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ELECTRIC LIGHT CONSUMPTION.

Patron's letter to the Editor published elsewhere in this issue, is one that deserves careful reading and consideration.

On the 16th of January last the Newcastle Town Council, voted to amend the Light by-laws so that a discount of 33 1/3 per cent, should be allowed on all monthly accounts of \$1.00 and upwards, and a meter rent of fifteen cents be charged on all monthly accounts of less than \$1.00.

Alderman W. H. Belyea moved that the discount should apply to all accounts, and argued along the same lines as our correspondent; but the majority did not agree with him.

The principle under which the consumer of six kilowatts per month has to pay more than has the consumer of ten kilowatts, is certainly unsound. It undoubtedly works out to the disadvantage of the small consumers who are in the aggregate, or would be under favorable circumstances, the town's best customers. The Electric Light by-laws evidently need further amendment.

THE CHATHAM EXHIBITION.

In another column will be seen the advertisement of the Chatham Exhibition, which will be held from September 14th to the 19th. This is prominently the exhibition of the North Shore counties, and should be, and no doubt will be patronized by all the progressive citizens of northern and eastern New Brunswick. This is not merely Chatham's show, but belongs equally to all the Miramichi and to all the sections bordering the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The free transportation of farm exhibits is a feature that farmers should not lose sight of.

The fact that Chatham has a race track unsurpassed in New Brunswick, should draw a class of fast horses to the show.

Everything points to the exhibition being a success; and it certainly will be such if our people, determining to make it so, act together with harmony and promptitude.

THE C. P. R. STRIKE.

The Mechanics of the Canadian Pacific Railway, numbering some six thousand, went out on strike on the fifth instant, dissatisfied with the terms of the decision given by the board of conciliation under the Lemieux Act so called.

The Arbitration board consisted of three members, one representing the Mechanical Unions; one, the C. P. R.; and one, the Government. The C. P. R. man was also a government appointee, the company having refused to have anything to do with the proceedings. The board brought in two reports, one signed by the two Government appointees, and a minority report signed by the workmen's representative. The majority report, although the company declared it unsatisfactory, was nevertheless accepted by them; but the workmen, feeling they had been duped, refused to acquiesce, even under protest, and proceeded to take the law in their own hands, the Lemieux Act, as yet, proving ineffective in preventing cessation of work.

The strikers have acted unwisely, in disobeying the award of a Government tribunal. The Government represents the whole people, whose interests are of very much greater importance than those of either the company or its employees. There is no disgrace—no loss of dignity—in submitting to an adverse decision coming from the Government of a country where the members of parliament are elected by manhood suffrage. In such cases, workmen should remain at their employment, and endeavor to get redress by becoming more active politically. If the Government's decision does not suit them, let them take all proper means to change the government, but they should not tie up the means of transportation and thus injure thousands of innocent people.

Neither has a company the right to do as it pleases with its employees. The interests of the public are paramount, and whenever employers and employees fail to agree, it is the duty of the Government to make what arrangements it considers best for the greatest number and enforce obedience from all parties concerned.

KENT COUNTY LIBERALS FEEL CONFIDENT

(Richibucto Review)

A call has been issued to the Liberals of Kent to meet at Barnes' Hall, Buctouche, on Monday, the seventeenth day of August to nominate a government candidate for this county at the next Dominion election. The convention will be open to all friends of the party throughout the county and it is confidently expected there will be a large attendance. The Liberals of Kent were never more united and confident than they are at the present time, and they will go into the next contest with every assurance of success. The general opinion is that the elections will be called on some time next fall, but whether held now or not until next year, it is for the party to be organized and ready. The choice of a candidate will not be a matter of much doubt if Hon. O. J. LeBlanc will consent to again lead the party. He has been one of the most earnest and attentive representatives this constituency has ever had. He has looked well after the interests of his constituents and can point with pride to the many public works he has secured for the county during his term at Ottawa. His record alone entitles him to a renewal of that confidence which the electors of the county on several previous occasions have given him.

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT.

