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## ANOTHER "DUD."

An American engineer, who certainly ought to enjoy the complete confidence of the New Brunswick Power Company, has told the government of New Brunswick and its engineers, in effect, that they are not to be trusted. He declares that what they say about Musquash is not true. In other words they are deceiving the people when they say they can supply this city with ten to fifteen million kilowatt hours of hydro-electric current without any need of a steam standby.

Does Mr. McLellan or the New Brunswick Power Company believe the people of St. John will accept the statement of an American engineer who was here a few days in preference to the assurance of their own government and the Canadian hydro-electric engineers? Of course this engineer's report is well-timed to serve the purpose of those who want the power company to get control of hydro. The engineer says a steam standby is needed. The company has one. Therefore the company is the only party that could afford to experiment with hydro.

How delightfully plain and simple all this is. Convince the people that only the power company can afford to tamper with hydro, and let the company get it—and the people go on paying high and higher rates, to provide dividends and interest on that \$3,100,000, with the \$2,000,000 of common stock coming right along to claim its share also, and the balance of the \$7,000,000 waiting around the corner.

The people of St. John will not be influenced by this eleventh hour report. They will prefer to believe that the American engineer is the one who does not know the facts and is therefore not to be relied on. They know what Mr. McLellan wants, and what the New Brunswick Power Company wants; and they know that the government of the province would not be willing to enter into a contract it could not fulfill. Since New Brunswick became a province its government has never set its seal to a contract it did not fulfill, and the citizens of St. John who voted to put the Foster government in power, and to keep it in power, will keenly resent any insinuation that it would not be true to the traditions of the province for more than a hundred years. Who is this American gentleman, who strolls into St. John and again, that he should tell the people their government is not to be trusted? And who are these other American gentlemen now in the city, holding conferences and seeking to save the people from themselves? Do the people need to be saved from themselves? Since when did they need an American crutch to lean upon? What is the purpose of all this anxiety over our welfare? Is it not time all the people woke up to a full realization of what is going on and what it means? There are but few days left for active work in the mayoralty campaign. They should be devoted to rolling up such a vote for Mr. Fisher as will leave no doubt about the people's sentiments regarding outside interference in their affairs.

## "THE WAR TODAY."

Mayor McLellan's soaring ambition now, seeks new heights of marvellous achievement. Not that he has ever really achieved anything marvellous, but he still has hopes. Besides destroying the Telegraph and Times, he will, with the assistance of his American allies, attach the scalp of the provincial government to his belt. His American allies have taken the offensive, and the government is expected to surrender at discretion. But that is not the real objective, after all. It is the scalp of St. John the Americans really want. The government, with its pledge to supply St. John with hydro, stands in the way. It must be disposed of. That is an engineering feat, and the engineers are on the job. There is, however, one fly in the ointment. What if it should happen, when the battle is over and Mayor McLellan is fitted his chest, that his American allies should shout—"We won the war!"

Sir Adam Beck declared last week in Windsor, Ontario, that hydro municipalities must band together to offset the campaign of misrepresentation being waged by enemies of the system. The enemies of hydro are also waging war in St. John, and the citizens must band together to protect themselves.

## HERE ARE THE FACTS.

There is enough water stored in the immense storage basins already provided at Musquash to develop 21,000,000 kilowatt hours for five months if not a drop of rain fell.

On the West Branch one may paddle a canoe for seven miles over a lake in places a mile wide, and paddle over the tops of tall trees now submerged by the water held by great storage dams.

On the East Branch one may paddle for nine miles, with a portage of only 1,000 feet. Here also tall trees are submerged.

Each branch drains from 85 to 90 square miles. Other large lakes are yet to be added. The body of water held in storage is immense, and can be greatly increased by erecting more dams as required.

Mr. Krebs, who was a district engineer for hydro in Ontario for seven years and knows that province thoroughly, declares that the plant and storage capacity at Musquash compare most favorably with the finest hydro-electric development by storage that has ever been seen.

Read the full account of the Musquash development printed elsewhere in today's Times. It is the answer, and a complete answer, to Mr. McLellan's American friend Scheidtmann.

