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A GOOD WEEK'S WORK.

Mayor Fisher was elected on Nov. 13. On Nov. 22 the hydro contract and passed through committee and only awaited the approval of the city solicitor to be taken up by the City Council for final action. This should take place before the week ends. There will perhaps be some discussion when the matter comes before the Council, but since the contract has been agreed to in committee it will not doubt be approved by the Council. Yesterday's discussions were greatly illuminated by the clear statements of Mr. Kribs in his report and in reply to the numerous questions asked. He is available in the interim to answer any other questions before the Council meets for the final discussion.

While the Times has contended that all the discussion regarding costs and revenue might well have been deferred until after the contract had been signed, inasmuch as the people had twice declared for such course, the Council may nevertheless be congratulated on having come to a decision without serious delay. No doubt, also, the information furnished by Mr. Kribs will convince some of the doubters outside of the Council that the city is taking no risk, even if it has to go into competition with the New Brunswick Power Company. It may be assumed that the contract will be signed this week. The Mayor will then be in a position to make the offer to the power company which his platform provides for, and in ten days thereafter the city will know whether there is to be competition or not. The public utilities now operated by the company, even if there is competition, Mr. Kribs points out that the city's own street lighting and the amount of current to be taken up in the outskirts of the city will take care of a large portion of the 10,000,000 kilowatts without considering the commercial and domestic sale in the city. The potential market is here, a great deal of it not now covered by the New Brunswick Power Company. The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission has given the city another month's grace, and will not ask it to begin paying for the current until the first of May. By that time the substitution will have been completed and a portion of the city's distribution system ready, so that some people will have the advantages of cheap light and power as soon as the city is asked to begin paying for the current. When that much has been accomplished the rest of the citizens will be more keen than ever to have the whole distribution system completed. There is a decided, more cheerful feeling throughout the city because the City Council is giving such clear evidence that it means business.

THE STATUS OF MR. KRIBS.

Mr. Kribs is now under fire, but Mr. Kribs is the engine that engaged the city to begin to talk about hydro which has had real experience on a large scale in hydro development. He was recommended by Sir Adam Beck. He was for half a dozen years one of three district engineers in control of hydro in Ontario. He is not a theorist. He is not primarily a corporation engineer, and he is not opposed to public ownership. He does not attempt to cast discredit on other members of his own profession. The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission was fortunate in securing his services and the city of St. John is fortunate in having his wise counsel at this time. Only politics or a grave misapprehension of the whole situation could account for any attempt to represent the government and the city as having rival interests in this matter of hydro development. Their interests are identical. As taxpayers of the province the citizens of St. John are part owners of the Musquash development, and in a sense they are simply giving the power to themselves. Power at cost is the government policy, and whatever advances that policy is in line with the aims of both city and province. Mr. Kribs may therefore be trusted to be absolutely fair to the city and to give the people the full benefit of his knowledge and experience. That, also, is what the government desires to do. The power company does not like him. His friends discredit him as an engineer. That is natural and quite to be expected. It will not injure Mr. Kribs in the estimation of a discerning public.

Touching the matter of warning the people of the province that the rule of the road changes on Dec. 1, it may be noted that among other means of publicity Hon. Mr. Veniot arranged to have five different films shown in picture houses throughout the province for a period of six weeks prior to that date. This is one very effective method and it is by no means the only one. There can be no excuse whatever for ignorance on the part of any person regarding the coming change in the rule of the road.

THE BUSINESS MAN.

The impression which the New Brunswick Power Company seeks to create that all the business men in St. John are opposed to getting cheap light and power from Musquash is contrary to the facts. Some business men are opposed, because they are interested in the power company. Some are opposed, because they are always against the principle of civic ownership. Some are in doubt because they have lent a too sympathetic ear to these loud-talking opponents of the Fisher platform. Other business men, and the majority, are convinced that the city must take advantage of the opportunity to get rid of monopoly and open the way for the expansion hydro has brought wherever introduced. The thoughtful business man who is not personally interested in the fortunes of the New Brunswick Power Company and not opposed to the principle of civic ownership sees in the Musquash development the means of breaking a monopoly that has stood in the way of the city's growth, and a means of getting cheap light and power. He knows that the whole power company and those who are opposed to civic ownership of public utilities. Unfortunately these opponents can influence some other people and gain their support, or at least instill into their minds a doubt; but all who may be opposed or doubtful are today a small minority of the whole citizenship. Corporations are unscrupulous. The methods adopted to influence public opinion against any disposition of the Musquash current that would not further enrich the power company have not been any too creditable, and they have failed. But it is quite true that the business man should be considered. It is no less true that the great mass of people who are not so classed have rights to be taken into account. A choice has to be made. Either the rights of the power company and a small group opposed to all new movements must prevail, or the rest of the people must have their way. Obviously the majority must rule. To say that all the business men are against the Fisher programme would be equivalent to an assertion that they had lost faith in St. John and could see no hope of progress. That is not true.

