

Mayor's Sweeping Message to Citizens His Recommendation Before the Council

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burden or electricity shall be ended, and in order that all the benefits to be derived from the new development may be secured to the public generally and applied to stimulate industry; and

Whereas—a very large amount of detailed and specialized organization will be required to secure the efficient and expeditious working out of this programme, it is expedient that a Civic Hydro Commission shall be appointed to—
(a) negotiate the details of the proposed contract with the Power Commission;
(b) to arrange for the planning and construction of a civic distribution system;
(c) to operate the said distributing system and to promote and encourage a larger use of electricity;

Resolved—That an application shall be forwarded to the Electric Power Commission from this Council to be signed and sealed by the Mayor and Common Clerk for the transmission and supplying to the City of Saint John of electrical power and energy for use in the Municipality of the City and County of Saint John and its inhabitants for lighting, heating and power purposes; the minimum quantity to be ten million (10,000,000) K.W.H.s, the maximum not to exceed fifteen million (15,000,000) K.W.H.s per annum; the rate to be at actual cost, but not more than 1.2 cents per K.W.H.

Further Resolved—That this Council place itself on record as willing to obey the mandate of the electorate to proceed immediately to carry into effect the policy endorsed by it for the purchase and distribution of electrical power and energy within the area for which the application to the Power Commission is to be made.

Further Resolved—That a Commission to be known as The Hydro Electric Commission of the City of Saint John shall be appointed by this Council for the purposes hereinafter set out. This Commission to be composed of the Mayor and two commissioners to be nominated by him. It is understood that the estimated cost of a complete system for the distribution of electricity within the area of the municipality at present served with electrical power and energy will not exceed nine hundred thousand (\$900,000) dollars; and it is therefore

Further Resolved—That the Commission be empowered to prepare plans and specifications and to enter into contracts for the purchase of appliances and the erection of same, involving a total expenditure not exceeding the said amount, nine hundred thousand (\$900,000) dollars; and for which amount this Council agrees to support a bond issue, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the cost of said distributing system as and when required.

These resolutions, amended as follows, passed the Council by a majority vote, the last being objected to on account of the reference to the Bond issue:

AMENDMENTS.
In the first section of the resolution, after the word "for" insert the word "the," and after the word "use" insert the word "of." Then striking out the words "the Municipality of the City and County" and inserting the words "the City," making the resolution read as in the corrected copies which have been presented to you.

In the second section of the resolution, after the word "willing," strike out the words "to obey," inserting the word "that," and at the end of the section add the words "as amended with," making the section read as in the copy.

In the third section of the resolution after the word "the," striking out the words "Hydro Electric" and inserting the word "Power," as in the copy referred to.

In the fourth section adding to the whole the words "subject to the approval of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission," as in the copy referred to.

It was also thought necessary to have the Council ratify the appointment of the Civic Commission, namely, the Mayor and the two members nominated by him; and I therefore asked the Council to approve of the following resolution:

Resolved—That this Council by resolution now ratify the appointment of Mayor Harry R. McAllister and his two nominees, Messrs. Herbert Phillips and Charles H. Peters, as Power Commissioners of the City of Saint John.

Application to Hydro Commission.
Complying with the first resolution governing the application for the power, the following communication was addressed:

St. John, N. B.,
11th May, 1922.
To the Honourable E. A. Smith,
Chairman of the N. B. Electric Power Commission, St. John, N. B.
Dear Sir,—The undersigned, the City of Saint John, hereby makes application to your Commission for the transmission and supplying to the City of Saint John of electrical power and energy for the use of said city and its inhabitants, for lighting, heating and power purposes, the minimum to be ten million (10,000,000) kilowatt hours and the maximum not to exceed fifteen million (15,000,000) kilowatt hours per annum; the rate to be at actual cost, but not more than 1.2 cents per hour.
Trusting that this application will receive your most favorable consideration, and anticipating a prompt and satisfactory reply.

electric current, the minimum to be ten million (10,000,000) kilowatt hours and the maximum not to exceed fifteen million (15,000,000) kilowatt hours per year.
The Commission will reserve such an amount current and are prepared to enter into a contract to deliver same at the city boundary in accordance with the terms named in your application.