(St. John New Freeman)

The Katzenjammer Kids, Buster Brown, Mugsy and the rest of the moral teachers of the Sunday secular press are doing splendid work in destroying parental authority and respect for age. Having successfully ridiculed the civil authorities until no one is safe from their shafts of disrespect and having, as a rule, belittled the regard which is naturally and rationally due to the teachers of religion, the Sunday supplement has nearly killed the childish regard for parents. Some one has said there are no children in America—either infants or men and women matured or maturing. Another vicious tendency suggested and taught by the comic supplement is a disregard for elementary politeness on the part of children. Only last week a boy unable to read an English paper, but with a capacity for absorbing stupid illustrations, placed a lighted paper under the bench of a working girl, who was resting in one of the New York parks set fire to her clothing and caused her death. On the Sunday previous in a comic supplement Mugsy set off a fire-cracker under somebody and made five dollars by the operation. The little foreigner saw his Sunday papers, absorbed Mugsy and is now a murderer. The Sunday supplement ought to go. They should be rebuffed by decent people. They are demoralizing and degrading, and of interest only to fools or perverted minds.

STRATHADAM.

Aug. 5—The weather has been very favorable for the haymakers this summer.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Parker on the arrival of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy.

Mr. W. W. Brackett, wife, and daughter Irene and Miss C. G. Campbell are spending their vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Howes in Strathadam and visiting friends in Whitneyville.

Mrs. Margaret Clark is visiting friends in Halcumb.

Miss O. Parker has returned home from Methuen, Mass., to visit her parents and friends.

Trucks are frequently seen around Mrs. G. T. Howes in the dew of the morning.

Editors' Mail.

To the Editor of The Advocate,

Dear Sir:—

Sometime ago it was decided by our town council that electricity be supplied to the residents of Newcastle at 15 cents per kilowatt hour, with a reduction of one third, provided that the consumer used a dollar's worth or more per month, and that the bill was paid before the 11th of the following month.

It was also agreed that not only would the moderate consumer receive no discount but that he be required to pay 15 cents for meter rent.

Perhaps our worthy town council did not fully consider how this rule would work. They certainly could not have realized it was an injustice to the working man with the small house or that they had put a premium upon wastefulness and extravagance.

The ordinary small house occupied by the ordinary family under ordinary circumstances will not consume during these long summer evenings more than four kilowatts per month. For these four watts he is charged 60 cents plus 15 cents, 75 cents, and no discount, while the other person, more lavish, or wasteful, burns 8 watts and pays only 30 cents. Similarly under the same rules the one using 6 watts pays \$1.05 while the consumer of 7 watts pays only 70 cents.

If we consider the case of a careful, frugal, industrious housekeeper who burns only 1 watt these months we find she is charged 30 cents or an increase of 300 per cent.

I feel sure Mr. Editor, that our town council is working for the good of all the people, and, while rightly anxious to guard against losses, did not mean to inflict any injustice against the working classes or to deprive them from the enjoyment of electric light in their homes by a prohibitive rate.

Other towns and cities are seeking to lower the cost of electricity without adding to the taxes. They know that light is an antidote to crime—a safe guard to the people. In a year or two Chicago will have the low rate of seven cents per unit, or kilowatt hour, yet showing a profit to the producers of the electricity. I only plead for a fair deal for the working classes and feel sure that if our town fathers do not see their way clear to grant the one-third discount to all patrons, they will at least remove the meter tax.

Sincerely yours,

PATRON.

Newcastle, Aug. 10, 1908.

NORMAL SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS.

170 Failed to Qualify Out Of 719 Candidates.

FREDERICTON, N. B. Aug. 6.—The result of the Normal School entrance examinations was made public by Chief Supt. Inch today. There were in all 719 candidates who took the examinations and 170 failed to classify.

