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WHY NOT HAVE ELECTRIC POWER?

In reply to a question asked in the Legislature by R. K. Tracey, M. L. A., the Government stated that ..The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission are considering a plan to provide light and power for Centreville, Florenceville, Hartland, Bristol and Bath by purchasing electric current from the Maine and New Brunswick Electric Power Company . . . probably at Bridgewater, and build a transmission line across to Florenceville, thence up and down the St. John Valley. Before such work is undertaken it will be necessary to make a canvass to ascertain whether sufficient revenue can be obtained to pay interest and overhead expenses at a reasonable price to the consumers, such transmission line would be a link in the Government's proposed power system."

With this assurance from the Government why should it not be a good plan for business men in the villages mentioned to organize a local company with a nominal capital stock and ask the Government to guarantee bonds for the immediate construction of the line? With the line in operation the government would be secured by the line itself and the patronage that would be established by the time the Government had become ready to take it over and attach the line to some other source of power. Plainly the first thing to do is to ascertain the cost of constructing the transmission line, transforming stations at Florenceville and at Hartland, and all necessary costs of the current available to consumers. At the same time there must be learned if power is available from the Maine and New Brunswick Co., how much, and at what price per kilowat hour. Then, as soon as the cost of current to the consumer can be figured out, a thorough canvass of the territory should be made, furnishing prospective patrons with an idea of the cost of meters and probable cost of house wiring, and the cost of current. The canvass should be thorough and sufficient, to prove whether or not the project would be a profitable one.

The Observer urges the business men to get together in a meeting and form a provisional organization, have present men competent to give needed information, and then arrange for the work of learning costs and the market for the product.

Besides furnishing light there is need of power in greater or less amount. There can be little doubt that were electric power available Hartland woodworking factory would run throughout the year instead of standing idle as it does. The Observer conducts a modest business, and does not requirea great force of power, but requires it steadily, and at present the cost is considerably in excess of $1,000 a year—for gasoline and the great amount of time required to keep gas-run machines in order. Within 50 miles there is a printing office similarly equipped as The Observer, and the proprietor stated a few days ago that his power did not cost him $25 a year, and he had it on the turn of a switch at any hour of the 24, and never any trouble with looking after the machinery that made the power.

This paper will be very pleased to announce a meeting of those interested in the project for the preliminary work of finding costs and market.

IT'S UP TO SOMEBODY TO MOVE IN THE MATTER!

CARLETON COUNTY PATRONAGE

G. W. Upham spent a few days last week a his home on Broadway. Mr. Upham when interviewed in regard to patronage in Carleton county replied that he had been informed of being nominated at a meeting held in Woodstock as the third man on the committee and wishes to thank his many friends for the confidence placed in him by so doing, but regretted very much not to have been able to accept as his business in Fredericton requires his attention and he did not expect to be located in Woodstock again until late in the fall. Therefore he was in no way responsible for the handling of the patronage at the present time.—Fredericton correspondence.

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ALEX OWEN

Glassville, N. B. 46—

THE POOL ROOMS

Dear Editor: I notice a letter in the last issue of the Observer about "Preserving the town's morals" and "closing the pool rooms which are destroying our young men," etc.

As I conduct a pool room and myself frequently play pool, billiards, checkers, and even "the deadly game of dominoes whose very feet take hold on hell" will you permit me to ask what amusements are provided at the present time for our young people other than the pool rooms, the moving pictures and an occasional dance, that all young people would love to attend, were it not for the really nasty things which some people, evil-hearted and vulgar, say about dancing. Young people are young people but once.

If the anti-pool room advocates have their way and the town fathers close up these "places of iniquity," what do they purpose to offer the young men by way of a substitute? It is easy to say to your neighbor, "Thou shalt not use a handkerchief larger than six by six," but it is not so easy to say, "Come over to my clothes line and help yourself.". I might say that I have had the advantages or disadvantages of having been "overseas" and it may come as a shock to some of the town moralists that the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, and similar organizations, actually furnished pool rooms, bowling alleys, motion pictures, concerts, and, whisper it very gently, even a social dance for the benefit of the men in uniform, for whom—at that time—nothing was too good. And stranger still I know of no soldier boy who was "ruined" by these activities on the part of these Christian organizations.

I wonder if the Y. M. C. A., the K. of C., the Masonic order and even some of the leading churches, are all wrong on the amusement question? Does the last word rest with the anti-amusement element in the town of Hartland?

Why not offer the young people a social dance—something to keep them off the streets? Give the young people a chance. It is a well known fact that Hartland is the laughing stock among the St. John river villages. Why? I wonder also if any of these moralists would be willing to contribute even a single dollar for the moral uplift of the young men in town?

Nnnety-nine-one hundredths of the sins of Hartland spring into activity outside of pool-rooms.

