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PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Hon. Mr. Robinson, leader of the opposition, made a suggestion in the House yesterday that ought to be framed into the general law of the province with the least possible delay. For years corporations have been successful in securing charters from the legislature for municipal undertakings. Invariably these charters were entirely in the interests of the corporations securing them, without the slightest attention being given to the rights of the people most affected. To some extent this was due to the neglect of the people to look after their interests when the legislation was being passed upon. But what is everybody's business is nobody's business, and the active interest taken by the promoters of the legislation secured its passage before the public really awakened to what was going on. Mr. Robinson, in a short but thoroughly practical speech suggested that a section should be added to every charter granting a franchise for a public utility which would enable the municipality to acquire possession of the same after a fixed number of years at a price ten per cent in advance of the cost to the company. This clause was placed in a bill authorizing the executive government, with the assent of the legislature, to acquire the business and franchise of the Telephone company, Telephone, Telegraph, Electric Light, Gas and Traction companies are all public utilities, which also are monopolies, in a way, and are better operated from a commercial point of view as such. But monopolies sometimes forget that the general public have rights which ought to be respected, and conduct their business in opposition to the public weal. In such cases the remedy of competition cannot be readily applied and might be directly opposed to the public interest, as in the case of a telephone company, where the hapless citizen would be compelled to put in two services instead of one. Hence the necessity of the government having some power over the company to compel that equity be done between the company and its subscribers or to itself engage in operating the service.

Mr. Robinson's suggestion would permit the municipality to take over undertakings where the public believe their interests are not properly protected. This power in itself would be on inconsiderable lines to secure equitable treatment of all interests involved.

MR. HATHEWAY AGAIN.

On March 22nd, Mr. Hatheway, of St. John, spoke on the address, criticising the late government very severely on their administration of the territorial revenue of the province. The following is from the official report of Mr. Hatheway's speech:

"One thing the government should do is to very carefully maintain the rights of the people in the public domain and franchises. The agreement made a few years ago with the Grand Falls Power Co., was a disgrace to the men who were responsible for the people's interests being safeguarded. That magnificent waterfall was practically given away to a private corporation for all time. No wonder this province is laughed at by the people across the border when we hold our natural resources so cheaply. Under the agreement the Grand Falls Power company were to have spent \$250,000 in development work in four years. Then in the next agreement for the first ten years the province was to receive \$500 a year, for the next period of ten years \$1,000 a year, and for the following ten years \$1,500, and then a perpetual fee of \$2,000. This was a most improvident bargain for the province. Now the Grand Falls Power Company, although they have failed to comply with the terms of the agreement, are trying to hold on to their franchise."

These are very brave words, but they indicate that the late government made a much better bargain for the country in dealing with Grand Falls than the present administration did in this deal with the Drummonds. Yet Mr. Hatheway, who was in the House when the government fixed the royalty on iron ore at five cents a ton for eighty years, did not raise his voice in protest of the wretched bargain.

THE SLANDERERS' FATE.

The Gleaner says: "If the Minister of Public Works is as innocent of the Mayes charges as he pretends to be, why does he object to a parliamentary investigation? If he has been accused wrongly, why does he call upon the Prime Minister to shield him from injury? If his record is sun-clear, why does he get his party backing in the House to stand between him and the light of publicity?"

The difficulty with the paragraph is that it is wholly untrue. Mr. Pugsley

has not yet been accused. Dr. Daniel was so careful that he would make no accusation. He even denied that he made an insinuation. There is no man in parliament who has the courage to risk his own seat by making an accusation against Dr. Pugsley. It is all very well to go about the country making insinuations, but the man who does this and afterwards refuses to make a charge when he has an opportunity to do so, and where it could be properly investigated, need not be surprised if he is regarded with contempt by all decent people. That is where the gang of politicians who have been following Dr. Pugsley for the past six months have landed in public estimation.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Ottawa Free Press: "We are proud of the Minister of Public Works," asserted Sir Wilfrid Laurier last night. And there is not a Liberal in Canada who will not be proud of the magnificent defence which he put up to the malignant attack of the opposition for the past year, which found its culmination in the attack of yesterday.

CANADA'S BUDGET

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country, with an energetic people, with vast resources, with an increasing population, with constantly improving conditions in the west ours is a bright future.

