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LIGHTS ON HYDRO

Power Co. Friends Search the U. S. for Propaganda Against Municipal Ownership.

To the Editor of The Times:
Sir,—There has been circulated anonymously a little pamphlet, which on first glance looks like Manna from Heaven (manufactured, we suspect) for the Power Company.

The pamphlet contains a synopsis of a report prepared by two American engineers, Messrs. Murray and Flood, which aims to establish as a fact that privately-owned electric utilities are better and more economical than publicly-owned electric utilities. Synopses are, generally speaking, apt to be misleading and when the synopsis consists of a mass of carefully-selected portions of the whole and is dished up by an agency which is known to be absolutely biased and has a motive in creating a desired impression, then it must be looked upon with absolute mistrust.

At the outset it states that government ownership and management of electric utilities as exemplified by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario is not a success in the matter of either service or cost. I wonder what the customers of the H. E. P. C. of O. think of this. In any case I think we can safely assume that Ontario has, by the early adoption of the principle of public ownership, taken time by the forelock and gained many years' start on any development that might have come through private exploitation of her water powers. The H. E. P. C. of O. has at least the full sympathy and support of the Ontario public and their achievement stands as their justification. The industrial growth, stability and prosperity of Ontario vindicates the faith of the people who backed them.

It then goes on to admit that while the H. E. P. C. of O. has displaced certain private utilities whose operation was far inferior to it, yet no such system is applicable in the U. S. because it is subversive to American policy and custom. The same argument can scarcely be assumed to hold for St. John.

The most important deduction made is that privately-owned utilities, with rates under the control of public service commissions (we presume similar to our public utilities board) furnish the only viable means of administering a public utility while at the same time protecting the shareholders of the utilities which are at present serving the public. We admire the frankness of this admission. However, in view of our past bitter experience, we are not particularly interested in protecting stockholders to our own detriment, nor have we much faith left in the protection afforded by our legislative bodies in the matter of rates. If the Power Company today were earning all the dividends allowed them by the decision of the supreme court we would be paying even higher rates than we are paying today. Lack of suitable opportunity is all that has protected us from their further extortion.

It claims that public ownership eliminates all incentive to gain and throttles initiative. Well, lack of initiative and an abnormally developed incentive to gain on the part of the Power Company are the prime causes of our trying to unshackle ourselves from the Power Company.

The report bluntly states that "privately-owned and operated companies in every case are delivering power to their customers at a considerably lower cost per K. W. H. than is the case with government electric utilities." I wonder what power users in Toronto, Hamilton and a host of other Ontario cities think of this. The city of Toronto had hydro power distributed by a private company and undertook its own distribution (of the same power in competition with the company, with the result that they

cut the rates about half. Hamilton, I believe, showed a real greater saving under public ownership.

It states that private ownership in Quebec delivers power at a cost thirty-two per cent. lower than in Ontario under public ownership, and that in Quebec eighty-four per cent. more power is used than in Ontario. I think the latter explains the former.

Why do they go out of the way to compare Ontario with Quebec? Why not give some figures illustrating the reduced rates established in cities like Toronto, Hamilton, etc., after private distribution of electrical energy had been abolished in favor of distribution by the municipalities of the same energy?

That is the proper basis of comparison if we are to arrive at a true appraisal of the merits of public ownership. St.

John at present is confronted with the necessity of deciding between public and private ownership of power distribution locally, and not with the merits of private ownership in Quebec or the U. S. A., as against public ownership in Ontario, in which cases the conditions of load, operation, etc., are widely different.

The whole report seems to base its arguments and conclusions on the urgent need of conserving and protecting the privately-owned utility interests. We base our arguments and conclusions on the fact that it is the public interest which is entitled to first consideration, and we take it that the public is not to be considered as consisting solely of holders of stock in utility corporations. That class will have to look elsewhere than to the people for sympathy and protection for what they are pleased to consider their rights.

The organized campaign against public ownership is not confined to St. John nor to Canada, but is practically world-wide. We look for backers of such a movement in the ranks of those whose interests lie with the corporations whose field of operation is or is apt to be infringed upon by the application of public ownership to public utilities.

St. John, N. B., March 23, 1922.
JOHN N. FLOOD.

MR. HAYES SPEECH

Fredericton Mail.—Mr. R. T. Hayes, one of the members for St. John City, does not often speak in the House, when he does take part in a debate he says something. His speech of yesterday was one of the most interesting and comprehensive which has emanated from a private member during the present session. Mr. Hayes is a broad gauge representative, who seems to be anxious to promote the welfare not only of the constituency he so worthily represents, but of the province as a whole.

ANGLICANS AND UNION

Bishop Clark, delivering his annual charge to the Anglican Synod of New Brunswick, said the past year had been one of progress. As to the church union, the bishop said it ought to be clear to thoughtful workers in this great cause that the end in view would require much time as well as patient waiting for its attainment.

