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Mr. Donaldson Submits Data to City Council on Proposed Lighting Rates

**Declares That the Annual Saving Will be \$13,148-
.83 as Compared With Existing Rates—The
Interests of the Small Consumer are Amply
Safeguarded—Proposal Accepted by the City.**

The following is a copy of a communication addressed to the Mayor and City Council by Mr. R. F. Donaldson, vice-president of the Maritime Electric Company with reference to the new schedule of rates proposed for this city. Mr. Donaldson shows that the small consumer is amply protected under this proposal and the city and individual consumers will effect a saving of \$13,148.83, as compared with existing rates. The letter is as follows:

March 9th, 1927.

To His Worship and Mayor and City Council of Fredericton, N. B.:

Gentlemen:—

As there has been considerable investigation of our proposed reduced light and power rates, and possibly some misunderstanding of them, I am taking the liberty of submitting to you the data regarding these rates, which I have already submitted to the Chairman of the Utilities Commission and Commissioner Burpee.

The Maritime Electric Co. Ltd., had its light and power rates adjusted by the Utilities Board in November 1924. At that time a considerable reduction was effected and a basis established by the Commission upon which the rate structure was built. The Maritime Electric Co. Ltd. at that time acquiesced in the decision of the Commission without protest and without resort to the Courts of the Province. This acquiescence did not imply acceptance of the basis upon which the rate structure was based, but merely showed a desire to comply with the wishes of the Commission and the citizens of Fredericton. During recent months there has been much discussion as to more adequate service at lower rates in Fredericton, particularly has it been urged that the citizens of Fredericton should have available to them fair priced electricity for the great multitude of uses of electricity. The Maritime Electric Company, Ltd., took cognizance of these discussions and strove to get water power at a reasonable price. Ten months have been consumed in this effort and the efforts of both The Maritime Electric Company, Ltd., and two experts of your honorable body have been in vain. Such being the case we decided that to adequately serve this community we must extend our power plant. The wisdom of this decision is proven when it can be shown that the citizens of Fredericton will save in five years \$139,469 by being served from a steam plant in Fredericton.

Plant Extension.

Having started with our power plant extension, we not only wished to give this community a part of the benefit of the operating betterment which will accrue, but further wished to put into effect schedules of rates which would encourage the use of electricity, in order to get a greater output and more load for our larger plant. A schedule of rates has been proposed, copied after the rate schedule in effect in many places throughout the province, served by the New

Brunswick Electric Power Commission. While the form of rate is the same as that adopted by the Power Commission, yet it is on a percentage basis considerably lower for the small consumer.

To show this the following tabulation is presented:—

k. w. h. per month	Cost at M. E. Co. rate	Cost at N. B. E. P. rate	Percent saved
1	\$.95	\$1.06	11.6
3	1.05	1.18	12.4
5	1.15	1.30	13.0
7	1.25	1.42	13.6
9	1.35	1.54	14.1
11	1.45	1.66	14.5
15	1.65	1.90	15.2
20	1.90	2.20	15.9

This proves conclusively that our proposed rate is cheaper to the very small consumer than the lowest rate in effect through the entire district served by the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission. It might be well to point out that the Power Commission has still higher rates for small consumers than the rates mentioned above.

Small Consumer Benefits.

There has been some unfavorable comment as to the effect of this proposed rate on the very small consumer, in comparison to the rate now in effect. This effect is more theoretical than real. It is true that on monthly consumption of 17 k.w.h.—or less—the proposed rate will be higher than the present. However, even the small consumer will benefit by the proposed rate, for the reason that such consumer will have the advantage of 5 cents or 4 cents electricity for the very necessities of domestic existence. Furthermore the great majority of our smallest consumers will benefit by the proposed rate during a calendar year, for there are few consumers who do not use more than 17 k.w.h. per month in the winter months. The following is a tabulation showing a comparison of present and proposed rates, as applied to the consumption of a very small consumer:—

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
25	24	20	18	13	8	7	7	8	10	17	25	182
\$2.50	\$2.40	\$2.00	\$1.80	\$1.30	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.70	\$2.50	\$19.20
2.15	2.10	1.90	1.80	1.35	1.30	1.25	1.25	1.30	1.40	1.75	2.15	19.90

Increase per year on proposed rate \$.70.

When such a consumer takes advantage of the proposed rate and uses such a necessary appliance as an iron, the comparison of rates is as follows:—

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
31	30	26	24	19	14	13	13	14	16	23	31	254
\$3.09	\$3.00	\$2.60	\$2.40	\$1.90	\$1.40	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.40	\$1.60	\$2.30	\$3.09	\$25.38
2.44	2.40	2.20	2.10	1.85	1.60	1.55	1.55	1.60	1.70	2.05	2.44	23.48

Decrease per year \$1.90.

