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### NOW THE RECALL.

The United Organisations last evening pursued the only course they could pursue without stultifying themselves. Their action was unanimous. There was not a dissenting voice. Their ranks are unbroken. They have the support they had in April last, and they will now have the support of many citizens who favored hydro but would not vote for Mr. McLellan. There are also citizens who had believed it possible to arrive at some satisfactory agreement with the power company, who in the face of the Bodell gift enterprise are now convinced there is only one way to get what all desire.

The United Organisations will at once proceed to recall Mayor McLellan. Whether they will also ask for the recall of one or more of the commissioners depends upon the latter themselves. If they are ready to oppose the mayor and carry out the mandate of April last, the United Organisations will support them heartily. If there is a refusal, or a policy of temporising or delaying action, there can be but one result. The United Organisations make no threats. They merely call for a show-down, and will act as the circumstances warrant, their object being the signing of the contract and prompt action to secure a municipally owned system of distribution. That was the issue in April, and it is the issue in August. Mayor McLellan declared in April that the elections were a plebiscite, but he has changed his mind. If the commissioners support his present attitude, they must accept equal responsibility, and they are asked to decide at once, because there has already been so much unnecessary delay, resulting in nothing but the Bodell proposals.

The United Organisations have not acted hastily. They waited long and patiently for action. Some time ago they held a meeting and invited the mayor and Mr. Phillips to attend and explain how matters were going. They heartily assented to the suggestion that they remain patient a little longer. They had no desire to embarrass the mayor or make his task difficult, and they still believed he was of the same mind as in April. So they waited longer—and got the Bodell offer as their reward. All over the city there has been a sharp revulsion of feeling and it was given expression at the meeting of the United Organisations last evening. It will find still more general and emphatic expression when the voters go to the polls. There is to be an end of waiting and dithering and the beginning of a real drive for cheap light and power without paying tribute to any corporation.

### THE CITY MUST WIN.

Personalities do not count in the present issue before the people of St. John. They have not counted from the first. They did not count when the Citizens' Committee of some years ago fought a losing fight against the outrageous demands of the New Brunswick Power Company. This is a community question to be decided by the people, and they are much too well informed to have their thoughts diverted by personalities. It was not Mr. McLellan who was elected in April, but hydro. Personalities may come and go, but principles remain. That for which the people voted in April is their goal in August, and will be till it is attained. If individuals and selfish interests get in the way, the tide of popular feeling will brush them aside. It was thought the fight had been won in April, but recent developments have shown that confidence was misplaced. This time there must be no mistake. Because the members of the council, apart from the mayor, have not declared themselves, it is necessary now to call upon them to do so. If it should transpire that every one of them would have to be recalled in order to get what the people voted for last April, the thing will be done. They have a right to declare their convictions, but not to prevent the people from getting that for which they have voted by an overwhelming majority. The fight is on, and it will be decisive. The city must win.

The citizens are not going to resurrect Mayor Schofield, but lay Mayor McLellan beside him and go on with the next order of business, which is a contract for hydro and a municipally owned distribution system.

### THE REAL ENEMY.

It would be most unfortunate if the mayor should be magnified as the chief figure in the contest now begun. The real object upon which the public gaze should be centred is the New Brunswick Power Company, crouched for another spring.

It is necessary to deal with the mayor, and with any member or members of the city council who make common cause with him, but that is only because he or they are in official position and able temporarily to challenge or frustrate the popular will. The real danger lies elsewhere. If the Bodell deal should go through the city would again be bled for the benefit of the New Brunswick Power Company, forced to accept an outrageously inflated value for its property, spend half a million to put that property in good condition for effective service, and still not be the owner. Nobody doubts for a moment where the influence, the energy and the material help of the power company will be in the struggle now begun. Nobody doubts what the company would do if it could get control of our public utilities and avoid competition. Experience has been a stern teacher. The people know the value of corporation pledges. If, therefore, the people find the mayor and any member or members of the council in the forefront, they will not be unmindful of the greater danger which can only be removed by their defeat.

