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## NEW TYPE OF METER

Commissioners Consider Advisability of Making Change in Interests of Economy.

CITY LOSING MONEY

Mayor Wenige Informs Public **Utilities Commission Present** System Is Wrong.

As a result of the question raised by Mayor Wenige at yesterday afternoon's session of the public utilities commission as to whether present power rates were in accordance with the best merchandising principles, an animated discussion followed, and it is just possible that the commission may vote at the next meeting to install "maximum demand meters" the homes of hydro users, as well as factories and stores. General Mana-ger E. V. Buchanan will present figures at the next meeting relative to the cost of inspections, and the re-sults as attained through the present

Mayor Wenige stated clearly that contrary to what might seem like finding fault, he was merely asking for information. He presented two light bills, one of which was for power used before an inspection, and the other for power used after an inspection. Just previous to the inspection he had changed his lamps.
While he had used almost twice the power in the second instance, as compared with the first, his second bill was only slightly greater than the

Although he was getting power cheaper by using a greater quantity, the mayor thought that a flat meter rate would be better for the large number of small users. As the sam time he maintained that if the in-spection had not taken place just when it did, the public utilities comnission would have lost money in the case.

Must Make Charge.

It was pointed out to him, however that if not a service charge, a certain comparatively high rate must necessarily be charged to offset the cost of maintenance of service. The slid-ing scale of rates merely provided for the charging of actual power con-sumed, after a certain amount of power had been used. Mr. Buchanan claimed that it was estimated that revenue lost was nearly negligible, but if it was thought that sufficient evenue was being lost, it would pay o install maximum demand meters. Two inspectors have been employ ed two months, twice a year, it was stated, and it might prove profitable

to install the special meters and dis-pense with their services. The general manager stated that consumer ofter changed their electric light bulbs for those of higher capacity, and several months usually elapse before such change is detected. Obtains Free Power.

A peculiar case was brought light where wires had been "twisted' in an apartment house so that those feeding a grate on the second floor were connected to the meter of a enant on the first floor. The complaint was made some time ago, when the tenant felt that his bill was Several attempts were too high. Several attempts were made, Mr. Buchanan stated, by the inspector to gain entrance to the flat in question in order to make meter tests, but without success until re





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was tested shortly after the complaint was made. It was learned that the tenant who had obtained the free power had since departed for Italy.

Mayor Wenige contended that the user, who had been wrongly charged, should have some redress. Chairman Vining and Mr. Buchanan, however, pointed out that the utilities was not at fault and that the responsibility rested between the man who wired the house and the owner who had the wiring done. Philip Pocock stated that it was not obligatory that the commission even investigate the matter, but it was done as a matter of courtesy. The landlord was responsible, and the case should be taken to the division court by the complainant.

complainant.

A communication from the London Horticultural Society was read asking for co-operation in the mailing of correspondence and the use of a small space in the Hydro Shop where small space in the Hydro Shop where members might pay their fees. The amount of \$250 to \$275 was yearly spent in the mailing of correspondence, and it was felt that this might be saved through the use of the public utilities addressograph. The society also asked that a sample block with model flower beds be maintained, and offered to supply all flowers and bulbs if the utilities would do the work. the work.

Jokes With Mayor.

"Haven't you got a block on Erie avenue we might beautify?" asked Chairman Jared Vining, with a hunorous glance in the direction of the

"Now you said something," interjected the mayor. "That's the best street in the city."
A general laugh ensued. On Commissioner T. W. McFarland's motion, it was decided to co-operate with the Horticultural Society, and details will be arranged at once

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John Putherbough was given permission to use city water for flooding purposes on the north end rink. It was pointed out that the rink was for public use and was not connected

with any club.

The playgrounds committee was named as follows: Chairman, Philip Pocock, E. V. Buchanan, Ald. J. Greer and R. R. Rowntree. To Supply Plants.

Commissioner McFarland, chairman of the parks committee, stated that the commission was now in a position to supply all schools, the fire hall, public library, as well as city needs, in the way of flowers. Facilities for doing so have increased 100 per cent, he said, but the needs would have to be made known now so that the flowers could be ready at planting time. In the past, it was at planting time. In the past, it was said, the fire hall asked for flowers in the summer months, and it was then impossible to supply the needs. Mr. Buchanan was instructed to write the schools and other city organizations immediately, asking for

summer requirements.
The dinner meeting was decided upon for Saturday next at 6 p. m., previous to which the commission-ers will inspect all commission prop-

#### MORE TROUBLE DUE

If your work demands a good vision or causes eyestrain, the sooner your eyes are attended to the better. Much trouble often occurs from negligence and persistent neglect produces permanent injury. See F. tion and examination. You owe that to your eyes .-- Advt.

## CITY POLICE FORCE

Prepared To Battle For Chief Birrell's Men in the

London has a police force that is econd to none in Canada, subnits Ald. W. A. Wilson, ward 2, and he states that he has the courage of his convictions and is prepared to battle for the force in the city coun-

Referring to the forthcoming probe of that department, he flays those who have criticized, character izing it as "ill-becoming to them." "They should not be condemned without good and sufficient reason,' he stated. "I have never noticed anything wrong about them, except that there are not enough of them. They have been always good and should not be run down."

