endorsed by a plebiscite of ratepayers.

Lethbridge voted for city commissioners, women and tenants voting for the first time, but the results are not known. Alderman M. A. Brown was elected mayor of Medicine Hat, Alberta, by a majority of eight over John Spencer. In Moose Jaw, Mayor Pascoe was re-elected by over 1,000.

Prince Albert and Battleford elected respectively George W. Baker and J. A. Foley as mayors. Regina was limited to aldermanic contests. Calgary electors voted in favor of a two year term for aldermen and a proposition to pay aldermen one thousand dollars annually. The proposition to donate part of Mewata Park as an armory site was carried. A. G. Graves was re-elected commissioner of public utilities.

Lethbridge. LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Dec. 9.—After January 1, Lethbridge will do without an aldermanic body, the three commissioners elected yesterday constituting the entire city government body. It is the second city in Canada to adopt this form of government. The system carries with it the initiative, referendum and the recall. There are three commissioners, the mayor with charge of finance and public safety, salary \$4,000, and commissioners of public works and public utilities at \$3,500 each.

Tom Mann

Says Neither Parsons or Politicians Can Be Relied On

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—"Government is a decaying limb of the capitalists," Tom Mann, the English labor leader said last night at a meeting in Tremont Temple. He predicted that the syndicalists would be successful in getting rid of the present form of government, which he described as a useful and mischievous institution, and in establishing an industrial state on a co-operative basis. "Neither Parsons nor politicians are to be relied on for assistance in the workers' efforts to better their condition," the English leader declared. He said the syndicalist movement is a revolution, adding, "we are in a class warfare and I would approve of anything essential in warfare to gain our ends." "The power we desire," he said, "is that now held by the dominant ruling class, the direction of the industrial system."

Engineer Mountain To Be Here To-morrow

Acting Mayor Spence was advised by Manager Kellett of the Lake Erie & Northern Company this morning that Engineer Mountain of the Dominion Railway Board would be here to-morrow to make an inspection of the work at Jubilee Terrace. Yesterday afternoon the municipal authorities got together and decided to send Engineer Mountain a strongly worded telegram in reference to the situation. At the city council last night the acting mayor said that Mr. Mountain had been wired again to the effect this time that there were 7000 lives involved and a property value of millions, on the completion of the work at Lorne bridge satisfactorily. The city of Brantford would look to the Dominion Railway Board for protection, and it was urged that the engineer come here at once. Accordingly Mr. Kellett, Engineer Mountain with the city engineer and other civic authorities, will go over the situation to-morrow.

Tango Not Permitted At Rideau Hall Ball

Her Royal Highness Has Intimated Her Disapproval of All Steps in That Form of Dancing.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The tango, mild or otherwise, will not be tolerated at Rideau Hall. Not that there has been any definite instructions that the latest craze is unacceptable to their Royal Highnesses, but it has been quietly but effectively made known to those members of society who have the honor of being invited to the dinner dances at Government House that the Duchess of Connaught disapproves of any of the many tango steps being introduced in the ballroom. This politely-expressed ban has come as a sad disappointment to some society ladies in the capital. At Rideau Hall fairly broad views have been held by the Duchess with regard to many recent social innovations and society, spelled with a capital S fully anticipated being able to dance the very latest in the tango. And They Had Formed a Club To prepare for this, and in order that their demonstrations could not be criticized from the point of view of inability, a number of ladies had formed a club early in the autumn and at very heavy expense engaged a New York lady who is an expert in every one of the 120 steps of the tango. With much zest these society ladies delved into the mysteries of the dance. But when it became known that the tango would be banned at Rideau Hall the zest somewhat faded away, and after a few desultory lessons the expert tangoist was sent back to New York, her services being no longer necessary. Not that she had inculcated into the mind and feet of these ladies the whole of the tango steps, but what was the use when Rideau Hall barred all the said steps? The result of the unfinished lessons is shown clearly in the abortive and amusing attempts to dance the tango made by the great majority at the society dances in the capital.

TRANSPORT MEN GOING BACK TO WORK

Dublin's Serious Strike Only Partially Settled

There Will Be No General Strike in Britain Now

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—All the transport and dock workers in Dublin have agreed to resume work, according to the companies and the port which has been practically closed since the end of August, owing to the strike, will be reopened to-morrow, when the regular sailings across the Irish channel will be restored.

