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#### MORE CONVINCING PROOF

If the members of the city council and the citizens generally are wise, they will read in this issue of the Times the reply of that eminent engineering firm, C. H. & P. H. Mitchell, of Toronto, to the Ross Report on Hydro. No intelligent citizen after having read it will be disposed to pay any further attention to the Ross report. Messrs. Mitchell not only confirm what has been said by Mr. Holgate, Mr. Foss and Mr. Phillips, but in a simple and convincing manner set forth the whole case for cheap light and power as these are placed within reach of St. John consumers by the Musquash development. They show that a rate of 2½ cents for power and 4½ cents for light is not an unreasonable average to expect. Their estimate of the cost of distribution puts that of Mr. Ross in the list of absurd calculations, and they show that a steam stand-by is wholly unnecessary.

The Mitchell letter is timely. It comes at the moment when a pernicious campaign is being launched to frighten people into believing their only salvation is the New Brunswick Power Company. Messrs. Mitchell show that the power is at Musquash, that the storage system will always look after the peak load, that no steam stand-by is needed, and that a civic distribution system can be provided cheap enough to ensure low rates for light and power to the consumer. The case for municipal control is shown to be unassailable.

The situation at this moment, due to the attitude of the city council, which has not yet taken any steps to get the real cost of a civic distribution system (since the Ross report is worthless) is that the city may be forced into a losing partnership with the New Brunswick Power Company; and that the latter may repair its fortunes by getting the benefit of the expenditure made by the government at Musquash. That expenditure was made for the benefit of the people, and there is no justification for any deal that would not give the people the full benefit. It must be borne in mind that if the company takes the power it will have to spend money on its distribution system, and that would operate against reducing cost to the consumer. The company is also empowered by legislation to get a stated return on an investment which citizens claim has never been fully made. It also has common stock it would like to put on a dividend-paying basis. If it can get into a partnership with the city it will be in a far stronger financial position and free to exercise its peculiar talent for getting profits which ought to go to the consumers of light and power. It would have the same incentive the city would have for enlarging the market for light and power. The city, on the other hand, would do everything possible to enlarge the market and create a demand for still more of the cheap power made available by civic distribution. The Hydro-Electric Commission could provide more power by linking up the Lepreau, and there would be great opportunities for industrial expansion, attracted and encouraged by cheap power.

Is there any reason why St. John should not benefit from cheap power as Ontario cities have done? The only obstacle is the attitude of those citizens who insist upon doing business with the New Brunswick Power Company. The only reason for considering the company at all in the matter would be an undertaking on its part to give consumers the full benefit of the Musquash development and of its utmost to enlarge the market for hydro. Who believes it is willing to do that? And yet upon the enlargement of the market rests the success of hydro development. More and more insistent is the question: What is the city council going to do about it?

#### MR. VENIOT'S SPEECH

The speech of Hon. Mr. Veniot in the legislature yesterday, will do much to clear the atmosphere in regard to the administration of his department. Take the single item of bridges. There are between 10,000 and 11,000 of them in the province, and since 1917 he has found it necessary to repair or rebuild 4,500. Much of this work was necessary because the former government neglected to keep the bridges in repair. In the session of 1917 after the old government was defeated no less than twenty-four questions concerning bridges were thrown across the floor at him, showing in what a state the bridges had been left. But freshets also carry away bridges, and it

is never possible to estimate in advance the year's expenditure. Mr. Veniot also points out that the number of automobiles in the province increased from 2,148 in 1917 to 16,000 last year, and the heavier traffic is hard on roads and bridges. The minister pointed out, also, that his chief engineer estimates the coming year's necessary expenditure on bridges, taking no account of the possible result of freshets, at \$1,658,000. Three quarters of the amount is necessary to replace wooden bridges built under former governments, and which naturally have been subject to decay.