### THE REAL ISSUE.

The provincial government, in response to a public demand introduced a hydro-electric development policy. It was approved by the legislature. The Musquash development is the first fruit of that policy. The government has a right to expect that the people who clamored for cheap light and power will now do their part and close the agreement by which the current will be delivered at cost. The consumers in their own interests cannot refuse to accept power at four cents, with a probable later reduction in price. That, and not any apocryphal feud or individual desire for gain is the issue before the people of St. John today. Neither insinuation nor misrepresentation, nor falsehood, nor slander will obscure it. It is one of the biggest issues that has ever been before the people here, the whole matter of industrial expansion, growth of the city, and an adequate service by its public utilities.

The action taken by the United Organisations shows what the citizens at large think of the propaganda that is being carried on in the interests of the New Brunswick Power Company. The attempt to get them to fix a value of \$3,000,000 on a run-down plant whose value under competition would shrink to very small proportions is as futile as it is brazen. The worm has turned.

Halifax Chronicle: "The coal strike in the United States has given a much needed fillip to British shipping. Experts estimate that nearly one million tons of British shipping has been chartered to carry Welsh coal to America. Early purchases of the best Welsh coal were made at about twenty-five shillings a ton, against the present price of thirty shillings, while freight rates beginning at seven shillings a ton have more than doubled. Present indications are that this will only be a temporary activity, but the experience has demonstrated the practicability of importing Welsh coal for American consumption. This is a consideration which our own miners, as well as the miners of the United States, must take into account."

The Times has learned of two citizens who hold some of the stock of the New Brunswick Power Company, not common stock, who are utterly opposed, in the interests of St. John, to the Bodell scheme. A third, who has always been an opponent of public ownership and in favor of corporation control of public utilities, declared today that the Bodell offer had driven him into the opposite camp. These are but illustrations of the trend of popular sentiment in St. John today.

Read in today's Times what Sir Adam Beck says of the Murray report, prepared at the request of private corporation interests and throwing discredit on hydro. The Murray report was exploited with great glee in St. John when it came out, to bolster up the cause of the New Brunswick Power Company. Sir Adam Beck brands it as it deserves, and as prominent engineers had already done.

It is officially estimated that Canada's crops of wheat, oats, rye, barley and hay will all be considerably larger this year than last, but potatoes slightly less. Such good crops for the farmer, as fruits and all vegetables are also yielding well, mean prosperity for the country at large.

### RADIO ON RACING MOTOR CARS IN ENGLAND



A wireless apparatus at Brooklands speedway was used to send news and receive messages from motor car racers, at a meet held there recently. In one of the races the contestants drove for twelve consecutive hours on each of two successive days. The radio kept them in constant communication with the rest of the world.

## FIFTEEN MINUTES OF RADIO EACH DAY

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### Lesson No. 75. THINGS TO REMEMBER.

Remember that: If your antenna is very long, say, over 150 feet, it may be necessary to insert a series condenser in the aerial or ground lead in order to allow the receiving system to be adjusted to very short wave lengths.

The ground lead should be as short as possible, that is, the distance from the apparatus to the point where the ground wire or pipe to which the ground wire is connected should be kept down to a minimum.

The antenna system should be erected as far as possible from power lines, telephone wires and cables and at right angles to them. Such construction will help to reduce the amount of disturbances in the receiving set from these sources.

Flexible cords attached to telephone receivers become worn with use and sometimes partially break near the tips which may be the cause of intermittent signals in the telephone receivers.

Burning the filament of a vacuum tube beyond a certain point does not increase the strength of the signals if the proper plate voltage is being used but will materially shorten the life of the tube.

Crystals employed for detector purposes should be touched with the fingers as little as possible. Moisture exuded from the pores of the skin may form a coating on the crystal which will materially reduce its sensitiveness.

The antenna system should be effectively grounded through the lightning switches when not in use to reduce the possibility of damage during thunder storms. One of the types of arresters approved by the underwriters may be substituted for the lightning switch.

Contrary to popular belief a vacuum tube amplifier and loud speaking horn may be employed with a crystal receiver, but so much superior results may be obtained by the substitution of a vacuum tube detector for the crystal that this arrangement is seldom used.

Poor reception of concerts and speeches may not be due to poor modulation at the transmitter and interference from local amateur stations. It may be due to improper adjustment of the coupling and tickler of the receiving set.

