

THE WEATHER

Toronto, March 27.—The weather has been fair and quite cold in the West; fair in Northern Ontario; showery in Southern Ontario and fair and mild in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

AROUND THE CITY

R. K. Y. O. BANQUET. The members of the R. K. Y. O. have decided to hold a banquet in Bond's on May 2nd, and the Club quarterly meeting will follow.

THOUGHTFUL GIFT. Mayor Schofield, who received a large box of roses from the mayor of Indianapolis, sent them to the General Public Hospital yesterday afternoon and needless to say they were much appreciated there.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB. An executive meeting of the Women's Canadian Club was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond. General business was transacted and arrangements made for a lecture to be delivered by Mrs. Sanderson of Woodstock, on Saturday night next, in the Natural History Society rooms.

THE ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the Theobald Fish and Game Club was held last evening at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer. The officers were elected as follows: Fred Logan, president; G. G. Gunn, vice-president; George T. Poffey, secretary-treasurer; board of directors, Donaldson Hunt; Dr. Chipman and A. W. Ebbey.

INFORMATION WANTED. The secretary of the Board of Trade is in receipt of an inquiry from a concern in New York, who want to get in touch with a reliable warehousing and storage firm in this city. A firm in Glasgow want a representative here to handle the sale of their products, which include iron and steel and chemical products.

ON BUSINESS TRIP. Sydney C. Dillingham, of Linton, England, who represents one of the large hat manufacturing concerns of England was a caller at the Board of Trade yesterday. He has come to Canada to try and interest the trade of the Dominion in the goods his firm manufactures, and will travel from coast to coast and also visit some United States cities.

PYTHIAN SISTERS. The regular meeting of the Pythian Temple No. 13, Pythian Sisters, was held in the Temple of Honor Building, last evening, with the M. E. G. Mrs. Dykeman, in the chair. After the ordinary routine business had been transacted, plans were formulated in connection with the anniversary, which is to be held on April 19, in Pythian Castle. Five new candidates for membership were initiated at last night's meeting.

ROTARY CLUB. Robert Reid presided at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday, and the speaker was Rev. A. M. Hill, D. D., of Yarmouth, who spoke on the New Social Era. Rotarian John Bond, in honor of his birthday tomorrow, and for his generosity whenever the club has an excursion of any kind, was made recipient of a very handsome snuffer's set, by Dr. Barton in behalf of the club. Rotarian Clark reported progress in tabernacle for the coming Lenten show by the club.

WEEKLY MEETING. The Monday morning meeting of the Methodist Ministerial Association of St. John was held in Centenary Church yesterday, with the following ministers present: Rev. Messrs. J. E. King, E. G. Fulton, J. W. Rice, H. B. Thomas, L. J. Watson, E. B. Styles, J. Heaney, H. B. Clarke and William Lawson. A communication was read from Rev. Dr. A. G. Gordon, president of Mount Allison University. In reply, it was decided to accept Dr. Gordon's offer and receive representatives of Mount Allison to occupy the city pews on Sunday, April 30. It was also decided to hold a united service of the Methodist churches on Good Friday morning in Centenary Church. The program for the service was left in the hands of the president of the association and the pastor of the church.

AT THE TABERNACLE. The largest week night crowd so far in the series of meetings, greeted Evangelist H. E. Bell last evening in the Tabernacle church to hear the message from the subject "The Best and the Worst Words in the Bible." Rev. Dr. Heine was also present and spoke briefly. There was a splendid spirit in the meeting and a number gave themselves to Christ. This evening's services will be especially devoted to young people. The attendance at the meetings is growing steadily.

HYDRO DISTRIBUTION DISCUSSED AT LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING

Civic Candidates Express Their Views Before An Audience Which Completely Filled Knights of Pythias' Hall—Municipal Control of Musquash Current Advocated by Most of Them.

Pythian Castle Hall was filled to the doors last evening and many were forced to go away without being able to gain admittance, to hear the civic candidates express their views on the distribution of the hydro electric current. "No truck or trade" with the Power Company was the attitude of Messrs. McLellan, Corbet, Elyard and Sears; Hon. R. W. Wigmore, was in favor of municipal distribution and could see no reason why the city could not make it pay as well as the water department, over which he had presided for six years; Mayor Schofield and Commissioners Jones and Bullock advised a careful looking into the situation and then taking the steps which would give the best results to the citizens, whether that were by municipal distribution or by making a bargain with the Power Company for distribution.

Roy Willett was in the chair and introduced the various speakers. Before the candidates were called on, Miss Ingalls spoke on behalf of the five clinics which are to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, and urged the co-operation of all present to make them a success. In opening the meeting the chairman said it had been called by the United Organizations for the purpose of hearing the views of the various candidates on the question of municipal distribution of the current from the development at Musquash, and called on Mayor Schofield as the first speaker.

