

COUNCIL DISCUSSES LIGHT CURTAILMENT

Thornton Authorized to Take Steps to Protect City Property.

Formal notice from the N. B. Electric Power Commission regarding the curtailing of the supply of electric current from the Musquash was read at the weekly meeting of the Common Council yesterday and it was decided to empower Commissioner Thornton to communicate with the N. B. Power Co. to take steps to protect the property involved by the shutting off of the lighting current.

Opening the discussion on the communication from Hon. Dr. Smith, Commissioner Thornton declared that the notice was a complete surprise to himself. It looked to him as though the provincial commission was not prepared to carry out its part of the contract with the city. The commission authorities, he charged, knew that such a situation would arise but apparently had made little effort to cope with it. The citizens' property must be protected in the area where the lights would be turned off and if necessary several policemen should be employed to patrol this section. He said that he had received such notice a few days ago he could have arranged to employ these special police.

Commissioner Prink immediately moved that the Commissioner of Public Safety be empowered to employ such additional police force as he might deem necessary.

Commissioner Wigmore seconded this motion. The council would be re-miss of its duty, he thought, should these precautions not be taken.

Commissioner Bullock urged the council to protest strongly to the provincial commission regarding this curtailment of service. The notification was an eleven-hour one and left the city wholly unprepared. He thought that the Mayor should have been taken into the confidence of the commission as the city had the largest contract with the commission. The present situation, however, was not dissimilar to that which the city faced several years ago when the electric lights for the streets failed completely.

The city had employed special police and had met the situation successfully. St. John, he maintained, largely was in the hands of the Government in this matter. The city had been given the word of the Premier that failing a supply from Musquash other sources would be tapped. He urged the council to arrange for at once between the Common Council and the Provincial Commission. The council was declared.

Commissioner Thornton declared that he was given little time to employ the special police. Under the circumstances, he thought it would be wise to approach the N. B. Power Company with a view to having the Power Company connect up and supply the city with current. He understood that the Power Company's poles and lights still were standing.

Mr. Thornton's suggestion was embodied in the motion.

Line to McAvity Plant.

Mayor Fisher said he felt quite strongly about the matter. He had hoped that negotiations between the provincial Commission and the N. B. Power Company for an additional supply, in case of a shutdown at Musquash, would prove successful. He had read of these negotiations in the press and, therefore, was greatly surprised to read of the decision to shut off the current not only for the ornamental lighting system but for the private consumers as well. Several days ago, he declared, the provincial commission was tendered the use of the Marsh Road plant of T. McAvity & Sons Ltd., but this offer had been declined. The Civic Power Commission, he announced, was starting work Wednesday morning to run a line out to the McAvity plant. This would take about three days, said His Worship.

Commissioner Thornton declared that the local hydro commission had no authority to run this line out to the McAvity plant to secure current.

Mayor Fisher: "The line was planned months ago. It must be constructed and the Commission felt it should be prepared."

Commissioner Thornton: "Only the Common Council can sanction the purchase of current at McAvity's."

Mayor Fisher replied that it might not be the local Commission which would purchase the current, "It might be the provincial commission," he added.

Com. Bullock: "Then, why not lay the cards on the table? This is not a question of politics or individuals. It concerns this community vitally."

The Mayor replied that this was part of the distribution system and must be built. All the commissioners declared that the local commission was exceeding its powers should it purchase current for the city from the McAvity plant.

Commissioner Wigmore agreed with Commissioner Bullock's suggestion that a conference should be held at once. The motion, amended as suggested by Commissioner Thornton, carried unanimously.

The discussion broke out again, however, later on during the meeting when a bill from the N. B. Electric Power Commission for \$26,300 for current supplied the city was read. This amount, according to the Commission, is owing to it by the city under its contract from May 1, last, until the end of September.

Commissioner Prink brought in a resolution, which, he said, had the sanction of the City Solicitor, to pay the Commission the sum of \$11,315.15.

being the amount which he considered the city must pay. This was for current actually used, commencing July 28 and ending Sept. 1 at the rate of 1-865th of \$120,000 per day. The city, he explained, was obligated to pay \$180,000 per annum for the current and the amount he named was for the current actually used during that period.

Commissioner Wigmore scolded. "The bill should be paid," he added.

Mayor Fisher agreed with Commissioner Wigmore. "The amount named in the resolution, however," said His Worship, "is not adequate and I shall oppose the motion."

