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CITY'S HYDRO LIMIT 9,142 HORSEPOWER, SET BY COMMISSION

Peak for December Fixed as
Maximum.

TRYING TO GET FUEL

Four Hundred Cords of Wood
Are Being Purchased for
Local Use.

The hydro-electric commission notified the utilities commission yesterday afternoon that its limit for power must not exceed 9,142 horsepower, the peak for December to date.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan reported that the commission could live under this amount until next August at least.

The commission asked the commission to have all dead and useless trees cut down to furnish wood for citizens. This will be done. The commission will have the parks superintendent remove them, charging the city the actual cost, the wood to be turned over to Inspector McCallum for distribution.

The commission also decided to purchase 400 cords of semi-dry wood from the Beck Box Company. The wood is at Wyton, and will be delivered in London at a cost of approximately \$9 a cord. Commissioner Mitchell thought the commission should look into the best question, and see if some of that fuel could not be secured.

Will Be Appointed.
The Western Fair Association asked the commission to appoint two members to the association. This was referred to the incoming board.

As this was the last meeting of the year, Chairman Pocock took occasion to thank the members of the board for their hearty and sympathetic co-operation during the past year. There had been some differences, but all were looking for the best interests of the city. The report for the year was not ready, but he could assure the board that the best year in the history of the waterworks and electrical departments would be shown.

The waterworks would show a big surplus, in spite of the fact that \$5,000 had to be transferred to Hunt Bros. for the purchase of property. The electrical department would show large profits, in spite of the considerable reduction in the price of power.

Commissioner Mitchell stated that differences arose, but all were trying to do the right thing by the city, and he thought the commission could show that this was true. The people had been helped.

Solved the Problem.
"We have solved the water problem for many years to come," said Pocock. "We have the most economical supply of water every obtained by the city. There was a minimum of two million gallons of water, and three millions of gallons could be obtained. The cost was \$1,000,000, the cheapest and most economically obtained of any supply."

"It is the cheapest certainly to operate," coincided Mr. Mitchell. "It comes to the reservoir by gravity, a most beneficial thing."

Mr. McFarland criticized the council for cutting down the parks board's estimates, for taking the rentals from the parks, and for other petty things. "The parks were a credit. The zoo had been started, and was a big attraction. When the greenhouse was extended, as it should be, the parks would be a credit to supply plants to schools, fire halls and other places."

Was Worth While.
"The big thing is the splendid water supply we obtained this year," declared Mayor Stevenson. "That's something to talk about. That's the commission should pay more attention to Queen's Park," declared Mr. Mitchell. "That has been neglected, and it should be looked after in a better way."

A resolution of condolence to General Manager Buchanan, whose wife died last week, was moved by Commissioner Mitchell. He spoke feelingly of the bereavement of Mr. Buchanan. He also referred to Mrs. Clark, the mother of Mrs. Buchanan, and declared that the hearts of the citizens went out in sympathy to her. All the commissioners spoke feelingly also. A suitable resolution will be drawn up and engrossed.

COUNCIL CONTROLLED ONLY QUARTER OF EXPENDITURE RAISED BY TAXES THIS YEAR

City Clerk's Review of 1917 Council's Work Points Out
Some Interesting Features of London's
Civic Administration.

City Clerk Sam Baker has sent out a circular to the electors, giving much information as to the work done by the council during 1917. It is a very valuable document, and should be read closely by those who pay the taxes.

Mr. Baker analyzes the various civic expenditures and shows the responsibility for the expenditures where it belongs, according to his viewpoint.

In 1915 the expenditure for the year was \$1,635,390. Of this, \$526,223 was paid out on account of debentures, or 26 per cent. This is absolutely uncontrollable.

The various boards, such as the board of health, library, utilities, police commission, hospital trust, board of education, Consumptive Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, cost \$665,905, or 42 per cent of the total cost. Over these expenditures the council has little or no control.

Council Spent 25 Per Cent.
The council expended \$440,557 through the relief department administration of justice, miscellaneous, printing, salaries, police works, soldiers' insurance, light, fire and markets, as 26 per cent of the total expenditure.

