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Plain Talk from One of the Largest Users in Sussex

Musquash is Perfect Solution of Light and Power Problem—An Invitation to St. John Doubters.

Imperial Theatre, Sussex, N. B., March 24, 1923.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir—A few days ago the St. John Journal published one of its characteristic articles knocking hydro in every way. This should not be allowed to pass without comment.

Personally it makes no difference to me whether St. John accepts cheap light and power or continues to be bled by a monopoly, but when the Journal attempts to drag Sussex into its argument it is time to flatly contradict it.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am perhaps the largest consumer of current here and know what I am talking about. I have been using hydro for about a month and am enthusiastic over its benefits.

While the Journal stretches every possible point to belittle hydro, I would like to state just exactly how I find it. That paper glazes over its statement that Messrs. Torrie & Winter, of Moncton, consider putting in an auxiliary stand-by—power house, engine, generator and everything complete to supply continuous 110 volt current to about 200 lamps.

Since the advent of hydro I have entirely dismantled this plant, and have sold most of it. Nothing has yet occurred to show me that I have made a mistake.

The Journal further claims that Winter & Torrie lost four night's business at their theatres through failure of current. I am not even sure that they have been connected with hydro for the same length of time and have lost only one night—and even this under circumstances which would blame on a defective system.

When we consider that this line was constructed during the more severe winter in many years and that the work was done necessarily of only a temporary character, the wonder is that it is so successful.

The engineers have explained this and every reason why it is so successful. It is so successful because it is so permanent work is yet to be done as so improved weather permits.

I have seen hydro in operation in many upper Canadian cities, and have not the slightest doubt but that Musquash will equal any of them and be a perfect solution of the light and power problem.

It seems too bad that St. John should still run time to time and waste so much valuable time and money squabbling while towns as small as Sussex accepted the proposition, issued bonds for sufficient amount, rushed the work and had it completed in a few days and had made an actual move in the matter.

The worst feature of all is the fact that a newspaper, which would naturally be expected to have the interests of the city at heart, seems to be doing all in its power to hold it back and prevent it from enjoying the benefits which are within its grasp.

I have even heard bores dragged into the matter and the hydro enterprise praised or commended according to the political views of the speaker. This may save a few, but not the broader minded. I am a dyed-in-the-wool conservative, and on general principles would do anything in my power to defeat the present government. Yet, were hydro the issue of an election I would work hard to support it.

Just as a word to compare costs. I use about 400 k.w.h. per month, for which I have been paying under the old system 17 cents. This amounts to \$68. For hydro I pay 10 cents for the first 80 k.w. and 6 cents for all excess. This amounts to \$25.20, a clear saving of \$42.80 per month. I also have four meters, and as there is no meter rental this means the saving of another dollar per month.

This is not the only advantage. Formerly we had an obsolete 133 cycle current which could not be used for power, and to make matters worse even this was only available at night. During the day we had no current of any kind. Under the new system we have a continuous 24-hour service for any purpose—light, power or heat—and at a most reasonable price.

Here is another illustration: In another place of business of mine I have discarded the engine and am installing motors. I am not even keeping an engine for a stand-by; and I am doing this in the face of the Journal's statements and its allegations re Messrs. Torrie & Winter.

If the St. John Journal persists in throwing monkey wrenches into the machinery of modern progress, it is up to you to fight it, but it is only monkey time in interfering with the affairs of Sussex.

We have had hydro for a month. We are delighted with it and do not need the Journal's sympathy. If anyone in St. John can still reasonably doubt the benefits of hydro I would advise them to spend a couple of dollars and a couple of hours on a trip to Sussex to satisfy themselves. A talk with any of the citizens and a glance at the brilliantly lighted streets would soon dispel all doubts.

IMPERIAL THEATRE,
Per C. F. Givnan.

Hugh Philpott, charged with manslaughter in connection with death of Joseph MacDonnell, at Glace Bay, in February, was yesterday sent up for trial.

THE DEAF GOVERNMENT



(Several cases have occurred in which people, ordinarily so deaf, have been enabled to hear by wireless.)

John Bull to (Bonar Law): "You have been very deaf so far, but see if you can hear this."

FARM STRIKE IN ENGLAND SPREADS

Unbusiness Grows as Spring Weather Comes—King's Workmen Refuse to Quit.

London, March 28.—The spread of the agricultural strike to parts of Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire is causing anxiety lest it extend to an even wider area. The unbusiness is emphasized by the sudden appearance of spring weather, for the farmers are obliged to see a golden opportunity to get their work done.

