

THE COUNCIL VOTES \$25,500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRANSFORMERS

Lively Discussion in Which Mayor Fisher Speaks of City Hall "Influences"—Commissioner Frink Declares There Has Been Quite a Reversal of Opinion Since the Election and He Is Ready to Permit Voters to Pass Upon Issue of Giving Civic Power Commission Full Authority to Spend People's Money.

The common council yesterday afternoon considered a resolution passed at a vote of 25,500 for the purchase of transformers by the civic power commission. The resolutions adopted at the meeting of the civic power commission on Wednesday night were quite fully discussed and then laid on the table for further consideration. The members of the council made it quite plain they would not vote any expenditure for which full plans and specifications had not been furnished. Commissioner Thornton congratulated the mayor on his announcement that consumers of light and power must pay the full cost and none of it would fall on the general taxpayers. Commissioner Frink said he was not yet ready to turn over the responsibility which the voters had placed on him to a commission and that he was quite ready for a plebiscite. He also warned the mayor that since the election there had been quite a reversal of feeling and a return to reason on the part of the people, and his warning did not want to overlook that fact.

Mayor Fisher was inclined to question the ability of the city electrician to pass on the merits of the different transformers, but the chairman of the commission, Major McAvity, set him right in that respect, stating that Mr. Wilson had been at one time transformer man for the Westinghouse Company. Mayor Fisher in calling the meeting to order said he had prepared a number of resolutions but was quite willing to have any of the other commissioners make motions and he moved the report of the civic power commission that they were ready to make selections of transformers to be received and their recommendation that a sum not exceeding \$75,200, for the erection and equipment of a sub-station, be adopted, according to the detailed estimate of cost furnished. Commissioner Thornton said if the commission had dealt with the transformers as the resolution of council called for and the mayor replied they had not. Commissioner Wigmore wanted to know why and the mayor said the commission wanted to find out where they stood.

Some Disagreement.

Asked if all the members of the civic commission were in accord with the report he said they were in spirit, although he and some of them did not agree with the wording of the entire document.

Commissioner Thornton said there had been a great deal said about matters and pointed out that one of the election planks of the mayor was the preparation of plans and specifications for a distribution system but those had not yet been furnished. He thought the council had met the commission fairly and pointed out he was not going to vote any sum of money until plans and specifications had been brought down. The mayor interjected that there had been in the case of the transformers because the selection had not been left to the commission. Commissioner Frink asked if it was not the business of the city. Commissioner Wigmore expressed his surprise at the resolutions sent in by the civic commission and wanted to know where any delay could be charged to the council. One member of the commission had said he did not intend to be an office boy for the city council and he for his part did not intend to be a rubber stamp for the civic commission. For his part he intended to have full information before voting any money.

Commissioner Bullock said he was pretty much of the mind of Commissioner Wigmore. The resolution was referred to by the mayor had down \$15,000 for a building but nothing to tell of what the building was to be constructed or how large. There was also an amount of \$20,000 for switching equipment but nothing to show of what it consisted and he moved the report of the commission be accepted and they be notified that the council was willing to vote a sum not to exceed \$75,200 when the plans and specifications for the sub-station and equipment were furnished.

Commissioner Frink asked if the report had been unanimously adopted and the mayor replied that it was very nearly unanimous. It seemed to him the point at issue was whether the commission was to be independent of the city council.

Responsible To No One.

If the resolution was adopted the commission was responsible to no one and government became a travesty and he did not propose to vote the money of the rate payers he represented unless he would be shown that he was acting fairly and honestly in their interest. For his part he was quite willing to let the matter go to a plebiscite and if the voters said they wanted the commission to be entirely independent of city hall well and good. In April last there had been a mandate for no truck or trade with the Power Company and in November there had been a mandate for truck and trade. Which were they to work under?

Commissioner Bullock: "The last." Commissioner Frink: "Perhaps it is." Mayor Fisher said the real question was the independence of the commission but by this he did not mean absolute independence. Commissioner Wigmore: "The resolution means that or I cannot read plain English."

The mayor went on to say that the council had control of voting the money and in the audit by the city comptroller but he thought all tenders should be dealt with by the commission and not by the council.

Seized Rum Ordered Returned To Owners

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 21—Judge Edwin S. Thomas, of the United States District Court, today declared invalid four specific search warrants which had been issued and used in the seizure of quantities of alleged alcoholic liquors, and ordered that the seized goods be returned to their original owners.

TO SUPREME COURT

Washington, Dec. 21—The nomination of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, to be an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, finally was confirmed late today by the Senate. The vote was said to be 610 to 6.

Youth Glands Win Race for Aged Life-Termer



Doing 50 yards in seven seconds flat at the age of 73 is the record of John Ross, life-termer at San Quentin prison, California. Ross' feat, at the recent field meet of the prisoners, is attributed to a youth gland experiment made on him by Dr. L. L. Stanley, prison physician. Picture above shows Ross crossing the finish line. Inset, Ross.

