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STEPHEN TENDER WAS THE LOWEST

Bids for Distribution System Considered by Hydro Commission

That Body Refuses to Accept Responsibility for a Contract Awarded Against Its Wishes—Transformers Being Moved to Sub-station Site—Other Business.

The Civic Hydro Commission, in session this morning recommended to Common Council the acceptance of the tender of the Stephen Construction Co. for the construction of the civic distribution system and asked the Council to authorize an expenditure of \$68,745.04 for the work.

R. A. McAvity, chairman, presided and others present included Roy A. Willett, secretary; P. B. Yates, general manager; Barry Wilson, engineer, and Mayor Fisher, John N. Flood, W. L. Harding, A. M. Rowan and Felix McMullin, members.

At the opening of the meeting the following resolution was passed:—

"Whereas the Common Council has not carried out the recommendation of the Power Commission that the contract for building foundations for steel structure and the erection of same on foundation be awarded to H. O. Clark and has authorized an expenditure of \$1,200 for work to be done by Saab & Co.

Be it resolved that the commission do on record as refusing to accept any responsibility in the matter and that the cost of same must be borne by the Common Council, but in order that there be no delay in commission and therefore the signing of a contract with Saab & Co."

Progress Report.

The general manager and engineer presented a report which was in part as follows:—

The sub-station is reported as completed by H. O. Clark on May 15 as per contract. We will inspect it this afternoon and if satisfactory, will take it over.

The transformers are all loaded on skids and are on their way to the sub-station. The condition of Creamon Avenue should be improved and authority should be given to make the necessary arrangements at a cost not to exceed \$50. It is necessary to have the transformer footings installed at the earliest possible date as a delay in this work will postpone the date on which we will be able to use the power for which we are paying.

The Canadian Westinghouse Co. has asked for authority to make shipment of the indoor switching equipment, which has been granted.

The storehouse has been completed and is in use for materials which are arriving. Four carloads of poles have been unloaded in the pole yard. One car of wire has been placed in the storehouse and several carloads of line materials have arrived. Tenders have been called for some of the necessary equipment and tenders for electrical equipment which will close on May 21.

Tenders for the electric distribution system and tenders for watt-hour meters have been referred to us for report. The tenders for meters have not been given consideration, but a report will be prepared for the next meeting.

Authority should be given your engineer to select capable inspectors for the erection of a distribution system, as we expect the work to start within a week.

LOCAL NEWS

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Furlong announce the engagement of their only daughter, Dorothy Ollendorf to Arthur McLean, son of Mrs. and the late James Steel, the wedding to take place early in June.

SUGAR REDUCED

A reduction of forty cents a hundred pounds was made in the price of all grades of sugar here this morning, following the action of the tariff as introduced in the Canadian House of Commons last week.

MORE MATERIAL

Another carload of copper wire and a carload of pole cross-arms arrived in the yard of the Civic Electric Commission and are being unloaded at the Rotheray avenue warehouse. Another carload of cedar poles is also due.

CONTRACTORS TO MUSQUASH

Seven or eight contractors who anticipate figuring on the work of making repairs to the bridge here, are today at Musquash were taken over the site today by Mr. Rigby, of the N. B. Commission's engineers.

HOLDER-BREWSTER

In Trinity Church on last Thursday evening, May 10, at 6 o'clock, Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong united in marriage Miss Earline Brewster and Frederick Holder, both from the West Indies. The bride received many beautiful and useful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Holder will reside in St. John.

W. C. T. U. ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the St. John Women's Christian Temperance Union was held this afternoon with the president, Mrs. Hope A. Thomson, in the chair. Following the business meeting, at which reports from the various officers and committees will be read and the officers for the coming year selected, a social hour will be spent.

WELCOME VISITOR

In the mail coming to The Times this morning was a small box containing three blossoms, two of the strawberry and one called a tobacco blossom, which are probably the first of their kind picked in the city this season. They were found along the railway track near Bentley street by two young children, Dorcas and John Major, of Cheley street. All three were in a well advanced stage of growth.

SEVENTY-NINE YEARS OLD

Robert A. Johnston, veteran printer and pressman, is receiving congratulations on the attainment of his seventy-ninth birthday. Mr. Johnston is still able to do a good day's work at the press, and is enjoying excellent health. His recollections of the printing and paper trade in St. John are most interesting. He was born in St. John, and has lived here all his life. In his prime a man of remarkable physical strength, he is still hale and hearty, and can write as smoothly and plain a hand as any high school student.

BOARD OF TRADE MATTERS

The matter of the appointment of a Canadian agent in New York to facilitate the shipment of freight from Eastern Canada to the West Coast, was brought before the local Board of Trade recently by the Vancouver Sun, is being taken up by the Board of Trade. The association, and the board has been asked to obtain the views of local shippers.

A letter received by the Board of Trade this morning requested a list of the principal exporters in the city. A man in Paris, France, wrote asking the names of salmon and lobster exporters.

ST. JOHN VISITORS AT ANTIGONISH

Many Attend Commencement Exercises at St. F. X.—Programmes of Today and Tomorrow.

(Special to The Times.)

Antigonish, N. S., May 15.—Commencement exercises at St. Francis Xavier College here are being held today. A large number of visitors from outside points have arrived for the occasion. As has been remarked for many years, fine weather prevails for the exercises. The closing exercises begin at three p. m., with Right Rev. James Morrison, Bishop of Antigonish, presiding. Twenty-six degrees will be given this year—two masters of arts, three bachelors of science, and twenty-one bachelors of arts. The salutary commencement exercises the faculty, students and visitors will proceed to Antigonish Cathedral, where solemn benediction by Bishop Morrison will be given. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. Wm. Hogan, S.S.R., of St. John. In the evening the alumni banquet will be held at the Royal George Hotel.