The minister gave an apt reply to opposition critics when he said that if he made expenditures they asked for he was charged with extravagance, and if he refused he was charged with neglecting the needs of the people. The charge made by the leader of the opposition that he was a spendthrift afforded an opportunity to make some references to the record of the former government which would hardly be relied on the other side of the house. His defence of the health act was a splendidly afforded an opportunity to make some references to the record of the former government which would hardly be relied on the other side of the house. His defence of the health act was a splendidly afforded an opportunity to make some references to the record of the former government which would hardly be relied on the other side of the house.

#### THE NATIONAL RAILWAYS

The Toronto Globe disposes effectively of the suggestion of the Wall Street Journal that continued ownership and operation of a great railway system might affect adversely the credit of this country in the world markets of the world. We quote:—

"The Wall Street Journal does not seem to understand that the people of Canada have been railway owners for fifty years without suffering any serious loss of credit, and that the recent increase in the mileage of the national system was due to the complete financial break-down of two important privately owned railways, neither of which had ever paid a dollar of dividend on its common stock, although one—the Grand Trunk—has been operating for over sixty years through a thickly settled part of Canada and eastern United States. In the case of the Canadian Northern, the common stock consisted entirely of water. The stock of the Grand Trunk stood for a large investment of actual capital, but the physical asset represented by that investment disappeared a generation ago. It is the opinion of two eminent jurists who sat as arbitrators to determine the value, if any, of the stock in question that there is no possibility of the Grand Trunk earning dividends on its ordinary and preferred stock if the company is required to meet its obligations arising out of the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

"Government ownership in Canada, therefore, is neither more nor less than a merciful way of liquidating the failure of private ownership. The holders of the bonds and other prior obligations of the Canadian railways have lost nothing by the transfer of ownership of the railways to the people. They have really gained, for it was not improbable that in a reorganization of the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk, following bankruptcy, the face value of the bonds and debentures would have shown a serious shrinkage, while the common and most of the preferred stock issues would have been wiped out entirely. The present situation is that the investors who have supplied the money actually spent on railway construction work in Canada during the past two decades are in almost every instance assured of the interest on their money and the repayment of their principal when the securities held by them are presented for redemption."

The Globe invites a comparison between this showing and that of railways in the United States, and adds:—

"There is no possibility of the return of the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk to private control to please the money-lenders of New York. Even if we wanted to do so we could not find a buyer other than the Canadian Pacific, and the people of the Dominion are unalterably opposed to the creation of a private owned monopoly embracing almost the entire mileage of Canada's railways. We shall not now, nor at any other time, pay that price for access to the New York money market."

#### WANTS NEW JUDGE IN SASKATCHEWAN AT A SALARY OF \$9,000

Ottawa, March 10.—(Canadian Press.)—The minister of justice has given notice in the house of a resolution that "it is expedient that an additional judge of the court of appeal for the Province of Saskatchewan be appointed at an annual salary of \$9,000."

Use the Want Ad. Way

#### MARINERS.

Men who have loved the ships they took  
Loved the tall masts, the prows that  
Have learned, deep in their hearts, how  
That there is yet a dearer thing than  
home.

The decks they walk, the rigging in the  
stars,  
The clean boards counted in the watch  
they keep—  
These, and the sunlight on the slippery  
spars,  
Will haunt them ever, waking and  
asleep.

Ashore, these men are not as other  
men;  
They look as strangers through the  
crowded street,  
Or, brooding by their fires, they hear  
again  
The drone astern, where gurgling  
waters meet,  
Or see again a wide and blue lagoon,  
And a lone ship that rides there with  
the moon.

—DAVID MORTON.

#### LIGHTER VEIN.

He Had a Reason.  
Mother was surprised when Jimmie  
came up to her and said:

"Mother, don't you say last week  
that you wanted the carving-knife and  
the chopper sharpened?"

"Yes, I did," answered Mrs. Greene.  
"Blas your little heart! How thought-  
ful you are!"

"Well, I'll take them round to the cut-  
ler's for you," was the next unexpected  
offer.