MONCTON MEN MAKE PROTEST

Adopt Resolution Urging Work During the Year—End Holidays.

Moncton, Dec. 21—As a protest against the enforced holiday in the Canadian National Railway shops here between Christmas and New Years, several hundred employees assembled in the machine shop at the noon hour today and passed a resolution memorializing labor members of parliament to use their influence to have the Moncton C. N. R. shops kept at work between Christmas and New Years in future.

Another resolution adopted advocated that if the shops were to be closed down the round house and yard employees should also be given a holiday at the same time.

The latter resolution may be interpreted as aiming at a tie-up of the train service as it would be impossible to operate trains without the round house and yards being kept in operation.

KILLED BY TREE.

Simcoe, Ont., Dec. 21—John Thorne, aged 62, was killed today while working in the bush on the farm of George Finch, when a tree fell on him. He leaves a widow and three children, two sons and a daughter.

TO BAN "FATTY"

Boston, Dec. 21—Mayor James M. Curley today asserted that motion pictures of "Fatty" Arbuckle would continue under official ban in this city. This action, he said, was in the interests "not only of public morals but of the motion picture industry itself."

RADIUM

You have groped your way along the dark aisles of a Pullman sleeper, seeking your berth number. The Santa Fe railroad now makes the numbers on the green curtains of its California Limited shine forth brightly, by using radium paint.

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TAFFETA WITH LACE

A blue taffeta gown with a long, full skirt is effectively trimmed with a scarf of black lace which is used as a shoulder drape on one side, reaching to the hem line on the other.

ONTARIO POWER PROBE STARTED

(Continued from page 1.) It had secured possession had specified the valuation between tangibles and intangibles by attributing about fourteen million to intangibles.

The Salary Question.

The commission then inquired into the salary question. Evidence was produced which showed that, between November 1, 1911 and November 1, 1922, Sir Adam Beck had received a total of \$147,800 from hydro enterprises, the commission having contributed \$50,000; the Ontario Power Company, \$31,800 and the Province \$66,000. I. B. Lucas, from November 1914 to November, 1921, had received \$27,000 from the hydro commission, \$5,883 from the Ontario Power Company and \$30,083 from the Province.

Chairman Gregory inquired if these salaries from the Ontario Power Company, which the hydro officials had voted themselves, could be considered proper.

Auditor G. T. Clarkson was of the opinion that they were, inasmuch as the government had known of them. They had at any rate, he stated, been legal.

"It is not a question of them being legal," Mr. Gregory stated, adding that only their propriety was at question. He believed personally, he stated, that they were voted in contravention of the spirit of the hydro act and in a manner that, in a private corporation, would not be tolerated.

A statement was at this juncture filed which showed the present salaries of the hydro officials to be as follows: "Sir Adam Beck \$18,000; engineer, P. A. Gaby \$17,400; secretary, W. W. Pope, \$7,800; Commissioner Hon. D. Carmichael, \$8,000; Mr. Fierdon, \$8,400; J. W. Gilmore, \$6,400."

The commission is to continue tomorrow when Sir Adam Beck, engineer Gaby will be heard as witnesses.

MARCHIONESS OF DONEGAL IN N. B.

The Marchioness of Donegal and her son, the Marquis of Donegal, who arrived last week from England, and landed at Halifax, is in New Brunswick and will spend some time visiting her former friends in Fredericton. The Marchioness is the daughter of the late Henry Twining, of Halifax.

"SOCIETY" A woman sues for divorce in Brooklyn, N. Y., claiming her husband hates "society." She says: "We came home from a social event. My husband, for some unknown reason, exhibited violent temper. He used profane language and said, 'this business must be cut out. Thereafter, on an average of three times a week, he came home under the influence of liquor and threatened to shoot me.' If husbands' aversion to 'society' is to become a cause for divorce, we'd better stop all other building construction and concentrate on erecting new divorce courts.

PEACOCK If you have turkey for Christmas you'll be eating a member of the peacock family. The turkey's head is of its plumage. The turkey's head is of its plumage. The turkey's head is of its plumage.

AN EARLY MODE A large hat of unusually graceful and sweeping line is made of light brown haircloth, bound in taffeta and trimmed with a flat ornament of silver cloth on which French flowers of all shades are applied.

500 CASES OF BOOZE SEIZED

British Schooner Acadia Is Captured Off Gloucester With Cargo.

Boston, Dec. 21—Five hundred cases of whiskey seized by the United States Government when the British schooner Acadia was captured off Gloucester by the coast guard cutter Ossipee were loaded back in the vessel's hold today. Tomorrow the Acadia will set sail for Lunenburg, N. S., with her long delayed cargo.

Return of the liquor to the schooner was ordered by Judge Morton in Federal court yesterday on the ground that the Acadia was captured outside the three mile limit. The vessel was taken in tow by the Ossipee in the belief that she was going to land her cargo on the Massachusetts coast. The schooner itself was recently ordered returned to its owner.