G. A. BOYER

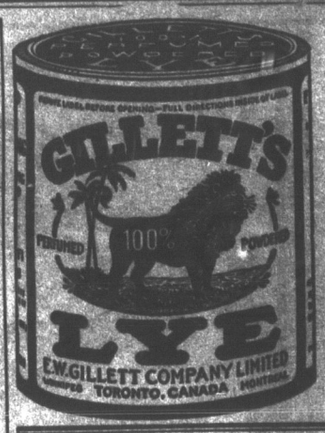
APPRECIATION

Mr. Stevens: The reading of the last issue of your paper gave me a desire to place a great bunch of dewy violets or sweet pansies on your desk, but as these are not growing in my garden, will you pardon the intrusion of my simple flower of appreciation in the form of this note. I believe hundreds of your readers will feel as I do in regard to your editorial on the passing of Dr. Curtis. I wanted to thank you, for giving expression to our feelings, as you did. It shows a heart allied by nature to his. He was a man after whom we would have our children pattern. He should not be forgotten. These lines from an anonymous writer speak of him to me:

The great gods pass through the great
Time hall,
Stately and high;
The little men climb the little clay
wall
To watch them by.
"We wait for the gods," the little men
cry,
"But these are our brothers passing
by."
The great gods pass through the great
Time hall,
With veiled grace;
The little men climb the little clay
wall
To bow the face.
"Lo these are our brothers passing
by,"
"Why tarry the gods?" the little men
cry.
The great gods pass through the great
Time hall,
But none can see;
The little men nod by the dull clay
wall
So tired they be.
"Tis a weary waiting for gods" they
yawn,
"There's a world of men, but the gods
are gone."

There are great gods today, but we often fail to recognize them—in life—only in death.

(Writer's name withheld).



CARVELL HAS A TOUGH JOB

Brandon, Man., April 24—"I'm probably occupying the nastiest position of any man in Canada," said Hon. Frank B. Carvell, chairman of the railway board, in addressing the Canadian Club here Saturday. "It's a case of 'damned if you do and damned if you don't; you're damned whatever you do. I have been charged by people in the west with being ignorant of western conditions," he said. It's true I never raised cattle in the west, nor have I grown wheat in the west, but I have in New Brunswick, and there must be some resemblance.

"The railway problem today is of such importance that it should receive the attention of every thinking individual. It is more important than the tariff—more important than any other one problem that I know of.

"It cost $35,000,000 or $40,000,000 more to run the Canadian National Railways last year than they brought in, and that is no reflection on the people at the head of the railroads or on the government. The Canadian National is a conglomeration of a lot of railroads and couldn't run themselves and therefore had to be taken over by the government, and if any one thinks the government or any man can take over these roads and turn them into a dividend paying proposition in a year or so, they are much mistaken.

"I feel that the people are entitled to the facts regarding the railroad condition and I am afraid that a great many people in the west are arguing without having the real facts of the case before them.

"When we come to the Canadian Pacific Railway we have a system that, I have no hesitation in saying, is the finest on the American continent. There never has been any criticism of that railroad reflecting on the honesty or efficiency of its management.

"The railroad came to the commission last summer and said if they were to accept conditions imposed upon them they would go behind $21,000,000 or $22,000,000. They asked a general increase in both passenger and freight rates of forty per cent.

"We didn't come west to consider the matter. It was not necessary. It was purely a question of dollars and cents. I have always felt that the true criterion of a public utility that has not the power to increase its own rates was: 'What does it cost to run the road?' However, I find here that the criterion is 'what do cattle sell for?' 'What does wheat realize per bushel?' Down east I suppose it would be the price realized for pulpwood.

"I suppose I am right in assuming the rates of the Brandon Street Railway have been raised. In fact I think the only place in the world where the street railway rates have not been raised is Toronto and—gentlemen, you ought to see that street railway."

Mr. Carvell said he would not like to give an opinion as to the outlook for the present year, but intimated the Canadian Pacific would be lucky to break even.

WINDSOR ITEMS

Last week was surely a home coming week for Windsor. H. A. Smith got through with his milling operations in Esdraelon for this spring, so he and the men from this place that were helping him returned home—Robert Faulkner, Arthur Orser, Horace Mean and Lee Dyer, also Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tedford who was cooking and making a home for the men while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith from Hartland are at their home here for awhile.

Wellington Craig who has been spending the winter in St. John and Millinocket, Me., has come home also.

Rev. Mr. McLelland from Glassville was to have preached here Sunday but owing to the inclemency of the weather, failed to get here.

Prayer meeting at Bartlett Wasson's this week.

Farmers are busy ploughing and harrowing, getting ready for another year's crop.