KILLER AND VICTIM REST IN SAME GRAVE

Suicide and Murdered Man Buried With Impressive Ceremonies.

Galt, Ont., March 24.—The double funeral of the murderer and victim of Saturday night's tragedy at 22 Shade

street took place on Tuesday afternoon, and was very impressive. During the day hundreds of men and women viewed the remains, each body resting in a grey casket, both the same, but there was an absence of flowers. Hundreds of curious people lined the streets, to watch the cortege. Verun and Klaszorny, the dead Russians, were given a recent burial, many fellow countrymen, friends of the former, attending his burial at Mount View cemetery. Rev. W. H. Snelgrove, Anglican clergyman, conducted a service at the undertaking establishment, and also at the graveside. Both bodies were interred in the same grave, side by side.

Camel Walk Forbidden

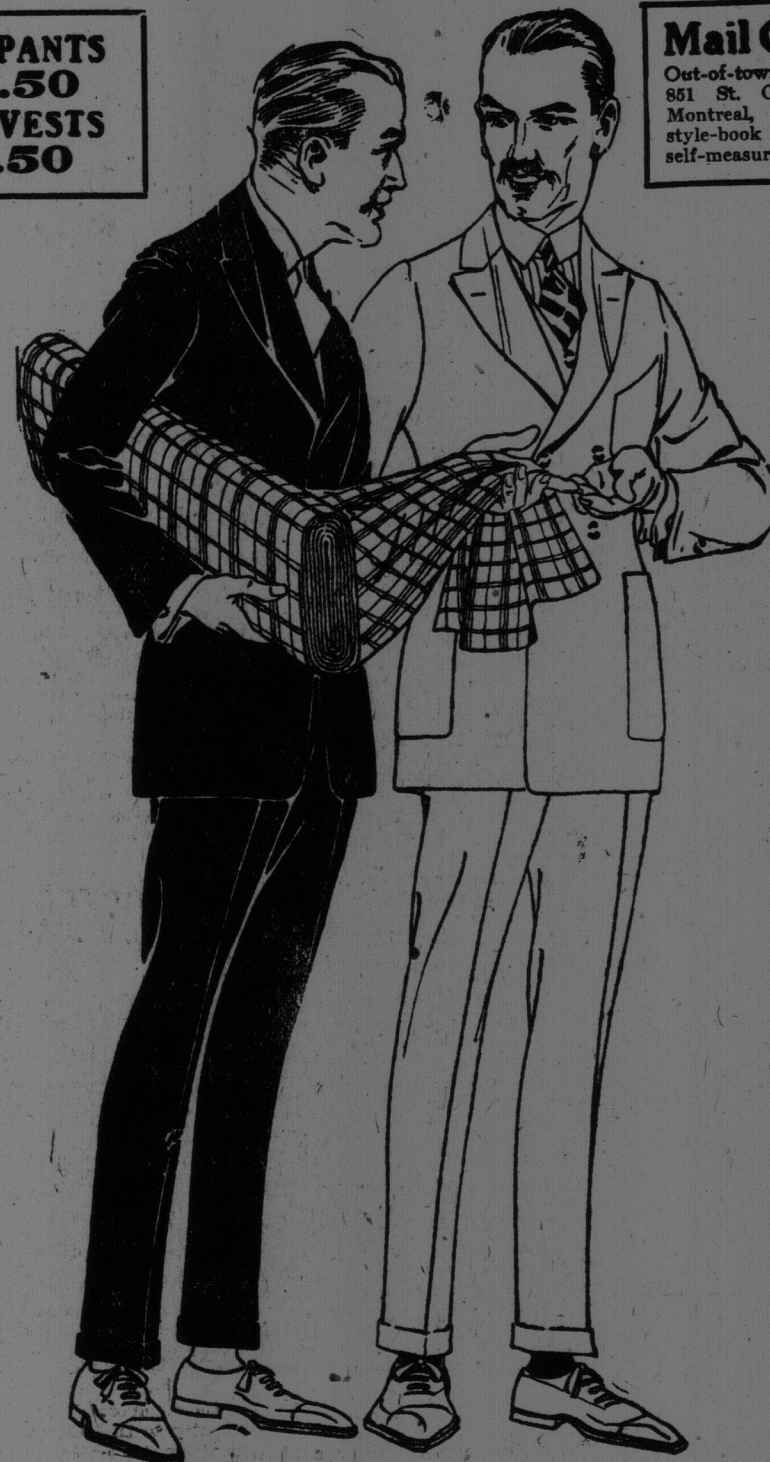
Winnipeg, March 24.—The "Camel Walk" is forbidden in the public dance halls of Winnipeg. License inspector, has ruled that this new dance is in violation of the law which permits it to be likely to have their licenses revoked.

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