

POWER PROPOSITIONS PRESENTED TO ELECTORS

MAYOR PATTULLO PRESENTS COMPARISON POWER PLANS

Details of Propositions With Statistics Showing Electors Problem As It Stands—Read and Judge for Yourself

TO THE CITIZENS OF PRINCE RUPERT:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to submit herewith for your consideration a copy of the revised proposed agreement with the Hydro-Electric Co., a report from the City Engineer as to the City's hydro-electric proposition at Woodworth Lake: A report from the Superintendent of Light giving in detail a number of figures in connection with the cost of completing the City hydro-electric scheme at Woodworth Lake and giving costs of generating electrical power under the City hydro-electric scheme as compared with the proposed agreement with the Hydro-Electric Company; also a joint memorandum signed by the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Electricity with regard to the complete City joint water and electric proposition, also a memorandum from Mr. Agnew representing the Hydro-Electric Company. I would like to place before you as clearly and as fairly as possible the conclusions at which I have arrived after very careful study and consideration.

It will be noticed that the City Engineer and Superintendent of Light have not taken into consideration in their reports the cost of financing. I requested them not to do so as I myself would submit figures in that regard.

It will be seen that the total cost of completing the hydro-electric scheme and the Diesel oil plant for the City, including the City extensions and allowing 12 per cent for financing equals the sum of \$1,316,368. I have allowed 12 per cent for financing assuming that we may get 90 for our bonds, and allowing in addition thereto commission on sale and incidental expenses, such as legal fees, insurance, etc. I think that 12 per cent is low.

There is available at the present time \$230,000 under the present hydro-electric bylaw and in order, therefore, to complete the proposed works to their full capacity the City will be called upon to pass further bylaws approximating \$766,368, which includes one unit of 750 horse power, Diesel oil plant. This does not include the amount of money necessary to carry out the distribution of the water and light when the system has been installed to its full capacity. The City's own undertaking means an immediate outlay of \$586,240 to complete the first unit at Woodworth Lake, install the Diesel oil plant and provide present needed City extensions. If we accept the proposed agreement with the Company the outlay to make immediate connection will be about \$6,000. All that we shall have to do is to connect up and there will be an immediate reduction in the cost of light and power of one-third on our present rates. Present rates would of course be reduced under a city operated plant. The only difference is that under the agreement we know we shall have reduced rates by September 1st next, while reduction under City operation will depend upon how soon we can finance the project.

Now, what particularly interests the citizens I think is not merely the present but the ultimate price which their light and power will cost them under the City scheme and under the scheme as proposed by the Hydro-Electric Company. On several occasions I have had Mr. Agnew and Mr. Duncan before me—Mr. Agnew arguing on behalf of the Company and Mr. Duncan arguing on behalf of the City, and, having weighed this matter as carefully as I can, I am of the opinion that the cost under the City scheme and the cost under the proposed agreement with the Company will be practically the same, so that in judging this question I believe the citizens may safely start from the premises that the cost for light and power to the actual consumer under either scheme will be the same. In addition, under the proposed agreement, the City has the right to ask for a revision of rates every five years, so that if it is found that the rates are too high they can be readjusted.

The foregoing has reference to the cost of light and power, as far as City operation is concerned, to the Woodworth Lake scheme; what the cost of light and power will be under City operation after the Woodworth Lake scheme has reached its full capacity it is impossible at this time to tell. It will all depend upon how and where the City can obtain additional facilities.

The greatest objection which I see to the Woodworth Lake scheme, and to me a fatal objection, is that it carries no finality with it. After having spent the sum of \$1,316,368 on the undertaking, when we shall have reached the full capacity at Woodworth Lake, we will then have to seek another source for further electrical energy. This simply means that all the money spent on the electrical end of the undertaking, approximating \$544,688, will have to be a dead carrying charge against any other power scheme undertaken by the City, or we shall have to be under the expense of operating two plants.

At the present moment we are face to face with a serious situation concerning the supply of electrical energy for the City. Our present plant is already overloaded and something must be done and done immediately if we want to be in a position to take care of the situation next winter.

You are doubtless aware that an attempt is being made in some quarters to use the proposed agreement as a weapon against the City administration of this year. I trust that the people of the City

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SANTA CLAUS MESSAGE SENT TO STEFANSEN

New York Kiddies Who Believe Santa's Headquarters Are at North Pole

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Dec. 25.—New York little girls, hearing that Stefansson is near the North Pole and thinking that he might meet Santa Claus, addressed a letter to Santa care of Stefansson, Geological Survey, Ottawa. The request was for several sundry articles for themselves and brothers, and stating that they had not always been very good but have tried sometimes. A letter was enclosed to Stefansson asking him to deliver Santa's.

VICE-PRESIDENT HERE

Morley Donaldson Out to End of Steel Today—May Go Through Over Grade

Vice-president Donaldson of the G. T. P. came in yesterday on the Prince Rupert and spent Christmas day in the city. He left this morning with General Superintendent Mehan, George A. McNicholl, superintendent of colonization, and Secretary Ansell in Mr. Mehan's private car for the end of steel. The vice-president made a hasty trip to get to Prince Rupert and out the line.

