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LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

The information laid before the meeting at the Imperial Theatre last night showed conclusively that the position that The Standard has taken all along in regard to civic distribution of Musquash current is the correct one and wholly justified.

WHERE IS THE ETHIOPIAN?

The Telegraph and The Times are very anxious to have the city take for granted the sufficiency of the Musquash development and without any evidence at all demand it to assume that there is adequate water power there to supply the City of St. John as well as all of the territory between St. John and Moncton, and the latter city.

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

Discussing the recent Opposition Convention at Fredericton, the Campbell Tribune has this to say: "Conventions are nearing the limit of their day; they are tired of exploitation, their patience is overwrought."

Investigation by the St. John Railway Company when the whole Musquash property was offered to it at 50 per cent of the price now asked for the water power only, after the great Musquash fire, showed that it could not produce power as cheaply as by steam.

The Government had available the data on these water powers which we understand was freely furnished by the New Brunswick Power Company, and also had the independent investigation made of the Lepreau and a report on that river, we believe, from Mr. Holgate.

As Mayor Schofield pointed out last night, in the report of the Hydro Commission for 1920, Mr. Holgate recommended the development of the Lepreau, but made no mention whatsoever of the Musquash.

contestation, but on the contrary Messrs. Kirby and Phillips report says that while the Company could sell at \$2.50 the City would have to charge \$5.50.

Then again our contemporaries tell the public that as a consequence of the great reduction in cost under civic distribution, there would be a large increase in the amount of current used, and that when the volume had reached 5,000,000 k.w.h., the price would be reduced to 4 cents.

It should be borne in mind that the Musquash with four or five times the watershed of the Musquash, was not able to supply the small amount of power required for the St. George Pulp & Paper Company's mill, from the 1st July until in October of last year; that a still larger stream, the St. Croix, during the past winter did not have sufficient power to supply the town of St. Stephen with light.

There is no magic in a water power. It should be borne in mind that the Musquash development cost more than twice as much as any water power should cost to be able to compete with steam power, and that a steam plant could have been erected which would have produced power far below the possible Musquash cost.

Why, therefore, should the city of St. John waste between one and two million dollars in putting up a duplicate transmission line and encumbering the streets with another collection of poles and wires. Why is it necessary for the citizens to pay this large amount of money and incur this inconvenience? Is a larger price for the owners of the Musquash lands adequate compensation to the public? Will The Telegraph and The Times be good enough to answer this question?

A BAD PRECEDENT.

The situation as between the City and the Power Company seems to be something like this. The Company supplies the light, power, street railway and gas services. The two last named cannot be carried on on a remunerative basis except by charging a scale of prices that people would not pay, and the consequences would probably be such a loss of customers as would compel the discontinuance of these services altogether.

Now, the City is offered current for light and power, at a price below that which the Company can supply it at as long as it has to maintain the railway and gas services. A section of the citizens want the benefit of this reduction in cost, but they also want the Power Company to continue to carry on its railway and gas services, even after it has been robbed of the only remunerative factor in its business; the factor which alone permits of those services being continued.

Never in the history of Canada has such a bare-faced steal been suggested as this is. The Bolsheviks' plans in force now in Russia have nothing on this thing. In Nova Scotia where some time ago, exactly the same conditions prevailed, sane and sensible business men got together and worked out a plan fair and satisfactory to all concerned.

Our Canterbury Street contemporaries are telling the public that after the City has paid the Hydro Commission twelve per cent, on an outlay of two millions, and spent another million and a half in installing a distribution plant, and has paid all the cost and expenses in carrying on the business, it will be able to supply consumers of light and power with current at a price considerably below the figure they pay to the N. B. Power Company at the present time.

Benny's Note Book

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Dorothy E. Eldridge A Wonderful Child

Only Five Years Old and Gives Exhibition of Remarkable Genius.

A child prodigy, mainly Dorothy E. Eldridge, the five-year-old daughter of Professor and Mrs. A. B. Eldridge, of Sydney, N. S., visited the Standard with her father yesterday and gave an exhibition of her remarkable genius. Whether it be mental telepathy, intuition, second sight, or hypnotic influence, her performance was a marvellous one, and it is safe to say that there are few if any children in the world possessed of as highly developed mental faculties as five-year-old Dorothy.

At her father's bidding, the little girl without the least prompting, recited the premiers of Canada and the presidents of the United States. She told the parts of the human brain and its weight. The numbers of plays written by Shakespeare, and the total number of acts of all his plays. The number of words in the Bible, and recited several passages from the new Testament.

As a spelling test, the little girl spelled such words as Nebuchadnezzar, New York, Montreal, Moncton, St. John and many others. Being somewhat of an authority on etymology, the little girl told one of the reporters how to spell Mississippi. According to Dorothy it is "M. I. crooked letter, crooked letter, I, crooked letter, crooked letter, L. P. D. I." She then completed that part of her exhibition by reciting the alphabet backwards.

To demonstrate her power of mental telepathy, one of the reporters was asked to write the name of the month he was born in on a sheet of paper and to concentrate his thoughts on the name. This was done and Dorothy, after a little thought, named the month. She then told which of those present were married and which single.

One of the reporters thought he had a question that would baffle the child, and asked what else he was doing besides reporting, and he was annoyed to hear the child reply "studying law." Her father said the little girl had first given evidence of her remarkable powers at the age of two years. He believes that a natural gift coupled with her training on a psychological basis is responsible for her wonderful knowledge. According to Professor Eldridge, a child of natural genius or whipped, or at least never above the knees. In training a child, an effort should be made to see what the child likes most, and deny it that child does what it is told, and reward it when it has obeyed to the best of its ability.

Dorothy is a Scotch French Canadian and was born near Three Rivers. Her mother is a devout Catholic, and she ascribes her child's remarkable gifts to a blessing invoked by a Catholic nursing sister. When the child was about two months old, her mother was taken seriously ill, and removed to a hospital maintained by the nuns. The mother thinking her end was near, proaching asked the good sisters to

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