Referring to the fact that the first federal by-elections produced only one Conservative candidate the Montreal Gazette says: "Interest in politics has not been lively of late. It takes time for a party to reorganize and recover from the defeat sustained by the Conservatives a year ago, and there is no sign as yet of disintegration in the government ranks. The Progressives are not spilling for a fight." This appears to be a very good summary of the situation.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

The Y. M. C. A. building in Fredericton was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is placed at \$50,000. The ground floor was occupied by B. J. Griffiths, dealer in wall paper and linoleum. The loss is placed at \$50,000. The ground floor was occupied by B. J. Griffiths, dealer in wall paper and linoleum. The loss is placed at \$50,000.

Before the appeal division in the Supreme Court in Fredericton yesterday, argument was completed in the case of the Workmen's Compensation Board vs. the Bathurst Company, Ltd. George Gilbert, K. C., for the defendant company, supported an appeal from a verdict and judgment of Mr. Justice Barry for \$20,852.12 in favor of the Compensation Board. M. G. Teed, K. C., spoke in support of the appeal, and Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., for the Compensation Board.

THE EVOLUTION OF CANADIAN DRESS TO BE DEMONSTRATED

One of the interesting features which it is hoped, will be introduced at the Textile Exhibition to be held in Montreal early in the New Year, will be a series of episodes to illustrate the development in Canadian wearing apparel since the days of the Indians and habitants. The exhibition itself, which will duplicate the successful show put on by the textile manufacturers of Canada at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, last February, will be held towards the end of the month of March. It is anticipated that exhibits will be made by manufacturers of cotton, woolen and linen textiles and all classes of men's and women's wearing apparel. Exhibitions such as this have great educational value, not only for manufacturers themselves, but for retailers and the general public. The textile exhibition held last spring in Toronto proved a revelation of the wonderful progress that has been made in Canada in the manufacture of textiles and textile products. Meetings of textile manufacturers have been held recently in the offices of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in Toronto and Montreal to lay plans for the show.

A hand carved wooden clock made in Pennsylvania contains 50,000 separate pieces.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Humane.

The village constable was exceedingly kind, but even the kindest man becomes stern sometimes, and one day it came to pass that he had to lock up three tramps.

An hour or two afterward the local J. P. met him hurrying down the main street and said:

"Where are you hurrying, constable?"

"Oh," explained the kind-hearted one, "those three tramps I've locked up for his sentence for good conduct—London Ideas."

Model Man.

District Visitor—What a well-behaved little boy yours is, Mrs. Blobs.

Mrs. Blobs—Yes, just like his father. My husband always gets a few weeks taken off his sentence for good conduct—London Ideas.

Placing Her 'Way Back.

Miss Olden (calling)—I play only classic music—Mozart, Beethoven and Haydn, you know.

Hostess's little daughter—You're just like my mamma. She doesn't play any thing but the pieces that was new when she was young.—Boston Transcript.

Those Bargain Sales.

"My wife saved ten dollars at a bargain sale today."

"Did she give you back the ten?"

"Not much! She demanded fifteen more to buy a new hat. Her old one was trampled on in the rush."—New York Sun.

Dangerous Suggestion.

Boy—Father, do you know that every winter an animal gets on a new fur coat?

Father—Hush! Not so loud! Your mother's in the next room!

THE NEW LEADER.

(Winnipeg Free Press.)

The new leader of the Progressive parliamentary group is just one more example of why the Scotch regard the highland spilt milk in the sphere in which they cast their lot. If one wanted a reason which has brought to the world the leadership of the group at Ottawa that would be "through." Whatever Bob Forke is, he is not a leader. He has had his chance and he has failed. He has not the ability to lead, and he has not the courage to follow. He is a man of no account, and he is a man of no account.

When he came to Manitoba from Berwickshire by the Tweed, in 1882, when he was 22 years old, and settled on a homestead in the valley of the Red River. His holdings in that fertile district exceed greatly his original homestead. He has been a successful farmer, and he has been a successful politician. He has been a member of the Manitoba legislature, and he has been a member of the federal parliament. He has been a member of the Manitoba Land and Survey Commission, and he has been a member of the Manitoba Land and Survey Commission.