The revenue of the council is given as follows: \$1,635,390, received as follows: Rates, \$1,175; market rental, \$5,550; sundry receipts, \$1,225; police and court fees, \$10,333.33; utilities receipts, \$224,246.72; local improvements, \$22,513.31; Dennis and Iron Works, \$1,321.90; taxes, \$1,334,505.87, the balance being \$12,967.45.

Mr. Baker shows how every dollar was expended. Of this No. 1 commitment expended 10 cents; No. 2, 12 cents; administration of justice, 15 cents; police commission, 4 cents; hospital board of health, half a cent; board of education, 20 cents; separate school board, 2 cents; Western University, 1 1/2 cents; library, 1 1/2 cents; parks board, 1 cent; debenture payments, 20 cents; hotel taxes, 2 cents; the Government, 1 cent.

The surplus of \$5,000.
The council of 1917 will have a surplus of about \$5,000.

The surplus was \$16,396 in 1916, it was \$15,336 in 1914 the deficit was \$39,489.

RIDOUT ST. CHURCH ORGAN HAS ARRIVED; DEDICATED JAN. 13

Big New Instrument Reaches
City From Factory.

The new pipe organ recently presented by Henry Pocock to the Ridout St. Church has arrived in the city. It was shipped from St. Hyacinthe, Que., where it was built by the Canadian Pipe Organ Company, the shipment making a considerable haul.

An expert from St. Hyacinthe is expected to arrive in a day or two to superintend the installation. It will require eight or ten days at least.

Arrangements are being completed for the dedication and dedication on Sunday, January 13, followed by a popular concert on Monday evening, January 14. Some of the musical talent of the city will contribute their services gratuitously on Sunday and Monday.

The gift of an organ by a single individual is so unusual that it has created widespread interest within the city, and many are looking forward to participating in the opening exercises.

**McCLARY EMPLOYEES
DREW \$40,000 TODAY**

The McClary Manufacturing Company through its Welfare Association has arranged with the employees, whereby it arranged to deduct from each employee's wages amounts of 25 cents per week or over and open a savings account for them on which the firm pays the employee interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

Stipulation is made that the employees cannot withdraw their money until the end of the year. The money is deposited in a bank, and the employees who come in very conveniently at this season of the year.

It is an advantage to the employees to provide their winter's fuel early, agrees and does purchase through the city dealers the employees' requirements, deducting the amount of same from the savings account.

An indication of how this savings account is taken advantage of by the employees may be gained from the fact that today the McClary Manufacturing Company is issuing checks from this savings account for \$40,000, which amount is being paid to approximately five hundred employees, who signified their wish to withdraw their deposits. Quite a sum still remains to the credit of a large number of employees who wish it to still remain in deposit.

CONSTIPATION POISONS
The blood, perfect elimination is in the liver, open the bowels, and get the system into a good habit by taking Hood's. Do not irritate nor grip. Price 25c. of all druggists or promptly by mail of C. I. Hood Company, Lowell, Mass.

NO MORE RUSHES
Seventeen Documents for Soldiers. Results in Longer "Filling In" Time.

Owing to the fact that there are less than seventeen different documents to be made out for each man who proceeds overseas as a member of the Canadian army, camp orders state that just leave must be completed at least a full week before the date for embarkation, and that the final medical examination must be held a clear 36 hours preceding the time for enlisting.

GRIP FOLLOWS THE SNOW.
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets taken in time will prevent Grip. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 25c. if law.

WHITE'S MAJORITY 2,147.
OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Official figures for the constituency of Leeds received here today show that Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, had a majority of 2,147. Previous unofficial figures gave the majority as 1,220.

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SMALLMAN & GRAM

Tomorrow---Last Saturday Before Christmas

How Christmas Shoppers Can Help

Everyone is patriotic. By being just a little more thoughtful our patriotism can be made most practical this holiday season. Never in the history of our country has there been a great necessity for co-operation between merchants and customers. This year Christmas shopping has many conditions that require more sincere application of "give and take" policies. Your store will do its part and we know that you will do yours. Carry with you all small packages. Shop in the morning if possible. Make sure that the proper address is taken by the salesperson, use a transfer shopping card and avoid errors. Many special sales for Saturday.