In class One, 66 passed, in class Two 301 and in class Three 182 making a total of 549. Arthur H. Mitchell, of Campbellton led in class One, Vega A. Wilson, of Hopewell Cape in Class Two. The twelve in these classes who stood next in order were:

Class One—Arthur J. Kelly, Oak Point; Margaret Pringle Stanley Flora Atkinson, Richibucto; Mae Edna Coy, Upper Gagetown; Katie A. Corbett, Lower Millstream; Mildred E. Carson, Havelock; Hughina Mc Cain, Florecoeville; Robert B. Fraser, Rexton; Delia Cyr, Chatham; Alice I. Harold, Centreville; Helen C. Steeves, Weldon.

Class Two:—Rosana Sirois, St. Louis; Frances K. Smith, Elgin; Margaret M. Scott, Bairdsville; Antia Gallagher, Tracadie Station; Edith B. Lank, Welshpool; E. Hilda Stewart, Dalhousie; Ruth A. Harper, Jacksonville; M. Stella Burns, Rexton; Nettie S. Manuel, South Knowlesville; Clarissa R. Perkins, Scribners; Helen Everett, Woodstock.

Ran Engine Into Pit.

KENORA, Friday—Yesterday morning a locomotive was run into the turntable pit here. It is claimed by one of the striking shopmen. Hostler had brought the locomotive out of the shop and it had been turned over to the engine crew who had placed it on a siding in readiness to take out an east bound train. When the engineer was absent for a few minutes in the shops getting something which he had forgotten, some one sneaked up to the engine and opened a throttle. The sliding leading to the turntable was open and the engine ran into the pit. The damage was only slight.

Drowned in Atlantic

HALIFAX, Friday—Last night the captain of the schooner Norumbega started a boat from the shore to board their vessel lying in stream. The boat was upset and all were thrown into the water. A passing schooner rescued five of them but Chief Probation attempted to swim ashore and was drowned. The body has not been recovered.

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LABOR ORGANIZER TALKS

Says That the N. B. Factory Inspector Is Not Doing His Duty.

W. R. Trotter, of Winnipeg, general organizer for the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, addressed a slimly attended meeting of working men in St. John Thursday night. He bitterly denounced the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and charged that it kept alive mushroom organizations like the National Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to oppose international unions of organized labor. He charged that the New Brunswick factory inspector was not doing his duty, and that hundreds of children were working in factories who should be sent home.

Gave His Life For Others

LAKE HOPATCOING, N. J. Wednesday.—Charles Pfister, of New York city, was drowned in Lake Hopatcong last night, while attempting to rescue four women and two men who were on board a launch on which the gasoline tank had exploded. One of the young women in the launch jumped into the boat occupied by Pfister and a companion upsetting the boat, throwing the three persons into the water. Pfister could not swim, but the others were rescued. The occupants of the launch included Miss Louise Black, Miss Alice Black, and Miss Ethel Henderson of Paterson, and Miss May Heiser of Branchbrook, who were rescued by other boats.

CAMPBELLTON BOARD OF TRADE

Holds Meeting and Elects Officers and Delegates.

A large and representative meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the Council chambers Friday evening, President A. G. Adams in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of. A large number of new members was added to the roll of the Board.

The election of officers was then in order. G. G. McKenzie was selected president; F. M. Murray, vice-president; and John T. Reid secretary and treasurer.

On assuming the duties of his new office President G. G. McKenzie stated that one of the objects of the meeting was to discuss the matter of laying extra railway siding across the street at Mowat's corner. He was of the opinion that these extra crossings would make traffic in this street much more dangerous than it was at the present time. He would like to hear the opinions of other members of the Board on the subject. The matter was discussed fully by a large number and it was moved, seconded and carried that a telegram be sent to the Minister of Railways asking that the work of laying the above mentioned sidings be stopped until it could be ascertained the actual purpose for which these sidings were intended.

Typhoid in Montreal

MONTREAL, Friday—An unusual prevalence of typhoid fever in Montreal at present is causing health departments some worry. It is stated that the number of cases at present aggregate 200.

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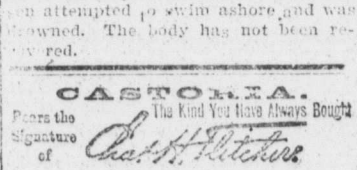
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