

CITY'S EXPERT BEFORE CORP. COMMITTEE AT FREDERICTON

Mr. Whiting Quite Emphatic in His Declaration That There Was Mismanagement in Conduct of New Brunswick Power Co. and Public Should Not be Expected to Pay for it.

Fredericton, April 15.—Before the Corporation's Committee today Mr. Whiting, of Boston, explained how he arrived at the base rate of \$1,850,000 for the New Brunswick Power Company. Most of the members of the Legislature were present, and keen interest was shown, many questions being put to the expert. F. R. Taylor, for the company, cross-examined Mr. Whiting. Mr. Taylor claimed that five per cent depreciation, allowed by the Boston expert, was too great, and that no account was taken of an investment of \$450,000 before 1894.

The committee passed to the clause providing that the city should pay the salaries of three public directors. Dr. Baxter said the city's views was that the enterprise should pay the salaries of all directors, as they were not to be figure heads.

Mr. Whiting said he found the physical valuation of the property on Dec. 31, 1918, to be \$1,856,359. To this he added the company's working capital, which then amounted to \$117,000. To this was added \$192,240. Taylor had been spent on construction prior to 1894. This gave a base rate of \$1,850,000. Mr. Whiting said he took the actual figures from the books and examined all the vouchers from 1894 to 1918. Wherever the company charged an item to property he held the same in the books and property items debited to reserve account as renewals, and also items in expense account. He thought his estimate favored the company. He allowed a depreciation of five per cent. on the book value. Public Utility Commissions did not have a uniform system of figuring depreciation.

Mr. Whiting said \$450,000 was spent on construction before 1894 by Ross and Van Horne. Mr. Whiting only allowed \$189,240. Mr. Taylor read evidence from the Carrier report showing Mr. Whiting had not seen the minute books for 1894. This \$450,000 wiped out the alleged water it the stocks, he said.

To Mr. McGrath, Mr. Whiting said he had taken full account of renewals and additions. He thought his rate of depreciation was fair; it compared with the provision made in the Carrier bill. In regard to the Carrier valuation he said if the extra millions had been spent, the public had provided it, and should not be expected to pay dividends on it. No stocks or bonds had been issued against it.

Mr. Writing said the company's common stock was pure water; it was simply an excess to secure money from the public.

To Mr. Baxter, he said he could see no reason for increasing the rate base above \$1,850,000.

To Mr. Foster, he said the Carrier base rate was figured on a cost basis, which he did not regard as a fair one. He arrived at the rate base by taking a hundred per cent. of every dollar invested. He allowed five per cent. for depreciation and took an equal amount from earnings for renewals. In this way the rate base was kept at the actual investment.

To Mr. Taylor, he said he thought the Company could make a better thing out of the St. John railway if they went on a more conservative basis. He did not know Mr. Frothingham. But he did know some Boston bankers who went at a public utility proposition in a tomfool fashion. They did not look far enough ahead. That seemed to be the fault.

Mr. Taylor—"The company has only paid 5.5 dividends, and has put \$300,000 or \$400,000 in the property that it might have paid out to shareholders. Mr. Whiting, he had not been able to recover that sum amount had been spent on the property.

Another open session of the corporation committee was held in the evening, and various features of the Carrier bill were considered. Mr. Veniot protested against the street railway paying the parish of Simonville the use of highways, as the province maintained the roads there. F. R. Taylor said the city should not have the right to expropriate the company's property for \$2,500,000, which is the Carrier valuation. Expropriation should only be permitted on the replacement value, which one expert figured at \$5,000,000 and another at \$6,000,000.

Mr. Taylor—"Do you consider the Carrier commission an independent one?"

Mr. Taylor—"Certainly."

Mr. Taylor—"Then you accept their valuation."

Mr. Taylor—"Certainly not. It's too low."

Mr. Taylor suggested that the company should be allowed five directors, instead of four, as the public directors always had an appeal to the Public Utilities Commission. He wanted, also, specific provision for a sinking fund. He said the company thought they should be allowed a return of eight per cent. That was the rate listed in Nova Scotia.

The committee went into private session.

Specks Floating Before His Eyes

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Tourist Assn. Hold Meeting

Reports from Committees Received Last Evening Were Encouraging—Arrangements for June Convention.

A meeting of the Tourist Association, which is acting as an executive for the big booster convention to be held in this city June 3 and 4, was held last evening at the Board of Trade rooms at which reports from the various committees in charge of the arrangements were received. These were all of an encouraging nature and everything seems to be going with a swing. Both the provincial and the federal governments and the C. P. R. and C. N. R. are making special pictures of the province and those attending the convention will have an opportunity of a lifetime to see the province in all its glory in one short brief day, and they should carry away with them a better idea of the scenic, mineral, forest, fish and natural wealth of the province in which they live than it would be possible to obtain in months of travel.

A prize of \$25 has been offered for the best name for the organization which will be formed during the convention and this contest will close on May 1. All entries should be addressed to the Tourist Association. The morning of June 3 will be devoted to a business session. In the afternoon the pictures of the province will be shown at the Imperial Theatre, this building having been secured for the entire afternoon.

