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Letters to the Editor.

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"Our Side" Heard From.

To The Editor of Sentinel:—

During the past two years much has appeared in your paper either in defence or approval of the Woodstock Electric Railway Light & Power Co., better known as the "Power Company" or the "Dam Company." I therefore consider it only fair that your readers should hear our side, and with your permission I will tell the story as briefly as possible.

It was us, that is our side, who first got the charter under which this Company is now doing as they please in this town. It was a very liberal charter giving us the right to do most anything, but after we sold out to them, (being afraid to put our own money into so large an undertaking,) they got the Charter amended so that they could do just as they pleased.

We didn't think they would undertake the work, but much to our surprise the first thing we knew they were building a dam. Well of course we started in then to tell everyone the dam would go out with the first spring freshet. It took them longer than they thought it would to build it and the next spring the freshet came several weeks earlier than usual and, as they were unable to get the work completed, part of the dam went out, so I tell you we were more than pleased, we were happy. It would take a lot of money to repair the dam and we thought they had lost so much that they wouldn't undertake it, but much to our surprise they went to work again; they had a splendid dry fall for their work, which made us feel very badly, and by the middle of winter they had it completed again. Of course we kept telling everyone that it would go out again with the spring freshet, but it didn't, and I assure you it was a great disappointment to us. If the dam had only gone out it would have been such a big loss to them that we didn't think they would have attempted to rebuild again, and as the Small & Fisher plant was getting old we thought that in a short time our side would have all the Electric light business of the Town.

But in spite of all we could say or do, about a year ago they started their plant and I am sorry to say everything worked fine. They then went to work to get a contract to run the street lights and supply electric power to pump the water for the Town. I tell you what we fought this proposition for all we were

worth. We had the Mayor on our side but the majority of the Council thought if they would pump the water and light the streets for less than it was now costing they should have the contract, so they got it and we couldn't help ourselves. You see it so happened that the pumps at the Water Works were about played out, so we had to admit that a new pump had to be put in and the question was, would it be an Electric motor and pump at a cost of about \$7,000 or would the Council put in a new steam plant at a cost of about \$25,000. Of course we favored the steam plant in order to prevent them from getting the revenue they would get if the pumping was done by electricity. But, as I have said, they got the contract and now we have to admit that the Electric Pump is a great success and the whole Town is being lighted as never before at about \$7,000 per year less than we paid before without any light. This is pretty tough on us is it not?

After this they kept quiet for a while; our side got the other Company to cut the rates for lighting and we began to feel pretty sure that the rates would soon be so low that they wouldn't be able to make enough to pay the interest on the money they had invested, so we began to feel a little better, but one day when we woke up we found they had gone and bought out the other Company. It was enough to make us mad, and we were mad.

Just think of it, an electric light monopoly in this Town, owned by them, not by us.

They then began the work of cutting the lights over from the Company that belonged to our side, to their Company. The telephone people were also engaged in similar work. To do this and at the same time maintain the telephone and electric light service was a difficult task, and we began to hope for trouble. The strong winds and frequent heavy rain storms made their work more difficult, and sure enough at last the trouble came, some wires got crossed and there were a number of fires started, and while we regretted the loss of life on this occasion, on the whole we were wonderfully well pleased with the trouble they found themselves in.

We thought we had them down at last, and that they were sure to make a big loss as a reward for their enterprise.

Our Mayor lost no time. A public meeting was at once called but much to our surprise, many of the citizens seemed to think that the Council was as much to blame as the Company, and they wanted the Council to bring an expert here to make a report on everything. Of course that would never do as there was the Town wires, which everyone knew were in a most wretched condition, and the expert would likely lay all the blame on the Town.

But here we were in luck, for don't we, that is our side, own the Town Council; we elected them to work for us, and THEMSELVES, so they had a meeting and passed the following resolution:—

Moved Ald Hagerman, seconded Ald Burt. That the Council request the W. E. L. & P. Co. to employ a competent electrical engineer approved of by the Board of Fire Underwriters of the province of New Brunswick to come to Woodstock and examine into the condition of the wiring of the Power Co. and Telephone Co. service with a view of having the different systems put in proper shape, and that until the engineer so chosen has made an examination and reported, that the high tension wire be kept off Main street south of Elm. Carried.

Some of us thought while they were about it they should have ordered the Company to bring an expert here to examine the telegraph wires as well as those of the Telephone Company. They might also have compelled the Company (by resolution) to supply us with oil lamps for use when the Electric lights were not running, and they might also have ordered them to pave all the streets on which they have poles for there is no limit to the powers of our Council, to pass resolutions.

