

City Should Give Discount On All Taxes Paid Early

Business Houses Find Practice Good For Collections.

The city of Saint John is making a strenuous effort to collect outstanding taxes. The period in which discount is granted has closed. Just what proportion of the taxes are collected remains to be announced. It has been proposed that as a matter of business the four per cent. discount should apply to all amounts paid on or before the date fixed by the City Council.

In most business where discounts are given, they apply on money paid before a certain date whether that is the full amount of the account or not. Such a practice would be a help, it is believed, in securing more money by the city. For instance, if a man is taxed \$1,500 and cannot raise the full amount before the discount date he is liable to hold back payment till he gets the full amount. If he knew that on the payment of say, \$1,000, he could get the four per cent., he would pass that amount to the chamberlain.

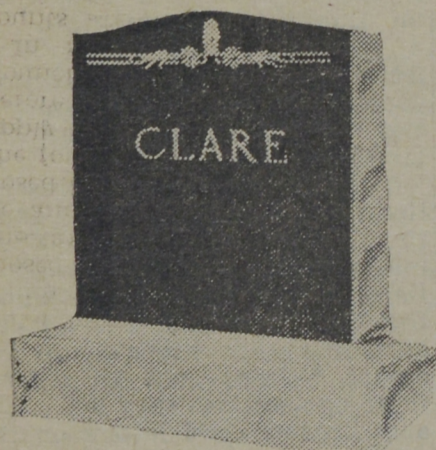
Similarly those with small bills would pay a portion if the discount were allowed. It might be well for the City Council to consider this idea, for business houses find it to be good practice and it should work out well in the city collection department.

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MORE EXPENSE

THE DECISION of the City Council to have a survey made of the property of the New Brunswick Power Company for the purpose of fixing a value is not finding favor with citizens generally. While the question of having a survey made may not be opposed, there is objection being voiced to the costly procedure of bringing in outside valuers to prepare a report which may not be of any use.

Before making any definite move would it not have been better to have ascertained the lowest sale price. This price might have shown that further negotiations would be useless. If the lowest sales price was considered interesting and it was felt that it was in the best interests of the city the property should be purchased then it would be for the council to take further steps to check the values.

The New Brunswick Power Company may be worth more to its owners than it is to the people of Saint John. However, it seems to be the idea of many citizens that a little more local investigation would have been in order before spending the citizens' money for expert advice that may prove valueless.

Hydro Enquiry Requires Many Public Hearings

Probe Into City Power Commission Brings Out Business Practices.

The investigation into the affairs of the Power Commission of the City of Saint John is being carried on before a commission composed of Judge J. A. Barry, A. H. Wetmore and J. A. Whitebone. Several hearings have been held and the evidence so far produced showed how the business of hydro was being conducted. In some cases it was said that credits against electricity accounts had been passed in order to promote good will. Several public hearings have been held and it is expected that several more will be necessary before the enquiry is completed.

PROTECTION FOR SWANS

Helena, Mont.—In an effort to save the trumpeter swan from extinction, the Federal Government has set aside the Red Rock lakes, 30 miles west of Yellowstone national park, as a migratory bird refuge. Formerly plentiful in the United States and Canada, their number has been reduced to less than 100, largely through the depredations of duck hunters.

OPPOSE MIXED BATHING

Cape Town. — Deploring the type of bathing dress worn at the seaside and believing it "fosters immorality," the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa has recorded opposition to mixed bathing.

"OPEN NECKS" FOR OFFICERS

Brussels.—New designs for Belgian officers' uniforms—on American and British lines—are provided for by a royal decree. Instead of the high-collared "choker" type, officers will shortly have easier fitting tunics with roll collars. The same modifications will be made in the uniforms of the rank and file.

GERMANY FORBIDS COPPER

Berlin.—Further restrictions on the use of copper have been imposed. It is now forbidden to use copper for certain forms of high tension cables and wires, for wireless aerials and lightning conductors, and for a wide range of electrical fittings. The use of lead for insulating piping is also forbidden in certain cases.

ADOLF HITLER PUDDING

Berlin.—In order to make the children eat cereal more willingly, a nursery home in Dresden has renamed it—"Adolf Hitler Pudding." This fact is revealed by

correspondence in the newspapers in which local mothers are questioning whether it is proper to use the name of the realm-leader in this way.

NEW JOB FOR POLICEMEN

London.—London county council education committee has approved a proposal by Lord Trenchard, police commissioner, that selected officers of the traffic patrol should give brief lectures in elementary schools on road safety.

MASONIC CALENDAR

- ALBION, No. 1—First Friday. Next meeting, Sept. 6. H. I. Knowles, W.M.
- NEW BRUNSWICK, No. 22—Second Thursday. Next meeting, Sept. 12. Ralph H. Gale, W.M.
- HIBERNIA, No. 3—Second Tuesday. Next meeting, Sept. 10. Sam. Smith, W.M.
- ST. JOHN'S, No. 2—First Tuesday. Next meeting, Sept. 3. Robt. Harris, W.M.
- CARLETON UNION, No. 8—First Thursday. Next meeting, Sept. 5. A. C. Smith, Jr., W.M.
- UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10—Third Tuesday. Next meeting on Sept. 17. James Little, W.M.
- CARLETON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—Third Thursday. The next meeting, Sept. 19. G. M. Leggett, 1st P.Z.
- SAINT JOHN COUNCIL R. AND S. M.—Third Monday. Next meeting, Sept. 16. Fred. W. McNichol, T.I.M.
- ST. JOHN DE MOLAY PRECEPTORY—Fourth Tuesday. Next meeting on Sept. 24. J. S. Hoyt, P.P.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

- Meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays
- NEW BRUNSWICK, No. 1—Pythian Castle. Next meeting, August 23.
- UNION, No. 2—Pythian Castle. Next meeting, September 4.
- ST. JOHN, No. 30—Temple Building, North End. Next meeting, Sept. 9.
- CARLETON TOWER, No. 37—Prentice Boys' Hall. Next meeting, Sept. 16.

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