

SAYS MAYOR'S STATEMENT REGARDING MONCTON AND HYDRO IS NOT TRUE

Chairman of Hydro Commission Declares Moncton Requires 5,000,000 K. W. H. At Once and That Cost of Transmission Line Will Be Little More Than Half Amount His Worship Names - Attempt to Misrepresent the Situation Exposed.

To the Editor of The Telegraph: Sir—I have just read the manifesto of Mayor Schofield to the voters of the city and I feel that some of the statements made by him call for attention by this commission. From the beginning of conferences at city hall he assumed and has constantly maintained an attitude of suspicion and distrust of our proposal to sell power to the city at cost. He seems to suspect that the commission are attempting to put something over on the city, and he has talked much about getting better terms than power at cost, which is ridiculous. Not content with engaging advisors to attack the amount and cost of Missquash power, and not content with the commission's offer to sell the city a definite amount of power at a definite outside cost, an offer that has behind it the backing of the government and the credit of the province, he now turns his attention to the proposal of the commission to supply power to the city of Moncton and intervening towns and attempts to hold that proposal up to public ridicule. He states that he sent an engineer, presumably the city's engineer, to Mon-

ton, and that he reported that the present requirement of Moncton is two million k.w.h. He further states that the cost of the transmission line may be eight hundred thousand dollars. Finally he states that the commission now admit that they have no market other than this. Now for the facts involved in these statements. Moncton requires five million at once and will undoubtedly require seven to ten million within a very few years. There is also a present requirement of about six hundred thousand along the way. The cost of the line will be a little more than half the amount he names. Finally, his statement that the commission now admit that they have no market other than this is absolutely false. E. A. SMITH, Chairman N. B. Electric Power Commission.

WIGMORE IMPROVED SERVICE BUT REDUCED WATER TAXES

His Vote in the Primaries, Expression of Confidence in His Regime, 1912-18—Some Striking Figures.

Men and Women Electors of St. John: Your very hearty expression of confidence in me in the primary elections was, indeed, most highly gratifying and can only be accounted for by the fact that my administrative record as Commissioner of Water and Sewerage for the six years from 1912 to 1918 is remembered with general approval. Prior to 1912, complaints as to insufficient water pressure were both bitter and frequent. Scarcely a serious fire occurred that the newspapers did not comment on the lack of pressure. By doing away with the "some system" and opening stop-cocks to allow free vent, I was able to put the whole system on a new and more efficient basis. The renewal of main pipe lines during the last four years of my regime to the extent of 31,961 feet was also a very potent factor in improving the water system generally. These renewals, it must be noted, were all paid for from water revenue. There was also paid from surplus of 1919 the sum of \$25,000 to retire old Carleton water scrip and for which there was no sinking fund. Interest charges were reduced from \$75,076.22 in 1912 to \$72,883.46 in 1917 and this at a time when municipal and government departments were running wild with bond issues and spending money like water. As a careful provision for the future there was set aside in 1917 for sinking funds the sum of \$84,940, this being a decided increase over 1912 when the amount was \$25,551.38. The bonded debt of the department was actually less in 1917 than in 1912 and this in spite of the fact that more than 40,000 feet of new water mains and about 25,000 feet of new main sewers were laid and 67 new hydrants installed. In the year 1916 alone sewerage and hydrant maintenance to the amount of \$17,445.96 was charged to water revenue and I purchased and paid for, this year, 36-inch cast iron pipe, extra value castings and additions to plant costing together \$41,035.94, all without bond issue. Now we come to the most interesting part. All this was done, not only without increase in taxation but on the other hand a very marked decrease. As a result of my administration, the water rate, it will now be recalled, was cut from one-fourth to one-fifth the assessed valuation and this move saved the taxpayers \$16,250.75 the first year it was put in force. At the same time I inaugurated a discount of ten per cent. on water taxes and the amount saved by those taking advantage was \$15,366.88. This discount rate has since been made five per cent. and I am perfectly confident that if the water and sewerage department is once more re-established on its

old, efficient basis that a material reduction in taxation can be made for the benefit of all citizens. As for Hydro, I think I made my position clear at the first meeting addressed by civic candidates in the Knights of Pythias Hall and I stand for Civic Distribution without equivocation. I wish to thank again those who voted for me at the primaries and it is very encouraging to find that my record has not been forgotten after being out of civic life, and for a good part of the time out of the city, for the last five years. Asking for a renewed expression of your confidence on Monday, I am, Yours sincerely, RUPERT W. WIGMORE. St. John, N. B., April 20, 1922. (Adv't.)

