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## MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE OWNERSHIP TESTED AND PROVED FAILURE

Results in Port Arthur and Port William Proved Very Unsatisfactory—Service Poor and Run at Loss

The Ottawa Free Press has lately been giving special attention to the question of municipal administration of public utilities, and in pursuance of this policy recently sent a special commissioner to investigate the practical results of municipal administration of their local services at Port Arthur and Port William. The commissioner appears to have made a very exhaustive investigation and his report is particularly interesting. As this question has come to the front more or less in the Maple City, we reproduce the Free Press report, without, in any way, assuming the responsibility for its statements or approving of the conclusions to which his investigations have led the commissioner. We believe this report will be found particularly interesting to most of our readers.

### PORT ARTHUR.

Port Arthur was the first to embark in municipal ownership of its public services, their first essay being the street railway. The start was made by purchasing the rights of the Port Arthur Water, Light and Power Company, after the latter had met with a disastrous loss in the destruction of their power house by fire.

The price paid for the rights possessed by the company and what remained of its plant after the fire, was \$7,000. The construction of the railway was begun in 1893, and it was completed the following year to the boundary of Port William. The right to continue the railway through the streets of Port William was strenuously resisted by the latter, but this right was finally granted by the Legislature on a compromise under which Port William has the right to purchase that portion of the road within their limits at the end of twenty years at a valuation. The road is at present nine and three-fifths miles in length, running from Current river, the eastern boundary of Port Arthur, to West Port William. The estimated cost of the line was \$13,000, but the town clerk says that the capital invested in the road to date is \$123,000. The officials of Port Arthur admit that there was a time when the expense of operating this street railway, and the burden of providing interest and sink fund, was like a mill stone around their necks, but recent development of the town has improved matters, and relief obtained from the Legislature has relieved the strain. In the year 1899 the town added to the system an electric light plant at a cost of \$15,000, covered by thirty-year debentures bearing five per cent interest.

**LOSS ON OPERATING EXPENSES.**  
The town's published statements of the receipts and expenditure of these combined plants since they were installed, show as follows:

Year	Receipts	Expenses
1893	7,642.27	18,567.51
1894	8,290.65	9,252.20
1895	7,671.42	16,460.48
1896	9,385.12	7,980.95
1897	11,753.77	10,947.71
1898	13,751.83	18,792.14
1899	14,300.74	16,081.59
1900	15,401.76	15,983.50
1901	19,287.57	18,711.56
1902	25,824.45	23,399.27
	\$132,683.66	\$153,941.43

Showing a loss on operating expenses in the last ten years of \$21,257.77. The above does not include sinking fund or interest. No sinking fund has been provided for the redemption of the debentures when they fall due, and the interest on the capital invested, \$8,500 per annum, has been paid from the general taxes, the result of the operation of the street railway and the electric lighting plants is therefore as follows:

Loss on operating expenses in ten years	\$21,257.77
Interest on capital paid from taxes	67,250.00
Sinking fund not provided	30,000.00
Deficit in ten years' operations	\$118,508.27

### A TELEPHONE VENTURE.

In the year 1902 the town of Port Arthur resolved to extend its field of municipal operations to the telephone and a plant was installed at a cost of \$10,000. The town clerk informed me that the capital expenditure had been increased during the present year, and that it now amounts to \$16,300. At by-law it was submitted to the ratepayers at the approaching municipal elections to raise another \$9,000 for the completion of the telephone plant. I was not able to get any definite figures as to the receipts and expenses of the telephone system, beyond the assertion that the plant was paying a satisfactory dividend. I pressed urgently for details, but they were not forthcoming. The clerk admitted, however, that only about fifty per cent of the earnings of the plant had been collected up to the present.

### THE TOWN'S LIABILITIES.

The following is a statement of the present liabilities of the town as nearly as I was able to obtain it:—  
Debenture liability as shown by tax bill for 1903.....\$132,250.00  
By-laws to be submitted at the forthcoming election 53,000.00  
Waterworks plant estimated now in course of construction.....100,000.00  
Sewers in course of construction.....33,000.00  
\$318,250.00  
In addition to this amount the

clerk informs me that the town is carrying loans in the bank amounting to \$80,000, but it is probable that a portion of this is advanced on account of the works now in course of construction, or on account of debentures not sold. The clerk informed me that the telephone debentures have not yet been sold, though they were issued over eighteen months ago. The telephone plant has been installed on money borrowed from the bank. But it is clear that the total indebtedness of the town is not far short of \$650,000, entailing an interest charge of upwards of \$32,000 per annum.