Commissioner Thornton strongly opposed payment of this amount. He took the ground that not one dollar of the city's money should be paid over until the present tangle was straightened out and until the city was getting full service.

Commissioner Prink declared that the City Solicitor had given his opinion that the resolution he had introduced was correct. "Am I to infer, Your Honorship, that you believe the City Solicitor is wrong?" asked Dr. Prink. The Mayor said he believed that the sum named was inadequate.

Commissioner Bullock agreed with Commissioner Thornton. Why was there such a rush about paying this bill when the city would be in darkness because of the Commission's failure to make temporary arrangements regarding service, he added.

On being put to vote, the resolution was defeated, Commissioner Prink and Wigmore voting yes.

Magistrate's Salary

A letter from Premier Veniot declining to bind himself to support legislation which would provide for an increase in the salary of the police magistrate from \$2,500 to \$3,000, was read. He added that he believed such legislation would not meet with serious opposition. It was decided to apply to the Legislature for the necessary authority.

Commissioner Prink presented a request from Abner Secord for the city to open up Wentworth street extension, cut off by the erection of a fence at the entrance to the Exhibition grounds. It was decided to allow the matter to stand over until both sides had been heard.

Middle Street Matter.

A petition from the people of Middle Street, which runs between Waterloo and Prince Edward streets, for improvements to the street, was presented by Commissioner Prink, who reported that there was doubt as to the ownership of the street. He said that it was not the property of the city. The matter was finally referred to Commissioner Prink for report.

A communication from H. Shannon regarding the construction by the city of a small bridge in Ashburn street was considered and finally referred to Commissioner Prink for report.

Commissioner Prink advised his colleagues respecting negotiations between the city and the Canadian National Railways for property of the city in Lombard street and Paradise flow. He declared that the matter was up with the City Solicitor and had been advised that the city could close up Lombard street—or any other street, for that matter—after giving 30 days continuous notice of such proposed action in a local newspaper. Dr. Prink said he would bring in a further report on the entire matter in the near future.

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Nikolonic Concert Greatly Enjoyed

A large audience thoroughly enjoyed an excellent programme of music presented last evening in Centenary Hall by Madame Nikolonic, brought to St. John under the management of Miss Pauline Biederman. A feature of the evening was the rendition by the artist of Professor W. C. Bowden's dainty composition, "Mothers," which received a wonderful rendition at the hands of Madame Nikolonic and was greeted with great applause.

Pictorialization is a marked feature of the wonderful playing of Madame Nikolonic, whose rippling runs and thunderous chords charm and astound in turn. In the numbers from Debussy, the story idea was carried through until everyone could imagine "What the West Wind has Seen." All of this group were descriptive and were heartily enjoyed.

Beethoven was presented with wonderful fidelity to his thought in composing the Sonata in C major, and Chopin's familiar "Nocturne" was scarcely absorbed when there flashed upon the audience the two studies by the same composer, with brilliancy in every note. The "Study in A Minor" was exceptionally tuneful, with the melody clearly marked in the left hand. The program was varied, giving opportunity for the skill of the performer to be shown, and to allow the audience to be gratified.

C. W. L. HOLDS A SOCIAL SESSION

A large attendance marked the opening social meeting held by the St. John sub-division of the Catholic Women's League in the Knights of Columbus hall last evening. Mrs. John E. Owens presided and extended hearty greetings to all after which she gave a brief sketch of the C. W. L. of Canada and told of arrangements which have been made to start a novena for peace on October 27. She also announced that the month has been set aside to be devoted to appeals for workers and for contributions to the support of the Sisters of Mercy.

Touching upon the work of the branch she enumerated the committee conveners who are to be in the city, as follows: Executive, Miss Katharine Lawlor; finance, Mrs. D. W. Harper; religious, Mrs. E. Walsh; physical, Mrs. P. J. Gleason; social, Mrs. J. M. Barry; girls' work, Mrs. John Connors; educational, Mrs. W. E. Scully; travel, Mrs. E. Walsh; and finally, Mrs. Joseph Harrington. The membership committee convenor had not yet been appointed.

The meeting appointed Mrs. Edward Walsh as convenor for taking charge of the ice cream booth which the sub-division will conduct at the Cathedral High Tea.

Miss Mary Vincent, the new physical director, was introduced and she won golden opinions from all who met her last night. The opening of the gymnasium classes was spoken of and it was said that the first classes would be held on Friday evening for the high school girls and early next week for the seniors.

