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Mayor Fisher Protests Power Company Street Lighting Bill
CITY COUNCIL CONTRACT ENFORCED

MAYOR IS
OPPOSED TO
LIGHT BILL
Fisher Enters a Protest
Against Account of N. B.
Power Company.

TELEPHONE REPORT
Important Matters are Dis-
cussed at Meeting of
Utilities Board

The regular monthly meeting of the New Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities was held this morning with Chairman J. McMillan Trueeman presiding and Commissioners LeBlanc and Burpee present. A number of important matters came before the meeting, including the application of Mayor Fisher on behalf of the City of St. John, which was in the shape of a protest against the bill of the New Brunswick Power Company for street lighting in the North End.

The report of Mr. S. H. Millard on the rates of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., which is published in full in other columns and which has taken some months to prepare, was presented to the Board and the chairman announced the fact. A. N. Carter, of the legal firm of Baxter, Lerwin, Carter & Hutton, appeared on behalf of the N. B. Telephone Co. and asked for a delay of a few days before the report was considered.

At the same time he emphasized the fact that the Telephone Company was anxious to have the matter disposed of as quickly as possible. A. H. Wetmore, representing the Board of Trade, was also in favor of some time elapsing for the consideration of the report before it was taken up by the board.

The utmost fairness was manifested by both Mr. Wetmore on behalf of the Board of Trade, and H. P. Robinson, managing director of the N. B. Telephone Co., who with O. J. Fraser, superintendent of the Telephone Co., was also present.

When it was ascertained that Mr. Millard, the expert of the board, could remain for a few days and give the committee of the Board of Trade and the commissioners all the information and explanations of his report possible, much satisfaction was expressed. A very important reduction in rates was outlined by Mr. Millard over and above those already broached. He said that he thought it would be possible to reduce the long distance tolls schedule between points like St. Leonard's and Campbellton, St. John and Halifax, St. John and Montreal, and St. John and Boston.

To Make Reductions. There would be similar reductions pro rata between other points in the province. The telephone companies between St. John and Boston outside the Province of New Brunswick had agreed to the reduction, and the Bell Company of Canada, which makes connections with Montreal, had also agreed; it only remained for the marine company to agree to the reduction of rates to Halifax.

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SEVEN ARE KILLED
Four Dead in Wrecking of U. S. Cruiser—Three Die in Explosion.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Four lives were lost in the final wrecking of the U. S. cruiser Tacoma at Vera Cruz. The dead were Captain Herbert G. Sparrow, Edward Thaxter Herrick, radio man, second class, Homer Harris, radio man, first class, and Solomon Sivin, radio man, third class.

3 Die in Explosion. Pittsburgh, Jan. 23.—The boiler on an Erie engine, hauling the morning express from Pittsburgh to Cleveland, over the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, exploded at Allegheny, Pa., 23 miles west of here today, while the train was running 40 miles an hour. Engineers George Clark and Fireman J. L. Kuebler and J. R. Meade, road foreman of engines, were killed.

New Automobile Fuel Is Successful
Lyons, France, Jan. 23.—An automobile propelled by gas generated from the combustion of charcoal was given what was pronounced a successful test here yesterday in the presence of a large number of government officials and technical experts.

The machine travelled sixty miles on 25 pounds of charcoal, costing 25 cents, or less than one-fourth the cost of gasoline. The charcoal gas is generated in a compartment built into the rear of the body of the car. The process is that of an Alsatian engineer named Imbert.

CONTROVERSY IS BECOMING ACUTE
British and French and Belgians at Odds Over Railroads in Rhineland.

(By Canadian Press.) Paris, Jan. 23.—The controversy between Great Britain and France concerning the operation of the railroads in the Rhineland appears to be reaching an acute stage. The British complain that the French and Belgians are operating the lines of the railway administration in a manner which leaves Cologne practically isolated, and does not permit of the necessary traffic for provisioning the British area of occupation.

The French reply that if traffic to Cologne is restricted it is because the British will not receive trains of the railway administration. The French and Belgians point out that they have nothing but trains of the administration. If the British are not willing to have them operate on the lines in the British area, the fault is entirely with the British.

WOMAN AND HUSKIES TEAM ARE MISSING
Is Driving Dogs to Montreal Sports—May Be Held Up in Woods.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Jan. 23.—No report of the whereabouts of "Whistling Lyd" Hutchison, of Ashton, Idaho, has been received early today, though the team which he is driving in this city flashed her description last night and asked for information. "Whistling Lyd," woman dog team driver, left Elizabethtown Monday night en route to this city with a dog team which she planned to drive to Montreal for the winter sports.