Tomorrow morning the annual meeting of alumni will be held, and in the evening the junior class will give a reception and dance to the graduates. This year the reception will be held for the first time in the new college gymnasium. A large crowd is expected. Among the visitors were for the closing are Miss Florence McIntyre, Miss Anna McGarrigle, Mrs. P. L. Jennings, Miss Anna Jennings, John Hogan and W. R. Walsh of St. John. Among the degrees to be conferred are the following:—

B. Sc.—Frederick Cyril Jennings, St. John, N. B.

Bachelor of Arts—Miss Marguerite Marie Michaud, Buctouche, N. B.; Miss Kathleen MacDonnell Hayes, Nash Creek, N. B.; Francis Joseph Payne, Upland, N. B.

Pythian Sisters in Kiddie Roles

Unique and Merry and Exclusive Event was Birthday Party Last Night.

Perhaps the most amusing thing that has happened in busy Pythian circles for years was the first birthday party of a young lady, Pythian Sisterhood, held last evening in Pythian Castle, Union street. This energetic body of women, including a large percentage of matrons, some of whom, by reason of their long association with the fraternal having reached the stage of grandmotherhood, entered into the spirit of the "first" birthday of their "Temple" as closely to the letter as possible. The majority of the ladies attired themselves as children from two to ten years of age, appearing in frocks and pinafores, rompers, half-hose, golden locks, braided hair and all the other distinctive marks of childhood. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association quite naturally were called into requisition to transport this aggregation of youngsters to the place of merriment and back home again after the festivities. Members of the male persuasion were rigorously excluded from the Castle. Even the duties of caretaker were taken over by some stalwart ladies whilst the party was in progress.

The idea of a children's party was carried out also in the programme and it was highly amusing to hear the little ones recite their pretty little pieces and warble trifling little ditties not to mention such piano solos as "Where, Oh, Where is My Little Dog Gone, etc. The dialogues were certainly not anything like those which would be written and the choruses a shrill mixture of discordant notes. During the proceedings suckers and animal-shaped biscuits were served and on the promise of their being good little girls, the party was finally taken up stairs to the auditorium where a screaming farce entitled "Murder Will Out," was put on by members of the Temple under the direction of Miss Edith Nixon. A miniature stage was set and the whole affair was like a reality play.

The party was thrown somewhat into an uproar at one of its interesting stages when Hiram Hornbeam and Janner made their appearance and signified their intention of "settling" down for the play-acting. Altogether the Temple put across a distinct novelty that was carried out with such adherence to the idea of a kiddie's birthday party that the event seemed to genuinely good from a news standpoint to withhold from print, even though its general scheme was confined exclusively to the members.

R. A. McAVITY NOW LIEUT.-COLONEL

Receives Promotion and is Appointed Commander of 7th C. M. G. Brigade.

Major Ronald A. McAvity has been notified that he has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Canadian Active Militia and has been appointed officer commanding the 7th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, succeeding Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Merrens, of Fredericton. His many friends will congratulate him on his promotion.

TAKEN TO DIGBY

Chief of Police R. C. Ellis of Digby arrived in the city last evening and left again this morning for Digby taking with him Leslie Sergeant who was arrested here on Friday charged with abducting Dorothy Louise Doucett, six-months-old daughter of Hilda Doucett. The child has been cared for while here at the Children's Aid Home.

LOCKE-NICKERSON

A very pretty wedding was solemnized this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock in St. Matthew's church, Douglas avenue by Rev. W. H. Spencer, when he united in marriage Miss Alice R. Nickerson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Nickerson, of 70 Metcalfe street, and Albert E. Locke, of St. John. The bride, who was given away by her brother, William Nickerson, was charmingly attired in a traveling suit of navy blue tulle with hat to match and carried a bridal bouquet. Miss Jennie Keim was organist and played "The Wedding March." Many guests were received, including a chest of silver from C. Stevenson, the bride's former employer. The groom's present was a handsome fox fur. Mr. and Mrs. Locke left for Montreal where they will reside.

PURPOSE DRIVING CHARGE

John J. Kelly pleaded guilty this morning in the police court to a charge of being drunk and not guilty to one of purposely driving a horse and carriage in Union street. Policeman Coughlan said that with Policeman Orr in Dock street last night he had heard shouting and seen people running. He had seen two people in a wagon drive through the crowd at a gallop. He had run to the corner and had seen the team going up Union street. He had waited on the corner and later the team had returned and he had placed the accused under arrest. The magistrate said he would remand the accused for the present as he understood that another charge was to be laid against him during the day.

One man charged with drunkenness was remanded.

KIDNAPPING CASE

A case of kidnapping from the Children's Aid Home occurred last night about 5 o'clock. It was frustrated only by the prompt action of Detective Biddiscombe and Miss Ross, the police matron, through whose efforts the child was restored to the Home again about 8 o'clock. The father of the children, Ernest Brown, also helped to get the child back into the care of the society. Nobody seems to have witnessed the abduction of the little one who was playing in the yard, but the mother is between three and four years old, secretary was arranging to have all the material of the commission insured as it was delivered. The police, he expected, would be ready today.

The Mayor advised the commission that its recommendations would be considered at a meeting of the council this afternoon.

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