Mrs. D. P. Chisholm as diocesan president, gave a short address and Miss K. Kane gave her report of the National C. W. L. convention in Halifax. After the business of the meeting the members enjoyed social intercourse and refreshments were served under the convener'ship of the social committee.

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tee of which Mrs. J. M. Barry is convenor. The tea was kindly donated. Miss Lawlor conducted the musical portions of the programme and was heartily thanked.

MISSION CIRCLE MEETS.

The Mission Circle of Centenary church met last night at the home of Mrs. Parker Jenkins in Broad street, with the president, Miss Hilda Britain in the chair. The opening devotions were led by Mrs. R. G. Fulton. Mrs. B. B. Irving gave the report of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island branch meeting which was held in St. Stephen and Miss Mildred Jones gave the report of the district meeting in Sussex. After the programme of the meeting was completed a social half hour was enjoyed and Miss Vivian Fowler was hostess for the serving of refreshments.

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PLAYERS WILL TAG FOR HEALTH CENTRE

The members of the Carroll Players company have very kindly undertaken to assist with the Health Centre tag day appeal on Saturday and have planned on a novel way of helping. They will have an automobile specially decked out for the occasion and will arrange for a musical programme during their tour of the city. They will alight from the automobile at opportune moments and solicit contributions for the good cause. The tour is to start at 1:50 and while they can give only three-quarters of an hour to the good work they are hoping to be able to tag a record number of people in that time. Those who will go on the automobile tour are: Miss Edna Preston, Miss Dora Kelton, Miss Myra Marsh, Miss Mabel Munro and Miss Virginia Odeon. James Carroll has also undertaken to speak in behalf of the Health Centre between the acts at the performances in the Opera House.

FAIR'S BIGGEST CROWD.

The biggest crowd so far was in attendance at the New Brunswick Protestant Orphans' Fair in St. Andrews last night and the various attractions had excellent patronage. A load of wood will be the door prize this evening. The prize winners last night were as follows: Door prize, ton of coal, won by ticket 3,147, Leonard Campbell; bagatelle, C. A. Bennett; ladies' bean toss, William Geary; shooting gallery, A. Duffy; devil-among-the-tailors, H. B. Manning; excelsior, K. Colwell.

The City Cornet Band rendered a number of beautiful selections, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

ALUMNAE BOARD ENLARGED.

The executive of the St. John High School Alumnae met last night at the home of the president, Miss Marjorie Manning, in Gorman street, when the winter plans were discussed and committee convenors appointed. Two new members, Miss Marion Thompson and Miss Mabel Rogers, were elected to the executive. Miss Florence Enders was appointed convenor of the entertainment committee and Miss Marjorie Staples and Miss K. Bates were appointed convenors of the refreshment committee. The delegates to the Women's Council were chosen also. Arrangements were made for holding the

next meeting of the Reading Club at the home of Miss Dorothy Sinclair in Waterloo street.

CLAN HAS CONCERT.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Clan MacKenzie was in charge of the successful social which was held last night in the Clan Hall in Gorman street as the opening event of the new season. There was a large gathering present and an excellent concert programme was followed by a dance that was greatly enjoyed. Refreshments were served by an efficient committee of which Mrs. J. McColegan was the convenor. Mrs. W. Simonds, the lady chief, was in the chair, and the opening address was

given by Major J. T. MacGowan, the chief of the Clan. The concert programme included vocal solos by Miss Madeline Daley, Miss Jessie Jamieson and Cyril Moore, a reading by Ronald Shaw and a piano solo by Miss Katie Fox.

GERMAN BANDMASTERS' IRISH APPOINTMENT

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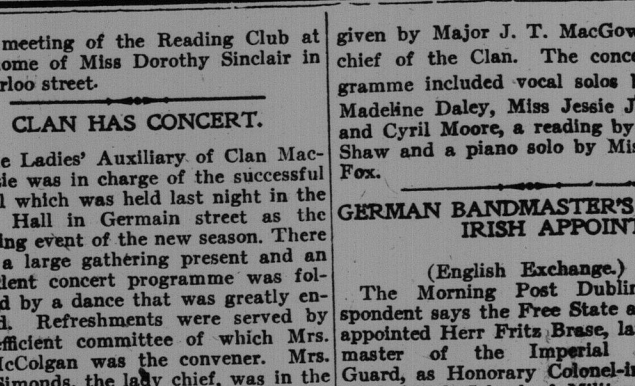
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