It takes but little added use of electricity to make a marked saving to our customers. As stated previously the apparent hardship the proposed rate works on the very small consumer is theoretical and not real. The greatest possible hardship the proposed rate could work on the very small consumer is a consumer who uses exactly 10 k.w.h. each and every month in the year. The total increase in such theoretical case is \$4.80 per year. I wish to point out to this honorable body that the proposal of The Maritime Electric Co. Ltd. to the City for Street Lighting, Water Pumping and for Hospital requirements effects the taxpayers an annual saving of \$3,354.47. The benefit every citizen can receive by your honorable body applying this saving to reducing taxes will far more than offset the small real increase a very few small consumers will have to suffer

I wish now to show your honorable body the effect of our proposed rates on all the business given us by the citizens of Fredericton and vicinity:—
Effect of Proposed Lighting
Rate on business for year ending August 1926:
Loss to Company—gain to

consumers	\$ 8,893.87
Effect of Proposed Power Rate on business for year ending August 1926:	
Loss to Company—gain to consumers	882.89
Effect of Proposed Rate to City of Fredericton for year 1926:	
Victoria Hospital—	
Present	\$2,089.69
Proposed	1,072.98
Saved to Hospital	1,016.71
City Street Lighting—	
Present	\$6,505.20
Proposed	4,361.44
Saved to City	2,143.76
City Water Pumping—	
Present	\$7,005.00
Proposed	6,793.40
Saved to City	211.60

Total saved to citizens of Fredericton and vicinity \$13,148.83

I must leave to the equity of your honorable body to decide whether or not the voluntary action we have taken to effect a saving of \$13,148.83 per year for the citizens of this community is an action which warrants your antagonism towards us and our efforts or your cooperation to help us serve this community in an adequate and proper manner

The question has undoubtedly been asked:—

"If this reduction has been made by the Company, why not a still greater reduction?"

I have submitted evidence to the New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities, which has sole jurisdiction over electric rates, that we have made a reduction in these rates of \$6,000 more than was required by the 1924 decision. Since then our capital expenditure would justify an increase over that permitted us by the 1924 decision. I explained our situation here—and stated that we desired permission to cut our rates much more than we could be required to do, for the following reasons:

First. In order to increase our business and in order if possible to secure the good-will of our Consumers.

Second. To avoid—now or in the future—an extremely expensive rate case, where the expenses for attorneys and experts would run into ten thousands of dollars.

I submit this question to your honorable body. We urge your co-operation. We cannot bargain on rates. Rate schedules are made up after months of work and investigation by experts. The Province of New Brunswick has followed the usual procedure of enlightened governments and has appointed a Commission to act and

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have authority to determine what electric rates should be throughout the Province. Why not let the Commission determine after they have made their expert study of this question whether the rate we propose is fair and equitable?

I sincerely urge that you permit this rate schedule to take its natural course by notifying the Board of Public Utilities of your acquiescence to this rate, even though you do not care to take the responsibility for its approval.

This action of yours must be taken before March 19th, if you wish the citizens of Fredericton to benefit. Each month's delay means a loss to our Consumers. Gentlemen, I urge your co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,
RODERICK D. DONALDSON,
Vice-President, The Maritime Electric Company, Ltd.

DEDUCTION

"Pa," said little Herbert, "a man's wife is his better half, isn't she?"

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Legislature will do Away With the Necessity of New Ministers Seeking Re-election

**Important Bill Was Introduced by the Premier
Yesterday—Sitting of the House Was Brief
and Adjournment Was Made Over the Week-
end.**

The Debate on the Address having gone over until Tuesday, the sitting of the Legislature was rather brief. The report of the committees appointed to strike Standing Committees for the Session was read and adopted. Premier Baxter introduced a bill to amend the New Brunswick Elections' Act. Its purpose is to do away with the necessity of a member seeking re-election after accepting a cabinet position carrying with it a salary. A similar Act was passed by the Nova Scotia Legislature a few days ago.

One or two other bills were introduced and some reports tabled. The House then adjourned until Tuesday at three o'clock.

Assembly Chamber,
March 11th, 1927.

The House met at three p. m. Bill No. 1, an Act to amend the Provincial Hospital Act, 1923, was read a second time.

HON. MR. BAXTER submitted the report of the Committee appointed to nominate all standing committees, explaining that some changes had been made from last year, and that in view of the revision of the Statutes coming before the House the Law Committee had been increased to sixteen members.

Standing Rules—Hon. Mr. Reilly, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Wood, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Dougan, Mr. Doucet, Mr. Niles, Mr. Melville.

Contingencies—Mr. Osman, Mr. Squires, Mr. Guptill, Mr. Lordon, Mr. Borge, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Violette, Mr. Heckbert, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dottle, Mr. MacKenzie, Mr. Agar, Hon. Mr. Baxter, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Davis, Mr. Oulton, Hon. Mr. Reilly, Mr. Scott, Hon. Mr. Richards.

