

Citizens of St. John Declare For Light and Power at Cost Price

H. R. McLELLAN IS
ELECTED MAYOR

**Rollled Up a Majority of 1568
Over Mayor Schofield — R.
W. Wigmore and T. H. Bullock
Elected Commissioners
—Hydro Was the Chief Issue
of the Campaign.**

St. John, April 25—St. John voted yesterday for cheap power. And St. John voted yesterday for power at cost by an overwhelming majority. It was one of the most hotly contested battles in the city's history, an election that brought out the record-breaking vote of more than seventy-seven per cent. of those eligible to cast a ballot. H. R. McLellan, the candidate for the mayoralty who stands for civic distribution and power at the lowest possible cost, raised to 1,568 the majority of 1,500 which he received in the primaries over Mayor E. A. Schofield, who stands for an experimental two-year period of distribution of the Musquash hydro-electric energy over the lines of the New Brunswick Power Company.

It is to be noted that in the southern wards of the city including Kings, Queens, Dukes, Prince, Sydney, Wellington, and not counting Victoria, as distinguished from the wards of the north and west ends of the city, Mr. McLellan received a majority of 375 over the Mayor. In every ward in the city with the exception of three, Kings, Dukes and Queens, Mr. McLellan secured a majority over the Mayor and the majorities secured by Mayor Schofield in those three were not at all comparable to the majorities received by Mr. McLellan in the other wards of the city.

Two other supporters of civic distribution of hydro were returned as commissioners with Mr. McLellan in yesterday's elections. They were Rupert W. Wigmore, who led the poll with 4,872 votes, and T. H. Bullock who polled 3,516 votes, the second largest number of the four candidates for commissionships. Mr. Wigmore was a member of the council from 1912 to 1918 and Mr. Bullock is the commissioner of harbors, ferries and public lands in the present city council.

Mayor Schofield and John B. Jones, commissioner of water and sewerage, are the two members of the present council who were defeated. The third defeated candidate, Alexander Corbet, is a newcomer in civic politics and the showing made by him was remarkable. By polling 3,249 votes he secured 285 votes more than Mayor Schofield and he was just 267 behind Mr. Bullock. Mr. Jones secured 2,060 votes while Mayor Schofield polled 2,964, the second lowest number of any of the six candidates for office.

A Great Victory.

St. John yesterday reiterated its determination, expressed at the primaries two weeks ago, to have power at cost. The result of yesterday's election in returning a mayor and two commissioners pledged to civic dis-

MARKED FALL IN LEVEL OF THE RIVERS

**Cold Weather Having Effect—
Steamer Purdy Opened Her
Season on River Arriv-
ing Monday Night.**

The cold wave which is still general over the province has caused the water in the various rivers which are now at the height of the spring freshet, to drop off very rapidly. The St. John river has dropped nearly two feet here since Saturday. It now is only about ten feet above summer level. A report received at the office of the St. John River Log Driving Company in Devon states that the water at Bath has fallen six feet. The corporation drive reached that town on Monday.

Steamer Purdy Arrives.

The steamship D. J. Purdy, owned and operated by the Crystal Stream Steamship Company arrived here Monday evening at about 8 p. m. on her first trip of the season. Besides a number of passengers she carried a very heavy freight. Included in this was a shipment of eighty-one cases of liquor which had been seized in St. John by the police and inspectors as it was being taken from the office of the Great West Wine Company. Water street and loaded into a motor boat for shipment to Prince Edward Island. Inspectors Journeay and Henderson arrived in company with this shipment which was consigned to the New Brunswick Liquor Commission, the offices of which are located in this city.

The Complement.

The steamship D. J. Purdy has this year the following complement of officers: Captain, John Gilchrist; Purser, Hedley Upton; Chief Engineer, William Hurder and Mate, F. Ricker. She left this morning for St. John and will remain on the St. John-Frederickton route all summer.

FATALITY ON MIRAMICHI

Newcastle, April 24—A fatality occurred on the Sinclair drive in the North West Miramichi on Saturday afternoon, through which Philip Saunders Hutchinson, of Strathadam, lost his life. The young man was skidding logs off the landing when it gave way and he was precipitated down the steep bank with the pile of logs.

tribution was a great victory for the hydro policy.