It has been hoped that she would be located by some of the scattered woods population in this vicinity. When she left Elizabethtown she was faced with severe cold and winds which have prevailed increasingly since that time.

Wire Briefs
Toronto, Jan. 23.—The snowstorm which was fairly general over Ontario yesterday rendered highways and country roads almost impossible in many sections.

Paris, Jan. 23.—Premier Poincaré has introduced a bill in the Chamber of Deputies, conferring upon the government power to exhibit the importation of foreign merchandise into France.

Sydney, Jan. 22.—Negotiations looking towards a settlement of the deadlock between the Dominion Coal Company and the United Mine Workers' Association were commenced at Glace Bay this afternoon.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 23.—New Brunswick Sheep Breeders' Association directors have elected the following officers—President, W. H. Rogers, Woodstock; vice-president, William Hingwood, Kings; secretary-treasurer, James Bremner, Jr.

Halifax, Jan. 23.—At the annual meeting of the Bank of Nova Scotia held here today, George S. Campbell, Halifax, was re-elected president, and J. Walter Allison, Halifax, was re-elected vice-president.

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—Strength of radicalism in the ranks of the United Mine Workers of America will be tested today when the re-election of Vice-President Philip Murray is proposed for adoption at the second day's meeting of the miners' convention.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 23.—Representatives of the British Empire Steel Corporation and the coal miners are in session at the general offices of the Dominion Coal Company, Glace Bay, where a formal negotiation for a new wage agreement were re-opened Tuesday afternoon.

DEATH OF LENINE IS HEAVY BLOW
Trotsky, Ill, May Not Attend Funeral of His Chief.

THOUSANDS MOURN
Requests Made That Nation Carry on Policy of the Dead Premier.

(By Canadian Press.) Moscow, Jan. 23.—The body of Nikolai Lenine, lay last night in the villa at Gorky, where the great Bolshevik premier, stricken with a fatal illness, spent most of the last year of his life. Early this morning a group of Communist party leaders and members of the all-Russian Soviet Congress passed through Moscow's silent and snow-laden streets to the railway station where they boarded a train for the little village. They were to return late tonight, as the official escort of their chief's casket, following it to the hall of columns in the "House of Unions." Here will lie in state until Saturday, the body of the man who spent most of his life in fighting the battles of the Russian Revolution.

Only Lenin's widow, his mother and some of his most intimate friends in the Communist party kept the death watch in the Gorky villa throughout the night. As this little group awaited the coming of the escort, there were messages came from organizers of workers in many of the cities of Europe, from the Communists of all nations who venerated Lenin as the greatest of their political and economic faith, as formal condolences, from some of the Government of the Soviet Union, and from the staff at Gorky.

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Dry League Head Called a Traitor
New York, Jan. 23.—O. B. Phillips, chief prosecution witness in the forger trial of Wm. H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Raid League of New York, was characterized by former Governor Charles S. Whitman, principal defense counsel, as a traitor to his country's blackmailer and extortionist.

DAUGHTER REIGNS AT DOWNING ST.
Ishbel MacDonald is Afraid of Flunkies and Policemen, She Says.

(By Lloyd Allen) (British United Press.) London, Jan. 23.—Ishbel MacDonald, the youngest and dimpledest heiress that ever came to gloomy No. 10 Downing street, is not a whit daunted by the responsibilities of entertaining the Empire's most famous and titled personages when she presides over the household of her father, Britain's new Labor premier.

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SURPRISES IN SELECTION OF CABINET
Railway Walkout Makes a Change in Plans to name Labor Slate.

STRIKE IS FAILURE
Leader of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen Admits Mistake Made.

(By HARRY N. MOORE) (British United Press.) London, Jan. 23.—The official publication of the personnel of the new Labor Government by Ramsay MacDonald, premier-elect, last night contains two surprises, the appointment of J. H. Thomas to the Colonial Secretaryship and the inclusion of Viscount Chelmsford as First Lord of Admiralty.

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Clear Way For New St. John Hotel



Photo taken for the Evening Times yesterday by F. A. McKay of the Luggin Studio, shows Allan Northrup, in the employ of John Flood & Sons, making the start at tearing down the Dufferin hotel to make way for the big Admiral Beatty, to be erected on this site and adjoining lots. The start was made yesterday afternoon.

