

CONSIDER MODEL GAS AGREEMENT

Council Committee Examine Draft Prepared by Commissioner Bouillon

(From Thursday's Daily.) The major portion of the model gas agreement drafted by Commissioner Bouillon was submitted to the committee appointed by the council to consider this subject at a meeting held yesterday afternoon. This committee is composed of the board of commissioners, Ald. Landry, Grindley, Mould and the city solicitor, all of whom were present save Ald. Grindley and Mould.

The agreement contemplates an enterprise, in which the city will exercise a large measure of control over the operations of the company. The franchise will extend over twenty-five years, subject to the right of purchase by the city after a period of ten years.

The right of purchase after seven years at a figure to be based upon the actual valuation of the plant and system and without allowance for franchise rights, was suggested by Commissioner Bouillon.

The company must set aside annually from the gross earnings a sum sufficient to provide for the redemption in twenty years one-twentieth of the annual investment.

What is known as the principal district, within which the company must extend its distribution system when ten or more contracts are offered for service averaging one service for every two hundred feet of main, is bounded on the north by Alberta avenue, on the west by Twenty-seventh street, on the south by the Saskatchewan river and on the east by government avenue and Henry street.

The company would also be required to extend its distribution system to a minimum consumption of 2000 cubic feet of gas per month. After the expiry of this contract the consumers would be required to make same conditions as those dwelling within the principal district.

The company would be required to guarantee continuous operation and must be in operation and supplying gas over at least twenty-five per cent of the area of the principal district on or before December 31st, 1912.

All liability for injury or damage to persons or private property arising out of its service must be assumed by the company. The franchise would be non-exclusive.

If natural gas should be discovered in the city or vicinity the company would be obliged to direct by the city, to make arrangements to supply such natural gas to its distribution system, subject to a revision by the corporation of the rates established by this agreement.

All accounts would be required to be kept in a manner satisfactory to the city corporation and would be available for inspection and subject to check by its officers at any time.

And difference arising between the officers of the corporation and the officers of the company would be referred to the city commissioners and the managing directors of the company and failing a settlement by those respective bodies the matter referred to a board of arbitration, to be appointed and constituted in accordance with the laws of the province of Alberta as in force at that time.

The finding of such board to be binding on both sides to the agreement. SURETY BOND OF \$20,000. A surety bond, the amount of which would be not less than \$20,000, satisfactory to the city and conditioned upon the faithful discharge by the company of all the provisions of the agreement must be maintained by the company throughout the life of the agreement.

In the event of failure on the part of the company to render the service provided for during a continuous period of thirty days the mains, conduits, pipes, etc. of the company would be forfeited to the city, the value of such mains, etc., thus acquired being regarded as liquidated damages.

A fair wage clause provided for the payment of wages not less than those paid for equivalent or similar service within the City of Edmonton, and in this matter the company must be bound by the decision of the city commissioners, who shall have power to pay the amount of difference from a fund which the company will be required to establish.

The gas supplied to consumers is required to be of not less than 650 B.T.U. value per cubic foot. The candle power of gas furnished for illuminating purposes shall be not less than sixteen candles that burn in a Suggs London Arrand burner No. 1, burning five cubic feet per hour for a day of rest.

CLOSING SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

Action to Make Effective the Protest on Ne Temere Decree

Ottawa, June 15.—The Presbyterian General Assembly convention met this morning for the concluding sessions. Principal Gaudier reported for the committee of systematic giving.

The estimated amount needed for church work this year is \$300,000. Next year it will be one million dollars. Ten cents per week from each communicant or member of the church would accomplish this end.

A committee appointed to enquire into complaints made by men brought out from the Old Country to work in the mission field of the west reported that no promise had been overlooked.

Action to make effective the stand on the "Ne Temere" decree was taken at the afternoon session. The resolution previously passed was augmented by a motion by Rev. G. A. Wilson of Vancouver and Rev. Dr. Duval of Winnipeg.

The report of the committee on finances was referred to a special committee. It reads that the members of this committee the salaries paid to the ministers and missionaries of the churches are inadequate and the time has come when substantial increase should be made.

Too Much to X.M.C.A. Principled Gaudier, of Knox college, Toronto, in telling of the campaign for systematic giving, said that in the whirlwind campaign for the Y. M. C. A., many members of the Presbyterian Church had given more than they what they should to the demands of the church.

A million dollars for 1912 is the new slogan. This is the sum Professor Gaudier wants for the year in the Canadian west, work as attractive, and with even vaster possibilities than the work done by Dr. Grenfell in Labrador.

High Court Re-Elects J. A. Stewart High Chief Ranger. Toronto, June 15.—The High Court of the Canadian Order of Foresters elected officers this afternoon. J. A. Stewart was re-elected high chief ranger for a term of one year, 973 as against 187 for T. K. Gibson.

Convention Church Lavishly Decorated.—Council Has Serious Work Before It. Before the meeting of the afternoon tea—Mrs. O. Edwards, of Macleod, presents report.

Port Arthur, Ont., June 14.—Port Arthur never presented a more brilliant and more successful appearance than it did today when the delegates to the National Council of Women entered the city from the west.

The breeze, banners of welcome waving and carriages and gaily decorated autos were everywhere, assisting in the preparation of the banquet and care for the incoming guests.

The officers from Toronto arrived early this morning and the local ladies of the Trinity Methodist church, which is the convention church in this city, have been lavishly decorated for the occasion.

The National Council of Women, the two blues, are everywhere in evidence and the British Ensign with the Union Jack are prominently displayed in all parts of the church.