OPEN UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

The Store of the Christmas Spirit

Saturday's Special in Linen Dept.

IRISH HAND-EMBROIDERED MUFFIN CASES ONE-THIRD OFF.

8 1/2 dozen only, Irish Linen Muffin Cases, embroidered by hand, in neat sprig and shamrock design. Fresh, clean goods. Marked one-third off for Saturday morning. 43c each.

IRISH EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES, SPECIAL, \$1.69 PAIR.

Choice of three designs, remarkable value in embroidered slips, resembling linen hand embroidery at less than half the price. Size 44 inches. Special. \$1.69 pair.

Irish Embroidered Bedspreads for Gifts, \$4.25.

Large double bed size, choice embroidered spreads at last season's price, should solve the question for that Christmas gift, exceptional value, in heavy Linen Cloth resembling linen in every particular. See these Saturday. \$4.25 each.

Other qualities in single bed at \$3.50 to \$3.75 each. Double bed, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$7.75 each.

Have you seen the pretty Colored Bordered Bath Towels, and reasonably priced, too. Pink, blue, gold. Prices ranging from 37 1/2c to \$2.00 each.

72-Inch All Linen Satin Damask, \$1.50 Yard.

A gift of this damask would be appreciated. full 2 yards wide, guaranteed all pure linen. Stripe and poppy design. Special, per yard, Saturday. \$1.50 yard.

Prettiest Stockings I Ever Wore

That is the sort of a gift of Hosiery that is going to please some woman. It may be a beautiful pair of Fancy Hosiery, richly embroidered hose, or beautiful color, in plain, heavy silk; anyway, you'll find them here in this splendid stock of individual novelties and practical varieties.

Ladies' White Cashmere Hose, seamless, double foot, soft and comfortable; sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price. 75c pair.

Ladies' Fancy or Black Silk Hose, also dainty shades for evening wear. Prices ranging from 85c to \$4.00 pair.

Ladies' Hosiery Silk Hose in black, white, bronze, pearl grey, navy and champagne.

Boys' and Girls' Overstockings, best thing to keep the feet warm and dry; sizes 7 and 7 1/2 at 95c; 8 to 10 1/2 at \$1.00 pair.

Pretty Christmas Neckwear

Dainty Jabots, in georgette, lace and net, with lace trimming.

Smart Tuxedo Collars in wash satin, filet lace, etc. Special line of Jabots, made of net top lace, dainty pattern, large flowing jabot. Extra value. \$1.00.

6 dozen Smart Jabots, made of wash net, with dainty lace trimming. Extra value. 39c.

Wash Satin Tuxedo Collars, 65c, 75c, \$1.50 each.

Dressing Gowns at Half-Price Saturday

Here is an opportunity to secure a splendid Christmas gift, a dressing gown. \$5.95

About 50 Gowns in this lot in shades of grey, fawn, brown, green and red, a fine assortment, all shawl collars, corded and bound edge, pure wool fabric, worth double the price asked for Saturday; sizes 38, 40, 42 and 44. Price \$5.95 Each.

MEN'S SHIRTS.

In soft French cuff or laundered cuff, always a popular gift. We can satisfy you. A great variety of patterns to choose from, fine cambrics, percale, madras, silk and silk mixtures, also wool taffeta, all sizes. Prices from \$1.00 to \$6.50 each.

MEN'S SUSPENDERS, 35c PAIR.

Men's Suspenders, neatly boxed, good webbing, roller ends, assorted patterns. Price. 35c pair.

Other suggestions—Men's Sweater Coats, Caps, Pyjamas, Socks, Ties, Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, Boys' Sweater Coats, Jerseys, Wool Toques and Pyjamas. We can help you to make Christmas shopping easy.

