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## THE SUM OF \$35000 WILL BE SPENT IN INVESTIGATING POWER SITE AT MEDUCTIC FALLS

Saint John, Oct. 6—Hon. E. A. Reilly, K. C., Chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission on his return to Saint John from Fredericton last night, announced that the Meductic site on the Saint John River will be investigated as a source of energy.

The provincial government, he said, has authorized the commission to proceed immediately with an investigation of the Meductic site at a cost of \$35,000. The report is to be presented within four months.

The Meductic site is the only water power site of fair capacity remaining undeveloped in New Brunswick. Further development is required for the Central and North Shore sections of the province and to supplement the supply in the southern districts.

The commission has decided to extend the distribution of electric energy between Lakeside and Hammond River by way of Nauwigewauk, provided fifty contracts are obtained. The expenditure is to be \$9,750.

These projects were sanctioned at a meet of the commission in Fredericton yesterday with the following commissioners in attendance: E. Allan Schofield, Saint John; Arthur D. Ganong, St. Stephen; Hon. E. A. Reilly, Moncton; John D. Palmer, Fredericton and F. E. Robidoux, Shediac.

To The Telegraph-Journal Hon. E. A. Reilly gave the following statement:

"During the morning session the report of the Musquash conditions was laid before the commission by the chief engineer. From Sept. 18 of this year until the present time Musquash electric production is down to its minimum. One-third of the entire current used by the Musquash customers at the present time is produced at Musquash and the remaining two-thirds is purchased from the N. B. Power Co. From Sept. 18 of the present year until the present time the commission purchased from the New Brunswick Power Company 598,250 kilowatts while only 291,400 kilowatts were produced from the Musquash system. If the New Brunswick Power Company had not come to the aid of the commission the Musquash power system would be exhausted during the present week. At the present time the commission is purchasing and receiving from the New Brunswick Power Company 2,600 horsepower while under the contract entered into between the Power Company and the commission in July, 1925, only 2,000 horsepower was provided for. The current purchased from the Power Company is costing the commission \$700 daily.

**Newcastle's Action.**

"This very unsatisfactory condition of the system brought about much anxiety on the part of the commissioners. During the afternoon a delegation from the town council of Newcastle waited upon the commission, asking for a renewal of their lighting contract. At the inception of Musquash supplying power the commission entered into an agreement with the Bathurst company to supply current for one year at \$35 per horsepower without the option of a renewal of the contract. The New Brunswick Hydro Commission then entered into a five-year contract with the town of Newcastle to supply current on the basis of the Bathurst contract. To transmit this current from Bathurst to Newcastle the commission erected a transmission line at a cost of \$123,000. At the end of the first year upon the expiration of the Bathurst contract the commission could not renew the contract at the old price but was obliged to enter a new contract at \$75 per horsepower while it was selling the current to Newcastle under a five-year contract at the original price. This meant an annual loss during the year 1925 to the commission of \$11,000 and during the present year up to date of about \$8,000. The five-year contract with Newcastle expires on Dec. 10, next.

**Delegation's Request.**

"The delegation from Newcastle asked the commission for a new contract and stated that they could not afford to pay a rate based upon the Bathurst \$75 horsepower contract. In consequence of the shortage at Musquash to relieve Newcastle and a large demand for a current from other parts of Northumberland, as well as Saint John counties including Fredericton, the commission concluded that other developments were essential and justifiable on behalf of the province to meet the present conditions and requirements. It viewed with favor the development of the Meductic site, so called, and in consequence the following resolution was passed by the commission, submitted to the provincial government and approved, viz.:

**Meductic Site Decision.**

"Whereas, there appears to be a necessity for further development of power to supply the requirements essential to the industrial development of Central and the so-called North Shore portion of New Brunswick, and to supplement its supply in those districts of Southern New Brunswick already reached by the transmission system of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission operated from Musquash; and

"Whereas, here is only one water power site of fair capacity remaining undeveloped in New Brunswick, viz: the Meductic site of the Saint John River; and

"Whereas, we believe a complete investigation and report as to the cost of this development and of power therefrom can be obtained for not more than \$35,000.

"Therefore, resolved, that this Commission is of the opinion that the interests of this province would be well served by completing at an early date such investigations and plans as are necessary to determine the amount of power available and the cost of developing the same at Meductic site on the Saint John River, and that the Commission respectfully recommend that such investigations and plans and report thereon be made and completed."

This report is to be filed with the Commission within four months. It will include a surveying in details including dam and powerhouse, surveying the flows that result from the erection of a dam and the preparation of a plan to show property lands class of lands and acreage flooded on each property. It includes the making of tests and borings to ascertain the foundation conditions and sufficient detail to permit of general layout and accurate estimate of the cost of the plant. Among other things it will include a preliminary design of the plant, give an estimate of power available under varying conditions and the cost of producing same, as well as ascertaining the storage in the Tobique valley.

"At the meeting it was also recommended as well as adopted by the Government that a survey of the districts surrounding Grand Falls and northerly to the northeast boundary of New Brunswick be made for the purpose of obtaining possible power market and the cost of supplying same from the 27,000,000 k.w.h. set apart from the Grand Falls development for the consumers, the cost not to exceed \$2,000."