## PREMIER FOSTER SPEAKS.

In reply to Mr. Scheidtmann, the American engineer, who says the city cannot afford to believe the government of the province, Premier Foster last night said:

"The government of New Brunswick has officially agreed to furnish 10,000,000 k. w. h. per year to the city of St. John from the Musquash plant. It is also agreed to supply from 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 to Moncton. It will supply both places and the energy will be delivered to both places as required, and more will be delivered just as soon as the power market will absorb an additional quantity. The people of St. John need not worry about the capacity of the Musquash plant. The government has guaranteed to give them, when they want it, as much power as they require up to 15,000,000 k. w. h. per year."

This is not the utterance of an irresponsible office-seeker, or of a flying visitor from over the border. It is the head of the government of this province, with the government at his back to make good what is undertaken under the seal of the province.

Read Premier Foster's interview in full. It is printed in this issue of the Times.

Organized labor in St. John wants cheap light and power. It wants industries to provide more work and wages. It wants more homes for the people, which would come with the new era of industrial expansion. Organized labor was among the first to urge the provincial government to develop hydro for the benefit of the people. Who says organized labor will now reject its own platform and policy and bow down to the New Brunswick Power Company? Nobody but the mouthpieces of the power company. Organized labor has exactly the same interest as the merchant or professional man may have in seeing St. John prosper and its citizens get freedom from monopoly. Will they get that freedom if the candidate of the New Brunswick Power Company is elected?

A man must certainly have his nerve with him who tells the people of this province they should not enter into a contract with their own government for the reason that it is not to be trusted to fulfill the contract. Nerve is a quality our American friends have, never lacked—but can they get away with the bacon? It is true some local camp followers have their hands out for a fat slice of it, but should their hunger be appeased at the expense of the citizens of St. John?

The American congressional elections have given a severe blow to the Republican party. The coal and railroad strikes, the tariff, and the Republican attitude toward the League of Nations all had an influence in the campaign. It was said before the election that the people were more concerned over local than national issues, but the landslide toward the Democrats shows there was general resentment toward Republican policies and methods.

Thursday night's meeting at the Imperial, in the interests of Mr. Fisher and the relief of St. John from monopoly, will give the truth to the people. Mr. McLellan is not to go unanswered. He and his American allies will get a jolt that will be a foretaste of what will happen to them on Monday next.

## YOUTH AND AGE.

A woman, no longer in the blush of her first youth, was trying to overcome the reluctance of a little girl to retire for the night.

"Being six years old," she said, "you should go to bed at six. When you are seven you will be able to stop up till seven, and when you are eight you can keep awake till eight."

The child gazed thoughtfully, with a mental arithmetic look at the kindly face, with its crown of grey hair, and remarked: "Then I suppose you never go to bed at all."

## FIRE! FIRE!

(By Agnes Joyner.)

(This poem was written just after the awful fire in Northern Ontario.)

A match was lighted by a fool, one day  
Its pretty sparkling flame glowed for a moment,  
Lent to his desire, and then, still glowing,  
Was cast down upon the forest floor!

"Fire! Fire!"  
A childish shout outside a cottage door,  
Brought forth a mother, quick-breathed, to the scene—  
"O, child, you frightened me! I thought the house had caught!"—  
"No, mother!" laughed the sunny-hearted boy.  
"Look! Look! The woods! The cry came forth again. This time, no childish voice. The voice of man, the frozen voice of death!"

"Quick! Everyone to work! Beat back the flames and save the O, Heaven, lend us strength!"

"Fire! Fire!—Fire! Fire—where! Our hard-earned homes!—must they go up in smoke?"  
"O, Mary, Mother! save my little child!"  
He just this minute left my side—O, where?"

No answer but the growl, the rumble and the roar of flame—  
The glare of flame in Heaven and on earth—  
The awful screen of smoke 'tween Heaven and earth—  
"T'ween Heaven and prayer! No answer only this—"Run for your lives!"

Too late to save your homes!  
The child!—My God!  
Too late for even him!—  
Run! Run!

"Almighty One! Have mercy! Where shall I run, The whole earth is aflame!"  
Run! Go! And leave the ones we love to perish?  
No! Never!  
We find such mercy back at God, Himself!

My child! My child!—  
If I may only die with that dear head against my heart!  
If my love may protect him from the death—  
But Go! And leave him?  
Heaven! Are you mad with vengeance as the flames?"