Little Dusty Shop Where Fortune Came Is Closed; Wall Is Dead

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23.—(United Press)—Dust is fast collecting in the narrow window of a little store down in Biddle street. Residents of the ghetto district passing by stare at the rudely pencilled sign on the door: "Closed on account of death."

MURDER IS CHARGED
Toronto Doctor is Held in Death of Eighteen Year Old Girl.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—Dr. Robert H. Walker, a Toronto physician, faces trial before Mr. Justice Biddell and a jury in the criminal assize court at the City Hall on a charge of murder arising out of the death of Ivy Patterson, an 18-year-old girl, who died following an illegal operation.

MOTHER AND FOUR DAUGHTERS BURN
Huband and Father Suffers Severely in Trying to Rescue Family.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 23.—A mother and her four daughters ranging in age from one to sixteen, were burned to death in a fire at Middle Port, five miles from here, early today, when their home was almost completely destroyed. Andrew Hurvella, the husband and father, was severely burned in attempting to rescue them.

Bandmaster Was 40 Years in Army
London, Ont., Jan. 23.—Captain Michael Ryan, bandmaster of the R. C. I., and one of the most popular officers attached to the permanent force, died last night from pneumonia. He was born in Ireland some 60 years ago. He had served 40 years in the army. He leaves a wife and four children.

Fiaince of Prince Is Operated On
London, Jan. 23.—Lady Alexandra Curzon, whose engagement to Prince George, youngest son of the King, has been reported, has undergone an operation for appendicitis. She is the youngest daughter of Marquis Curzon, retiring foreign secretary.

DELEGATION TO CAPITAL SOON LIKELY

Will Press for the Carrying Out of the Tri-Partite Agreement.
CONFER WITH C. P. R.
Harbor Commissioner, Too, Has a Place in City Hall Discussion.

The City Council this morning decided to press for the carrying out of the 1911 agreement, made between themselves, the C. P. R. and the Government of Canada, and a delegation will in the near future visit Ottawa to take up with the Minister of Public Works the provision of port facilities under this agreement.

The report of the citizens committee of 25, which has had the matter of port administration and development under consideration for some time, was before the committee this morning and it was decided to send copies to Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works; Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C. N. R.; and E. W. Beatty, president of the C. P. R.

Swiss Proposals Accepted by French
Paris, Jan. 23.—The French government has accepted the Swiss proposals to arbitrate the difference between the two countries over the abandonment by France of the Savoy free zone, maintained for many years. The French acceptance of arbitration was given in a note sent to Switzerland today.

Senators and M. P.'s Visit Vancouver
Vancouver, Jan. 23.—Western senators and members of parliament, who have been invited to visit Vancouver by the harbor board, began to arrive yesterday, and by today it is expected that about 25 of them will have reached the city. The visitors will here be shown the harbor and grain handling facilities and the advantages of this city as a grain shipping port will be pointed out. Opportunity will also be taken to put British Columbia's railway freight rates case before them.

Soo Rolling Mills Operating Again
Soo, Ont., Jan. 23.—The 18 inch mill of the merchant mill of the Algoma Steel Corporation has restarted after having been closed down since the middle of October. This mill is running today on the plates for the C. N. R. The 12 inch merchant mill, which began rolling on Monday is running on bars for the Ford Motor Company. The roll mill, which started rolling on January 14, is running 100 pound rolls for the Grand Trunk Railway engine lines. All the rolling mills are now running.

Weather Report
Toronto, Jan. 23.—The depression which was in Northern Ontario yesterday has passed to the lower St. Lawrence Valley and the western high pressure is now spreading over the Great Lakes. The weather is decidedly cold again in the western provinces and northwestern Ontario.

Death List in Fire Now Seven
Lyndonville, Vt., Jan. 23.—The death list from fire which swept this town early yesterday was increased to seven today when six persons who lived in the Stern block, where the fire started, were reported lost, in addition to a woman killed in leaping from a window.

Fair and Colder.
Maritime — Fresh southwest winds with local snowfalls. Thursday northwest winds, fair and colder.
Gulf and North Shore—Light snowfalls. Thursday westerly winds, fair and colder.
New England—Fair tonight and Thursday, colder, strong westerly winds, diminishing tonight.
Toronto, Jan. 23.—Temperatures: Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Table with 2 columns: Station, Temperature. Rows include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, New York.

Below Zero.