In Norfolk agriculture is seriously dislocated. It is said that the workers on King George's farms have refused to obey the strike order, although many laborers on estates rented from the king answered the call.

The leaders of the men insist that all must strike even though the wages and hours paid them are satisfactory. Complete good feeling is said to exist between the farmers and their employees.

FRENCH OFFICER IN THE SARRE IS ATTACKED

London, March 28.—A despatch from Neunkirchen, a few miles from Treves, according to the Times' Dusseldorf correspondent, reports an attack under cover of darkness, and the severe ill-treatment of the local commandant, Captain Deschamps, by a gang of men. This is the first time a French officer has been attacked in the Sarre region since 1918.

Dusseldorf, March 28.—In contrast to the recently reported tendency of the workers here to let down in their resistance to the occupation forces, there now is noticeable a distinct movement in the opposite direction, which has been growing during the last few days and which the French do not attempt to deny.

COUNTY COURT

Before Judge Armstrong in County Court chambers this morning hearing was held in the case of Dean against Green, an action of account arising out of repairs to an automobile. Some evidence was taken and the case will be continued this afternoon. W. A. Ross appeared for the plaintiff and E. C. Weyman for the defendant.

HORRORS OF SLAVE TRAFFIC ARE REVIVED IN AFRICA

British and French Take Grips With Dealers in Human Beings—Thousands Being Sold in Abyssinia.

(Canadian Press.) London, March 28.—Revival of the slave traffic in Africa, on which subject the League of Nations has promised to act next September, is causing the French and British Governments serious concern. It is declared that thousands of human beings are being marketed in Abyssinia and the French Government has discovered that monthly shipments of slaves are passing through the port of Ladjourah, in French Somaliland, from which traffic the local sultan, it is alleged, derives a fee of \$1 a head on all slaves shipped to Arabia.

British naval units are endeavoring to deal with the situation in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf, and are meeting with some success. British vessels recently have been shelling villages along the Oman coast in connection with the campaign against slavery. They recently discovered a convoy of slaves proceeding from French Somaliland and believed to have come from Abyssinia.

PARLIAMENT WILL ADJOURN TODAY FOR EASTER RECESS

Interim Supply Bill Passed Yesterday—Report on the C. N. R. Presented.

(By Canadian Press) Ottawa, March 28.—In the House of Commons yesterday an interim supply bill, granting to the government one-sixth of the estimates for the next two months, was passed without debate.

On the motion to go into supply General J. A. Clark, Conservative, charged the government with breaking faith with the British Columbia salmon canners in the matter of reducing fishing licenses to Orientals by forty per cent of last year's total, instead of ten per cent, as increased in June last.

The government's action was defended by the Minister of the Interior, Hon. Ernest Lapointe and other speakers, including British Columbia members.

Hon. George P. Graham, acting Minister of Railways, brought down his annual statement of the Canadian National Railways, showing a deficit for the year ended December 31, 1922, of \$6,251,845, including fixed charges, as compared with \$7,262,275 the previous year.

The Crown's Nest rates on grain had reduced the Canadian National Railway by six and a half millions, the minister stated. He expressed confidence in the future of the system.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen spoke briefly before adjournment of the debate on the railway estimates.

Three items in Labor Department estimates were passed before adjournment.

Estimates of the Department of Labor were taken in the House late last night and the items of \$50,000 for Publication of Labor Act, including publication of the Labor Gazette; \$500,000 for the administration of the Employment Offices Co-ordination Act, were passed.

Today in Parliament In the House of Commons today the House will take up estimates for labor, and the immigration departments. The House will adjourn today for the Easter recess. The next sitting will be on Monday, April 9.

DISSATISFIED OVER PALESTINE

Peers Advocate Change in British Policy—Say it is a Failure.

London, March 28.—(Canadian Press)—Speaking in the House of Lords yesterday several peers urged a radical change in the British policy in Palestine. The speaker said the only Scottish ports where landing places for Canadian store cattle had been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture were Glasgow and Dundee, which could accommodate 1,000 and 950 cattle respectively.

Viscount Grey joined in urging publication of the whole pledged given during the war and said such commitments should not have been entered into without consulting the Dominions. The Duke of Devonshire, Secretary of State for the Colonies, replying for the Government, promised to give the suggested publication of the pledge serious consideration. He admitted that only 107 out of a possible 670 Moslem secondary electors had up to the present been returned in the election in Palestine. The Minister said that the present legislation was the first step toward solving the problem.