"How sweet of you to offer to do such  
a thing for your mother! I'll wrap them  
up," replied Mrs. Greene, gratefully.

"No, no!" answered Jimmie quickly.  
"Don't wrap them up. I want them to  
show. There's a boy out there waiting  
to fight me, but I'm afeared that when  
I see coming with these he'll go home."

His Advice.  
Young Charlie had just become en-  
gaged, and was anxious to let the peo-  
ple at home know, so he wrote them a  
sorrowing letter.

Soon afterwards he got the following  
letter in reply:  
"Dear son—Your mother and I are  
too delighted for words at your splen-  
did news. Marriage is a splendid thing  
for a young man. For twenty-five years  
we have lived in blissful com-  
panionship, and your mother has been  
everything to me. We hope that you  
will have a happy married life."

"From your loving parents."  
"P.S.—Your mother has just gone for  
a stamp. For goodness sake don't be a  
fool!"

A Hint.  
Poet—I am seldom able to hear money  
rattle in my pocket.  
His Wife—You never will unless you  
shake yourself.—Judge.

The Wicked Worn.  
Cuthbert had been listening for half  
an hour to a lecture from his father on  
the evils of late nights and late risings  
in the morning.

"You will never amount to anything,"  
said the father, "unless you give up  
new loaf. Remember it's the early bird  
that catches the worm."

"Ha, ha!" laughed Cuthbert. "How  
about the worms and on what flimsy state-  
ments of fact they are based."

JOHN N. FLOOD.  
St. John, March 10, 1922.

#### HYDRO AND THE FERRY

A West St. John correspondent writes:—  
"I would like to refer to remarks in  
the editorial of yesterday morning's  
Standard about the Carleton ferry not  
paying, using it in support of an argu-  
ment against public ownership of the  
electric power from Musquash. The  
two cases are entirely different. The  
ferry takes the place of a public thor-  
oughfare between the east and the west  
side, and by the residents paying a small  
fare, they help to reduce the cost of op-  
eration. To put up the ferry and make  
it paying proposition would be just  
as reasonable as putting a gate across  
Mill street, and requesting the residents  
of the north side to pay for it. If they  
come to the business centre of the  
city. As for the hydro electric, the peo-  
ple are quite willing to pay the full cost  
of distributing the power, and no more,  
and will not recognise any private con-  
cern in the matter, as the power belongs  
to the people, and all the arguments on  
the part of the Standard will never con-  
vince them otherwise. When a plebiscite  
is taken on the question the people will  
show how they stand in the matter. It  
is the duty of the Standard to make the  
petitions for public ownership of the electric  
power, will be found, so the taxpayers  
will have a chance to sign them."

#### SIMPLE PLANS FOR STORING ICE.

Now that ice is being stored against  
the approach of spring and summer, the  
issue of the revised pamphlet on  
"Simple Methods for Ice Storage of Ice"  
by the Dominion Dairy and Cold Stor-  
age Commission is very timely. This  
little brochure, which can be had on ap-  
plication to the Publications Branch at  
Ottawa, gives plans, with particulars,  
of the material required, for the construc-  
tion at little cost of suitable ice-houses.  
Plan No. 1 shows that a rough board en-  
closure ten feet square and eight feet  
high will hold enough ice to provide fifty  
pounds per day for 130 days, after allow-  
ing a reasonable amount of wastage. Rough  
boards with dry sawdust or planer-mill  
shavings comprise all the material required.  
Construction is explained in the pamphlet.  
Plan No. 2 for larger. In the latter case  
it is suggested that if sawdust or shavings  
are not obtainable, wild hay may be used  
if the space in the walls is increased by  
two feet and the hay is packed in the  
interstices. Directions are given for the  
drainage, framing, roof, walls and all  
other necessities in construction.

Plan No. 3 includes specifications and  
instructions for the making of ice-wells,  
such as are in use to some extent in the  
western provinces. The particulars  
given need suggest that the well system  
could be used, for domestic purposes  
especially, in the east as well as in the  
west.