He took part in his first campaign for the seat of St. John's in 1908, being one of the supporters of Sir Clifford Sifton during the time that the former minister of the interior represented the Brandon constituency. He himself contested the Vidon riding in the Manitoba legislature in 1910, and he was elected. He was defeated by the Conservative, Harry Simpson, in 1912, but he was re-elected in 1914, and he has been a member of the Manitoba legislature ever since.

MUSCOLINI'S FEARLESSNESS.

(Correspondence New York World.)

Shaking a fist and waving his blood-soaked handkerchief, Benito Mussolini defied the crowd which had sworn to tear him limb from limb. This occurred when Professor Benito Mussolini, a former editor of the Socialist paper Avanti!, at Milan, tried to address a mass meeting of Socialists who were opposing Italy's entrance into the war against Germany. For fifteen minutes the crowd howled itself hoarse, while the thick-set, fiery Mussolini howled back, until, at last, he was hurled down by a glass water-bomb and cut long gashes in one hairy fist. The sight of the blood streaming down his face, and the crowd, gave him an opportunity to hold them spell-bound with a torrent of scathing invective.

As soon as Italy entered the World War Mussolini left the Popolo d'Italia, which he had founded to combat the Socialists, served in the army, was wounded at the front, and, returning, organized the black-shirted Fascist to combat the rapid spread of Communism in northern Italy.

The Spanish troupe Nero captured by Dewey at Manila is now being wrecked at Mare Island.

Hydro Contract Passes The Committee Stage

Commission Agrees to Make It Effective as From May 1—Final Draft and Decision by Council Still Remains—Good Progress.

With a few slight amendments, the proposed contract between the city and New Brunswick Power Commission was passed by the City Council in committee yesterday and was ordered referred to the city solicitor for revision final draft. It will then come before the council for final decision.

At yesterday afternoon's session, Section 14 was adopted, with the provision, agreed to by Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman of the N. B. Commission, that the contract would not go into effect until May 1, 1923, one month later than was previously intended. The only other outstanding portion of the contract was Clause A of Section 1, which was also approved after considerable discussion.

The afternoon session lasted little more than one hour. In opening the discussion on the Kribs' report, Commissioner Thornton questioned the figure of 3.58 cents per k.w.h., which Mr. Kribs had said was the average rate in Calgary for domestic lighting. He said he had received a letter from a former Calgary resident, who said that the rate was seven cents per k.w.h.

When Mr. Kribs arrived, the question was put and he replied that his figures were taken from the published accounts of the Calgary commission. Mr. Kribs replied that that figure of seven cents per k.w.h. was not in accordance with the published accounts. Continuing, he declared that it was his honest belief that if every advantage were taken of the extra time allowed by the Power Commission the city would go ahead energetically, and there would be no necessity for a deficit even for the first year.

Carrying on their consideration of Mr. Kribs' figures, the council took up the second year. The engineer estimated that the total cost for this year for domestic lighting, power and street lighting would be \$100,000. Operating costs would amount to \$238,000, leaving a surplus of \$77,000 on the second year's operations. Deducting the deficit of \$88,000 for the first year, a surplus of \$19,000 on the two years' operation would be shown.

For the third year he figured as follows: Domestic lighting, \$143,000; power, \$208,000; street lighting, \$90,000; \$441,000. Power and operating costs would amount to \$238,000, leaving a surplus of \$89,000 at the end of the third year. Adding the \$19,000 surplus of the second year to this, and the surplus for the three years' operation would be \$108,000.

At this juncture, Commissioner Frink remarked that he saw Mr. E. A. Smith, chairman of the local Board of Trade, in the room. He would like to ask if the board were concerned over this matter. Mr. Armstrong emphatically replied that the Board of Trade certainly were concerned over the matter and had issued a report on the whole matter, which had been criticized in the press.

Commissioner Frink asked if the Board of Trade had taken any concerted action recently in the matter. The board's report, he said, was published about two years ago.

Mr. Armstrong replied the board had taken no action recently, but all the members of the board were deeply interested in the matter. He had talked the matter over with the president several times, and he had felt that no unnecessary burdens should be placed on the citizens, but that the matter should be examined thoroughly before a decision was made. He declared that none of the members were tied up by the Power Commission.