Notre Dame Church At Quebec Burned

(Continued from page 1.) Lost and vessels but were unsuccessful.

The ancient and stately sacred edifice known as the French basilica, located on the opposite side of the square where once stood the Jesuits' College, dates from 1847 and occupies ground in the vicinity of the first parish church in Quebec. Notre Dame de la Recouvrance, erected by the founder of Quebec in 1621. The first mass in the basilica was said on Christmas day, 1650, but it was not until 1666 that the church was consecrated by the first Bishop of Quebec, the Marquis de Laval, and opened for public worship.

If underwent a restoration in 1745. The church suffered considerable damage in 1759 as a result of the bombardment of the city by Wolfe's artillery. Since that date it has undergone numerous alterations and additions. Mgr. de Laval, who died in 1768 was buried in the crypt of the basilica, but in 1873 his remains were transferred to the seminary chapel. Fully 900 persons sleep their last sleep in the crypt of the cathedral. They include the remains of four governors of New France, church dignitaries, high military officers, judges and many other prominent people.

Adjoining the basilica stands the ancient seat of learning known as the Quebec seminary founded in 1663 as well as the seminary chapel. The basilica was one of the finest sacred edifices of its kind in the Dominion and contained many very precious relics of the past as well as paintings by some of the leading masters of the French, Dutch and Italian schools of painting. Many religious treasures, vestments, ornaments and sacred vessels were also contained in the basilica. Some of the stained glass windows were of the finest and most artistic on the American continent and the interior decorations which had been completely renewed recently at a cost of nearly \$200,000, were particularly artistic. The organ was one of the finest instruments of its kind in any of the churches in the Dominion.

BANK MERGER.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21—A \$10,000,000 bank merger was announced today when the directors of the Bank of North America and of the Commercial Trust Company met separately and approved a plan to consolidate under the name of the Bank of North America and Trust Company. The capital and surplus of the merged banks will be \$10,000,000.

Obituary

Jacob Weazel

Aged 88 years, Jacob Weazel of Fredericton, died Tuesday. He is survived by two sons and two daughters. Three sisters and three brothers also survive.

Mrs. Jane Wilbur.

The death of Mrs. Jane Wilbur occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella M. Fletcher, Lexington, Mass., aged 79 years. Mrs. Wilbur was born near Moncton and lived there for many years until her removal to the United States.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Kennedy

The death occurred at Queensbury at the home of Frederick Barr, of his aunt, Mrs. Sarah Ann Kennedy, aged 92 years. Several nephews and nieces survive.

Eloi T. LeBlanc

At the home of his parents in Pre d'en Haut, Westmorland Co., Eloi T. LeBlanc, son of Fidele D. LeBlanc and Mrs. Billianne Belliveau LeBlanc died. Mr. LeBlanc besides being survived by his father, a retired C. N. R. employee, and his mother, also leaves six brothers and four sisters.

John Franklin Appleby

The death of John Franklin Appleby occurred at Shediac on Wednesday after a lingering illness. Mr. Appleby was seventy-two years of age and had lived in this city for many years, removing to Moncton and then to Shediac a few years ago. He is survived by four sons, Howard, of this city; Frederick, of Montreal; John P. of Montreal, and Ernest, of New York. The burial will take place in this city.

Child of Francis Marshall

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Marshall, 23 Sewell street, will sympathize with them in the death of their infant daughter, Frances Vivian, which occurred on Wednesday. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Charles Crawford

The death of Charles Crawford occurred on Wednesday at his home, 46 Erin street, at the age of eighteen years. He leaves his father and three sisters, Mrs. H. E. Dempster, Mrs. P. G. Wilkins and Mrs. J. C. Dempster of St. John; also one brother, R. Crawford of Maine.

John E. Trimble

John E. Trimble of Hampton, died yesterday. He had been about his regular duties up to a month ago and had been confined to his bed only a day or two. Death was due to cancer. Mr. Trimble was born in St. John sixty-five years ago, having moved to Hampton where he had since made his home about fourteen years ago. He was a son of the late Joseph Trimble and had worked with his father for many years in the Phoenix foundry and more recently was employed in Pender's nail works. The body will be taken on Saturday morning to Smith's Creek for interment. A service will be held at Mr. Trimble's late residence in Hampton at 8 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Abbie Inman

Mrs. Abbie Inman, a native of Upper Kent, Carleton County, died in 14edford, Mass., on Dec. 11. The body was interred at Houlton. She was born in 1838.

Mrs. John Retailick

The death of Mrs. Hannah Retailick, wife of John Retailick, which occurred yesterday at her home, 262 Charlotte street, West St. John, will be learned of with regret by a large circle of friends. She had lived practically all her life on the West Side and always took a keen interest in community matters. For many years she was president of the W. C. T. U. and was an active worker in the Carleton Methodist church.

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