The cleaning of the big clock on the  
English House of Parliament reminds  
a story teller of his grandfather's clock,  
which is treasured very highly in his  
Gloucestershire family. The anecdote in  
whose house it stands tells visitors that  
nobody in the household understands  
much about it except himself, though  
the clock, he insists, is a good time-  
keeper. "It only wants studying a bit,"  
he says. "You see, when the hands stand  
at 12, it strikes, and then I know it is 30  
minutes to 7."

#### THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET.

About thirty-five of the members of  
the staff of the Loan Life Insurance  
Company and their friends spent last  
evening very pleasantly at Bond's, en-  
joying their annual banquet and indulg-  
ing in the games. Miss Betts contributed  
a violin solo and Mr. Latta a vocal solo  
and the accompanists were Mrs. T.  
O'Donnell and Miss Hazel Peters.  
Chorus were sung and the entertain-  
ment voted a great success.

#### WINNIPEG DENIES IT.

Winnipeg, March 10.—Characterizing  
it as an "unjust reflection on Winnipeg,"  
Alderman Simpson, chairman of the un-  
employed relief committee, said yes-  
terday that no man had been sent out  
Winnipeg for Toronto. A despatch from  
Toronto dated 14 men claiming to  
have been given salaries and railway  
fare from Winnipeg applied for relief in  
that city.

### LIGHTS ON HYDRO

To the Editor of The Times:

Sir:—Re letter of Mr. W. R. Turnbull  
in Times of Feb. 9, Mr. Turnbull claims  
that a hydro development costing \$625  
per h. p. is not a commercial proposition.  
I submit that neither is domestic light-  
ing at 15 cents per k. w. h. nor power at  
an average cost of about 5.5 cents.  
However, as a palliative for such a bit-  
ter pill he proposes that we give it for  
distribution to the Power Company.  
Taking the capitalization value of the  
Power Company as \$3,000,000 (assumed)  
—and remembering that their authorized  
capitalization is much greater than this  
figure—we find that for St. John's com-  
plete bit of mathematics leads us to  
consider if \$625 per h. p. is really as bad  
as claimed.

Mr. Turnbull further states that "the  
minimum discharge of the St. John  
River at Grand Falls is 1.5 per cent. of  
the maximum, therefore it is  
improbable that the Musquash can pro-  
duce 3700 h. p. for St. John." This con-  
clusion must have entailed prodigious  
calculations on the part of Mr. Turn-  
bull. He is questioning why there should  
be a difference between the precipitation  
and run-off in the northern extremity of  
the State of Maine and in the Musquash  
watershed.

On the other hand why the figure of  
3700 h. p. for St. John is not offered 3700  
h. p. nor will St. John be able to use  
such an amount for some years.  
Mr. Turnbull deplores a possible dupli-  
cation of systems in St. John. What a  
horrid thing that would be—for the  
Power Company. In reality there is no  
duplication of systems in St. John. The  
mere determination on the part of the  
city or town to own its own distribution  
system would before much actual dupli-  
cation took place put the Power Com-  
pany in such a position that we might  
then be able to acquire their system at  
a figure about half way between what  
they claim it is worth and what it is ac-  
tually worth to us. Thus acquired it  
might serve as the foundation of the sys-  
tem that is to supply our power needs  
with civic control of the distribu-  
tion are sure to grow and rapidly.

Musquash even at it's worst (see the  
Ross Report) and "burdened with all the  
ingenious handicaps that the adroit Mr.  
Ross imposes can with a grain of opti-  
mism produce all the power that St. John  
uses at the present time (about 9,000,000  
k. w. h.) but why mention it above a  
whisper. Some one is apt to start to  
worry as to how Hampton, Sussex and  
Moncton are going to get any power  
from Mr. Brannely in the city will be sorry  
we cannot have municipal ownership of  
the distribution system, Q. E. D.