W. C. Johnson of Moncton is at the Barker House.

J. D. Creighton of Newcastle is in the city.

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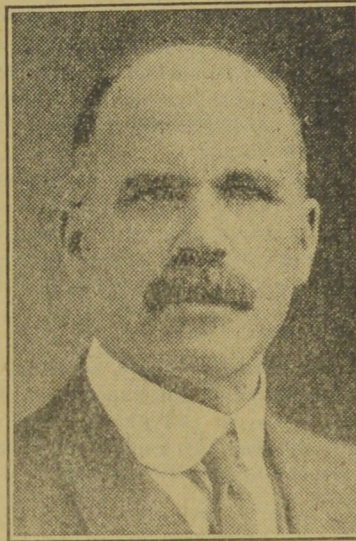
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## MINISTER IS HEWING CLOSE TO THE LINE

### Hon. D. A. Stewart Keeping the Road Expenditures Within Legislative Appropriation.

Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, when asked yesterday for a statement with respect to highway expenditures said that he was doing his level best to give the public a fairly efficient service and at the same time he was endeavoring to keep the expenditure within the



HON. D. A. STEWART  
Minister of Public Works.

legislative appropriation. "It is a pretty strenuous job," he added, but I hope to be successful."

The minister went on to say that last year there was an over expenditure on the roads of over \$500,000 and he added "the present fiscal year does not close until October 31st and many things may happen in the meantime, but I am hopeful of keeping the expenditure within the limit set by the Legislature. I think

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SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT THE CAPITOL THEATRE  
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"The Cohens and the Kellys" an arrangement of Hebrew and Irish temperaments in contrast, somewhat on the order of the stage play, "Abie's Irish Rose" is the photo play at the Capitol for Wednesday and Thursday. For many years the two families, of different nationality, have snapped out insults and contempt at each other.

And there comes the time when a couple of the younger people get married so that old Cohen, who is rich beyond the dreams of avarice and old Kelly who is on the police force, have each one and the same grandson.

But fate steps in and hands a hard wallop to Cohen.

The cast is capable including George Sidney, Charlie Murray, Vera Gordon and Kate Price.

**Semi-annual Conference**

Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Supt. of Education, is to hold his semi-annual conference with members of the staff of the Provincial Normal School on Friday.

that that will be some achievement in view of the showing made during the past eight or nine years."

**Ordinary Bridges.**

In regard to expenditures on ordinary bridges the Minister said that out of an appropriation of some \$340,000 there was still about \$126,000 on hand, and there would be a snug balance at the end of the fiscal year. There had been an over expenditure of some \$300 or \$400 on ferry maintenance but it had been unavoidable.

Referring again to road expenditures the Minister stated he was pretty well satisfied that the amount voted by the legislature last session was scarcely sufficient to keep the roads up to the required standard and he was hopeful of securing a larger appropriation next year. In the meantime he felt it to be his duty to refrain from expending money unauthorized by vote of the Legislature.

**Human Flies Scale C.P.R. Chimney**

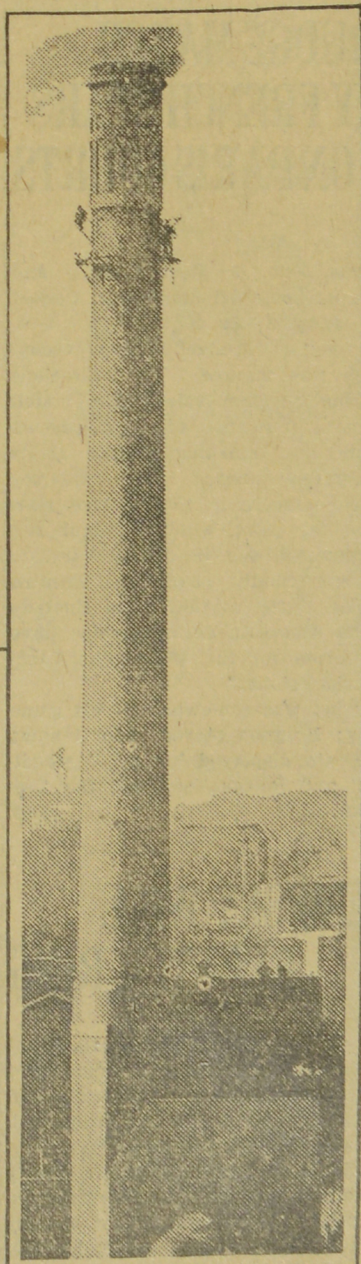
Walking around a two-foot-wide platform that encircled the top of the 218-foot-high chimney at the end of the Windsor street station train platforms, Henry Held, of New York, and Richard Boucher, of Three Rivers, drew many eyes from neighboring streets and from the windows of the C.P.R. offices. The men had been engaged by the company to repoint the bricks, clean the surface and repair the lightning rods on the huge chimney.

The work of getting the platform to the top of the chimney occupied the men for eight days. Every upward movement of the platform was to a height of six feet and at the last minute of completing this work one of the men would be standing on a single plank, the rest having been raised to the upper position. This ticklish work was to the onlooker dangerous in the extreme, but the men thought nothing of it. Asked if he ever suffered from attacks of vertigo, Held laughed

and said he never had. "I feel just as safe up there as I do on the ground." He is a man over sixty years of age and has been doing this kind of work for the past forty years. "I feel right at home on the C.P.R. chimney," he added, "for I built it in 1912." However, he is thinking of quitting in another couple of years, although his nerve is as good as ever it was. He owns a half-section of land in Alberta and it is there that he says he will settle down.

Both men moved with the same ease at the perilous height as though they were walking on the street. At times, when hauling a plank upwards, one of them stooped over the edge of the platform looking sheer down the drop of 200 feet. At other times they swung out from the walls of the chimney perched on a tiny cradle. At all times they appeared to have complete mastery of the situation.

Although it took them eight days to hoist the platform to its present position, they glided from it to the ground on a cradle in slightly less than a minute.



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