The Boy Scout entertainment in the parish hall of St. Paul's church was repeated last night and again was a splendid success. The programme was varied slightly. Miss Ross gave the sword dance and was heartily applauded. Her father, Piper Ross, accompanied her on the bag-pipes. Miss Carter was the pianist, and Clintop Regan was the bugler.

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EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AT THE C. P. R. DANCE

"C. P. R." is a term that has become synonymous with big and successful undertakings, its transportation system being the largest in the world. So, when it is reported that the New Brunswick division of the C. P. R. held their first annual dance last evening in the West St. John passenger terminals, it will occasion no surprise to learn that nearly 1,800 persons, C. P. R. employees, officials, their families and friends, from far and near, were present and enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent in the spacious and charmingly decorated hall. But "C. P. R." stood for something also last night. The C stood for co-operation. "Never was the spirit of co-operation so splendidly illustrated as has been in connection with the workings of the committees in charge of the affair, over which I had the honor to preside," said David H. Ryan, assistant to the general superintendent, last evening. "It just shows what a thorough application of the 'get-together' principle can do," he added. The C. P. R.'s middle name last night was Pleasure. There was not one person who will not take away with him or her the very pleasantest recollections of the first annual dance. And "R" stands for Results, which the big corporation and its employees rightly expect to flow from such a fine time as last evening. A deepening of the bond between employer and employee and between the employees themselves so that their slogan of "Better Service to the

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Public" might find a complete justification. Nothing was left undone. Three special passenger coaches were run in on the siding for smoking compartments and a special train was made up at 2 o'clock this morning to bring around to the city those who did not live on the west side. The checking system was excellent; the ten-piece orchestra contributed a splendidly-played programme and the catering was all that could be expected. It was a worthy effort and success crowned its every detail. ST. LUKE'S BIBLE CLASS. The men's Bible class of the St. Luke's church held their closing meeting of the season last evening in the schoolroom. See Special "Anniversary" advertisement of London House on page 16.

Semi-ready Tailored Clothes

Prices are away down on Men's Clothes—and Semi-ready Suits this Spring cost half what they did at the peak prices. We have the finest Navy Blue Serges in Botany wool weaves at \$40 and \$45—suits that went as high as \$100 at one time. The Semi-ready Company weave their own Serges and plain greys in England—that is why we can always outpoint the better quality of fine Serges.

The Craven A new double-breasted sac. —reveals the modern tendency to restraint in the styling of young men's garments. The broad, dashing full-peaked lapels are superseded by a narrower, half-peaked shape which reduces the bulky appearance and adds to the charm of the distinctive garment. Two buttons only are made to the Pocket button.

Creary's Facing the Square.

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The Perfect Match is here A Match that is different and better. The new Maple Leaf Matches are the product of the combined resources, patents and processes of the three greatest match masters of the World. Bryant & May, Ltd.—largest makers in the British Empire. The Diamond Match Company—the biggest in the world, the originators of the non-glowing match, and the firm which voluntarily gave to all match makers the formula for the non-poisonous match—Maguire, Paterson & Palmer, Ltd. of Liverpool, England, second largest British manufacturer. The combined output of these interests for a single week is greater than one year's entire consumption of matches in Canada. The brains and skill of these organizations have been brought together in the formation of the Canadian Match Company, and the product of their store of knowledge is the new Made-in-Canada Maple Leaf Match. Take any match in any Maple Leaf box. Examine and test it against any ordinary match that you can buy. Ask your grocer to show you Maple Leaf Matches. You will be surprised at the difference even in appearance. They are longer, stronger and do not glow after the flame is out, the heads do not fly off, they do not break in the fingers, they are not poisonous and they withstand more wind and moisture. MAPLE LEAF MATCHES are different and better—they cost no more.