

## NEW HYDRO RATES SHOW REDUCTIONS

Substantial Cut Proposed in  
Flat Rate as Well as in  
Power Cost.

### COMPARISONS ARE MADE

Areas Above Four Hundred  
Feet Will Gain Substantial  
Saving.

The following are the new rates for hydro service in Toronto, as submitted by the local management to the provincial commission. The basis of charge is the same as the old system, but reductions in the price of power take effect when the householder has more than 100 feet area.

**Residence Service.**  
Service charge—To be graded as follows: On the basis of 4 cents per 100 square feet of floor area.

First 400 square feet rated at 40c.  
Next 400 square feet rated at 50c.  
Next 1000 square feet rated at 80c.  
Remainder square feet rated at 50c per cent.

Therefore the rate has been 4 cents per 100 square feet for any area; the new rates therefore show a substantial service charge reduction for residences with over 400 feet area.

On 400 square feet the reduction is 13 per cent., and all additional 50 per cent.

**Shanty charge.**—The first 4 k.w. area per 100 square feet of chargeable floor area per month, at the rate of 3 cents per k.w. hr., and the balance at 1 1/2 cents per k.w. hr.

As the rate previously has been 3 cents straight, there is a 50 per cent. reduction in all the supply over 4 k.w. hours per 100 square feet.

As in the old rates the winter bill will be subjected to a 10 per cent. discount for cash within 10 days of date. The present minimum bill is to be retained.

**Commercial lighting.**—The equivalent of the first 30 hours' use of the maximum demand at the rate of 8 cents per k.w. hr., and the balance at 1 1/2 cents per k.w. hr.

All in excess of the foregoing at the rate of 1 1/2 cents per k.w. hr.

As the old rates were 3 cents, the reduction is 50 per cent.

The whole bill to be subjected to 10 per cent. discount for cash within 10 days of date. The present minimum bill is to be retained.

**City Waterworks.**  
Service charge—42 cents per month in respect of the service, up to the present demand.

Energy charge—At the rate of 4 cents per k.w. hour for all electrical energy supplied.

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**Civic Car Lines.**  
For details, see notes in the report, and subject thereto to a 1 1/2 cent rate or its equivalent.

**Power A. C. and D. C.**  
Reduction of 5 to 4 cents in tariff rate in case of A. C. and D. C. if thought wise, the general manager does not advocate it. Off peak customers can at any time arrange an equitable rate.

**Coupons Report.**  
Accompanying the announcement of a substantial cut in the Toronto hydro rates is an extensive report from General Manager Cousins, giving in detail the reasons for the reduction, and the following table, compiled by himself and Engineer Gaby, showing estimates of the profit and loss of Toronto services during the past year.

**Reason for Discrepancies.**  
The Exhibition figure is included only to make the table complete, but as they do not cover Exhibition weeks they are not truly representative.

The different methods in which the two statisticians allocated the costs is mainly responsible for the discrepancies in figures. Mr. Cousins makes a much larger allowance for depreciation than Engineer Gaby, but it is to be noted that both agree as to which services have been run at a profit.

**Percentage of Reductions.**  
The new rates applied to residences of various areas would result in the following percentage of reductions: For the residence of 400 feet floor area, 8 per cent.; for residence of 800 feet floor area, 13 per cent.; in commercial lighting it means a reduction of approximately 55 per cent. for the average size store.

**GERMAN SOLDIERS SAY THEY HAVE HAD ENOUGH**  
Crossed the Frontier From Belgium Into Holland Clad in Civilian Clothes.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World.  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22.—Four German soldiers yesterday crossed the frontier from Belgium into Holland at Ysenedyke. They were clad in civilian clothes and declared they have had enough of fighting under the conditions that prevail in Belgium. The firing of heavy guns could be heard yesterday from Oostberg, near Sluis, in the western extremity of Holland. The sounds came from a line apparently extending from the sea coast to the north for some distance.

## The Civic Campaign

Controller Church refused to be driven out of the mayoralty fight and today will be nominated as the only opponent of Controller McCarthy. As expected, Mr. Russell, the last remaining hope of the erstwhile newspaper friend of Controller Church, refused to enter the field unless Mr. Church withdrew. Any such arrangement was distasteful to "Tommy," and he decided to defy all and sundry and stay in. Therefore there will be a straight fight between Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Church, unless the nation's tents can find someone by lightning light over night.

The Municipal Improvement Association is out with its slate for the coming elections, and if the people feel toward the present council the same way as the M. I. P. one ward will go thru the year with representation, while others will have only one or two members in council. And the board of control will consist of one man, the mayor. For the board of control, the association announces that "no decision was arrived at," and as a result the "slate" has been made public with no names attached to the controllerships. In ward one the M. I. P. was in a more generous spirit and announced no less than five names that might be suitable for selection.

In ward two the good old public is asked to pin its faith to Ald. S. Morley Wickert and John A. Cooper. Nothing said about any of the other candidates. "But, of course, it must not be thought that we condemn the other candidates. We merely suggest that the men we mention are the best ones to vote for," an official explained.

Ward three is entirely ignored. The men who are in the field must go thru the campaign with the depressing thought that the M. I. P. is not running, not one can be expected to look forward to even the moral support of the Municipal Improvement Association.

Ward four is more fortunate. "The two members who are offering themselves for re-election, Ald. Cameron and Singer, have the approval of the M. I. P."

Ward five has been badly represented as ward three, during the year just closing, and their poor judgment last January is rebuked by the association, which has refused to endorse any of the candidates. Any but J. M. Warren, one of the new ones in the field.

Ward six likewise made a foolish selection last year, and the only one of the three aldermen to remain in the field, Ald. Spence, does not receive even honorable mention. The name of Thomas Roden is the only one that appears in the M. I. P. list of selections.

In ward seven, if the M. I. P. is any judge, Ald. Rydman is to be an also-ran. They pin their faith in the Municipal Improvement Association in the ward district next year to Ald. Rydman and Mr. Cooper.

The executive committee of the Municipal Improvement Association have decided to endorse the following candidates for municipal office:

For mayor—J. O. McCarthy.  
For board of control—No decision was arrived at.

For ward one—W. W. Hill, W. D. Robbins, A. E. Walton, Robert M. Yeomans, W. E. Orr.

For ward two—S. Morley Wickert, John A. Cooper.

For ward three—None.

For ward four—L. M. Singer, R. H. Cameron.

For ward five—J. M. Warren.

For ward six—Thomas Roden.

For ward seven—W. H. Weir, F. T. G. Wheeler.

The Municipal Improvement Association will likely hold a meeting before election day, perhaps a luncheon or perhaps an evening meeting. The question has not yet been settled. The association will also print a list of its candidates, and with advertisements and information about the candidates will publish a four-sheet paper to be distributed from house to house.

Ald. Maguire should on election day.

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