MUSICIANS FOR MORE MONEY

New York, March 28.—The majority of musicians employed in the theatres and motion picture houses of New York have voted for a strike to enforce a wage increase of from \$12 to \$25 a week, so Paul Vaccarelli, business manager of the Musicians Mutual Protective Union, announced last night. The musicians now need \$32 for a seven day week, including two rehearsals. It was said that approximately 200 musical, burlesque, vaudeville and motion picture shows would be affected by the strike. The union claims 3,000 members.

SAY PORT DUES AT DUNDEE TOO HIGH

London, March 28.—(Canadian Press)—Intimation has been made that certain Canadian cattle shippers are unwilling to use the port of Dundee because of high dues to be charged for the use of the docks there. The Dundee harbor trustees have appointed a committee to examine the rates and report.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "have you bought your new Easter hat?" "I was thinking," said Hiram, "of just hating a few icicles on them to be in style for the season—an' let it go at that. Hanner hes to buy some furs for April—an' it's been so cold the hens ain't layin'—so we're just gonin' to go along easy-like."

"I'll lay you a bet," said the reporter, "that the Easter trade will be just as bright and flowery as if the trees were budding."

"Oh—i dassay," said Hiram. "It wouldn't be Easter if things didn't brighten up a bit. An' then there's storekeepers makes you buy. When Hanner reads the ads in the Times she thanks the Lord she's livin' out to the Settlements for she says if she was in town she'd be doin' nothin' but racin' from one store to another, lookin' over them bargains. Comin' out for a snow-tramp tramp this week—'n kin walk right over faces anywhere. The thing that puzzles me is whether this is last winter or next winter we're havin' now—yes, sir."

Pessimistic About Success of Farmers On Western Lands

(By Canadian Press) Ottawa, March 28.—"Do you think then that as a commercial proposition farming can be made a success in the west?" Asked Mr. Elliott, Progressive of Waterloo, in a special election at the Agriculture yesterday.

"No," replied the witness, Harry Grant, Hudson Bay fellow, of Winnipeg, who has been making a special study of farm accounts.

Mr. McMaster announced receipt of a telegram from Thomas Robb, secretary of the Shipping Federation at Montreal, to the effect that there would be no space available for the cattle shipment sponsored by the Alberta Government until the opening of navigation at Montreal.

Stay Execution of Archbishop

London, March 28.—The chairman of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee in Moscow yesterday ordered a postponement of the execution of Archbishop Zepik and Monsignor Butchkevitch pending the issuance of special instructions, sending a despatch to the Russian Government.

T. P. O'Connor, veteran Irish Nationalist, sent this telegram yesterday to Foreign Minister Tchitcherin in Moscow: "On behalf of two million Irishmen in Great Britain, mostly of the working classes, attached to the Russian Revolution, and historical sympathies, I appeal to your Government in their and your country's best interests not to sacrifice the lives of Archbishop Zepik and his colleagues."

In the British House yesterday Sir Robert Sanders, Minister of Agriculture, said the only Scottish ports where landing places for Canadian store cattle had been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture were Glasgow and Dundee, which could accommodate 1,000 and 950 cattle respectively.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—The disturbance which was over Temiskaming yesterday morning has moved eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the western high areas, accompanied by very cold weather has spread into Ontario and Quebec. It has become milder again in Alberta.

Forecasts:—Quite Cold. Maritime—Strong northwest winds, fair and quite cold tonight and tomorrow. Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds, local snow or flurries today, fair and decidedly cold tonight and on Thursday.

New England—Fair tonight and tomorrow; colder tonight; strong north-west winds probably gales on south coast, diminishing by Thursday. Toronto, March 28.—Temperatures:—Highest during yesterday night

	8 a.m.	Lowest	Highest
Prince Rupert	38	48	36
Victoria	42	62	42
Kamloops	30	64	30
Calgary	38	60	32
Edmonton	40	30	18
Prince Albert	8	12	6
Winnipeg	14	4	20
South Ste. Marie	8	4	12
Montreal	4	4	4
Toronto	12	40	5
Kingston	4	38	2
Ottawa	0	34	2
Quebec	8	24	10
St. John, N. B.	18	28	18
Halifax	24	30	26
St. Johns, Nfld.	24	30	14
Detroit	14	42	14
New York	24	50	24

*Below zero.

