

# PLANS TO RESTORE MONARCHY IN RUSSIA

## TEUTONS EXPECT TO TAKE THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

**Restoration of Monarchy in Russia Now Talked of — Petrograd Under Martial Law, in State of Siege and Embassies Quit the City — General Brujevitich New Bolshevik Commander of the North Russian Armies — Germans Were Still Advancing Up to Yesterday.**

London, Feb. 25.—German plans to restore the monarchy in Russia, according to a telegram dated Friday from Petrograd to the Morning Post. It says the Grand Duke Hesse has been appointed the commander in the Riga section of the German front.

**To Occupy Petrograd.**  
Petrograd, Feb. 25.—The advancing Germans are distributing proclamations in Russian territory declaring that resistance is useless, as Germany has transferred to the eastern front a great army, which intends to capture and occupy Petrograd.

**The Embassies Leave.**  
London, Feb. 24.—An Exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Petrograd dated Saturday says: "The

American and Japanese embassies and the Chinese, Siamese and Brazilian legations are leaving Petrograd today for Vyatka, or Volodga. It is necessary they will go to Vladivostok."

**Is Under Martial Law.**  
Petrograd, Feb. 25.—Petrograd was placed under martial law today. In consequence of the declaration of a state of siege six of the most important newspapers, which opposed the authority of the soldiers' and workers' delegates, have been suppressed. It is expected that the Bolsheviks have provided a form of government which the Russians alone understand.

**New Russian General.**  
London, Feb. 25.—General Brujevitich has been appointed successor to Ensign Krylenko as commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, according to a Berlin despatch forwarded from Amsterdam by the Central News Agency. General Brujevitich, according to the message, has been promoted to the rank of general and has ordered the Russian troops to fight to the last. He was formerly chief of staff to Ensign Krylenko.

**Os French Front.**  
London, Feb. 25.—The official statement from the British headquarters in France and Belgium today says: "Early this morning a hostile raiding party was repulsed with loss east of Arras. The enemy's artillery has shown activity southwest of Cambrai and in the Meuse sector."

**Before enlisting for overseas** Lieutenant Amos was with the 73rd Regiment at the Wireless Station, Newcastle, in England with the 55th he rose to the rank of sergeant, and when the battalion was sent in drafts to France he was detailed in England as instructor. After taking a couple of courses at Rugby, he was transferred into the 1st Battalion of the 55th, and was finally placed in the 25th Nova Scotia Reserve. At last he was permitted to go to the front in May, 1917, when he went as private in the 25th Nova Scotia Battalion. He soon won back two stripes and after the heavy engagement of August 1917 he was recommended for a commission, which he has received after taking a three months' course in England.

**SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS.**  
In the Supreme Court Chambers, yesterday morning, on the application of W. W. Ryan, His Honor, Chief Justice McKeown issued an order for certiorari in the case of the King vs. Frederick Gilbrath. In this case the defendant was adjudged guilty by Police Magistrate Ritchie on the charge of importing liquor into the province. On appeal the sentence was increased from the sum of \$200 to the sum of \$500. In the police court Mr. Ryan objected to the amount of the fine, stating that under the Liquor License Act the fine for this offence was not less than \$100, without stating any maximum amount. Mr. Ryan contended that the magistrate had no authority to impose a larger penalty than \$100. The magistrate took issue with him, and contended that he had the discretion to impose a greater penalty than \$100. Chief Justice McKeown in granting the application for an order for certiorari made the writ returnable on Saturday, 16th day of March on which day argument will be heard in the case.

**WILL MEET TODAY**  
The Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission will meet this afternoon at the government rooms, Prince William street, and a number of the members are in the city for that purpose.

**CUTICURA HEALS SKIN TROUBLE**  
On Face that Itched & Burned. The Soap and Ointment Acted Like Magic.

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## N. B. POWER COMPANY HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

**Reports Submitted Yesterday for Period of Ten Months, Since March Last—Directors' Report States the Company Faces a Serious Situation Through Advancing Costs of Operation—The Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Financial Return—Old Officers and Directors Re-elected.**

The first annual meeting of the New Brunswick Power Company was held yesterday afternoon in the company's offices when reports were submitted covering the period of ten months from the taking over of the plant from the St. John Railway Co. to 31st December last. The reports showed that the total operating revenue of the company in that period was \$569,306.40 and operating expenses \$424,893.65. To this should be added revenue from the Eastern Electric Company amounting to \$11,553.76. After payment of all charges, interest and dividends on the preferred stock the company had a surplus of \$12,766.02.

The old directors and officers of the company were re-elected.

**Directors' Report.**  
The report of the President and Directors of the Company for ten months ending December 31st, last was as follows:—

To the shareholders: The statement herewith presented covers the period from March 1st, 1917, when this Company commenced operations. At will be noted that during the period referred to that the total operating revenue was \$569,306.40, and that the total operating expenses were \$424,893.65, leaving a gross income of \$144,412.75. To this add the net revenue from non-operating departments, such as the Eastern Electric Company, amounting to \$11,553.76, making for the year a gross income of \$155,966.51 available for the payment of Bonds interest and Preferred Dividends. Of this amount \$74,344.49 was paid in bond and other interest. The Dividends on Preferred stock paid for the nine months amounted to \$70,915.00, and accrued Dividends for December \$7,750.00, leaving a surplus of \$12,766.02.

During the past year the Company made extensive additions to its plant. In the Power House we spent \$72,112.24, very materially increasing our boiler capacity, thus enabling us to generate a larger amount of current. In the Railway Department we spent \$14,543.18 on new equipment, and \$11,805.09 for replacement of special work, etc. In addition to these figures a considerable sum was spent in improving the tracks by using Arc Welding Machines and Rail Grinder, building up the cupped ends of rails and welding the joints, which secured a smooth roadbed and easier riding for our Street Car patrons. This work will be continued during 1918.