Mr. Thornton went on to say that many would consider his questions impertinent, he felt they were important. He congratulated the Power Commission on its service and Mr. Kribs' engineering to help the city. In this respect, had been unfortunate. The Ross report had been "howled out" by Mayor Fisher.

His Worship intervened and said he was not that had "howled out" the Scheidehelm report. "The elections had considerably to do with that," he remarked.

Commissioner Frink asked if the city stood the loss, if after the distribution plant were erected, the Musquash development failed to deliver the amount specified in the city's contract.

Mayor Fisher remarked there was no guarantee from the N. B. Power Company for continuation of service and Mr. Kribs declared that the contract protected the city in that case.

Commissioner Frink then wanted to know if, at the expiration of fifteen years, the city would get the current from Musquash at 12 cents.

Mr. Kribs suggested that an option clause be inserted setting out that the city could renew the contract for a further fifteen years under the same terms as the present contract.

This matter was left to the city solicitor for insertion in the contract after a motion was passed that it be put in the contract.

Before taking up Clause 1, section (a), Hon. Dr. Smith declared that the commission was ready and willing to lend every assistance to the city in carrying out the contract. The commission, he told them, was not formed to make money. It was to see, however, that money was not lost on the development.

Commissioner Wigmore then moved the adoption of Section 1, Clause A. Mr. Thornton then asked Mr. Kribs if the figures relating to the city's peak load requirements were large enough to take care of a consumption of 15,000,000 k.w.h.

The engineer replied that in his opinion they were sufficiently large. The motion then carried without dissent, Commissioner Frink declaring that he reserved to himself the right to debate the matter when it reached council.

"All have that same privilege," remarked Commissioner Wigmore.

Section 14, dealing with the time the contract would take effect was the final clause considered. After brief discussion, Dr. Smith assented to the proposal to extend the date from April 1 to May 1. Thus amended, the section was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bullock then moved that the re-draft of the contract be submitted to the city solicitor for revision and approval. This carried and the conference adjourned, Commissioner Thornton remarking to Hon. Dr. Smith: "Well, you are not such a hard customer to make us wait, after all."

LOCAL NEWS

Meet your friends at Lesser's Mammoth Clearance Sale. See adv. on page 7.

Specials for Friday and Saturday only in all winter necessities. N. B. Overall Co., store 291 Prince Edward.

Bargains in ladies' voile and silk waists at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

Come, look over our specials for Friday and Saturday. We promise satisfaction. N. B. Overall Co., 291 Prince Edward.

Lesser's Mammoth Clearance Sale. See adv. on page 7.

The Ritz, "Step Lively" novelty night, Friday, Nov. 24.

Don't forget large photograph with every dozen cabinets—Laurin Studio, 88 Charlotte. 4439-11-25

CHARCOAL FOR FEEDERS

To kindle fires quickly without smoke, get a bag of Gibson & Co's Charcoal at your grocers.

TWO DAY SILK SALE.

Another two days of silk selling is announced by F. A. Dykeman & Company, Friday and Saturday. You can save just \$1 per yard on Duchess satins, and just \$1 per yard on unbreakable paillette. The silks offered are of a very superior quality and come in a large range of charming and staple shades. Regular price of these silks is \$2.89 per yard, but they will be sold for \$1.89 per yard for these two days only.

You can save money in purchasing dolls, Xmas tree ornaments, toys and books at Barker's toy department, 100 Princess St.

Confetti Dance, A. O. H. Hall, Friday, Nov. 24. Same crowd. Refreshments. Usual prices. 4439-11-25

WEEK END SPECIAL.

For Friday and Saturday only we offer one lot men's Goodyear welt boots, rubber heels, regular \$6.50, for \$2.98. N. B. Overall Co., 291 Prince Edward St.

White shaker hannel mill ends 15c, yard, at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte St.

Lesser's Mammoth Clearance Sale. See adv. on page 7.

WEEK-END SPECIALS IN YARD GOODS.

Special cuts Friday and Saturday in cretonnes, factory cotton, Chamberlain, towelling and curtains at N. B. Overall Co., store 291 Prince Edward.

Heavy grey cotton 14c, yard, at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

Fur trimmed coats greatly reduced, Lesser's Mammoth Sale. See adv. on page 7.

Another lot "Military Blankets" for \$1.98 each. Get a pair, N. B. Overall Co., store 291 Prince Edward.

Fine white cotton 15c, yard, at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

Canton crept, serge and tricotine dresses, at sale prices. MacNeill's, corner Union and Dorchester streets. 11-25

WEEK-END SPECIALS.