"Fire! Fire!"  
Approaching, surrounding, torturing, devouring—  
See the red, thirsty tongues lapping at the feet of the fleeing—  
The very air trembles a moment, half willing, half afraid,  
Then leaps to meet the flame—  
The air, which was their life, but yesterday,  
Now maddened, sears with hellish fire, the lungs of wild-eyed men—  
Of wild-eyed men who know not what to do—  
Who run this way and that,  
Now grasping poor, hard-earned possessions—  
Now throwing them aside for something still more dear—  
Stumbling forward—looking back—  
Stumbling—falling—  
Dizzily regarding their feet—  
Looking seaward for that which was, but is not!

For homes which but an hour ago were merely common roofs to cover one,  
But now—their memory is as Paradise.  
While this, the present—It is Hell! It is Hell!

On they must go, and leave all that they love,  
And leave it with a prayer which seems to them  
Never to retrace the cruel screen of smoke  
With its red glare, raised between Heaven and them.

Behind them—just and ashes!  
Men, women, children, mingled there  
Wilted, of ashes of the forest life—  
Miles, miles of forest which had glowed  
In all its autumn beauty—a pleasure to the eye—  
And all the wondrous life the forest held—  
Surrounded—trapped—dust—ashes!

And that life—was it nothing in the sight of One  
Who counts the sparrows?—  
That forest life, which we in our selfish prayers, forgot?  
Perhaps—Perhaps—as cruel death drew near to those—  
To those whom we neglected in our prayers—  
Dumb prayers from palpating, pure, wild hearts—  
From clean, sweet tongues which may not speak with Man,  
Rose through the smoke screen equal with our own  
To One who seemed to have forgotten them—and man.

The wild destruction ended;  
The skies are blue again;  
The autumn air sparkling with life, renews a hope we thought forever ended—  
We pray with more assurance now—  
There is no horror brooding overhead—  
God pity Canada!  
God pity those who mourn the loss of life and home!  
And pity most, the fool that dropped the match!

## THE NEW ART.

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## SAYS ENGINES OF THE SHIP WERE VERY DIRTY

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The witness said he repeatedly gave orders for full speed astern and finally the accident occurred.

John B. McLaren, engineer, testified that he found the ship's engines in a very dirty condition. He said they refused to answer when he put the lever on the "go" astern.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Repaid in Kind.

"Now I've had my revenge," said the shoe-shop proprietor to his friend, as a customer left.

"Revenge? How so?"

"Well, the young lady who just went out is a telephone operator. I gave her the wrong number.—London Opinion.

## G. FRED FISHER'S PLATFORM

No. 1.—(a) The completion and signing of the contract with the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission for Musquash power.

(b) The appointment of an independent Civic Hydro Electric Commission to construct a Civic Distribution System and operate same.

No. 2.—Completion of Plans and Specifications for a Civic Distribution System.

No. 3.—That an offer be made by the city to purchase the entire property of The New Brunswick Electric Power Company, at the sum named by the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, March 2, 1920, \$2,577,655.56. This sum to be the maximum, and the offer to remain open for ten days only.

No. 4.—In the event of the offer not being accepted by the Power Company, in the time specified, the city to proceed immediately with the construction of its own distribution system.

## DIES AT 102 YEARS

Kentucky Woman Passes Away in Room in Which She Was Born.

Nicholasville, Ky., Nov. 8.—Miss Elizabeth Bowman, 102 years old, is dead at her home five miles from here on Jessamine Creek. She succumbed to infirmities of age in the room where she was born and where her mother died at the age of 104.

Miss Bowman had never ridden on a train or in an automobile. She had been out of her home county only once. When a child her mother took her fifteen miles to Woodford County to visit relatives. When Elizabeth was a baby her father, who had brought his young wife from near Baltimore, went back to bring other relatives across the mountains. Indians surprised and killed most of the travelers. When this was reached Mrs. Bowman and her daughter they made a compact never to leave their home, and they kept the faith, except for the two visits mentioned.

## GREAT BRITAIN'S EXAMPLE.

(Baltimore Sun.)

Great Britain's payments of interest on her debt will tend to crystallize the feelings of America with regard to her foreign debtors. This country has been more or less uncertain about the debts due from Europe. Intellectual people, including many bankers, say that the debts are dangerous assets. Other people, also ostensibly intelligent, say that America lent money and should collect it just as a private creditor would. If they are right, but never the less certainly, And now Great Britain acts as if she were going to pay. She has been more certain about her debts and which are out of harmony with the standards by which the world guides its daily business.