Yours truly,
The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission,
Per
(Sgd.) C. O. FOSS,
Chief Engineer.

Having applied for the power and the application having been accepted, the Electric Power Act required that the following application be made.
St. John, N. B.,
May 15th, 1922.
To the Honourable E. A. Smith,
Chairman of the N. B. Electric Power Commission, St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir,—The undersigned, the City of Saint John, hereby makes application to your Commission, as per Part 2 of the New Brunswick Electric Power Act for—
"An estimate of the cost of construction for providing a transmission line by means of which the amount of electrical power or energy required by the City of Saint John is to be supplied and of maintaining the same, and furnish to the City of Saint John plans and specifications of the works, plant, machinery and appliances necessary for the distribution of such power or energy by the City of Saint John, and estimate of the cost thereof."

We trust that this application will receive your most favorable consideration, and anticipating a prompt and satisfactory reply.
We beg to remain,
Signed and Sealed on behalf of the City of Saint John.
To the foregoing the following answer was received:
Saint John, N. B.,
May 15th, 1922.

His Worship, The Mayor of the City of Saint John, N. B.
Dear Sir,—The New Brunswick Power Commission begs to acknowledge receipt of your communication of this date, requesting this Commission to prepare and furnish to the City of Saint John plans, specifications and the cost of a distributing system for the city. This Commission is pleased to accede to the above request and will put the necessary work in hand at once, giving you the result at the earliest possible date.

Yours truly,
The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission,
Per
(Sgd.) C. O. FOSS,
Chief Engineer.

Take Up Question With N. B. Power Commission
To this communication an acknowledgment of receipt was forwarded, and there was nothing further to do until the city was supplied with the information sought from the N. B. Power Commission. In regard to the signing of a contract for the power—sub-section (3) of Section 27, of Part 2 of the Act says, "the municipality may thereupon enter into a contract with the Commission for the supply of electrical power or energy for the purposes mentioned in this Act. Such contract may contain such terms, conditions, stipulations, covenants and agreements as the Commission and the Municipality agree upon."

This is only intended, after the distribution plans and specifications, the costs, etc., have been supplied. The information regarding plans and cost of a distributing system was only supplied in the Kribs report to the Chairman of the N. B. Hydro Commission on July 24th, showing that no blame could be attached to either the city officials or the Hydro Commission, as the sixty-nine days elapsing between May 14th and July 24th, were necessary to the securing of an engineer by the N. B. Hydro Commission and his performance of this work.

In regard to criticisms made upon the non-functioning of the Civic Hydro Commission, as appointed by the Council, the Act expressly states: Part 2, Section 28, "A Municipality having a contract under this act with the Commission may—
Sub-section (2) "Entrust the construction of the works and the control and management of the same to a Commission to be called "The Power Commission of (naming the Municipality)."

While it was at first interpreted that the Civic Commission would negotiate the details of the proposed contract with the Power Commission and arrange for the planning, construction and operation of the distributing system, it was later, and no doubt properly interpreted, that the Civic Commission would have nothing to do with the proposed contract and could not function until after the Common Council had entered into a contract, subject to the Council's consideration of same. I trust this explanation will dispense some minds of the idea that there was some ulterior motive in not having the Civic Commission function.
The N. B. Hydro Commission in proceeding to furnish the plans and cost of a distributing system, employed the services of Mr. Phillips to go to Toronto and interview Sir Adam Beck in regard to a suitable engineer for the purpose, the result being, that Mr. Kribs was recommended and loaned to the N. B. Hydro Commission for a period of three months.
Shortly after Mr. Phillips' return from Toronto, I received a call at the Mayor's office from Mr. Bodell, of Providence, R. I. who requested an interview, in order that he might state the case of the preferred stock holders of the N. B. Power Co. whom he represented. I explained to him, that while I was at first inclined to give him an interview, if he wished to present any case for the N. B. Power Company, I would insist upon Mr. Phillips being present, as he had participated in the past campaign, the slogan of which was "no truck or trade with the N. B. Power Co. Mr. Bodell having no objection to this, I phoned Mr. Phillips who immediately came to my office.