Over the president's chair is a large flag and in a place of honor is a large photograph of the Countess of Aberdeen. Palms and potted plants are used effectively, the whole scheme of decoration being in harmony with the colors of the Union Jack.

The noon luncheon was served at one o'clock by the ladies of St. Paul's Presbyterian church. The tables were decorated with cut flowers in pink and white. Lady Taylor sat at the head of the table with Mrs. F. C. Percy, president of the local council.

At her left, and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings at her right. Others honored by having seats at the president's table were Mrs. Turville, Mrs. W. S. Beaver, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. G. H. Graham.

A Breath of Western Air. Doing deference to the women of the two churches, Mrs. Peter MacNaughton, president of the Vancouver Local Council, moved the vote of thanks. "I feel as though a breath of western air had blown in with me from the Pacific coast this morning," she said.

The beautiful floral display and the pretty decorations all make me feel right at home. Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, who seconded the resolution, referred to the fact that sixteen years ago, when she had heard the women of Port Arthur and Port William were to organize a local council she thought they were very brave.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE TO END SPEEDILY

Indications are that the Men Will Get Small Increases

London, June 15.—The important developments in the general shipping strike today was the concession of an advance of \$2.50 a month in wages to all employees involved by the White Star Co. and the Canadian Pacific railway, an example which was followed later by the Holt and another line at Liverpool.

The present outlook is that the strike will come to a speedy end owing to the men's lack of organization or their indifference in addition to the plentiful supply of foreigners who are ready to take their places.

At several of the large ports no work is being done because the strike has been caused and nowhere has there been any real accession to the strike movement.

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Washington, June 16.—A bumper harvest of wheat in British India, estimated at 369,000,000 bushels, surpassing all previous yields, and a record area sown to spring wheat in Western Canada giving rise to seemingly extravagant estimates of probable yields, are features of a world's review of wheat published today.

The review, issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is the first of its kind since the war. It shows that the world's wheat crop is now being raised in a more scientific manner than ever before.

In Argentina there have been great wheat and flax exports to the south. The wheat crop of South Africa is also reported damaged by drought and there will practically be none for export.

BORDEN LEAVES FOR WEST. Several Newspaper Correspondents Will Accompany Him on His Tour. Four Members Also Come.

Ottawa, June 15.—R. L. Borden, accompanied by Geo. Perley, chief Conservative whip, and Andrew Broderick, M.P., Dundas, left for Winnipeg at midnight to inaugurate his western campaign. He will be joined at Sudbury by T. W. Crothers, M.P., and Col. Hugh Clark, M.L.A.

Several newspaper correspondents also left for Winnipeg to accompany Mr. Borden on his tour, including Edward Grant, Toronto Globe; F. A. Carman, Montreal Star; B. H. Patchin, New York Herald; E. J. Archibald, Toronto News; C. F. Hamilton, Toronto News; and Sidney Ross, Montreal Gazette.

HOLD-UP IN WINNIPEG. Robert Woods Laid Out With Club and Robbed of \$45. Winnipeg, June 13.—Refusing to hold up his hands, Robert Woods was struck on the head with a club and laid out in the middle of the street. The robbers secured \$45 and some silver.

Western Militia Orders. Ottawa, June 13.—Militia orders issued today authorize an increase in the Twenty-first Alberta Hussars from two to four squadrons. The organization of an independent squadron of light horse at the Lake, Alta., is authorized.

After C.P.R. Shops. Winnipeg, June 14.—A delegation of Calgary business men consisting of Mayor Mitchell, James Walker, A. E. Cross, W. C. Nancarrow and J. R. Dowler, and followed by a number of Winnipeg business men, including big interests at Calgary, have entered enthusiastically into the plan of the C.P.R. to build a new station at Winnipeg.

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U. S. Government After July 1st Will Enforce Law That Vessels Sailing the Seas to Carry Telegraph Apparatus and Daily Qualified Operators on Penalty of \$5,000.

Washington, D.C., June 15.—After the first of next month, ocean-going vessels carrying more than fifty passengers will be liable to a fine of \$5,000 unless they are equipped with wireless telegraph apparatus capable of transmitting messages to a distance of not less than 100 miles and manned by a operator carrying a certificate issued by a foreign government.

Regulations governing wireless equipment are under an act of Congress passed June 24, 1910, to become effective July 1, 1911, and issued by the commissioner of navigation today.

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Coronation Crowd Fills the Streets of London

Hundreds of Thousands of Visitors Gathered in British Capital—Fortunes Paid for Seats Along the Line of March.

London, June 14.—Coronation visitors are making London by storm. Progress along the sidewalks of the principal West End thoroughfares is reduced to a crawl by reason of the crowds, while the traffic in the streets along the line of the Royal route, where the first beginnings of the decorative schemes are to be seen, is almost at a standstill.

The British capital today is certainly the most cosmopolitan city in the world. In spite of its inconveniences that are already beginning to appear, visiting observers are particularly struck by the prevailing good humor. Curb-stone vendors are doing a roaring trade in cheap coronation souvenirs, pictures of the King and Queen in various sizes and styles are exhibited in retail stores, on cups and saucers and in the miniature medallions which patriotic citizens are wearing in their buttonholes.

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The nature of the patents and other participation with the competitors may be obtained by application to the secretary of the department of external affairs.

June 15.—Yet another immigrants, bound chiefly for the West, have been forced to embark at the station at Grosvenor. The ship arrived here this evening and the passengers of 150 to be set ashore.

They have to postpone their journey for several days. It was delayed several times by a recurrence but finally allowed to proceed.

Event for Ottawa. An effort to bring together the United States and enter to Ottawa to open Canada's Exhibition in the city to the public. The president of the Exhibition Association, Mayor Hopewell.

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