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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1912.

CITY LIGHTING PROBLEM.

The proposition which the Fredericton Gas Light Company has placed before the City Council is remarkable in several ways. It starts out with the entirely unwarranted statement that the city plant on Carleton street is in a state of dilapidation and unfit to perform the duties required of it. It is true that on account of an accident to an important but comparatively inexpensive portion of the electrical apparatus, the plant has been temporarily put out of business, but there has been absolutely nothing to show that the plant is not capable of performing in a satisfactory manner the service which is required of it. It is understood that a competent electrical expert is now examining the plant with the view of placing the Council in possession of the facts in regard to its efficiency, and until such report is received it would be premature to take any decided action.

In late years the tendency of all municipal bodies has been more and more in the direction of direct control and operation of public utilities. For Fredericton to go back to the old system and again place itself in the power of a corporation, which would then have the entire field to itself, would indeed be a backward step, and one which will not be looked upon with favor by the general public.

Again, the Fredericton Gas Light Company asks for a hard and fast contract for ten years. Once that contract were signed, the city would be tied hand and foot for the next ten years at least. As yet, the development of electrical energy in this Province is in its infancy, but there is not wanting evidence to show that the inertia of the past is now giving place to a more active desire on the part of capitalists to take advantage of the power stored up by nature and apply it to the uses of man. During the next few years this city may expect to have propositions for the supplying of power from more than one source, and we should be in a position to take full advantage of whatever offers.

CIVIL SERVICE DISMISSALS.

The most notable feature of the routine of Parliament since its resumption has been the general attack of the opposition on the dismissals from the public service which the government have considered it necessary to make in the interests of the country. It is needless to say that the attack failed of its object; in fact it proved a boomerang to the Liberal party. It was shown that civil servants in many constituencies during the recent elections were ordered to get out and work for the Laurier candidates, and that the late government had consistently encouraged and even forced offensive partisanship among the civil servants throughout the country. Moreover, it was shown that during the Laurier regime Conservative civil servants had been almost exterminated from the various departments. Yet this is the party which has the nerve to criticize the eminently fair attitude assumed by the present administration.

The members of the government, while declaring that no man would be dismissed from the service by the party now in power except for just and sufficient cause, held up to the Laurier supporters their own record subsequent to 1896, and the contrast between that and the magnanimous attitude of the present government, was so glaring that the opposition criticisms lost all their force, and silence fell on the discomfited followers of Sir Wilfrid. In this connection the following doctrine, laid down by the Liberal party just after the change

of government in 1896, makes interesting reading at the present time:

The rank and file of the Liberal party will acclaim a plain statement of the need for a closer loyalty of the department to this accepted principle of party government—all patronage should go to the friends of the party. Every departure from this is an act of disloyalty to the followers and supporters of the party.

No cabinet minister, nor any supporter of the Liberal party can assault this position and be loyal to his party. Every new appointment, every power of patronage, belongs by right of system and precedent to the members of the Liberal party.

To appease a political foe by gifts of patronage is a sign of cowardice, or even worse.

In the initial appointment or in the awarding of a government contract, it is expected that the party in power shall be loyal to its friends. Without such loyalty the party becomes disorganized.

It is announced formally that the commission for the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway will be dissolved and the task of completing the road given to Mr. Leonard, the chairman. It is not known how far the commissioners were to blame for the work in their charge exceeding the estimated cost by nearly or quite 200 per cent. It is sure, however, that in their case the experiment of putting the building of a great railway in charge of men who at the start know nothing about building railways, was not a success. A change can hardly be for anything but the better.

The Liberal opposition in the House of Commons has been objecting to propositions of the government that looked like infringement of the Civil Service Act, and speaking in favor of more moderate expenditure. This is getting back to old time ideas. The platform of the famous Ottawa Convention of 1893 may be nailed together again and be made an ornamental piece of party property.

A big New York manufacturing concern has decided almost wholly to confine its advertising to the newspapers, having found by experience that they are the best medium. The decision is a sensible one. Everybody reads the newspapers these days, and the announcements in them are brought daily before the eyes of the public when in its most receptive mood.

It took Major Currie over an hour in the House of Commons on Friday to read the list of public employees dismissed by the Laurier government after 1896 for partisan reasons. If the Liberals complain now that their friends are getting the axe, it is a case of the physician disliking his own medicine.

That firm which, although bankrupt for thirty-one years, continued doing business, must have had a bookkeeper something after the kind that originated the Canadian system of book-keeping, where, in spite of yearly surpluses for unnumbered years, the national debt continued to increase.

