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TELEPHONE RATES AND THE UTILITIES ACT.

The Public Utilities Commission has completed or-ganization and has given notice to companies within its jurisdiction to file their rates and charges. In will be open to any person to object to these rates and have an inquiry instituted by the commission. Even and have an inquiry instituted by the commission. Even before the rates are filed, any person requested to pay them may appeal to the commission. We believe that the commission is now in a position to begin proceedings, and the question is sometimes asked why the Board of Trade does not at once proceed in the tele-

Mr. J. N. Harvey, who was one of the committee which investigated this matter some months ago, is quoted by the Telegraph as giving three reasons why the board would be under disadvantage in undertaking these proceedings. One of these difficulties arises from the character of the act, another from the nature of the case, and the third from previous legislation. The first difficulty is the provision of the act that a reasonable deposit or security may be required in the discretion of the commission from the complainant, the same to go to the payment of expenses in case the complaint should fail. The second trouble is that the telephone case will need to be prosecuted by a lawyer, which would cost money. The third and apparently the greatest difficulty which meets Mr. Harvey is the fact that the company "are almost Impregnably entrenched behind "the act of 1907, which was designed with immense fore" sightedness on their part, and seems to have given "them almost absolute power as to their own corporate "past, present and future."

Colonel Roosevelt once more refuses to be common place. At Berlin he made the mistake of attempting a philosophical and academic discussion of political and when they avoke no one found anything that required domment or contradiction. The ex-President has reverted to his former custom, and at the ancient Guildhall of London city made a brief speech causing at least three continents to take notice. London had conferred the city on Colonel Roosevelt, and when they awoke no one found anything that required domment or contradiction. The ex-President has reverted to his former custom, and at the ancient Guildhall of London city made a brief speech causing at least three continents to take notice. London had conferred the recedom of the city on Colonel Roosevelt, and when they awoke no one found anything that required domment or contradiction. The ex-President has reverted to his former custom, and at the ancient Guildhall of London city made a brief speech causing at least three continents t

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Lastly Mr. Harvey finds an obstacle in the requirement of a deposit. But this whole matter is in the iscretion of the commissioners, and unless the case sills there is no final payment. It would at least be corth while to test the commission on this matter. If the opposition members to visit the works of the gas company whose contract with the city Mr. Robinson promoted and Mr. Hawke condemned. Mr. Hawke was not in the act should certainly disappear. The law was not assigned to prevent but to encourage and assist persons the have a real grievance, and until the contrary is hown the commissioners will be expected to so construe. The measure follows other utility acts in this articular. Presumably the purpose is to prevent irresponsible persons from making complaint which they have

The letter of Anti-Humbug does not strike this journal as a fair criticism of Mr. Harvey's position or that of the Board of Trade committee. There is no doubt that Mr. Harvey and his colleagues presented a statement which has not been effectively and fully answered. There is no doubt that in prosecuting their inquiry the members of this committee performed a public service. Their individual interest in the matter was too small to make their expenditure of time and effort a business investment. Mr. Harvey and those who acted with him on the committee, with those at whose request the committee was appointed, seem to have taken up this matter seriously and so conducted it to the present stage. Instead of casting reflections on them for what they have done or tried to do, we should be disposed to encourage them to continue until a judicial authority has pronounced upon the case, or un til they find this court unable or unwilling to proceed with the inquiry in a fair way. The case of the stock holder who paid par for his stock getting six per cent. or of the holders of "bonus" stock getting six per cent. MANAGING DIRECTOR—Jas. To Crocket
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SAINT JOHN, SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 4, 1910.

MR. LABILLOIS.

It is said that Mr. Labillois is about to go out of politics and take a federal office. This is quite possible. Mr. Labillois, who was perhaps the best administrator in the Tweedie and Pugsley cabinet, has been a mild critic of his successors. He cannot help seeing that his own department is operated much better than before the change of government. Bills are now paid when the money has been earned, and there is no longer an army of commissioners who are using the department as a private bank. Mr. Labillois was never fond of sitting in opposition, and there is little chance of his again obttaining office. Possibly he will be a candidate for Ottawa if Mr. Reid, who now represents Restigouche does not make arrangements to prevent it. The best arrangement is appointment to

The Standard suggests:—
That the Utilities Act was framed for such cases as

he telephone grievance. That the act is on the same lines as those of other

That the commissioners are believed to be capable

That the case against the existing telephone rates as already been prepared by the Board of Trade com-

That until reasons to the contrary appear it is fair to expect that the commissioners will give all possible facilities for the presentation of this case.

That the people expect this matter to be brought efore the commission and have looked for action from the business men who had charge of the inquiry.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S GUILDHALL SPEECH.

Such is Mr. Harvey's statement. A reply to this will be found in a letter which has been sent to The Standard and appears in this issue. This letter speaks for itself.

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Mr. Harvey's statement will hardly convince the public that the case should be dropped or presented in a mere perfunctory matter with the admission at the start that it is hopeless. The act of 1907 cannot be defended from the standpoint of public interest. But at the worst it will not justify the existing charges if the financial position is such as the Board of Trade committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be committee hear presented it. In any case if night be add that the child that the committee hear presented it. In any case if night be add that the thillies Art makes no such condition. Mr. Harvey, is of course right in recogniting the fact that the commission read that the commission of Canada hears lawyers and lay mea, but as it is generally believed, with a decided prevenue for playmen. Lawyer and client got opening the commission of Canada hears lawyers and lay mea, but as it is generally believed, with a decided prevenue for playmen, Lawyer and client got opening the commission of Canada hears lawyers and lay mea, but as it is generally believed, with a decided prevenue for laymen, Lawyer and client got opening the commission of Canada hears lawyers and laymen, and the commission of Canada hears lawyers and laymen, and the commission of Canada hears lawyer and client got opening the commission of Canada hears lawyer and client got opening the commission of Canada hears lawyer and client got opening the commission of Canada hears lawyers and laymen, and the

THE DEAD KING

His marvel of world-gathered armles
—one heart and all races;
His seas 'neath his keels when his
war castles foamed to their places
The thundering foreshores that answered his heraided landing;
The huge lighted cities adorning the
assemblies upstanding;
The Council of Kings called in haste
to learn how he was minded—
The Kingdoms, the Powers, and the
Glories he dealt with unblinded.

To him came all captains of men, all achievers of glory.

Hot from the press of their battles they told him their story.

They revealed him a life in an hour and, saluting departed.

Joyful to their labor afresh, he had made them new-hearted.

And since he weighed men from his youth and no lie long deceived him...

He spoke and excited the truth, and the basest believed him.

bered.

To win time, to turn hate, to woo folly to service and, mightily schooling.

His strength to the use of his Nations to rule as not ruling,
These were the works of our King;
Earth's peace is the proof of them.

We accepted his toil as our right—none spared, none excused him.
When he was bowed by his burden his rest was refused him.
We troubled his age with our weak ness—the blacker our shame to

Already out this fine morning, madame?
Yes, my maid takes such a long time doing my hair I'm taking a walk until she has finished.
Excited Son—Ye've hoked a graund big one this time, father.
The Angler—O, aye. I expect the fish is a' richt, but I'll feel mighty relieved when I get that half a croon fly safely oot o' his mouth.—M.A.P.

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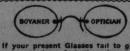
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