Ald. Wilson includes the fire chief and staff in his line of reasoning, for whom he is also ready to defend at the coming investigation.

#### **BOOK TALENTED ARTISTS** TO APPEAR AT CONCERT

For the concert to be given by the choir of the First Presbyterian Church Monday, February 5, Mr. George C. Lethbridge, organist and choir leader, has obtained the services of the Misses Gertrude and Victoria Stares, soprano and mezzosoprano, and Mr. Jose Acosta, all of

The Misses Stares are concert singers of exceptional ability. They will sing such numbers as "Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark," "La Paloma," "Come Mallika," and "The Passage Bird's Farewell"

Mr. Jose Acosta, the leader of the Mr. Jose Acosta, the leader of the Hamilton Symphony Orchestra, is a flautist of wide reputation. Mr. Acosta will render such numbers as "Sixieme Solo di Concert."

### **Obituaries**

HECTOR CURRIE. Hector Currie, a brother of the Rev. John Currie, died in the city on Thursday after an illness of six months. For forty years the deceased had been engaged in farming in South Dakota where he had also

South Dakota where he had also held office as county magistrate of Brown county. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving him are three brothers, Rev. John Currie of 314 Oxford street, city, Rev. N. Currie of Alberta, Charles Currie of Morrison, and one sister, Miss Mary Currie of Morrison.

The remains will be forwarded from the Oatman Funeral Home on Saturday morning to Puslinch, where interment will be made in the Crown Cemetery.

JAMES HADLEY. The death occurred in this city on Thursday of James Hadley, who was formerly a well-known lumber mer-chant of Windsor, in his seventy

The remains will be forwarded from the Oatman Funeral Home to Chat-ham on Saturday noon. Interment will be made at Chatham.

## Will Mr. Bear See His Shadow Today?

are going to have an early spring or a late one.

This is mighty important to folks who are getting a little tired of winter. Mr.

Bear has a big reputation for knowing when spring is going to come, and he

doesn't miss his guess any oftener than the government's weatherman. Today is

the day he comes out flat and frank with his prognostications as to whether we

We've been thinking about this day for a long time, because we know that spring

isn't very far away when it arrives—no matter what the old bear's forecast may

be. We have to have the new goods ready for people who want to have plenty

of time to get ready for the warmer days. That's why our receiving-room is the

scene of much activity all this month, new goods coming in almost every day

-so that forehanded women can pick out frock patterns and get at their sewing

early, and not have to be hurried when there are so many other things to do-



A Spring Chapeau

FOR A MERRY VALENTINE. Nothing can add a touch of brightness to one's late winter costume more adroitly than a New Hat—and a Spring Hat! Charming are these newest arrivals; vivid taffeta pokes with tagel facings of the same shade and small fruit trimmings, tailleur models of wide belting ribbon and satin haircloth, trim shapes of heavy silk and metallic cloth turbans. Just right for the dance. See these Saturday, \$7.50 to \$15.00

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About 25 pieces in this after stocktaking grouping, consisting of gray and black wolf and red black and fox, Siberian wolf and American fox. Smart Choker Neckpieces a n d animal styles. Just the kind you will need when you discard your winter coat and don your spring suit. All at half price Satur-day. Sale prices, \$5.00, \$5.25, \$8.25, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$12.50

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150 pieces in all; an endless range of dainty pieces in fine Filet Cotton Cluny, Insets and Insertions of Cluny and Filet in Dresser Scarfs, Centers, etc. Grouped for Saturday ..... 98c each

Lot No. 2—79c Each 100 pieces in Scalloped Edge as well as an almost endless range of pretty Lace Edges and Insertions.

Lot No. 3-\$1.29

many values that sell regularly up to double this

Here you'll find some exceptionally fine quality Filet Edge Scarfs in a variety of patterns; also some very pretty Cloths in 36-inch. Quantity is limited to just 65 only. So advise early for best selection. Grouped for Saturday ..... \$1.29

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Wide Filet Lace Edge and Insertions, also some very fine Cotton Cluny Scarfs in this lot. You'll be de-

Irish Linen Huckaback Towels, 49c Each



You will probably think these an inferior quality as you note the price. But they are superior quality pure Irish linen yarn, woven to give wear satisfaction, and a good heavy weight. You'll appreciate the saving when you inspect this number, and need no urging to buy a share of the 20 dozen only offered for Saturday. 

#### AFTERNOON TEA

SPECIAL SERVICE Saturday, 3 to 5:30 ORCHESTRA, 3:30 TO 5:30. Enjoy a dainty luncheon with the music, home-

like surroundings and comfort. English Breakfast Tea ..... 5c cup Cheese, Toast or Crisps, Toasted Currant Scones, Cinnamon Toast, Buttered Toast, Finger Toast, Baked Apples with Whipped Cream, Chicken, Lobster, Salmon, etc., Salad, Whipped Cream Cake, Cocoanut, Orange or Chocolate Layer Restaurant, Fourth Floor.

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