NEW COUNCILLORS PROVE FINE HOSTS

Entertained Older Members at an Oyster Supper Last Evening

The new councillors of the York County Council proved excellent hosts last evening when they entertained the old members of the council, a number of former wardens of the county, several members of former councils and other friends.

The entertainment took the form of an oyster supper and was in many ways one of the most enjoyable functions given by the new councillors since such functions have been of biennial occurrence. One interesting feature was the presence of Mayor Hatt and a number of the town councillors of Marysville as it was a formal mark of the close of hostilities which existed for some time between the town and the county over some financial matters.

Other notable features included the fact that Mr. John A. Young, M. P., had sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be present and he received an unusually warm reception when called upon to respond to the toast to the Provincial Legislature. Mr. Young voiced the feelings of the Legislature and of the Government to do everything in their power to assist the municipalities in every reasonable way, at the same time referring to the fact that the present Provincial Government had placed the control of the highways practically with the county councils.

Keep York the Banner Municipality. The principal speaker among the councillors was Coun. Sterling, who pointed out the responsibility which rests upon the new councillors to do their share towards maintaining York County as the banner municipality of the province. He also declared that he had always found Mr. Young and the other representatives of York County anxious and desirous of doing whatever is in the interests of

the municipality. He referred to the excellent financial condition of the county and of the parishes and said that some new demands would be made upon the council this year, including a request for assistance in fighting tuberculosis. Notwithstanding the increased demands, the increased cost of living, etc., the annual assessment for the county of York was some \$2,000 less now than it was six years ago.

The work of the Union of Municipalities was also discussed by Coun. Sterling and the benefits of the Union were briefly set forth. The placing of an export duty on pulp wood cut on the Crown Lands, the establishment of the Public Utilities Commission and the teaching of civics in the public schools were three leading questions which had found their origin with the York County Council or its officials, had been passed before the Union and endorsed and then put into operation by the Provincial Government.

Ex-Warden Scott There. A municipal function would not be complete without Ex-Warden Jean Scott's presence and the "Godfather of the York County Council" was there last evening and was one of the principal speakers in reply to the toast to the Guests. For twenty-five years he held a seat at the council, running only five elections all that time, and declared it was the 29th year he had been meeting with new members of the council and he felt proud of the council of 1912-13.

In speaking of the changes which have taken place in his long connection with the Municipal Council he declared—"When I came here thirty years ago, 25 cents was as much thought of as a \$1 bill is today; we're living in a different age."

Particularly interesting were also the addresses made by Mayor Hatt of Marysville and Secretary Treasurer Bliss, both of whom complimented the new councillors and referred to the good feeling existing between the county and town, while Mayor Hatt also rendered Annie Laurie in his own sweet way being in excellent voice notwithstanding a slight cold.

Coun. J. H. Walker of Marysville presided and upon his right were Ex-Warden Scott and John A. Young, M. P., while on his left were Mayor Hatt of Marysville and Warden-Elect Skene. Coun. A. J. Skene and Ex-Warden Tumlinson occupied the vice-chairs. There were about 50 seated around the tables.

The Toasts. After toasts to the King and the Governor General had been formally honored, the toast to the Provincial Legislature with which was coupled the name of Mr. John A. Young, M. P., who ably replied.

The toast to the old members of the council was then honored and was replied to by Warden Skene, Ex-Warden Timmins, Ex-Warden McMullin, Coun. Morrison, Coun. Sterling, Coun. Green, Coun. Hunter, Coun. Robert, Coun. Graham, Coun. Fawcett, Coun. Colter, Coun. Clarence Noble and Coun. Thompson.

The toast to Our Guests was then honored and responded to by Mayor Hatt of Marysville, Ex-Warden Scott, Ex-Warden McNally, Ex-Coun. Fred Pond, Secretary Treasurer, Warden J. W. Smith of the Board of Health, and Ex-Coun. Alex. Brewer.

The toast to Our Hosts the New Councillors was then proposed by Warden Skene and responded to by Coun. Walker, the chairman, Coun. Neill, Coun. Griffin, Coun. Grant, Coun. Sloan, Coun. Hugh Smith, Coun. Harry Smith, Coun. Murray, Coun. Stairs, Coun. Cowperthwaite and Coun. Pickard.

The toast to The Press was honored and then Secretary Treasurer Bliss proposed a toast to the health of Mayor Hatt of Marysville, who kindly favored the gathering with an excellent rendition of "Annie Laurie". The supper closed with all joining in singing the National Anthem.

