

CIVIC HYDRO COMMISSION REPORT FOR YEAR PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

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Among the amounts authorized were:—Transformers, \$15,818.80; wire, \$82,988.40; poles, \$27,009.00; line materials, \$38,895.70; meters, \$38,166.61.

Of these 1,870 meters installed up to Dec. 31, 415 were commercial, 11 power users and the balance domestic. We would draw attention to the fact that under commercial rating comes all public halls, boarding houses, churches, etc.

K. W. H. used, 96,267 excluding street lighting, stalling, boiler purposes, etc. K. W. H. purchased 169,500 or about 24,000,000 per year. This is on a reading of about 14,000 customers.

Total sales of current were:—To consumers, \$8,892,771; ornamental lighting, \$2,467,461; ordinary street lighting, \$1,670,095; total \$12,830,327.

Realizing the extra work that would be entailed by having to check up the figures, it was decided to have R. A. MacIntyre, as auditor for operating receipts and expenditures only. The construction accounts are audited by A. P. MacIntyre, Comptroller. R. A. MacIntyre was selected by the chairman with the approval of His Worship, and he submits the following certified report:—

Balance Sheet. Sales of current \$12,530.23 Less discounts 422.25 \$12,107.98

Balance sheet of operating department of the Power Commission shows a balance outstanding of \$4,408.58. For the benefit of those who might say that this is too large a balance to be outstanding, we might say that \$1,870,000 of this is for street lighting which has not yet been paid.

WHAT 'S MATTER WITH SEASONS?

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CHORAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the St. John Choral Society was held last evening at the Natural History Society rooms, Union street, with the president, A. C. Ritchie, in the chair. After the reports had been presented the elected officers were as follows: A. C. Ritchie, president; Miss Louise Knight, vice president; Harold Vincent, treasurer; J. P. Tilley, secretary; J. S. Ford, conductor; Miss Beryl Blanche, pianist.

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COUNCIL INFORMED THAT EMPLOYEES EXPECT AN INCREASE IN WAGES

Apples to All, Except Laborers, Commissioner Frink Says.

Notice that an increase in wages was expected by the city employees in the various departments has been received by the commissioners, and this morning it was stated by Commissioner Frink that it meant about \$80 per year per man in his department, and applied to all with the exception of the laborers.

A motion to repay the money paid under the advertisement to sell land on Douglas avenue, non-payment of assessment for sewerage installation was passed, but it was explained this did not mean the city was abandoning the collection of these amounts. It was also decided to amend the present Act in some respects to meet the situation which had arisen last fall. Judge Forbes and Col. Murray Macken, M. P., were heard in connection with the request of the V. O. N. for a grant of \$3,000.

The Associated Charities made a request for a grant of \$300. This was well worth the money when grants were discussed. The Exhibition Association asked for a guarantee to cover any loss that would be incurred if a show was held this fall. They pointed out that there was a possibility of the gate being less than \$10,000.

The scores of the tennis were: Bacon..... 70 Miss K. Peters 65 Hibbard..... 62 Miss M. Peters 65 Guthrie..... 63 Miss Miles..... 59 P. McAvilly..... 27 Miss Hibbard..... 29 Dunham..... 83 Miss Allison..... 49

Points possible—350. DIED IN MASSACHUSETTS. The death of Charles Cougle, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Cougle of 105 St. James street, West St. John, occurred suddenly this morning in Medford, Mass. A telegram conveying the news reached his parents this morning, but contained no particulars.

GREEN'S DINING HALL KING SQUARE. Dinner 60c. Supper 75c. 12-2.30 P. M. 5-8. Noon 12-2.30 P. M. 5-8.

Gilmour's Half-Yearly Mark-Down Sale. Men who want good clothing; who appreciate expert tailoring and correct style find satisfaction here at our regular prices.

Men's and Young Men's Suits at \$10.50, \$22.50, \$24.50, \$28.50 and up are away below regular values because of broken lots. Two or more of them would be a thrifty purchase and save a large sum which could be profitably expended on shirts, ties, mufflers, etc., which are offered at 20 p. c. discount.

Men's Trousers at 20 p. c. discount—\$3.60 and up. Custom Tailored Overcoats and Suits at Special Prices.

GILMOUR'S 68 KING Tailoring Furnishings. Some of the earliest belt makers turned about setting up their foundries wherever bells were desired.

Result of Telephone Inquiry is Announced; Reduction is Favored

Summary of Report. Following is the summary of the report: J. MacMillan Freeman, Chairman New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities, St. John, New Brunswick.