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LETTER FROM FLORIDA

Mr. Editor: We are still in the beautiful southland, although nearly all of the northern people have gone. I have not met many Canadians—perhaps two or three. One meets people here from nearly every state in the Union. The finest oranges and grape fruit in the world grow here. It is said they are much superior to those grown in California. Oranges retail there at the present time at five cents per dozen. Perhaps all of you know that a box of grapefruit was shipped from here to King George and he expressed much pleasure with the gift—they having arrived in good condition. The Boy Scouts of Florida also shipped a young alligator to the Scouts in Scotland and it is said to be thriving in its new environment. A group of Northern editors have been visiting the coast cities. At Miami they were royally entertained. I wished that some of my editor friends from the extreme north could have been among the number. The southern people are noted for their hospitality. They know the fine art of making a stranger feel at home. A great actress touring the south said "the people here say such nice things and they mean them too." I noticed a lady one day in a hotel coming out on the veranda. Every man sitting there arose to his feet. "Have my chair madam," and I may say that the lady was neither young nor pretty. In some other places, if she had been very young and extremely pretty, perhaps one or two would have offered her a chair.

Miami is a beautiful city, a great tourist resort. Many noted people spend their winters there. William Jennings Byran has a lovely little home on Biscayne Bay. All winter he taught a large Sunday school class. The church became too small to hold the crowd, so he talked from the grand stand of a large park. Altho' he is out of the lime-light now it is good to know that he is a devout Christian and believes in the Bible, and exhorts men and women everywhere to live up to its teachings. Sometimes his Sunday class would number two or three thousand, and they listened with marked attention. He is in Washington now and has called on President Harding. The eyes of the world are turned on our new President. He surely has his hands full. The south is suffering from business depression, too. A large saw mill near here has closed; no more orders—that means no work for the men. Near here is the great southern turpentine tract. I have seen hundreds of pine trees with the gray sticky substance, from which turpentine is made, slowly oozing out. It is collected in barrels and hauled to the great distillery—but the plant is closed now, and the great still is silent. The work is mostly done by negroes, but of course there is always a white boss. No one need starve here if he has a bit of ground. Out of this gray sand grow all kinds of vegetables. We have had green corn, ripe tomatoes, new potatoes, and all kinds of garden truck. Car lots of cucumbers and egg plant are being shipped north now, also new potatoes from Hastings, the great potato growing section here, all which, of course, tend to keep our potato prices down.

The natives of Florida are called crackers, a nick-name applied to them from the fact that originally they used oxen on their farms and also a huge whip that made a cracking sound when used. Hence the name. Generally they are poor and ignorant, but not always. One lives near here who has thousands of head of cattle on the ranges. One sees men and women, too, riding on their ponies, on their way to the range to round up their cattle. The cattle tick is a great menace here. The cows have to be dipped every spring and at a meeting of cattle men recently it was said that unless the pest was gotten under control the cattle industry would be a failure. There are two diseases here which affect the whole south, extending up as far as Illinois. Pellagra and the hook-worm. Pellapra is a skin disease caused by long eating the same kind of food. It is among the poor classes who live mostly on pork and grits. It is said that tuberculosis among cattle is unknown here.

I have visited schools, both white and colored. They have good buildings with open air class rooms in some of them. No hot lunches are needed here. There is a scarcity of teachers here. As elsewhere, northern teachers are much in demand. Nurses are also scarce, and the medical profession is seriously embarassed, especially in the hospitals.

I could tell you of the beautiful rivers in which abound all kinds of fish, of lovely lakes, of ostrich and alligator farms, also sponge farms but space will not permit. Later, many of these southern people will be coming north to view our beautiful hills and mountains and admire our fields of growing grain—even if they do not admire our roads.

Blanch McGee Kimball

[The writer of the above is a daughter of the late Joseph McGee of Somerville, and the wife of Frank T. Kimball of Fort Fairfield.—Ed.]

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EAST FLORENCEVILLE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. D. White and family of Aroostook Jct. arrived Saturday to spend the week-end with relatives.

A. B. Lovely went to Woodstock Thursday last to be operated on for appendicitis.

George Melville, who has very capably filled the position of male clerk with S. W. Smith for several months, has resigned and returned to his home in Mt. Pleasant.

J. K. Davis was here during the past week and has accepted the vacancy made by Geo. Melville, as clerk with S. W. Smith.

H. G. Smith is able to be at his office again after his recent illness.

Bradstreet Tompkins left on Monday for Fredericton where he has accepted a position with the Canadian Realty Company.

The new school building is going right ahead and promises to be a real school. Mr. Bowlin of Woodstock is in charge of the work.

Miss Hazel Crandlemire of Hartland has been doing relief work at the N. B. Telephone office here.