Trading is freer on stock market. Continence of Upward Movement in Some Securities—Squeeze of Shorts

(By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., 604 Queen St., Fredericton, N. B.)
New York Jan. 17. — The opening was quiet with a good tone. There was some covering of shorts, but not all the buying nor the bull but it was of that kind. The easy money situation and improving investment demand for bonds and better class of stocks were factors making for a change of tendency. United States Steel was firm. Reading and Lehigh Valley were unchanged, and some traders thought that for the time being the rise in these stocks was over. On the other hand Union Pacific was firmer and there was some talk of a squeeze of shorts in that issue.

A continuance of the upward movement was seen in American Telegraph and Western Union, resulting from good buying and the increased favor which these stocks are finding with investors.

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Am. Cop. Op'g Noon
Am. Steel Share 85 1/2 65
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Am. Cot. Oil. 46 1/2
Am. Sm. & Ref. 71 1/2 70 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tel. 141 1/2 141 1/2
Am. Cop. 105 1/2 105
Atchafalpa 104 1/2 104 1/2
B. R. T. 78 1/2 78
C. P. R. 231 1/2 231 1/2



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| Ches. & Ohio | 72 1/2 |
| Chic. & St. Paul | 107 1/2 |
| Con. Gas | 142 |
| Emp. | 31 1/2 |
| Gr. Nor. Pld. | 126 1/2 |
| G. Nor. Ore | 40 |
| Ill. Cent. | 140 1/2 |
| Int. Met. | 54 1/2 |
| Louis. & Nash | 153 1/2 |
| Lehigh Valley | 184 |
| Nat. Lead | 53 1/2 |
| N. Y. Cent. | 107 |
| Nor. Pac. | 115 1/2 |
| Nor. & West | 109 |
| Pac. Mail | 32 1/2 |
| Penn. | 123 1/2 |
| People's Gas | 105 1/2 |
| Que. Tel. & Tel. | 49 1/2 |
| Reading | 153 1/2 |
| So. Pac. | 109 1/2 |
| "Soo" | 131 1/2 |
| Utah Copper | 56 1/2 |
| Un. Pacific | 168 |
| U. S. Steel | 62 1/2 |
| Virginia Chem. | 57 1/2 |
| Western Union | 82 1/2 |

Montreal Morning Transactions.

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| Soo—10 at 132 1/2, 15 at 132 1/2. |
| Crown Reserve—500 at 292, 80 at 290. |
| Detroit United—50 at 71. |
| Dom. Steel Corn.—110 at 58, 50 at 57 1/2, 200 at 58 1/2. |
| Dom. Steel Bonds—1000 at 94 1/2. |
| Montreal Light & P.—80 at 192, 25 at 192 1/2, 150 at 193, 110 at 194, 155 at 194 1/2, 100 at 193, 35 at 193 1/2, 75 at 193 1/2. |
| Pennam's Com.—50 at 59. |
| Rich. & Ont. N. Co.—775 at 123, 220 at 123 1/2, 25 at 123 1/2. |
| Rio de J. Tram.—125 at 112 1/2. |
| Toronto St. Ry.—20 at 135 1/2, 80 at 135 1/2. |
| Shawinigan Power—72 at 124. |
| Rio de J. Tram. Rights—651 at 65 cents. |
| Mont. Cotton Pfd.—7 at 104 1/2. |
| Bank of Montreal—11 at 248. |
| Royal Bank—20 at 224 1/2, 4 at 224. |
| Union Bank of Can.—21 at 145 1/2. |
| Dom. Canners Com.—100 at 63. |
| Bank of Ottawa—5 at 210. |
| Que. Ry Bonds—1000 at 78. |
| New Royal Bank—7 at 221. |
| Textile Com.—40 at 66 1/2. |
| Bank N. S.—30 at 277. |
| Tookies Com.—10 at 39, 25 at 39 1/2. |
| Coun. Morris—1000 at 98. |
| Merchants Bank—38 at 200. |
| Steel Co. Can.—10 at 24 1/2, 125 at 34 1/2, 150 at 35, 400 at 35 1/2, 200 at 35 1/2, 40 at 35 1/2, 25 at 35 1/2. |
| C. P. R. Rights—204 at 5, 196 at 5 1/2. |
| Cement Com.—3 1/2 at 29, 7 at 29 1/2, 150 at 30. |
| Cement Pfd.—33 at 90. |

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