The situation as far as the factories in Dublin in the vicinity are concerned, is unchanged and the employers are considering the advisability of keeping them closed until normal conditions prevail in the port. The trades union council in London has endorsed the action of the local leaders, who intervened to bring about a settlement of the strike, and in a statement issued to the press, the council declared that it was in favor of the resumption of work in the factories in Dublin in the vicinity are concerned, is unchanged and the employers are considering the advisability of keeping them closed until normal conditions prevail in the port.

ERIE AVENUE TO HAVE PAVEMENT

Board of Works Will Have Petition Put in Legal Shape

The Board of Works will endeavor to settle the question of illegal arising out of the petition signed by G. W. Smith and other ratepayers of the Erie avenue asking for the construction of a paved thoroughfare. The petition is said to be sufficiently signed, but signatures do not carry the properties for which they stand. It was pointed out by the city clerk last evening that under the new Municipal Act the signatures had to be specified. The petition was referred to the Board of Works and Ald. Suddaby said that it would be fixed up. Ex-Ald. Billo who secured the names after much effort was rather chagrined that the petition was said to be illegal, but it was thought the city clerk can fill the properties in.

HYDRO DELAYED---STREET RAILWAY THE CAUSE---MORE ENTANGLEMENT

WILL ROLL OVER UNITED STATES IN A BARREL



BARREL IN WHICH TWO MEN WILL TRAVEL TO SEE AMERICA. Attilio Zancorelli and Eugene Viariello, of Venice, arrived recently in the United States with the strangest of strange vehicles. Nothing more nor less than a huge hogshead, open at both ends and containing an interior case hung on skids, is the conveyance. Bowed around the outside with two iron rails and propelled by two man power, the cask will be rolled about the United States by the young Venetians, who say they are going to see every part of the country before they stop rolling.

The Brides and Grooms And Their Ages in Brant County for the Year 1911

Extracts from the Blue Book containing the report of marriages, births and deaths in the Province of Ontario for the year 1911, may be interesting. During the year, 741 children were born in this city, 350 males and 391 females. It would seem that August was the fashionable month for the 1911 infant to make an appearance, there being 76 births, 42 females and 34 males. In the month of June and September, there were 68 births respectively. The month of January and December were tied for third place honors. Brant County Marriages. There were 467 marriages in the County of Brant in 1912, 439 licenses and 28 banns. Of these, there were 127 Anglican grooms, 139 Anglican brides, 40 grooms and 65 brides; of the Presbyterians, 65 grooms and 107 brides; Roman Catholics 41 grooms and 41 brides; Baptists, 70 grooms and 78 brides; Congregationalists, 12 grooms and 11 brides; Lutherans, 7 grooms and 7 brides; Hebrews, 1 groom and 5 brides; Salvation Army, 3 grooms and 5 brides; Evangelical Association, 1 bride; others, 20 grooms and 20 brides.

Deaths in Brant County. There were 567 deaths in the county during 1912, an increase of 224 over 1911. Of this number, 299 were males and 267 females and one was not stated. Two hundred and sixteen were single and 228 were married and it was not stated whether the remaining 123 were married or not. Three hundred and forty-five were Canadians, 156 were foreigners and it was not stated to what nationality the remaining 60 belonged. One hundred and sixteen died between the ages of 70 and 79 inclusive and 110 died at the age of one year and under; 72 at 80 years and over; 54 between the ages of 60 and 69 inclusive; 51 between 50 and 59; 35 between 40 and 49; 40 between 30 and 39; 29 between 20 and 29; 11 between 15 and 19; 9 between 10 and 14; 6 between 5 and 9; 1 at 4; 3 at 3; 6 at 2; 16 at 1; 8 not stated. During April the greatest number died; 64 being the number. In January 49 died; February 36; March 47; April 64; May 59; June 46; July 11; August 54; September 50; October 43; November 37; December 49.

JOYOUS NEWS IS SENT OUT

Washington Says the Pullets Have Begun to Lay.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Relief from the prohibitive egg prices is in sight, the experts of the department of agriculture announce in a special report on the subject, because the pullets all over the country have begun to lay. Information reaching the department is to the effect that already poultry owners are reporting a fifty per cent egg production. The experts declare this change of heart of the part of the aristocrats of the barn yard, is not due to the threatened egg boycott, but to natural conditions. Explanation of the short-coming of last fall, they say, dates back to weather conditions of last spring and summer. "Investigations of weather conditions," says the report, "show that the spring was unusually wet, and cold which set back the laying development of the pullets; and the unusual draught of July further postponed the laying period, because both of these weather conditions effect the food supply of the pullets. The pullets that normally begin to lay in the fall have not commenced their laying until about a month later than the usual fall laying season."