Through the assistance of R. W. Wismore, M. P., the committee have been able to obtain the services of Mr. Johnson of the Trade and Commerce Department who will be one of the lecturers of the day.

In the evening a banquet will be the feature and addresses on the province and its advantages will be given by speakers well qualified to deal with the subject.

The morning of the second day the visitors from outside the city will be given auto rides and see the beauties and industries of the city and surrounding territory.

A large attendance from residents of the province is looked for and several eminent speakers and sportsmen from New York, Montreal and Cleveland are expected. Premier Foster will attend and it is hoped other members of the government.

Adaptable to a Hundred Uses Every Day—The Accounting Remington Typewriter. A Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mr. 37 Dock Street, St. John, N.B.

DIED. McDERMOTT—Died at Fredericton, April 14th, Bruce Ferguson McDermott, age 42 years, youngest son of the late Samuel McDermott, of Gagetown, leaving his wife, one daughter, three sisters and three brothers. Interment took place at the Rural cemetery, Fredericton, on Sunday, April 15th.

CASES IN THE POLICE COURT

Mohegan of the city appeared in the police court yesterday morning and was fined \$250 for allowing fish to be caught in their wires on Sunday last. The maximum fine is \$1,000 for such an offence.

A drunk appeared. He told the court that he had procured the liquor or lemon extract from a soldier who had been his pal in France. He paid the penalty of \$5.

The case against Albert Brennan and a British street woman for having liquor on her premises was dismissed by the magistrate at the afternoon session of the court.

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DAVIDSON—On April 13th, Doris Ashton, aged eleven months, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Davidson.

GOLDING—On April 14, 1919, Mrs. Margaret Golding, widow of William T. Golding, aged 77 years. Survived by Mrs. James P. Bosence and Mrs. Hugh DeVenno, daughters, and William Golding, son.

Funeral from residence of her daughter, Mrs. James P. Bosence, 133 Prince Street, W.E., on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, daylight time. Service at 3 o'clock.

SPEIGHT—On April 15th, at the residence of her son, David Speight, Zippah Ann, widow of the late Joseph Speight, in her 60th year, leaving to mourn their loss three sons, David and Sanford of this city, and John, overseas. Notice of funeral later. (Portland, Me., papers please copy.)

Spring and Easter Suits and Overcoats

For Men and Younger Men

These are the Suits and Overcoats that spruce dressers will wear this season. They are correct in all details; the patterns, colorings and fashions are in complete accord with the season's established standards.

The tailoring is excellent, both 20th Century and other makes, and the style's modifications are sufficiently varied to accommodate both ultra and conservative tastes. Suits, \$20 to \$60; Overcoats, \$15 to \$40. Also Shirts, neckwear, gloves.

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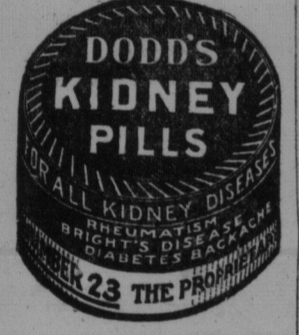
THE WEATHER. Maritime—Increasing easterly winds, fair at first, followed by rain. Washington, April 15.—New England—Cloudy Wednesday, rain at night or Thursday. Moderate winds, mostly northeast.

MT. ALLISON MEMORIAL LIBRARY. "Drive Day" Tomorrow. The campaign is going on vigorously in many places. The Mount Allison staff itself, not at all a wealthy group, will give from twenty-five hundred to three thousand dollars. Moncton is full of enthusiasm, and has sent for several hundred cards. Everybody feels that it would be most unworthy not to commemorate the Mount Allison men and women who gave themselves for King and country, and it is also felt to be most fitting to have in the room of the Methodist Historical Society a collection and permanent record of the adventures of the Methodist church in Eastern Canada who fell or took part in the struggle for our civilization. Give liberally to the canvassers on April 17.

COTTAGE BROKEN INTO. The summer cottage at Grand Bay of John LeLachere was broken into recently and a considerable quantity of loot carried off.

Had Hacking Cough Couldn't Sleep Nights. Hacking coughs are very wearing on the system. The constant coughing disturbs the rest, and keeps the lungs and bronchial tubes in an irritated and inflamed condition. Don't neglect the hacking cough. You can get rid of it with a few doses of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup; the most prompt, pleasant and perfect cough remedy known.

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It is interesting to note that the woman who prefers shoes can gratify her fancy and be in style, as according to Dame Fashion smartly made Lace Boots in colors and combinations and whites will be worn extensively, while the woman who prefers Low Shoes can wear them also, knowing that she is fashionably shod.

Madeira Brown and Mahogany Russia Calf, Madeira Brown Kid and White Kid or Buckskin Oxfords with medium heels will be popular for street wear, while Grey Suede and Kid, Black and Brown Patent Leather and Plain Black Oxfords with French heels will be in demand for dress.

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