Additions and extensions were also made in the Electric and Gas Departments, amounting to \$24,476.95. Shareholders will undoubtedly have noticed with some apprehension the application of this Company for relief in regard to its Gas, Railway and Electric Rates recently made before the Public Utilities Commission. In common with other operating Companies of this character in America we are facing a situation which requires the undivided attention of our Directors and the hearty co-operation of all Shareholders in order to preserve our property intact against increasing costs. Those who are familiar with the talking over of the Saint John Railway Company by your Company will remember that in doing so the new Company was obliged to pay to put into effect a schedule of lighting rates considerably lower than old rates then prevailing.

After operating eight months under the new rates your Directors find that the decrease in revenue, resulting from these rates, will total \$58,000.00 per year. The second and still more serious problem we are facing is that of coal. Up to the 31st day of December, 1917, we were able to buy our coal delivered in our Power House at \$25.50 per ton and delivered at Gas Works \$4.20. On the first day of January, 1918, however, the Coal Companies increased the price \$3.65 per ton, so that now it costs us \$7.20 in our Power House and \$7.95 at our Gas Works. With our present consumption of last year of 22,522 tons it will be seen that we are facing a net increase in the cost of coal for the coming year of \$82,000.00 in this item alone.

We regret that we are unable to make a contract for our coal supply for a longer period than one month, and the estimate given is based on last year's consumption and the supposition that we will not have to meet any further advance.

In addition to this we were, last summer, obliged in all fairness to inaugurate a general increase in the rate of wages to all employees, which on a yearly basis will total \$40,000.00. The question of still further increasing the rate of pay to all employees must be given serious consideration.

It will be seen from these items alone that a substantial increase of revenue will be necessary to take the place of these additional expenditures which we will be facing in full force during the coming twelve months. Your Directors had under contemplation the construction and development of water powers on lands owned by your Company in the vicinity of St. John. Owing, however, to the extraordinary demand for money due to war loans, and the fact that the American market from which we had anticipated obtaining our funds, was practically closed a month after our taking over the property, by the United States going into the war, your

Directors had to forego temporarily this part of the development of your property. We have, however, at present under consideration a plan which may enable us to carry on the construction of our water powers, but at the present time no definite statement can be made. A great deal of the company's future depends upon the fairness and breadth of vision possessed by those who will have the determining of whether or not the Company under extraordinary war conditions shall receive fair treatment in regard to increases in rates. Unless some measure of relief is accorded through this channel, and through the development of your water powers, we will undoubtedly be faced with the serious possibility of inability to pay our Preferred Dividends. If this condition comes about it will hamper the Company for many years in the securing of additional capital for their necessary development work, necessary not only in the interests of the Company, but in the best interests of the City as well.

**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.**  
The statement of assets and liabilities as on December 31st last is as follows:

**Investments:**  
Property Accounts—Cost of Fixed capital acquired March 1, 1917, \$5,385,495.74  
Net additions for ten months ending Dec. 31, 1917, 111,122.27  
Organization 4,189.67  
Total property 5,500,817.78  
Other investments 49,670.80  
Total 5,550,488.58

**Current Assets:**  
Cash 7,232.83  
Petty cash 2,500.00  
Special deposits 22,522.99  
Accounts receivable 59,438.69  
Materials and supplies 80,911.05  
Total current 172,676.56

**Unadjusted Debts:**  
Prepaid insurance, rents, etc. 6,456.17  
Debt discount and expense 1,273.89  
Accrued interest receivable 420.48  
Total unadjusted debts 8,150.54

**Capital Stock Outstanding:**  
First preferred stock 7 p. c. cumulative \$1,000,000.00  
Second preferred stock 7 p. c. non-cumulative 350,000.00  
Common stock 2,000,000.00  
Total 3,350,000.00

**Funded Debt:**  
First mortgage 5 p. c. 20 year gold bonds 1,750,000.00  
Total funded 1,750,000.00

**Current Liabilities:**  
Notes payable 70,000.00  
Accounts payable 41,166.32  
Bond interest matured 287.50  
Bond interest accrued 29,166.68  
Sundry interest accrued 1,394.38  
Other accrued liabilities 2,341.40  
Total current liabilities 145,256.28

**Deferred Liabilities:**  
Consolidated deposits 9,436.62  
Employees' deposits 40.00  
Total deferred liabilities 9,476.62

**Unadjusted Credits:**  
Dividends accrued 7,875.00



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Tickets outstanding	6,907.16
Reserve for uncollectible accounts	956.18
Contingent reserve	17,666.59
Renewal and replacement reserve	223,277.00
Reserve for inventory shrinkage	2,298.66
Total adjusted credits	259,970.54
Surplus for one year ending	

December 31, 1917	62,471.54
Less amounts applying prior to March 1, 1917	49,705.52
Surplus March 1, 1917 to December 31, 1917	12,766.02
Surplus December 1, 1917	12,766.02
Correct, H. M. HOPPER, Secretary, Verified NILES & NILES, Auditors, Officers and Directors.	
Financial Statement.	
The financial statement for the ten months ending December 31st last is as follows:	
Railway receipts	\$260,054.53
Light and power earnings	242,659.23
Gas earnings	66,486.24
Merchandise and non-operating income	21,553.76
	\$590,754.16
Dividends:	
Paid 1st June	\$23,625.00
Paid 1st September	23,625.00
Paid 1st December	23,625.00
Accrued for December	7,875.00
Transferred to profit and loss	12,766.02
	91,516.02
Operating expenses	\$424,893.65

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Interest on bonds 72,918.68  
Other interest 1,427.81  
Net earnings to surplus account 91,516.02  
\$590,754.16

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