Mr. Kribs Brought in to Discussion
After two interviews with Messrs. Bodell, Phillips and myself present, and in order to secure further information somewhat technical in nature, Mr. Bodell asked if he might have Mr. Sanderson present. Mr. Phillips told Mr. Bodell that he did not think Mr. Sanderson would discuss the matters referred to with him, Phillips, as he, Sanderson, did not recognize him as an electrical engineer, but if Mr. Bodell would wait until Mr. Kribs arrived in St. John, he (Phillips), would prefer to have him present. It was then arranged that Mr. Bodell would be notified of the date of Mr. Kribs arrival.

Another interview was held either on the day of Mr. Kribs arrival, or the day after, there being present Messrs. Bodell, Sanderson, Kribs, Phillips and myself, and this interview lasted until about two in the morning, during which there was a marked disposition on both sides to be fair but firm in the presentation of their cases. During this interview, I was satisfied to be nothing more than a listener, and at the conclusion of same, I was impressed with the idea that while both sides had placed a good many cards on the table, Messrs. Bodell and Sanderson appeared to be more anxious to exhaust their hands than Messrs. Phillips and Kribs. As this was the only interview at which Mr. Kribs was present, on account of his time being fully employed with plans and estimates of the distributing system, it might be opportune for me to state, that he was thorough, the interview favorable to the acquisition of the N. B. Power Company's property, provided a fair and reasonable proposition could be set up.

Mr. Phillips Impressed.
Mr. Phillips was evidently so impressed with the results of this interview, that another interview was arranged for, and before they were terminated several had been held.
During the first interview when Mr. Kribs was present, and those following up to the last one or two, the matter under discussion was a lease and finally an agreement was reached by Messrs. Phillips, Bodell and Sanderson as to the conditions and amount of rental, I being present during the different discussions, but not committing myself to the several amounts of the discussion.

When Messrs. Bodell and Phillips stated that they were agreed and asked for my opinion as to placing the matter before the public, I refused to adopt the figures or the proposition, on the grounds that the figures were too high, and the City would not agree to make expenditures for the rehabilitation and development of a leased property.
The amount involved was \$224,000 per annum, with a Federal tax estimated at \$22,000.00 added, making a total of \$246,000.00 per annum and a lease proposition involved the securing of special legislation for the approval of Bond issues for expenditures necessary for renewals and improvements.

When I was asked to suggest some alternative, the present plan as now submitted by Mr. Bodell, calling for a reduction of interest and delivery of stock and assets of the company, whereby with the approval of the citizens, and sanctioned by legislation, the property control would pass to the City, was taken up for consideration.
As previously stated, I was opposed to the City spending money on a leased property, thereby improving and further development of the company's property, even though it would be naturally expected, that, under a lease, an option to purchase would be inserted. Under the present proposal the price of \$224,000.00 plus the Federal tax of \$22,000.00 was too high. The plan and figures I submitted that evening reduced the annual charge from \$246,000.00 per annum to about \$208,000.00, showing an annual saving of \$38,000.00.

This proposition was the subject matter of further discussions the values of different items being fully analyzed; for instance, the values of the Eastern Electric were placed at \$114,000.00 by a committee of the Legislature, but this was reduced to \$60,000.00 in our analysis. The water values of Lepreau and Magaguadavic were figured at normal values of \$1,800 per H.P. or for 19,000 H.P. the sum of \$34,200.00 or about one half the amount the Currier Commission allowed if developed.
These figures for Eastern Electric and Lepreau and Magaguadavic water powers totalling some \$361,000.00, were reduced to \$220,000.00, a reduction of \$141,000.00. As some criticism will no doubt be directed towards the valuations placed upon these two items I deem it proper to call your attention to the fact that the final values were not accepted without justification for same.