The same evening this now famous resolution was passed, our friend Mr Clinch gave notice that all insurance in Town was to be cancelled if the Company started to run their plant. That night we went home happy and we felt that way all the next day for we had them down and out sure.

The next evening there wasn't an electric light in Town. The Company was so afraid of that resolution that they closed everything down tight. Now I am coming to the sad part of my story. Up to this time the Mayor had served us faithfully, but as soon as he saw the lights were all out, he set to work making arrangements with The Company to turn the high voltage current on the greater part of Main St in direct

violation of the famous resolution. Just think of that, our Mayor asking the Company we have been fighting so long, to violate the orders given in that resolution.

Since then they have been paying no more attention to our resolution, or to our Mr Clinch, than if they had never heard of them, and now they are lighting the whole town and apparently as happy as if we had all been doing our best to help them along.

Pretty tough isn't it?

Yours &c.,

Loyal Citizen.

The Town Council.

Editor Sentinel,

SIR:—Some suspicion has been expressed around town at the apparent animosity of Coun Burt shown at the meeting of the council held on the first meeting of the month, toward the Power Company, but after the following Friday night meeting one is led to believe that he was not actuated so much by his interest in the welfare of the town as in an attempt to distract the attention of the ratepayers from certain bills he was trying to put through council. Just here I wish to call attention to the law prohibiting councillors from having any business transactions with the town. The statute reads as follows:—

"No person shall be qualified to be elected to serve in the office of mayor or councillor so long as he shall hold any office or place of profit in the gift or disposal of the council nor during such time as he shall by himself, his partner, or in any other way or manner, directly or indirectly, have any share or interest in any contract or employment with or in behalf of the said council."

In view of this it is bad enough to violate the law without graft but when an attempt is made to charge \$45 for asphalt per ton which another dealer is prepared to furnish for \$38 and when he has already received \$44 for phosphate per ton, supplied to the town, when the public were buying the same article for about \$41, it is no wonder he is endeavoring to convince the public he is working in their interest. If this were the first offence it might be overlooked but when he was a councillor before, he sold certain

asphalt we all remember the price and quality of, and the public have also the recollection of a certain mowing machine transaction and then again perhaps the temperance supporters will like to know how much plate glass a man must buy order to get a beer license.

Yours, etc.

ONE WHO KNOWS

JOTTINGS.

Dr Griffin visited St John and Fredericton this week.

School Inspector Meagher is again in the County, making his official tour of inspection.

Ald H G Noble, proprietor of the Woodstock Steam Laundry, left Tuesday morning for Boston. He expects to greatly add to the efficiency of the staff and plant.

Lt Col D McLeod Vince left here Wednesday evening for Wolfville, to attend a meeting of the Governors of Acadia University, and will be home about the middle of the coming week.

The Newburg picnic this year will be held on the pretty grounds at Newburg Jct., Wednesday Sept 4th. Low rates on C P R from all points. Last train leaving for Woodstock at 8 o'clock p.m.

H V Dalling has on exhibition in his shop an oak clock in mission style, the case of which was built right here in town by the Woodstock Woodworking Co, and the works collected and set up by Mr Dalling. The pendulum is particularly noticeable for beauty. The instrument is quite as accurate as most chronometers, and is well worthy of inspection.

One of the finest timepieces in the province is the massive grandfather's clock owned by Mrs Wm Sutton. This beautiful and accurate instrument was brought here from Scotland over a hundred years ago, and was the first clock up the Creek. It has just been undergoing repairs at Dalling's Jewelry Store, and will doubtless grace a prominent place in the fine new residence Ald and Mrs Sutton are having built in Main Street. As much as \$250 has been refused for the clock, and in fact no money could induce the owners to part with it.

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MAIN STREET

WOODSTOCK, N. B.

News of Interest To Our Customers.

Friday, July 19, was the date for the
beginning of our

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Of LADIES' SPRING COATS, WHITE WAISTS, PIQUE and LINEN SKIRTS, MUSLINS, STRAW HATS, Men's, Youths' and Boys' LIGHT TWEED SUITS, LINEN HATS, WASH TIES, SHIRTS, &c.

Ladies' Spring Coats,	-	former price \$6 50 and \$7 00—now only \$4 00
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" " "	-	" 10 00 and 10 50 " 8 00
Colored Dress Muslins,	-	12c per yard—now only 8c
" " "	-	" 15c " 12c
" " "	-	" 20c " 15c

White Shirt Waists, good value at \$1.50—now only 90c.

Men's Tweed Suits, Straw Hats, &c., will be sold at a great reduction. The goods to be sold are all new---this season's stock---right up to the minute in every way.

3 ENTRANCES:

Main, King and Wellington Streets.

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MANZER.