Reception of signals from radiophone stations with two circuit receivers is best accomplished with very loose coupling between primary and secondary circuits. The primary and secondary circuits may have to be readjusted slightly after the coupling has been reduced.

### NO WORD YET FROM MARS.

During the visit of Senator Marconi to this country he took the opportunity to deny that he had ever received (as had been erroneously reported) wireless signals from the planet Mars. The current reports were to the effect that the wave lengths received were of the exceptional length of 160,000 meters, and at the time it was not believed that any apparatus for the transmission of such a wave length, was in operation in this country.

Dr. Langmuir, assistant director of the General Electric Co. research laboratory informed Senator Marconi that waves of this length were actually generated and used in conjunction with tests by engineers of the General Electric Co. in experimenting with carrier current over the Schenectady-Saratoga trolley line.

This explanation effectively disposed of any proposals that such waves originated at distant planets and also provided the opportunity for Senator Marconi to disclaim any intention of attempting to communicate with planets millions of miles distant from this earth.

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### MEDDLER LARK.

Does the meddler-lark complain, as he swims high and dry.

Through the waves of the wind and the blue of the sky?

Does the quail set up and whistle in a disappointed way?

Er hang his head in silence and sorrow all the day?

Is the chipmunk's health a-fallen? Does he walk, or does he run?

Don't the buzzards buzz around up there, jest like they've allus done?

Is they anything the matter with the rooster's wings or voice?

Ort a mortal be complainin' when dumb animals rejoice?

Then let us, one and all, be contented with our lot;

The June is here this morning, and the sun is shining hot.

Oh, let us fill our hearts up with the glory of the day!

And banish every doubt and care and sorrow far away?

Whatever be our station, with Providence for guide,

Such fine circumstances ort to make us satisfied;

For the world is full of roses, and the roses full of dew.

And the dew is full of heavenly love that drips for me and you.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

### CHINA SHOWS WAY TO PRESERVE EGGS

Science Known There for Centuries Gives Valuable Hint to Homes—Two Simple Methods.

The science of the egg has been known to the Chinese for centuries. In China preserved eggs which may be kept indefinitely are common.

Harry M. Lamon in a recent bulletin

of the U. S. Department of Agriculture gives some hints to poultry raisers and tells how eggs may be preserved for home use.

"During the spring and early summer," he says, "when eggs are abundant and reasonable in price, attention should be given to preserving them for winter use. Fresh eggs properly preserved may be kept from eight to twelve months in excellent condition and used with good results. Eggs laid in April and May and early June have been found to keep better than those laid later in the season. If satisfactory results are to be obtained, the eggs should be fresh and clean and, if possible, infertile.

"Eggs that float when placed in the solution are not fresh and therefore cannot be preserved. Washing eggs remove a protective coating which prevents them from spoiling, but when an egg is only slightly soiled, a cloth dampened with vinegar should be used to remove the stain. Under no circumstance should badly soiled eggs be used in preserving; if put into the jar while dirty they will spoil.

"A good method for the preservation of eggs is the use of water glass-sodium silicate. Use one quart of water glass to nine quarts of water that has been boiled and cooled. Place the mixture in a five gallon crock or jar. This will be sufficient to preserve fifteen dozen eggs and will serve as a guide for the quantity needed to preserve larger numbers. Select a five gallon crock and clean it thoroughly, after which it should be scalded and allowed to dry. Heat a quantity of water to the boiling point and allow it to cool. When cool, measure out nine quarts of water, place it in the crock, and add one quart of the water glass, stirring the mixture thoroughly. The eggs should be placed in the solution.

"If a sufficient supply of eggs is not obtainable when the solution is first made, more eggs may be added from time to time. At least two inches of the solution should cover the eggs at all times. The crock containing the preserved eggs should be kept in a cool, dry place, well

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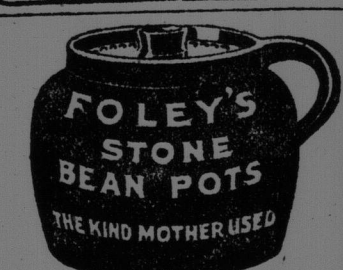
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