Mayor Schofield. His Worship thanked the chairman for the invitation to attend the meeting and congratulated the organizations on the interest they were taking in civic affairs, and announced that he had made arrangements for a public meeting in the Imperial on Tuesday evening, April 4, when he proposed to go fully into the matter, as he could not do so in the fifteen minutes allotted to him. By that time he hoped to have the full report from Messrs. Kirby, Phillips and Vaughan on the cost of a distribution system. He took occasion to give an emphatic denial to the story that he or any of his family held any stock in the New Brunswick Power Company. The Council had been working hard on this matter and had already secured some concessions from the Power Commission, and he believed would have been able to secure more if they had been given an opportunity to do a little more bargaining. An attempt had been made to show that he was working in the interest of the Power Company, when as a matter of fact nothing was further from his mind. It might be that in the interests of the taxpayers the city would have to pay for the Power Company, and if that was found to go that far, but before a step like that was taken he believed the whole matter should be referred to the electors and a plebiscite taken at which a majority vote of the taxpayers would be required to have the action follow, for he did not think in a case of this kind a vote in which only a small proportion of the electors exercised their franchise should decide. In closing, he expressed the opinion that the city could have safely bargained longer with the Power Commission, for he did not think there was much of a market for the power outside of St. John.

Commissioner Bullock. Commissioner Bullock was the next speaker. He said when the question was settled it wanted to be settled right, and the only way to do that was to get all the information and their set. He took up the contract which the Power Commission wanted the city to sign. This called for twelve and three-quarter per cent. on the cost of the development, estimated at \$2,000,000, to run for thirty years, and at the end of that time it should be renewed for another period. Included in this charge was \$40,000 per year for replacement, and this would amount to the sum of \$1,500,000 in the thirty years. Three methods of distribution had been suggested; distribution by the city in competition with the Power Co.; distribution through the Power Co.; and the buying out of the Power Co. by the city. Of these the two former had been mostly under discussion but the latter was being considered by the council and they were preparing a bill for the legislature looking toward that end, the cost not to exceed \$2,575,500 and this was considered a fair figure when it was taken into consideration that all the money received by the Power Co. from its lease of \$2,100,000 securities was \$2,875,500. He was for the best interests of the city and considered a plebiscite should be taken before the matter was finally disposed of.

Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Jones said his stand was simply this, if it could be shown that municipal distribution was any cheaper than he was in favor of it, but just at the present moment he did not think there was definite information enough available to enable any man to make a definite statement on the matter. A. Corbet. Alexander Corbet said in his opinion there was only one policy for the city to adopt and that municipal distribution. The Government had guaranteed the power and the only question for the city to consider was one of distribution and the municipality could do this cheaper than any private corporation.

E. J. Hilyard. E. J. Hilyard said he did not know a thing about hydro, that was a matter for engineers but the citizens could hardly get any worse service than they were getting at present from the Power Co. and if a change was for the better why then by all means have it. He contended the question should be on the ballot for or against civic distribution. He was in favor of the city running it for if other cities could make it pay he did not see why St. John could not.

Edward Sears. Edward Sears said he had not sufficient information to express an opinion on the hydro matter but the members of the city council had information and power has always seemed to have acted before this. He believed the city could take over the distribution and make a success of it. It was more in the interests of the Power Co. to earn dividends than to sell cheap power and light to the citizens. He was in favor of the city undertaking the distribution of the current. Hon. R. W. Wigmore. Hon. R. W. Wigmore said he was glad to see the citizens were taking an interest in civic matters. It had always been easy to get up an interest in provincial or federal matters but the citizens had always seemed indifferent to their own business and the present indication of waking up was good to see. The matter of cheap light and power was important to the future success of the city, and meant industries would come here. The citizens had lost faith in the New Brunswick Power Co. and the individual whom the community had lost faith in was a bad way, and so far as he could judge it was because of this lack of faith the citizens were demanding that the current should be distributed by the municipality. The question which the citizens were most concerned just now was distribution of the power, and if the power was available had been disposed of, and the cost of getting the power to the user from the receiving station in the matter of what to know. The report of Messrs. Kirby and Phillips showed that it could be distributed much cheaper than we were getting it now. But he could see no reason why municipal ownership would not pay. The water department, over which he had presided for six years, had always paid his way and if this could be done in one department why not in another? He could see no good reason why electricity could not be distributed by the city as well as water.

H. R. McLellan. H. R. McLellan said in his opinion it was not fair that a thing which belonged to the citizens should not benefit them and there was no disposition on the part of the citizens to interfere with a corporation that was giving the people good service at a fair price but the public should not be exploited and consideration in the present case was due to the public, not to the bond holders of the New Brunswick Power Co. and the time had arrived to consider whether the electric light and power should not be diverted from high finance and conventional speculation whether civic or provincial. He had approached the question in a sceptical mood and made his investigations in that mood and had arrived at the conclusion that the power was available at Musquash and he believed would be delivered by the Power Commission. He contended the cost of a distribution system should have been secured by the common council long before this time and expressed the opinion that the report submitted by Messrs. Phillips and Kirby had been "built like some saw mills, piece by piece, to suit the Power Company." The cost of a distribution system had been estimated at \$750,000 by C. O. Foss and he believed the figure of \$900,000 in the latest report was excessive and made so purposely to help the case for the Power Co. There was a "Nigger in the wood pile" and he believed this was the common stock of the Power Company. He predicted that if things were allowed to go along and the Company were allowed to distribute the current by 1922 there would be a dividend paid on this common stock and then certain gentlemen would make a lot of money. After giving the matter full and serious consideration he had arrived at the opinion that the only thing was municipal distribution and "no truck or trade with the Power Co." was the right attitude to assume. This concluded the addresses and the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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