In the case of the Eastern Electric Company, a demand was made for a statement of Assets and Liabilities which could be proven and sworn to if necessary. The statement handed me shows Assets of \$95,588.88. Net Worth and Liabilities \$9,206.38, leaving a balance of \$86,382.50 as a fair value for the Eastern Electric Company.
Value of Water Power.
In regard to the Lepreau and Magaguadavic Water Powers, the Government has already conceded a normal value of \$18.00 per H.P. for Provincial Water Powers, and it remained a question of profit as to the quantity of power available. The estimates of a number of prominent Hydraulic Engineers have given 19,000 as the quantity, and Harris Forbes & Company who sold the Bonds made such a statement in their prospectus in regard to the 19,000 H.P. at Lepreau and Magaguadavic, as would leave them liable if any serious mistake had been made in the calculations of the Engineers. However \$170,000 or less than \$9.00 per H.P. would appear reasonable if the Engineers' estimates can be relied upon.

I do not think that the prices asked for the water powers at Lepreau and Magaguadavic would be questioned

by the Telegraph and Times newspapers.
The values of different items to be included in property values were very thoroughly entered into and finally a definite and mutually satisfactory basis was arrived at subject, however, to ratification by the citizens and an understanding that legislation would be promoted by the Governor and Council authorizing the City to undertake anything necessary to acquire and for at such times and in such manner, the assets of the New Brunswick Power Company.

Governor Pugsley Approached Re Legislation.
In order that the proposition might assume some definite shape I approached His Honor, Lieutenant Governor Pugsley, in regard to the necessary legislation. I informed His Honor of the nature of the proposal and asked him if the citizens were to approve of the proposition by a plebiscite, whether his Government would undertake to promote legislation to confirm the contract. He stated that he would confer with the Prime Minister and let me know what might be done to carry out any expressed wish of the people. In seeking an answer to my query His Honor stated that he had no doubt that an Order-in-Council would be passed engaging to promote legislation to ratify any decision of a plebiscite, or if it was found necessary to have immediate legislation, so that the people should receive the benefit without delay, from the Hydro-Electric energy, a special meeting of the Legislature would be called to pass the requisite legislation, the justification being that during several months delay there would be a loss of electric power to the extent of about \$15,000 per month going to waste. That the cost of meeting of the Legislature would be trifling compared to the vast amount saved by such a course. Having the assurance and knowing that the City Solicitor's opinion was to the effect that, while the City had no authority to complete such a bargain, and would not be securing any real property, but the water powers and common stock of the Company under present legislation, that legislation could be promoted to authorize the City to take over the property upon such conditions as the people thought most desirable, the discussion was continued to a fairly incipient as any proposition involving the acquisition of the New Brunswick Power Co. assets was concerned.
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LIEUT. GOV. PUGSLEY
Gave Assurance That Proper Legislation Would Be Passed To Take Over Property.

Final Scores in Provincial Rifle Association Shoot
Association Cup Won by
Sergt. G. W. Lake of M. D.
No. 7.