Party Leaders In Agreement Re Grand Falls Development

Veniot, Richards and Fawcett Address Delegates From Northern Towns—Stimulate Manufacturing, Aid Farming, Halt Migration Southward—Government Backed Up in Refusal to Extend Present Private Franchise.

(Special to The Times.) Fredericton, N. B., March 28.—The Leaders of the three parties in the Legislature were practically unanimous this morning in replying to the large delegation from the northern section of the province and Fredericton as well that came to urge the development of the power at Grand Falls.

Premier Veniot's reply to the delegates was in effect that if the cost of the development and the prospect of a market for the power and the likelihood of a stimulation of industry following the availability of the power, justified undertaking the work, then it certainly would be done. To get possession of all the data might take two or three months—it might take a year.

Should it be demonstrated that the development was justified, then a decision would have to be made on the question of whether the province should undertake and carry out the work on its own or whether a private company should do it with the public approval.

C. D. Richards, Leader of the official Opposition, endorsed the general position taken by the Premier and A. Chase Fawcett, Leader of the Progressives, said that the enterprise would have the support of the Progressive party also.

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DEVELOPMENT IN MODEL CASE

Son of Attorney General to be Questioned re Blackmail

Effort to Get Money from Major Daugherty Because of Acquaintance With the Girl Murdered in New York.

(Canadian Press.) New York, March 28.—Ferdinand Pecora, acting district attorney, last night addressed a letter to Major Draper M. Daugherty, only son of the U. S. Attorney General, requesting that he lay before New York authorities all the information he possessed concerning a blackmail conspiracy involving Dorothy Keenan, slain model, and John K. Mitchell, the murderer.

The name of a man alleged by Major Daugherty to have attempted to blackmail him because of his acquaintance with Dorothy Keenan, the murderer, was understood to be in possession of Mr. Pecora today. A morning newspaper published the announcement that it had furnished the name to Mr. Pecora.

From Major Daugherty himself the Assistant District Attorney hoped to learn the identity of the man and the details of his attempted intimidation. Mr. Pecora believed the information might link with what has of a projector \$100,000 blackmail attempt on John K. Mitchell, son-in-law of E. T. Stotesbury, who was the "Mr. Marshall" of the case.

"I do not say Major Daugherty's information will lead to the discovery of the murderer of Dorothy Keenan, but I do say it is of great importance," said Mr. Pecora, and urged the prominent Major Daugherty in coming forward with greater frankness than most witnesses.

People Eager to Sign for Hydro Service—West Side Distribution System.

Roy A. Willett, secretary-accountant of the Civic Power Commission, said this morning that yesterday afternoon the canvassers had had to date, eighty per cent of those spoken to had signed contracts. It was found that many people were moving and that they were more or less unsettled but it was felt that when they became settled there would be no difficulty in obtaining their signatures.

With regard to a statement that has been made to the effect that a canvasser for the civic commission had told a resident of the North End that if he did not sign the contract he would not be able to get electric current from the power company as the city is intending to take over the poles in that section Mr. Willett said that it was not necessary for the city's canvassers to use that canvass as the city would take over the poles, but it was necessary to employ that statement in canvassing.

Harry Wilson, engineer to the civic power commission, said this morning that he was busy on the matter of the West Side distribution system and expected to have it up this week. Tenders for the outdoor sub-station switching equipment closed tomorrow morning, he said.

DAYLIGHT TIME WAR IN MONTREAL

Thousands Petition for Saving; Many Organizing in Opposition.

Montreal, March 28.—Petitions signed by about 20,000 employees in Montreal were received by the Montreal Daylight Saving Association yesterday, to be forwarded to the city council, for daylight time. These include 6,000 signatures from the staff and employees of the C. P. R. among shops.

Declaring that ninety per cent of the people of Montreal are opposed to daylight saving, a gathering of representatives of all unions met here last night to plan to present to the city council thousands of signatures protesting against any advance in summer time.

Mayor Martin approved of the idea of workers marching down to the City Hall on next Monday to offer a promised invasion of those who will present the opposite view.

ANARCHISTS ARE TAKEN WHOLESALE

Sofia, March 28.—More than two hundred alleged anarchists have been arrested throughout the country during the last few days. One named Dracaloff, who is alleged to have thrown a bomb at Premier Stamboulski in a theatre not long ago, has been arrested.

LEG BROKEN

John Nolas, a section man on the C. N. R., had his leg broken this morning near the freight wreck at Rousesay. He is now in the General Public Hospital.