As near as I can estimate it, there will be reductions a total of somewhere in the neighborhood of forty to fifty thousand dollars, and I have distributed the reductions in such manner as to my mind will prove most equitable to the service as a whole, in accordance with the following table:—

1. Short Term Adjustment Charges, \$1,000.00. This means the elimination of all Short Term Service Rates other than for distinctly Seasonal Service.

2. Reduction in Pay Station Guarantee Charges, 1,000.00. Group III monthly guarantee reduced from \$3.50 to \$3.00. Group IV, monthly guarantee reduced from \$4.25 to \$3.50. Group V, monthly guarantee reduced from \$4.75 to \$3.75. Group VI, monthly guarantee reduced from \$5.00 to \$4.00.

3. Service Connection Charges, Moves, etc., 7,500.00. This means a material reduction in these classes of charges varying from 25 per cent to 50 per cent throughout the entire territory of the company.

4. Exchange Mileage, 3,000.00. This means an extension of the free mileage limit for all exchange subscribers in Group III, IV, V, and VI, from the present limit of one mile to one and two-fifths miles.

5. Limited Flat Rate Subscribers, St. John Exchange, 3,200.00. This means a reduction in the limited flat rate subscribers' rate from \$96 to \$90 per year.

6. Business Subscribers—Moncton Exchange, 1,500.00. 1-party business line from \$54 to \$51 per year. 2-party business line from \$45 to \$42 per year. 500.00. 3-party business line from \$48 to \$45 per year.

7. Private Branch Exchange Stations, \$5,500.00. Group III, reduction of \$3 per station for private branch and inter-systems (flat rate) 300. Group IV, reduction of \$3 per station for private branch and inter-systems (flat rate) 600. Group V, reduction of \$6 per station for private branch and inter-systems (measured service) \$430.

8. Short Head Toll Traffic, 4,800.00. St. John-Wellfield reduced from 10c. to 5c. 1,250.00. Chatham-Newcastle reduced from 10c. to 5c. 550.00. A new rate for "report" charges of approximately 10 per cent of the quoted station-to-station rate for long distance messages is proposed in place of the present 25 per cent of the station-to-station rate.

Total of items 1 to 10 \$30,500.00. The results of my study indicate that the Company under the present schedule of rates would have during the ensuing year from \$40,000 to \$45,000 more than their requirements call for. The total estimated reductions to subscribers enumerated in items 1 to 10 amount to \$30,500. This leaves a balance of from \$10,000 to \$15,000, a considerable portion of which I propose to apply to a reduction in the Long Distance Toll Schedule, the details of which have not yet been finally worked out.

PRICES WERE FIRM AS MARKET OPENED

Buying Orders Widely Distributed—Bell Telephone Active in Montreal.

New York, Jan. 17.—Stock prices displayed a firm tone at the opening of today's stock market, buying orders being widely distributed. Lehigh Valley advanced a point and fractional gains were registered by low priced rails, oils, steel, equipment and foods. Pan-American issues were again under pressure, yielding fractionally on initial sales.

Montreal, Jan. 17.—Bell Telephone issues accounted for about three-quarters of the transactions put through on the Montreal stock exchange today. The common stock was 1/4 to 1/8% higher, while the Rights were 1/2 to 3/4% higher. Smelters came out with an overnight gain of one point to 1/8%. Laurentide was up 1/4 to 1/2%.

New York, Jan. 17.—Enthusiastic buying of the steel group, which carried up U. S. Steel 1/4 to 1/2%, and establishing advances of 1/4 to 3/8 points in the other members of the group, was the outstanding incident of the forenoon dealing. While buying elsewhere was of diversified character and resulted in many stocks without its soft spots, the Pan-Americans being off steadily, and U. S. Steel, American Express, Pullman and Willamette showing intervals of weakness. Railroad shares were less active and moved narrowly with former, consistent buying of some of the non-dividend paying stocks.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The Paris market was active and showed a firm tone. The 4% French Treasury bond was up 1/4 to 1/2%. The 5% French Treasury bond was up 1/4 to 1/2%. The 6% French Treasury bond was up 1/4 to 1/2%. The 7% French Treasury bond was up 1/4 to 1/2%.

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FUNERAL NOTICE. MASONIC FUNERAL. The members of the W. M. No. 1, P. A. M. are requested to assemble at the Masonic Hall, Grand Rapids, on Friday, Jan. 18, 1924, at 2 o'clock, to attend the funeral of our late brother, FRED MASTER W. ALIX, FORT 125.

FUNERAL NOTICE. MERRITT—In loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Mary Dunn, widow of the late Charles Henry Dunn, died January 17, 1924. DAUGHTER BESSIE.

FUNERAL NOTICE. VANWART—In loving memory of our darling baby, Donald Stuart VanWart, who died Jan. 17, 1924. "Safe in the arms of Jesus." PARENTS.

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