Library—Mr. Evans, Hon. Mr. Richards, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Squires, Mr. Dysart, Mr. Doucet, Mr. Melville.

Privileges—Hon. Mr. Baxter, Hon. Mr. Leger, Hon. Dr. Taylor, Hon. Mr. Stewart, Mr. Siddall, Mr. Michaud, Mr. Dysart.

Agriculture—Mr. Dickson, Mr. Melville, Mr. Scott, Mr. Grant, Mr. Heckbert, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Moore, Mr. Lord, Mr. Dottle, Mr. Lavoie, Mr. Siddall, Hon. Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Richards, Mr. Richard (Kent), Mr. Borge, Mr. Doucet, Mr. Davis, Mr. Niles, Mr. Dysart, Mr. Evans, Mr. Wood, Mr. Richard (Gloucester).

Municipalities—Mr. Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Baxter, Hon. Mr. Leger, Hon. Mr. Richards, Mr. Dottle, Mr. Wood, Mr. Smith (Kings), Mr. Harrison, Mr. Smith (Carleton), Mr. Grant, Mr. Moore, Mr. Melville, Mr. Agar, Mr. Evans, Mr. Dougan, Mr. Lavoie, Mr. Lord, Mr. Heckbert, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Richard (Gloucester), Mr. Doucet, Mr. Borge, Mr. Dysart, Mr. Niles, Hon. Mr. Tilley, Mr. Lewis.

Corporations—Hon. Mr. Tilley, Mr. Smith (Carleton), Mr. Guptill, Mr. Siddall, Mr. Harrison, Mr. MacKenzie, Mr. Dougan, Mr. Heckbert, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Agar, Mr. Squires, Mr. Brooks, Hon. Mr. Leger, Hon. Mr. Baxter, Hon. Dr. Taylor, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Dysart, Mr. Michaud, Mr. Davis, Mr. Lordon, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Richard (Gloucester).

Law Practice and Procedure—Mr. Harrison, Hon. Mr. Baxter, Mr. Squires, Hon. Mr. Richards, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Smith (Carleton), Mr. Dysart, Mr. Michaud, Mr. MacKenzie, Mr. Richard (Gloucester), Hon. Mr. Reilly, Hon. Mr. Tilley, Hon. Mr. Leger, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Richard (Kent), Mr. Niles.

Public Accounts—Mr. Smith (Carleton), Mr. Osman, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Oulton, Mr. Smith (Kings), Mr. Smith (Saint John), Mr. Lewis, Mr. Michaud, Mr. Niles, Mr. Richard (Kent).

HON. MR. STEWART introduced a bill, an Act to confirm the purchase of certain real estate in the city of Saint John, and to provide for payment therefor.

MR. SMITH (Saint John) presented the petition of the City and County of Saint John for an Act regarding the Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Company.

Important Change.

HON. MR. BAXTER introduced a bill, an Act to amend the New Brunswick Elections Act. He explained that the British Parliament and the Parliaments in many of the British dominions, had changed election procedure to avoid the necessity of the members appointed to seats in the government being required to go back to their constituencies for re-election. The Nova Scotia Legislature a few days ago had passed such an Act and he thought if this House adopted the proposed change they would simply be following a desirable precedent. He thought there could be no opposition in the case of a government being formed immediately after a general election, but there might be some discussion as to its advisability during the latter period of Parliament's life. The matter could be fully discussed when the Bill came before Committee.

MR. DYSART agreed with the Premier's opinion and thought that any desirability for omitting the change in the case of the latter years of a Parliament's life could be later discussed.

HON. MR. REILLY presented the petition for an Act respecting School District number six in the parish of Musquash.

HON. MR. LEGER introduced a bill for an Act in respect to funding Motor Vehicle fees.

The Highways Act.

HON. MR. STEWART introduced a bill to amend the Highways Act of 1926, to provide for a change in the date of meetings to be held in certain districts in Saint John county.

HON. MR. BAXTER laid on the table of the House an order of the Supreme Court, with reference to the Governor-in-Council.

MR. SMITH (Saint John) presented the petition for an Act respecting the discount on taxes in the city of Saint John; also a petition for an Act to amend an Act regarding permanent sidewalks in Lancaster.

HON. MR. RICHARDS submitted the sixty-sixth annual report of the Department of Lands and Mines.

HON. MR. LEGER submitted the sixty-ninth annual report of the School for the Deaf; also the annual report of the Provincial Hospital and the annual report of the Boys' Industrial Home.

HON. MR. SMITH submitted the annual report of the Department of Agriculture.

The House adjourned until Tuesday next at three p. m.

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