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ADDITION TO GAS PLANT HERE IS ANNOUNCED BY M. A. POOLER

Power Company General Manager Returns from New York.

Plans for the addition of equipment to the company's gas plant which will practically double the capacity of their gas holders, were announced by M. A. Pooler, general manager of the New Brunswick Power Company this morning after his return from New York. Mr. Pooler spent about a week in the American metropolises where he discussed with the officials of the Federal Light and Traction Co. plans for the improvement of the street railway and gas branches of the Power Company's operation here.

Mr. Pooler said that W. S. Dole, gas engineer of the Federal Company would be in St. John this week to complete plans for the 1924 work on the gas services. He will probably go ahead to arrange for the erection of one new gas holder with a capacity of about 120,000 cubic feet, which is approximately the present capacity of the three tanks now being used by the company. Mr. Dole will also take up the matter of proposed extensions of the gas mains to West St. John and Fairville and other parts of the city proper, as well as the general improvement of the existing system.

Mr. Pooler also talked over with the Federal people the proposed purchase of new streets cars and projected track improvements for the coming year, and while no definite decision was announced before he left for St. John, he expects to receive further instructions later.

FERRY BUILDING SUBJECT OF TALK

Accommodation for City Offices Again Discussed—Will Enlarge.

The committee of the Common Council this morning decided to have plans prepared for more accommodation in the ferry building and it was suggested that the mayor's office be moved for council meetings until a new council chamber was provided in order to give the present chamber to the chamberlain's staff.

Mayor Fisher reported that he had received from a Gloucester county letter stating that he was about completing a course in finger print work and seeking a position on the John detective force. This was passed over to Commissioner Thornton.

He also reported that the matter of a conference next week with the chairman of the accommodation was in the city.

Commissioner Bullock reported on the matter in the ferry building and was given authority to make some temporary repairs to the buildings. The cost was \$200.

On motion of Commissioner Frink the motion of Isaac Frink was ordered cancelled.

Commissioner Frink reported on the matter of the drafting room to the mayor building.

Commissioner Frink was of the opinion that the present location of the drafting room was the best and it might be possible to move some of the offices to the ferry building when it was remodelled.

Commissioner Wigmore said if the drafting room were moved to the ferry building there should be a large vault built to house the plans of the engineering department.

Commissioner Frink said the main thing to do was to get out of the committee room and hand it over to the chamberlain's department.

Commissioner Thornton suggested using the Mayor's office for council meetings until a new council chamber had been provided.

New Building Commissioner Wigmore asked if the idea of a new municipal building had been abandoned and said if the ferry building were enlarged and better conditions for the chamberlain provided it would shelve the bigger project. He was in favor of a new building where all the Commissioners could be under one roof.

It was decided to enlarge the building to provide accommodation for some of the civic offices according to a plan to be prepared by the city engineer.

Commissioner Frink reported that he had been informed the cost of the comfort station as proposed would be between \$10,000 and \$20,000 but it would be possible to make the building smaller.

F. E. WILLIAMS IS OPERATED ON IN MONTREAL F. E. Williams was operated on in the Montreal General Hospital yesterday. He was resting easy today after a restless night. He has been there for more than a month and was operated on early in December for stomach trouble. The last operation was to remove an intestinal growth. Mrs. Williams has been with him for some time, and his daughters, Mrs. Gilmour and Mrs. Ham, arrived in Montreal yesterday morning.

TO CONFER TODAY Commissioner Frink reported that he was to meet, this afternoon, C. J. Milligan, general counsel for the C. N. R. and Mr. Stewart, in connection with the land the railway desired to secure on Southwark and Lombard street.

HONOR COMES TO REV. H. A. CODY

N. B. Author Receives Specially Bound Copy of "King's Arrow."

The Rev. H. A. Cody of this city has received the following letter from Sir Ernest Hodder-Williams, C. V., O., chairman of the great publishing house of Hodder & Stoughton, London, England:

Dear Mr. Cody:—Will you please accept the accompanying specially bound copy of "The King's Arrow" with my warmest regards and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, JAN 10

High Tide... A.M. High Tide... P.M. Low Tide... 8.38 Low Tide... 8.08 Sun Rises... 8.01 Sun Sets... 8.39

LOCAL NEWS

OFF TILL AFTERNOON. Fred Fym, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing an overcoat from Reginald Whipple, appeared before Magistrate Henderson in the police court this morning and pleaded not guilty. Owing to city court cases pending, this case was set aside until this afternoon.

IN CHANCERY In the Chancery Court before Chief Justice Hester this morning, D. Mullin, K. C., presented an application for the appointment of Mrs. Mary Shea as guardian of the estate of John, the infant child of the late B. R. Violette, the chief justice said that he would make an order for the appointment. The application was unopposed.

AT HEALTH CENTRE It was announced this morning that Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts would preside at the public meeting at the Health Centre on Friday evening and amongst the speakers will be Chief Justice H. A. McKewen, His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc or his representative and Rev. J. S. Bonnell. Solos will be given by Mrs. Blake Ferris and Thomas Guy, with Mrs. Usher Miller and Mrs. Guy acting as accompanists. The High School orchestra will also contribute to the programme.