## IN THE DAYS OF HIGH LIVING.

Describing old stage-coach days between New York and Albany, Sarah Comstock writes in the November Harper's Magazine.

"Cakes, fish, or eggs were served at the best taverns for breakfast, with cakes, tea, or coffee. At two or three o'clock everyone gathered at a general table for a substantial dinner of many boiled dishes and a great amount of meat. At six o'clock came a sturdy supper. Brandy, hollands, and other spirits were furnished at dinner, and a vast variety of other beverages might be ordered from the still-devil of early fame to the small drinks so popular to quench an honest thirst, not to beat the brain." New York State was famous for its cider, and the many other drinks made from its potent apple. Kalm, in 1740, saw the horse press in use in the Hudson Valley."

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## CHURCH BELLS CALLS VOTERS OF ATLANTIC CITY TO POLLS

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 8.—Church bells and chimes yesterday at noon sounded a signal directed at forgetful voters to call attention to their duty to cast their ballots, according to an announcement made by the Rev. M. S. Poulson, pastor of the Ventnor Community Church and chairman of the Civic Committee of the Atlantic City Ministerial Union.

The members of the resort have been taking an active part in the campaign against the "wet" propaganda and sent out an appeal to the members of their congregation to be on the watch against corruption at the polls.

## POISON GAS FROG BROUGHT ALIVE

Others That Bark Like Dogs and Squeal Like Pigs Arrive at New York Museum—Strange Specimens of Reptiles.

New York, Nov. 8.—Specimens of many curious reptiles, including a huge tree frog which releases poison gas from its skin, and another giant frog which barks and growls like a dog and squeals like a pig, have been added. It was announced, to the collection of the American Museum of Natural History by Mr. and Mrs. G. Kingsley Noble, who have just returned from a three months' scientific expedition across the island of Santo Domingo.

Forty of the biggest lizards in the world, which bear the closest resemblance of any living creatures to the giants of the dinosaur period, were captured and are now living in cages in a hot room in the museum.

The poison-gas frog attains a weight of about ten pounds. Its feet have devices like the suckers of an octopus, which enable it to climb vertically the sides of trees. Its habitat is full of large snakes which would probably have extinguished this extraordinary frog long ago, except for the frog's development of the novel device of perspiring a corrosive milky liquid which blisters like a touch of diluted carbolic acid and fills the air with a blinding vapor and an intolerable odor. The frog is less effective at a long range than a skunk, but would otherwise make a well-balanced advertisement in a match in their particular specialties.

Has a Curious Biography.

In addition to an interesting personality, this frog has a curious biography. Born in mountain torrents, it lives its early life attached to rocks like an albatross, and spends its adult period in trees. Making a curious sound, the female comes down from the trees in egg season and deposits small objects among stones by the edge of the stream. These are eggs. They absorb water and swiftly grow to the size of a marble, one laying of eggs soon being as large as the frog which laid it.

Hatched out at tadpoles, the youngsters wriggle to the rocks of swift mountain streams, attach themselves to the heart of the current and hang on till they have attained frogs' estate, when they set out for the forest and walk up the sides like flies. These frogs would probably interest connoisseurs who have acquired a taste for frog's legs. They have drumsticks like a turkey's.

These and other frogs and animals were the subjects of intimate photographs showing their family life, their methods of eating, sleeping and courting, and with a flashgun. Automatic flashlight pictures have been taken before of lions and other large animals, but this is the first time the portraits of strange frogs have been done in this manner.

The other curious frog was a smaller kind, which lives in deep jungles, where they would get lost and never flash their eyes and white light.

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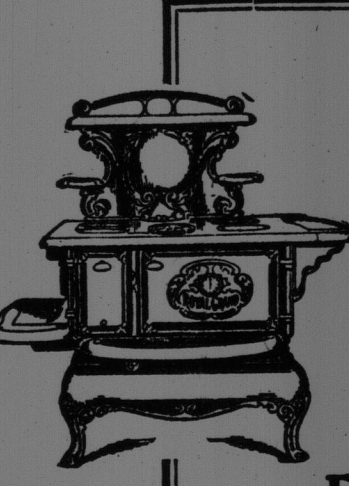
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## SPEAK AND PRAY FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Toronto, Nov. 8.—Rev. Dr. W. D. Chown, superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, has addressed a letter to the ministers and members to do all that lies within their power to bring about permanent peace in the world by supporting the League of Nations Society by word and prayer.

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