The result of hte voting was:

For Mayor

H. R. McLellan	4,582
Mayor Schofield	2,964
For Commissioner.	
R. W. Wigmore	4,872
T. H. Bullock	3,516
A. Corbet	3,249
J. B. Jones	2,060

WOMEN FROM CHICAGO SHOCK PARIS BY SMOKING CIGARS

Paris, April 25—Paris has had plenty of shocks, but it has remained for this year's tourist invasion to introduce the advent of cigar smoking women—not in the quiet corners of their own homes but in public restaurants. Last night while Ciro's restaurant was filled with American visitors, even the waiters gasped when an elderly matron calmly called for a match, stuck a big Havana into an amber holder, and puffed away contentedly. A few minutes later another woman, who like the first smoker persisted in talking about experiences in Chicago borrowed a cigar and smoked it down to the final ash. Then, apparently satisfied with the sensation they had caused, the women called for brandy nightcaps and departed without their identity being learned.

Russian Delegates Have Developed New Proposals

**Now Ask that all War Debts be Wiped
Out and Relinquishment of all
Arrears in Interest---Demands Are
Looked Upon as Excessive---Meet-
ing of Experts was Broken up.**

Genoa, April 24—Another new twist in the Russian tangle again causes inquietude in conference circles. Seemingly the Russian delegates have developed a new set of proposals. It is understood at the meeting of the experts on the Russian question this afternoon that the Soviet delegates argued for the complete wiping out of the war debts and also relinquishment of all arrears in interest on pre-war debts.

Simultaneously they asked for assurances that the powers would grant loans sufficient to enable Russia to re-organize her national life.

As the Soviet had previously given the Allies to understand that a scaling down of the war debts would be accepted, the demand of the delegates for a protocol cancelling these debts caused great surprise to the representatives of the powers, who reported to the chiefs of their respective delegations that the trend of today's meeting with the Bolsheviks indicated the possibility of insuperable difficulties in coming to some arrangement with the Soviet.

RUSSIA'S REQUEST

The Russian request for extensive loans caused dissatisfaction because it is recognized that it would be extremely difficult to guarantee credits to Russia without some reasonable assurance that they would be handled by a truly responsible Russian government.

The Allied chiefs tonight frankly expressed the opinion that an arrangement with the Soviet will be extremely difficult unless the Russian delegates show a reasonable attitude. Sir Laming Worthington Evans, the chairman of the commission said he could not discuss the matter further if the Soviets adopted such an impossible attitude and therefore must refer the situation to the respective governments of the Allies.

The experts adjourned sine die because of what they termed the excessive Russian demands, which proposed also that the powers accept non-restitution of the private property of foreigners.

The Russian delegates declared that the terms they were willing to grant were conditional, first, on the recognition of their government, and second, receipt of a loan from foreign countries. In addition to cancellation of arrears in interest on the pre-war debts the Russians demanded a moratorium of thirty years of the pre-war debts themselves.

The Russians said that restitution of property was contrary to their policy of nationalism, but claimed that Russians had the right to possess property in foreign countries because these countries were under a bourgeoisie regime.

The breaking up of the experts' meeting has caused depression in conference circles. It is realized that the new incident endangers the good results of the conference, especially after the French Premier's declaration that France would withdraw from the conference unless the Cannes' resolutions were scrupulously adhered to.

WILLIAM COLTER PASSES AWAY

The death occurred this morning at his home at Keswick Ridge of Mr. William Colter a leading farmer of that place and one of the best known men in the country. He was a native of Keswick and had resided on the Ridge the greater part of his life. He operated a large farm up to within a few years ago, when he sold out and went into retirement. In politics he was a staunch Liberal and always manifested a keen interest in public affairs. He was a man of high character whose word was as good as his bond and he enjoyed the respect of all his acquaintances.

The deceased was in his eighty-fourth year and is survived by a widow and family of three daughters, Mrs. Harvey Mitchell of this city, and Misses Bessie and Margaret at home. He also leaves two brothers, Rev. J. J. Colter of this city and Judge Colter of St. Thomas Ontario.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment will be made at the Pickard burying ground.

H. H. Warren of St. John is in the city.

THE STANDARD TO CHANGE HANDS

(St. John Globe)

The Standard newspaper will be under new management after this week-end, according to reports current today and substantiated to some extent by an official notice from Senator Black, owner of the paper, to the employees. The notice from Senator Black advised that there would be a change in management after Saturday and that the employees should not look to the present management after that date for responsibility for their engagement. The notice further advised that the paper will probably continue publication as usual and advised that the employees seek no other employment.

It has been rumored for some weeks that E. S. Carter, secretary to the premier, and formerly a newspaper publisher, would take over the management, but Mr. Carter emphatically denied that allegation.

It was also said that R. M. Rive is organizing a company to take over the paper. Mr. Rive was manager of The Standard for a time under Senator Black's ownership.