LECTURE GIVEN The monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of Central Baptist church was held yesterday afternoon in the vestry of the church, Mrs. J. J. Gillies, president, in the chair. The routine business an excellent lecture on the "New Canadian" was given by Mrs. G. W. Parker and those present thoroughly enjoyed the message of the speaker. Papers were read by Mrs. R. D. Christie and Mrs. F. McArthur and a solo was sung by Miss Gore. At the close of the programme daily refreshments were served.

A PROMISING SINGER. Miss Olive H. Rankin, daughter of Police Sergeant Rankin, has returned to her studies at Mount Allison University, Sackville. During her Christmas vacation the young lady, who is yet in her teens, was heard by many at Imperial Theatre in one of the city's theatre's enjoyable concerts. She sang that well known setting of Charles Kingsley's poem "The Sands O' Dee" by Clay, two bright little encore bits, and Shannon's soulful croon, "That's An Irish Lullaby."

STANDBY CHARGE IS TALKED OVER The matter of a standby charge by the New Brunswick Power Co. to those who were using their system as an auxiliary to the hydro was brought up at City Hall today by Mayor Fisher, who is secretary of the Board of Public Utilities against it as it was declared to be interfering with their business. The charge levied was \$2 per month and applied to the commercial lighting and was regarded as too high. City solicitor gave it as his opinion that the city was the only one that could make an appeal, and the Mayor moved the appeal made.

Commissioner Thornton said he thought this was a matter for the customers themselves.

The Mayor said he regarded this as a penalty imposed on the people who had taken the hydro current.

Commissioner Wigmore said if the appeal as it was the duty of the council to protect the interest of the citizens. The act gave the Power Co. the right to earn 8 per cent, and the directors had the power to set the rates to earn that amount.

Commissioner Frink questioned this and said it was his opinion the Utilities Board then who set the rates.

After some discussion His Worship withdrew his motion.

NEWSPAPER MAN HERE ON THE WAY TO ENGLAND H. J. Loftus-Price, Montreal newspaperman, arrived here this morning en route to London, England, where he expects to continue in the journalistic realm.

He was connected with the Montreal Star for several years, starting as a reporter and working up the ladder of "copy" to the assistant telegraph clerk. He was well known in the sporting world and covered, among other things, the international yacht races between the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club and the White Bear Club of Minnesota in 1921 in the Canadian ladies' open and close golf championships, 1922; the Eastern Canada covered courts tennis championships in 1921, and the Dominion amateur golf championships at Kanawaki last year.

During the war he rose from the ranks of the Welsh regiment to flying officer observer in the Royal Air Force, in which branch of the service he was shot down by Baron Von Richtofen and interned in Germany for 21 months.

ICE CROSSING IS NOT GENERAL YET

Conditions in River Country Much Different from Last Year.

Ice traveling on the St. John river and the Kennebecosis, is not established yet for sure. There have been numerous crossings made by foot travelers and some men with teams have ventured across, but the ice is not yet generally considered safe for travel.

An ingenious method was employed in the narrow stretches of the main river about opposite Hampstead a few days ago which insured the country folk against danger when crossing to the other side. Holes were cut in the ice which caused a flow of water over that area. The water thus brought to the surface melted the blanket of snow which has been retarding freezing and caused a thickening of the surface. Thus strengthened from the outside the river became "navigable" for teams.

The presence of a fairly heavy covering of snow and the absence of much steady cold have been the cause of delay in making the river safe for heavy teaming. The same cause has interfered with lumbering operations particularly in getting heavy draft horses over swamps and bog leading to the woods. Underneath the ground is not yet frozen so solidly enough to withstand great weights.

Bettered conditions are confidently expected after the next snow touch. Last year the difficulty was of the opposite character, too much cold weather and much continued storm and stress. To the city resident these caprices of King Winter may not appear so serious but to beleaguered merchants in the country anxious to get their goods into market and lumbermen anxious to move their cuts they mean much.

W. H. LATHAM WINS FORD PROMOTION

Goes to Walkerville Office After Three Years Service in St. John.

William H. Latham, chief clerk of the local branch of the Ford Motor Co. of Canada, has been promoted to a position in the home office of the company at Walkerville, Ont. and left on Monday to take over his new duties. While the congratulations of a large circle of friends will be extended to him on his promotion, his departure will be learned with regret, particularly in sports circles.

Mr. Latham was more than three years in the Ford service here, entering the employ of the local branch in October, 1920. He was a veteran of the great war, having gone overseas with the 4th Siege Battery. His wife, who was formerly Miss Mildred Barnes of this city, expects to join her husband in the spring.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, the finance committee of the Municipal Council has the centre of the stage at present.

"He's?" said Hiram. "What's it doin'?"

"Raising the taxes by lowering them and lowering them by raising them," said the reporter. "It's serious business with them."

"I s'pose it is," said Hiram. "They hev to keep their eye on the nimble dollar. One minute they got it an' the next they haint. It keeps hoppin' round like a flea on a hot griddle. An' then the rest of you folks steps in an' gives it a shoot up an' they pull it down—an' afore they know where they are, up it goes agin. Well, I'll tell you, Mister—if you're gonto cut the taxes you want to take care you don't drive the axe in the wrong place. It takes a man with a heart as well as a head to do the cuttin'. No addin' machine wont do it—no, sir."

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