Passing from the financial to the practical problems involved in the municipal operation of public services, I found that the street railway service fairly good for a community of the numbers which it has to serve. The chief objection to the time schedule is not very closely observed. The electric light service is distinctly bad, while the power service is so unsatisfactory as to be practically useless for general purposes. The telephone service is unsatisfactory, and I should judge from the comments heard and the replies to my enquiries amongst the business men who are not interested in its administration, is steadily getting worse. I have no hesitation in saying that the service rendered in electric light and the telephone under municipal administration in Port Arthur would not be tolerated from a private company, and that the patrons are not receiving satisfaction, nor are they getting value for the money paid for these services.

### MANY TROUBLES EXPERIENCED.

This is not my opinion alone, for the commissioners and council evidently realize the fact as well. Recently they employed an expert electrician to inspect their several systems and make recommendations as to the removal of the troubles they are experiencing. The report made by this expert sets out that the power for the railway and electric light is unsatisfactory and that the electric light service is so bad that if the town had competition to contend with they would have no patrons, that the electric current is so unsatisfactory as to be useless for power purposes, the telephone equipment is of cheap and inferior grade and bound to give poor service, that the construction of the entire outside plant and much of the interior work is faulty, and only a complete overhauling will obtain satisfactory results. It is not my province to go into details as to the recommendations of this report, as my readers will be interested only so far as it touches upon the administration by the municipality and its results. Its weaknesses are apparent—lack of experience in management and an absence of adequate supervision are its main features. But these are not the only difficulties which municipal administration has to contend with, when it is pointed out that a report of such serious import, and with such important recommendations for improvement of the services is practically pigeon-holed without publicity.

### PORT WILLIAM.

The town of Port William owns and operates its waterworks, electric light and telephone system. The waterworks and the electric light plant were considered practically at the same time and place, at a cost of \$70,000, and the latter at a cost of \$40,000. It is pretty generally admitted

that these plants have not been self-supporting, especially for the last two years, all the records made public, show large deficits between receipts and maintenance. The town accounts have been published in pamphlet form up to the year 1901, but since that time there has, so far as I could learn, been no audit of the accounts of the town, the records of the municipality having been destroyed by fire in the spring of 1903. The following is taken from the published statement of the auditors up to the date that the last audit was made:

### LIGHT.

	Receipts	Maintenance
1898	\$3,446.79	\$3,552.12
1899	5,018.87	7,405.28
1900	7,987.18	9,192.86
1901	7,429.10	11,736.44
	\$23,881.84	\$31,886.70

The payments on account of maintenance include charges for depreciation interest amounting to \$2,812.50, leaving a net deficit as between receipts and maintenance or operating expenses for the four years of the plant has been operated, of \$5,192.15. The statement shows a considerable amount due the commission on outstanding accounts, but these were more than balanced by liabilities not included in the charge for maintenance.

### WATER.

	Receipts	Maintenance
1899	\$1,005.75	\$2,762.13
1900	3,374.23	6,622.82
1901	6,376.13	9,492.38
	\$12,756.15	\$18,777.03

The charges for maintenance include \$1,841.30 for interest on debentures, leaving a net deficit exclusive of interest and sinking fund, of \$1,199.58.

The amount of interest and sinking fund accrued on the debentures issued in regard to these plants, up to the 31st December, 1901, was \$377.80, which with the deficit on operating expenses forms a total of \$26,769.53—the two plants lacked about \$6,700 per annum of being self-supporting.

It may be added that the plants are given credit in the receipts for \$6,692.88 from the town on account of street lighting, and \$2,987 for street hydrants for fire purposes.