SHOP WITH A TRANSFER CARD
and avoid delay and errors.

SMALLMAN & GRAM

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Black and Colored Dress Satins, One-Third Off Regular Price Saturday Sale \$1.17 Yd.

350 yards in the lot. A few pieces of old and broken numbers heavy quality Dress Satins of Swiss manufacture for early Saturday morning sale. Immediately after Christmas taking preparations will commence. The Department has picked this splendid bargain for Saturday in order that Christmas buyers might profit by this.

Sale of regular Dress Duchesse at price of good quality habutai silks. Here is a list. Sale at 8:30 a.m.

\$1.17 yard for 171 yards of Heavy Black Satin Duchesse, Swiss make, all rich finish, splendid black, 35 inches wide. Saturday, 8:30 a.m., one-third off. Sale price. \$1.17 yard.

\$1.17 yard for 160 yards of Colored Satin Duchesse, 35 inches wide, in navy, dark green, reseda green and deep pink; a firm, rich-finish duchesse, Swiss manufacture; one-third off regular price. Saturday sale. \$1.17 yard.

Your Saturday Treat at Candy Counter

150 lbs. Fresh Chocolate Cream Ovals, delicious Cream centres, chocolate coated and rolled in chopped peanuts. While it lasts Saturday, 150 lbs. Special 32c Lb.

Dainty Georgette Blouses Specially Priced

A few of our very beautiful Georgette Crepe Blouses have been specially priced for the Christmas shoppers. These are very dainty, with touches of hand-embroidery and lace on all the delicate shades and in the newest styles. A very acceptable gift. Special. 50c and \$1.00 each.

Corset Covers, Bodoir Caps and Aprons

Pretty boxed for gifts. Many are specially priced. Dainty Corset Covers, which make very acceptable gifts, in several pretty styles, all nicely boxed. 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Special Crepe de Chine Bodoir Caps, prettily trimmed with lace and ribbon, five dozen only. Special. 50c each.

Pretty Tea Aprons of fine and fancy Muslins, trimmed with dainty lace and insertions. Prices. 25c to \$1.50 each.

Sheep Pillow Cases, Etc.

Hemstitched Sheets, for large beds. Price. \$3.25 pair.

Plain Hemmed Sheets, 60x90. \$1.90 pair.

Superior Quality Sheet, plain hem, 80x90. \$3.50 pair.

Hemstitched Pillow Cases, Horrocks' make, 42-inch and 45-inch, at 25c each.

Hemstitched Slips, 35 inches, 3-inch hem, nicely boxed for gifts, \$1.00 pair.

Bridal Cloth, special, 24-yard lengths, nicely boxed, for \$4.00.

Madapolam, 42 inch wide, beautiful fine cotton, Special 12 yards for \$2.75.

Robe lengths in Flannel or Slumber Rugs, size 70x90, a very acceptable gift. Price. \$4.00 each.

Gift Suggestions in Leather Goods

Ladies' Hand Bags, trap purses, billfolds, etc. Smart new styles in panned plush, beautifully lined; in navy, taupe, nigger brown, etc. Three dozen only. Velvet Hand Bags with chenille tassel, neat nickel frame, nicely lined and fitted with mirror and coin purse. Price. \$1.19.

Three dozen only Ladies' Hand Strap Purses, in smart colors, grey, brown, navy, tan, taupe, black; double opening and extra place for car tickets. Special. \$1.50.

Men's Billfolds, in black calf or imitation morocco, with place for bills, cards, change, calendar and identification card. Special. 75c each.

Boys' and Men's Fancy Purses, in tan calf. Special. 19c each.

Men's Fur Caps

A good Fur Cap should have a place on your list when considering father, husband or brother. Men's Driving Caps, near seal, fine soft fur, in sizes 6 7/8 to 7 3/8. Price, each \$3.00.

Hudson Seal Caps, the driver shape, extra fine quality, in sizes 6 7/8 to 7 3/8. Prices. \$7.00 to \$10.00 each.

MORNING SHOPPING—Most satisfactory from now until Christmas.