Special for Friday and Saturday only: Atlantic all-wool underwear in gold, green, blue and red, labels \$1.75 per suit. N. B. Overall Co., 291 Prince Edward St.

Fur coats in Russian Poney, Hudson Seal, Electric Seal and other furs greatly reduced at Lesser's Mammoth Clearance Sale. See adv. on page 7.

LOOK, K. O. P.

Don't forget the smoker, Pythian Castle, Friday evening, Nov. 24. 4442-11-25

Lesser's Mammoth Clearance Sale. See adv. on page 7.

PICTURES.

Say, "Merry Christmas" with a real nice photo of yourself. Make your appointment now. The Reid Studio, corner Charlotte and King streets. 11-24

LOCAL 838.

Marine Freight Handlers' regular meeting, Friday, 24th. All members requested to attend. By order president. 4441-11-25

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OPEN AIR GOLF SCHOOL IS POPULAR IN LONDON

Ground for Players Has Been Established in a Busy Shopping Centre.

London, Nov. 1.—(By mail).—Just off the busy shopping centre of Kensington, in the spacious grounds of the Holland House, retired admirals and generals, government officials, American visitors, actresses, clergymen and just ordinary citizens meet on common ground. The place is an up-to-date school of golf.

A company, recently formed, has at the conference adjourned, Commissioner Thornton remarking to Hon. Dr. Smith: "Well, you are not such a hard customer to make us wait, after all."

ANOTHER SILK SALE!

Two weeks ago we had a Silk Sale which met with phenomenal success, and believing that we did not nearly supply the demand, we are offering another huge lot of Swiss Duchess Satins at a saving of just \$1.00 per yard. This Silk measures, some pieces 36 inches, others 38 inches in width. The quality is extra heavy, and the dyes come out in perfect clear colors. This is the biggest Silk Bargain we have offered in some time. The colors include the soft evening shades, as well as the staples of navy, brown and grey. The regular price is \$2.89 per yard. They go on sale Friday and Saturday at \$1.89 per yard.

SALE OF BLACK SILKS

That celebrated untearable Swiss Paillette Duchess, usually sold around \$3.00 per yard, will be on sale for these two days at \$1.89 per yard, in black only.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO'Y

How About the ELECTRIC HEATER

—so much needed and so easily and cheaply possible with your house wired for Hydro? You can now, at trifling cost, take the chill quickly from the bedroom, bathroom, or any room in the house with our

HOT BLAST

Electric Heater which radiates abundant warmth in all directions, needing no extra wiring, and is equipped with a heating element guaranteed for a whole year. It cannot short circuit and has been fully approved by the Ontario Electric Hydro Commission. Our Hot Blast Electric Heater is 12 inches high and 8 1/2 inches in diameter. The handle is cool to the touch, the heater can be carried from room to room and attached to any electric light socket or plug. Each heater is provided with 8 feet of Electric cord.

PRICE COMPLETE ONLY \$5.00

Emerson & Fisher, Ltd.

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EXTRA SPECIAL! Women's Silver Cloth \$3.95 Evening Pumps

We have but a limited number of pairs of Women's Silvercloth Slippers, with Lode Heels, for Evening Wear, in sizes 5, 5 1/2, 6 and 6 1/2—excellent quality, REGAL make, and while they last they are marked down to sell at ridiculously low price. Sizes 5, 5 1/2, 6 and 6 1/2 only.

Men's Patent Leather Pumps

A high class Evening Shoe for Men, in Patent Leather, with Turn Sole and Lode Heels. Sizes slightly broken, but we are clearing them at this unbeared price.

SEE WINDOW DISPLAY WIEZELBROS SUPERIOR FOOTWEAR SEE WINDOW DISPLAY

It is even planned to install high-powered electric lights in order to allow the city men to play after dark. More than 2,400 golf balls are used daily, and so great is the demand for the use of the grounds that the instructors' time is booked for many days in advance. Further extensions of the school's facilities are contemplated.

PRINCE OF WALES REVIVES CABARETS IN LONDON FAVOR

London, Oct. 30.—(By mail).—The popularity of the cabaret and evening dances in London's fashionable West End restaurants is returning, and the reason therefor seems to be in no small measure due to the Prince of Wales and his brothers.

Immediately after his return from the Far East, the Prince appeared at several well-known restaurants for the late supper and dance, accompanied generally by the Duke of York or Prince Henry and a party of friends. Also since the return of the Prince from Scotland, he has been seen at several of these dances and so have his two brothers.

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