Friends of the Power Company are  
out to discredit the possibilities of power  
from Musquash at any cost and in any  
way consistent or otherwise with good  
citizenship. We pause to wonder why.  
The power isn't there; it's too expensive.  
It's not to be depended upon but when we  
get it we can't handle it except through  
the Power Company. What an array of  
arguments and on what flimsy state-  
ments of fact they are based.

JOHN N. FLOOD.  
St. John, March 10, 1922.



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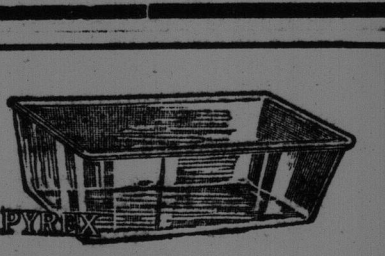
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#### NEW WARD FOR CHILDREN.

The ward for children in the St. John County Hospital would soon be completed, it was announced at the regular monthly meeting of the hospital board yesterday morning in the office of J. King Kelly, county secretary. Less than a year ago, when the hospital was a result of a change made in the grades under the boilers at the hospital in conformity with an order issued by the board at a previous meeting. Those in attendance were Dr. S. H. McDonald, chairman; Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Fink, W. J. Dean, L. W. Simms and Mr. Kelly.

#### London Wool Auction.

London, March 10.—At the wool auction sales, yesterday, 13,444 bales were offered. There was a large attendance and the attractive selection met with ready sale at unchanged prices.

#### ABOUT BEANS

For good rich baked beans use plenty of clear fat pork and always put it at first on the shelf at the back and to move it forward a little at a time as it heats.

Baking the beans in the oven gives the pot a better chance, as in that case the sides are heated as well as the bottom.

When a Bean Pot is cold it should not be placed immediately on the hot part of the stove. It is better to put it at first on the shelf at the back and to move it forward a little at a time as it heats.

#### ARE SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING 22 MORE

Ottawa, March 10.—A list of twenty two was added to the number of settlements secured during the week ended March 4, under the G. W. V. A. search for those persons with amounts standing to their credit upon the books of the department of militia and defence, whose addresses have not been available. The total settlements for the week amounted to \$1,399.90.

#### GIRL DISCHARGED AS CURED AFTER FOURTEEN OPERATIONS

Dallas, Tex., March 10.—Dorothy Cannon, six years old, who has undergone fourteen operations and forty-five skin grafting applications, will be discharged from a hospital here within another month, a well child, doctors declared today.

Dorothy was given up as dead when she was found lying on a live wire in a puddle of water last June and she was looked upon as a hopeless case for two months after she was brought to the hospital.

How long she lay on the wire is not known. When her mother found her, her clothing had been burned away and her body was black.

#### FAMOUS FERRIS WHEEL IS SCRAPPED IN PARIS

Paris, March 10.—The big Ferris wheel of the Paris Exposition of 1900, that immense toy which is known to every foreigner who has visited the annual in the last twenty years, is no more. Oxy-acetylene torches made possible the scrapping, which engineers had declared to be practically impossible without endangering life in the neighboring streets. The intense flame clipped off the metal braces regardless of their weight. More than 200 tons of scrap metal have been obtained.

#### ONTARIO SCHOOLS, RACE TRACK GAMBLING AND THE TEMPERANCE ACT

North Bay, Ont., March 10.—The presbytery of North Bay on Wednesday took a decided stand against agitation in Catholic circles for establishment of a separate school system from the primary to the university, and affirming its confidence in the common school system.

An attack was also made on race track gambling and the stand of Attorney-General Ranney on the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act was strongly defended.

B. C. Hotel Burned.  
Prince Rupert, B. C., March 10.—The Burns Lake Hotel, at Burns Lake, B. C., was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night according to word brought here. The store of N. Gerow and the Shaw Produce Co., in the same block, were also gutted. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

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