M. H. Gordon of Montreal was in the city yesterday.

The Protestants Are Making Substantial Headway in China

GUBERNATORIAL ACTIVITIES ARE NEAR THEIR END

**Lease of Evelyn Grove Expires
—Col. H. Montgomery Camp-
bell to Take Residence
November 1st.**

The lease which His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor holds on the present Government House, Evelyn Grove, Regent street expires on May 1st and he will remove with his household to his residence in Rothesay. His Honor and Mrs. Pugsley are at present in St. John but they will return this evening to complete the arrangements for their departure from this city.

Owing to the brevity of their remaining stay here, there will be no more social functions. The bridge and tea held therefore on Friday afternoon concluded a busy season of social activities.

Much Entertaining.

The lease of a residence for the duration of the session has enabled the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Pugsley to entertain much more frequently than their residence in the Queen Hotel during past sessions permitted. The gubernatorial social activities have been very extensive and included two receptions and numerous dinners and luncheons. At one reception over seven hundred guests were received by His Honor and Mrs. Pugsley. This was the reception held on the opening day of the Legislature, March 2nd.

Has Changed Hands.

Evelyn Grove which once was the residence of the late Hon. L. A. Whitmot the first native lieutenant governor of this province, has been purchased by Col. H. Montgomery Campbell of this city. The price is about six thousand dollars. Col. Campbell will take possession November 1st. In the meantime Mrs. Timothy Lynch and family will occupy the place, returning from Montreal. The balance of the property will be sold to Fred J. Tims May 1st. He has had an option on the property since last autumn. He will sub-divide the land and a number of dwellings will be erected there according to present intention.

TRUE BILL RETURNED AGAINST SWIM

(Special to The Mail).

Woodstock, N. B., April 25—The supreme court met this morning Chief Justice McKeown presiding. The Swim murder case was given to the grand jury and a true bill was found. If the jury is selected the accused will go to his trial this afternoon.

A. J. Hughes is prosecuting and Alex. Ritchie is foreman of the grand jury. There are eight jury civil cases and six non-jury on the docket.

BOYS IN ALSACE-LORRAINE SPANKED UNDER GERMAN LAW

Paris, April 25—The schoolboys of Alsace-Lorraine may follow the French curriculum, since the armistice restored those provinces, but they still are spanked under the German law. That was revealed when a priest of Lorraine was haled before the courts, charged with administering severe corporal punishment, which is not permitted in French schools.

The priest admitted he had punished delinquent scholars as he pleased, and never had been notified that the school law had been changed. To the court's surprise, when it referred to the Ministry of Justice, it developed that such revision had been overlooked. As a change will require the attention of a parliamentary commission the youngsters will be reported as unusually diligent at least for the remainder of the semester.

GREAT INCREASE IN BAPTISMS

**Since the Overthrow of the
Manchu There Has Been
344,974 Baptisms—Revolu-
tion Has Been the Means of
Stirring Up the Lives of the
People.**

Buffalo, April 25—Aims of the decennial National Christian Conference for China which will take place in Shanghai May 2-11 were announced here on Sunday by the Rev. Paul Hutchinson, editor of the China Christian Advocate who is at his Buffalo home on furlough. Dr. John R. Mott general secretary of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations will be a speaker and Dr. Ralph A. Ward of New York assistant secretary of Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church will represent that body.

Rev. Mr. Hutchinson said results for China comparable to those sought in the Washington conference on Pacific problems are expected from the gathering.

"Just as Washington tried to obtain for China a possibility of political progress so Shanghai will seek some program by which the Christian church as a force for advance may expand its work in the next ten years," he said.

"When Robert Morrison died after twenty seven years of devoted effort for the conversion of the Chinese he said that he doubted if after a century of work there would be 1,000 Christians in the country. All the Protestant workers up to that time had succeeded in baptizing just ten Chinese. In 1900 the Boxer uprising brought death to 16,000 Chinese Christians. In 1907 when Morrison's hundred years were up there were almost 10,000 Chinese Christian preachers and 178,000 communicant members.

"And since the overthrow of the Manchus the increase has been so rapid that the latest statistics (those for 1919) show that there are 344,974 communicants and 617,194 more under instruction many of them baptized. The Y. M. C. A. reports a membership of 70,000 many of whom are not connected with the churches. Almost every established mission is embarrassed by the number of those who seek admission for it is the general policy not to admit those who cannot be properly trained.

"There are now about 25,000 Chinese Protestant preachers. The Chinese representation at the conference will be equal to that of the missionaries.

"Meanwhile the nation has been developing. The revolution has at least been a success in stirring up the lives of the people.

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