It should be observed that there is no allowance in the above statement for depreciation of the plant. That this is a considerable item which should be taken into consideration in the yearly accounts is already forcibly demonstrated in the fact that the town is this year spending \$55,000 for improvements to the electric light plant, a large portion of which will replace plant previously installed, and included in capital account. This brings the capital of the electric light plant up to \$95,000.

The chairman of the Board of Commissioners quite frankly admitted that a large expenditure is needed almost immediately to place the town's waterworks system in satisfactory shape. The present supply is admittedly tainted, and to get pure water will require an expenditure of at least \$100,000, a serious outlay for the taxpayers to face in view of the present liabilities of the town.

In 1902 the town of Port William added to its other municipal services a telephone plant working in connection with Port Arthur. The original outlay on this plant was \$12,500. A few months after the plant was installed the central switchboard took fire from a cross between a telephone wire and one of the wires of the electric light service. The central office equipment of the telephone, the Town Hall, with all its valuable records, and the fire station, were completely destroyed. The loss involved over and above the insurance on the plant and building, was heavy.

A special building was then erected for the telephone exchange at a cost of \$12,600, and a new Town Hall in course of erection which is estimated to cost when completed at least \$30,000. It is apparent that the town has spent during the present year a large sum in excess of the partial insurance received in rebuilding and making extensive changes in the telephone plant. But I am unable to obtain from the officials a definite statement of expenditure on the plant since the original construction was completed, nor could I get any definite information as to the receipts of the cost of maintenance of the telephone system. The clerk admitted, however, that a large portion of the amount the plant is supposed to be earning has not been collected. This will probably be explained as I proceed.

### BAD TELEPHONE SERVICE.

As to practical results, here as at Port Arthur, I found the service given by the municipal telephone to be distinctly bad, and for the same reasons. Numbers of those I interviewed condemned the service even in stronger terms than I have put it. Most of the business men have connections with both the town and the Bell Telephone Co's systems. The fight between the town and the Bell Telephone Company for possession of the field has been keenly contested by both sides.



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effective and were soon practically abandoned.

I have the statement from a number of credible people that both towns have offered free service to a number, both business and residence, in order to secure desirable connections during the fight and to build up a large exchange. This, no doubt, accounts for the small receipts from the telephone service admitted by the officials of both towns.

There is no question but a deep and widespread feeling exists amongst thinking people in the community that the town has exceeded the bounds of prudence in their municipal undertakings, and men who were the first to suggest a municipal telephone service and who was its chief promoter, admitted to me that if the step was to be taken over again that he, at least, would oppose it, and that he was convinced that it would never be taken.

That these undertakings are out of all proportion to the town's resources, and that they have resulted in piling a public debt which is unparalleled in the province, is beyond question. This is not only a bad precedent but it is also an adverse credit of all municipal securities. For if one municipality can do this, why not others until the whole fabric of municipal credit is undermined. The laxity of obtaining loans from banks without the authority of the people is a matter which should engage serious consideration, and is likely to be tested when a proper audit is obtained.

Speaking generally from the facts and the financial statements given in the foregoing, the following conclusions are inevitable: That in Port William and Port Arthur the undertaking of public services by the municipality has resulted in excessive capital expenditure.

### A SERIES OF DEFICITS.

The financial result in every case has been a series of annual deficits, which have only added burdens on the taxpayers. Not the least of the results is the tendency to objectionable methods of financing, which are contrary to the spirit of our municipal institutions.

I must confess to a feeling of disappointment at the result of my investigations. From the glowing representations which had been made of the achievements of municipalization in these two towns, I had confidently expected to find a far different state of affairs, and that it would be my privilege to present a to-scale picture of the triumphs of municipal administration of public utilities.

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That I have had to present a darker picture is due to the facts and not to any disposition of mine.

It seems to me that the condition which I have outlined is of sufficient importance to the general public to warrant an authoritative investigation. The facts which I have laid bare from the very best justification, if justification were needed, for the action of the Ontario Legislature in the appointing at the last session a commission to investigate the administration of public services by local municipalities. It is to be hoped that this commission will undertake to obtain the full facts regarding the administration of these services by the towns of Port Arthur and Port William for the benefit of the province at large. The efficient aid rendered by the labor organizations would be an almost indispensable help in this direction.

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