Unless extreme cold should intervene, this pullet egg supply should now continue, says the report, and bring with it a gradual reduction in egg prices. "See here, sir," thundered the irate customer, "that dog you sold me yesterday has bitten a piece out of my little boy's leg!" "Well, sir," responded the dog fancier, "didn't I say he was especially fond of children?"

FILL ONE STOCKING, REWARD IS YOURS

Are you going to fill one stocking and make some kiddy happy at Christmas time? It is your privilege and likewise the reward will be yours. The Courier membership in the St. Nicholas Club is growing daily. The only condition involved is that you will telephone the Courier, 133, 276 or 1781, give your name. A few days before Christmas you will receive a notice as to where you can deliver the stockings and carry joy to the kiddies of a household which might otherwise not be so fortunate. It is the personal effort which the Courier is desirous of enlisting, and it is the personal reward which results. In this connection, the Courier has enlisted the assistance of Children's Aid Secretary Axford and Adjutant Hargrave. Church societies who have similar work to do at Christmas should communicate with the Courier. Money is not solicited, but the personal effort of every woman and girl of Brantford is solicited. Make up a stocking, not of candy entirely. A pair of mittens, baby stockings, a toy or so, something which will be sure, you think, to please. The pleasure you give will not be as great as the pleasure you will receive in this effort. It is the Christmas spirit.

Ald. McFarland Reveals An Unusual Phase of City's Predicament

Necessary to Make Another Agreement with Western Counties

City Council Proceedings Last Night in Detail Are Given.

Ald. McFarland, Chairman of the fire and light committee of the City Council, was in the calcium last night in the submission of the regular report on Hydro matters. Several announcements were made by him, all of pregnant interest at this stage of civic history. The Hydro installation will not be complete until March 1. Therefore it is necessary to make a special agreement with the Western Counties until that time. In order to make special agreement, Ald. McFarland urged that the city be not too arbitrary in the matter on insisting upon a reduction in the Western Counties Company's account for outages, many of which it is claimed were not reported. The agreement with the Cataract subsidiary will be made.

Reasons for Delay

The reasons for the delay in the completion of the Hydro system were announced by Ald. McFarland as two-fold. The Brantford Street Railway refuses to give to the city a joint use of its poles on Brant Ave. and some other streets, which are now fairly littered with poles. The railway company gets behind the fence on the ground that the rental of \$20 per month by the city of the storage house on Colborne street has not been paid. Incidentally the company has been given credit by the city for the amount.

Rather Startling, This

The fact however, that Brantford owes the street railway a small sum and has refused to pay it, may prejudice the city's case now in the courts against the company. This information, rather startling in its nature, was given out by Ald. McFarland. Moreover if the city were to appeal to the Ontario Railway Board to make the railway company render joint use of its poles, that appeal in view of the High litigation now pending, might be interpreted as an act of contempt of court, and the city's case would be further prejudiced thereby. The situation is rather a unique one and the result of the city's case is of tremendous importance. If the litigation continues, and there is no end thereof, Ald. McFarland said would have to be put up along Brant Avenue. This looks like a needless expense however. Ald. McEwen declared it would be two years, and a matter for the Privy Council in England, before the street railway case would be finished. Therefore the city had better pay the rent. The Acting Mayor Spence said a double knot which has a couple of balls of legal string wound around it, that they will find it pretty hard to unravel.

Some Objection

Ald. Hollinrake raised one voice of objection to the city guaranteeing the bonds of the Industrial Realty Company and met with a hot retort from Ald. Ryerson, who answered the charge made by the Industrial Realty a subsidiary as it were of the Greater Brantford Board, was in the game for profit. The Council generally seemed to favor the proposition. Ald. McEwen, for one, declaring that if they didn't favor it, they should go out of the Greater Brantford business.

INVENTOR IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A London cable to the Herald says he death is announced of David Anderson, aged 91, the engineer who had charge of the construction of the engines for the Great Eastern, the big ship designed by Brunel, which laid the Atlantic cable in 1865. As a big ship she was a failure, but it is recalled that when she struck a reef of sunken rocks in American waters in 1866 her water tight compartments saved her from the fate of the Titanic.

The Canadian Northern Railway

tunnel under Mount Royal, will be completed this evening, about fifteen months after commencement of the first heading, establishing a new record on this continent.