Special to The Journal
Sussex, N. B., Aug. 9.—Weather conditions were favorable this morning for the Provincial Rifle Association meet. In the shoot off of the tie for the Sussex Mercantile Cup, Major R. H. Arnold, of Sussex won, and the shoot-off for the Prince of Wales Cup was won by Sergt. Maj. Stapleford, Sussex.
This afternoon the Association match for the Association Challenge Cup and \$150 in prizes was shot. This match was open to all members and was shot at 200, 500 and 600 yards. Each man fired seven shots at each range, making a possible total of 105. The Association Cup was won by Sergt. G. W. Lake, M. D. No. 7. A. The following is the prize list with scores:
\$10 and cup, Staff Sgt. W. G. Lake, M. D. No. 7, R. A., Score 95; \$8, Lieut. H. A. Chandler, 3rd C. A., Woodstock, 90; \$7, A. S. Emery, St. John, R. A., 89; \$6, Lieut. A. R. Rigby, C. L. L. 90; \$5, Sgt. J. H. Leese, M. D. No. 7, 90; \$4, Capt. D. R. Chandler, R. C. Moncton, 89; \$4, Pte. Fred Ramsay, M. D. No. 7, 89; \$4, Lieut. J. A. Chandler, C. L. L., Woodstock, 88; \$4, Lieut. Col. A. H. Powell, M. D. No. 7, R. A., 88; \$4, Lieut. J. W. Smith, R. O. C., 88; \$4, Lieut. J. T. Downey, C. E. F., St. John, R. A., 87; \$4, Maj. R. H. Arnold, 8th Hussars, 87; \$4, Lieut. J. P. Archibald, St. John, R. A., 87; \$3, Pte. G. Jones, St. John, R. A., 87; \$3, M. A. Goodwin, Baie Verte, 86; \$3, H. M. Smith, Moncton, R. A., 86; \$3, H. H. Bartlett, St. Andrews, 85; \$3, Dr. R. L. Ellis, Jacques River, 85; \$3, J. S. Pte. W. J. Heath, M. D. No. 7, R. A., 85; \$3, Pte. C. A. Price, M. D. No. 7, R. A., 84; \$2, J. L. Ward, Moncton, R. A., 84; \$2, Lieut. G. W. Jones, N. B. Rangers, Sussex, 83; \$2, C. K. Seely, St. John, R. A., 83; \$2, Cadet E. Pindell, R. C. S., No. 150, 83; \$2, W. Kirk, Sussex, R. A., 83; \$2, Pte. D. Morrison, M. D. No. 7, R. A., 82.

Holy Trinity church, for high mass of requiem by Rev. Father Cronin. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. Six members of the 7th Machine Gun Brigade, of which he was a member, acted as pall-bearers. The funeral was largely attended, and the floral and spiritual offerings were very numerous. Among the floral offerings were: Large wreath from No. 1 Company, Seventh Machine Gun Brigade; wreath, T. H. Estabrooks & Company; spray of white carnations, Mrs. Chittick; spray of cream roses, Mr. and Mrs. Tebo; also sprays from Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hott and Mrs. William Burley.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Armstrong was held yesterday afternoon from Clayton's undertaking rooms to Fernhill, Rev. A. L. Tedford conducted service.
Obituary
Mrs. M. G. Adams.
Mrs. Margaret A. B. Adams, wife of Matthew G. Adams, 166 Waterford street, chief of the office staff of D. Magee's Sons, Ltd., and only child of the late County Secretary George R. Vincent and his first wife, formerly Miss Belyea of Petersville, N. B., died at her summer cottage on the Ketepee shore at six o'clock yesterday morning after a lingering illness that entered its acute stage last Thursday. Mrs. Adams regained consciousness for the larger part of Tuesday and passed away without the suffering that characterized her illness for nearly a week past. Valvular heart trouble was her ailment.
Previous to her marriage nineteen years ago Mrs. Adams was a popular member of the summer colony at Gleanwood on the river where the late George R. Vincent, her father, had his residence, and as Mrs. Adams she was a willing worker in the missionary circles and other activities of Centenary church. In Red Cross work she took a special interest, as well, having special qualifications as a nurse which familiarized her with that worthy endeavor.
Besides Mr. Adams the bereaved household consists of Gordon V., in his eighteenth year and Margaret Louise, a few years younger, also Captain Matthew Adams, Sr., to whom the late lady was a loving daughter-in-law. There are no other relatives. The body was brought to the city yesterday and on Friday the funeral will be held from the Waterloo street home.

Funerals
The funeral of John Arnold Morris took place yesterday morning from his late residence, 80 Cranston avenue, to



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