Dr. R. B. Hagerman was a visitor in Hartland on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Glenn left on Monday for several weeks visit with relatives in Grand Falls.

The whole community was saddened by the sudden death on Thursday April 21, of Mrs. Jack McIsaac, which occurred in the Woodstock hospital following a serious operation. The funeral was held here on Saturday afternoon, Rev. F. E. Bishop conducted the service and a choir rendered several appropriate hymns. The late Mrs. McIsaac was formerly Miss Velma Reid and has many friends in the community. Besides her grief stricken husband, she leaves to mourn a father, brother and several of Fort Fairfield who attended the funeral.

LOWER WINDSOR

Miss Lena L. Belyea accepted a position at the Estey & Curtis Co., Hartland.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Greeer of East Coldstream were visiting relatives of this place on Wednesday.

Mrs. G. W. Hopkins and Mrs. Zibb Orser were visiting Mrs. J. W. Foster on Wednesday.

Miss Agnes F. Belyea spent the week-end at her home at Hartland.

Robert N. Wright has gone to Jacksontown to work.

Nearly every house at this place has been visited by the disease known as la grippe.

Numbers of the people of this place attended the funeral of Dr. I. B. Curtis.

Winfred Craig of Cloverdale is helping his grandfather, I. B. Craig on the farm.

Elbridge Craig of Cloverdale is visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Hallett went to Centreville to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hallett's father, Mr. Hawkins.

BATH BREEZES

H. Kingston has purchased a lot from Maurice Pierce and intends building a new house at once.

G. McLeod was in the village last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gallagher and family of Johnville spent last week guests of Wm Brennan.

Mrs. Geo. Nixon and Mrs. Jas. Burke went to Bristol on Friday.

Mrs. S. Gallagher spent a few days last week visiting Miss M. Donhue of Johnville.

G. S. Larlee and family spent Sunday at Perth.

Miss Margaret McGinley went to Houlton Friday to consult an eye specialist.

Mrs. Geo. Kilpatrick of Lower Greenfield spent the week-end with S. W. Tompkins.

Rev. C. O. Hallett preached his farewell sermon on Sunday night. He moves to Perth this week. He and his family will be greatly missed.

CIRCUIT COURT AT WOODSTOCK

The circuit court met Tuesday, Judge Barry presiding. Three indictments were presented to the grand jury of which S. S. Miller was foreman, in all of which true bills were found. The criminal cases were The King vs. James McDonald and Maisie McDonald, charged with breaking and entering and theft; The King vs. James McDonald, charged with breaking and entering and theft; The King vs. Charles Steeves, charged with a serious offence against a girl under the age of fourteen years. R. L. Simms is acting for the crown and F. C. Squires for the prisoners in all cases, he having been assigned in the McDonald cases by the court.

The following civil cases were entered: Jury—Mary J. Johnson vs. Grace Phillips et al.; Thomas W. Griffin vs. George B. Grace et al.; Thomas W. Griffin vs. B. L. Journey (defendant) and Charles Bell (third party.); B. F. Smith Limited vs. C. P. R. Co.; International Agricultural Corporation vs. Will Tompkins et al. B. F. Smith Limited vs. C. P. R. Co.; Non-Jury—Willard Carr vs. John H. More.

Willard L. Carr vs. John H. Moore and Mr. Louven.; Florence L. Sullivan vs. Trustees of School District No. 11.; Heber H. Hatfield et al. vs. G. H. Bishop et al. M. L. Hayward for plaintiff; Alexander Stratton for defendant.

Hatfield & Scott Co., Limited vs. Denis Bourgoin. Jones & Jones for plaintiff; W. F. Kertson for defendant.

UNITED FARMERS AFFAIRS

The co-operative section of the United Farmers met at Woodstock on Tuesday. T. W. Caldwell, M. P., Rennie Tracey, M. P. P. and other prominent leaders of the party were there. An effort is being made by a wing of the party to remove S. H. Hagerman, the manager of the co-operative branch. He is being strongly supported by A. C. Fawcett, M. P. P. and the Nova Scotia delegates. It is reported that the stockholders will be called upon to pay the balance of the subscription.

S. W. Smith is offering $21 per cord for peeled spruce and fir pulp wood, if loaded any time during this month. Cash when loaded and satisfactory scale. He advises shipment in this month as it looks as though there would be a decline in price later. If you have any to offer get his prices before selling.

HOLSTEINS

Another fellow has arrived, born April 19th. This will make a real bull for someone. In fact his splendid characteristics are already apparent. Weight, 92 lbs at birth of ideal conformation, extra well marked, slightly more white than black. Sire imported from the herd of Robert C. Lanning, Ont. Dam, Rhoda Wayne Sarcastic No. 26547, our foundation cow, an excellent milker. We offer this calf at a bargain.

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