"It was stated in the press the other day that 70,000 people will come this year into Canada from the United States alone, bringing with them according to general observation at least \$1,000 each in property, in addition to their interests in the country. When we think of these 70,000 people coming in, bringing \$70,000,000 to add to the wealth of the country, when we think of our great natural resources, when we think of the active energies of our people, when we think of the prospects of the west and see all around us such signs of energy, we feel, sir, that we can look forward hopefully from this time to a revival of business and a continuance of that progress which for so many years has come to Canada. We may not progress so rapidly as before, we may not have a revival of anything like boom times, nay, we would not have it if we could, but what we do feel is that the business of the country is on a natural and sound basis and that from this time forward indications go to show business will be better.

"The money stringency has passed away. The banks, which for a time had to curtail their accommodation, are now ready to aid every legitimate industry. The last bank statement showed that more money was being sent out into the various avenues of trade. This means a revival of business and with such a prospect, surely we can say, with gratitude for the past, that we have every confidence in the continued progress and prosperity of our country."

ST. JOHN ELECTIONS.

Hot Civic Contests Resulted in Return of Six New Men.

St. John, April 20.—One of the liveliest civic contests in the history of the city took place today, resulting in six new men being returned to the common council.

Mayor Bullock was given a second term by acclamation.

The result of the vote for aldermen was as follows:

Aldermen at large.—Frink, 3417; Scully, 3250; Potts, 2934; Kelly, 2806; Russell, 2598; McGowan, 1878; Timms, 815; Montgomery, 618.

Guys Ward—Belyea, 2580; Baskin, 2498.

Brooks Ward—Baxter, 2936; Kenny, 2188.

Sidney—Lewis, 2552; Kerr, 2523.

Queens—Elkin, 2547; Bailey, 2525.

Kings—Likely, 2507; Purdy, 1562.

O'Brien, 1028.

Prince—Sproul, 2650; Knodell, 2439.

Victoria—Hayes, 1969; Patchell, 1129; Green, 894.

Dufferin—Codner, 3014; Willett, 2078.

Landsdowne—Wilson, 3091; Rowan, 2015.

Lorne—Holder, 2706; Day, 2356.

In three out of four wards where elections were held under the License Act, the temperance people won a victory. The vote stood:

Lorne Ward—For License, 207; against 422.

Landsdowne Ward—For License, 325; against 302.

Victoria Ward—For License 249; against, 304.

Duke's Ward—For License, 182; against, 260.

Hon. A. T. Dunn, Collector of Customs, St. John, is registered at the Queen today.

Mr. Peter Sharkey, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

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A Girl Horse Thief.
London, Ont., April 20.—Nellie Prior, aged 19, horse-thief and bad girl generally, as a result of reading Wild West dime novels, was sentenced to two years in the Mercer yesterday morning for horse-stealing. The girl ran away from home in Galt, and since coming to London has stolen several horses and buggies from local liverymen. She drove all about the country, sleeping outdoors, and trying to emulate the heroes in the novels.

Ex-Sheriff Sentenced.
Utica, N.Y., April 20.—Former Sheriff Samuel H. Jones of this county, indicted along with several others on the charge of grand larceny, yesterday pleaded guilty to one indictment and was sentenced to Auburn State Prison to not less than two or more than four years. Jones returned \$2,375 to the county.

Notice of Legislation
Notice is hereby given that "The Board of School Trustees of Fredericton" will at the present session of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, apply for legislation to enable the said Board to issue debentures to take up the following debentures, namely:—\$12,000 falling due on the first day of July next; \$2,000, falling due on the first day of January next; \$1,100, falling due on the first day of January 1913; and \$25,000, falling due on the first day of April 1917, which said debentures were issued under the authority of "The Schools Act," Fredericton, April 2nd, 1909.

C. A. SAMPSON,
Secretary.
Apr. 3, 1909.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATION

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fredericton will, at the present session of the legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, apply for legislation to enable the said City Council to construct permanent sidewalks and streets in said City, and assesses the properties fronting thereon for a portion of the cost of such improvements and also issue debentures not to exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the completion of such work.

J. W. MCCREADY,
City Clerk.
City Hall.
March 27th 1909—dlmo.

NOTICE

The Board of Assessors of taxes or the City of Fredericton in the present year, require all persons liable to be rated, forthwith to furnish to the Assessors, true statements of all their real estate, personal estate and income; and hereby give notice that blank forms on which statements may be furnished under the city assessment law, can be obtained at the office of the assessors, and that such statements must be perfected under both and filed in the office of the Assessors within thirty days from the date of this Notice. Dated this 18th day of March, A. D. 1909.

JAMES FARRELL,
Principal Assessor.
Mar 18, 1909.

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