It is expected that all the grading will be complete by the end of April, and the track laying will not be many days behind that. This means that the road can be opened as soon as the ballasting can be finished next summer.

This is probably the last visit of Mr. Donaldson before the completion of the road through.

When the vice-president left this morning he was not sure whether he would return this way in a few days or would make the trip over the grade to Fort George.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Anglican Church Very Handsomely Decorated—Special Music and Communion

Many are the comments made on the very pretty and attractive festival decorations on the interior of the Anglican church in preparation for the Christmas services. The work was managed by Mrs. R. Jennings, who had a number of capable assistants.

The 8 o'clock communion services drew many attendants. There were some fifty communicants. At 11 o'clock there were also many communicants and a good congregation. Appropriate music was given by the choir and Rev. Rix gave a splendid sermon on "The Christmas Story."

"Are You a Mason?"

This well known comedy drama is the bill for the Westholme Theatre tonight, tomorrow and a special matinee tomorrow afternoon. This is a play which any one can enjoy and the Josephine Deffy Company play it well. The humor is clean and rich and it brings a laugh even though you have seen it many times before. The sale of seats at all these performances is bound to be heavy. Get your seat reserved early.

Scottish League

Aberdeen 2, Dumbarton 3.
St. Mirren 1, Ardronians 4.
Ayr United 1, Hibernians 2.
Celtics 0, Motherwell 0.
Hearts 1, Clyde 0.
Dundee 0, Glasgow Rangers 2.
Falkirk 3, Queen's Park 2.
Hamilton A. 6, Kilmarnock 0.
Third Lanark 3, Morton 1.
Patrick Thistles 2, Raith Rovers 1.

In the replayed qualifying tie for the Scottish Cup Albion Rovers and Dundee Hibernians drew with one goal apiece.

Daughters of the Empire in St. Andrew's Society Hall on Friday, December 26th. Tickets on sale at Orme's. 300-303

THE POWER PROBLEM

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an elaborate exposition of the city power problem in all its aspects and phases. It makes a lot of reading but it is the duty of every citizen to read it and get acquainted with the facts and the figures in the issue. The mayor, the city officers and the representatives of the P. R. Hydro-Electric Company have gone to a lot of trouble in preparing this matter for proper presentation to the electors. It is up to every individual voter to digest these facts and decide the judgment. No question has ever been placed before the electors so thoroughly and so fairly. They should show their appreciation of it by making themselves acquainted with the facts.

LOCAL MEN ON THE TRAIL FOR GOLD

Whitehorse, Dec. 21.—Some excitement was caused in town when four outfits started for the diggings at Chisana. The party comprised Ginger Stewart, Engley, Kissick and Landes, with four Yukon sleds and twenty dogs all told. They were heavily loaded with prospectors' equipment and supplies and expected to only make a very short distance the first day. They will reach the diggings by the new year and expect to have an easy trip via Lake Klunene and Canyon City.

The trails are in excellent shape for the expedition, perhaps a little heavy in a few nearby places where the snow has drifted during the past few days, but judging from healthy conditions of men and dogs and the finest kind of winter weather for travelling they will make express time. With the departure of these outfits the commencement of a large influx of travellers who will come this way in preference to the other dangerous and uncertain routes.

Victor Victrola drawing this evening at 8 o'clock. The lucky number will be advertised. McRae Brothers. 302

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THE Prince-Rupert Hydro- Electric Co.

PROPOSED RATES

Comparison in Kilowatt Hours and Horse Power Years

Load factor	Total charge per k.w. hour	Total charge per h.p. year
(1) When the maximum demand for the month is 500 horse power or less.		
40 per cent.....	\$45.19.....	1.96 cts.
50 per cent.....	\$43.05.....	1.87 cts.
(2) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 500 horse power and is less than 1,000 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$33.69.....	1.46 cts.
50 per cent.....	31.55.....	1.37 cts.
(3) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 1,000 horse power and is less than 1,500 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$30.24.....	1.31 cts.
50 per cent.....	28.11.....	1.22 cts.
(4) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 1,500 horse power and is less than 2,000 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$26.79.....	1.16 cts.
50 per cent.....	24.66.....	1.07 cts.
(5) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 2,000 horse power and is less than 2,500 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$25.64.....	1.15 cts.
50 per cent.....	23.51.....	1.02 cts.
(6) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 2,500 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$22.19.....	0.96 cts.
50 per cent.....	20.06.....	0.87 cts.

NOTE

1 cent per kilowatt hour is equal to \$23.00 per horse power year (Hydro-Electric Commission of the Province of Ontario 1909 Report, page 127).

CANADIAN AND U. S. DIPLOMATIC GREETINGS

Appropriate Greetings Between Premier and Peace Committee

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The American committee appointed to celebrate the hundred years of peace between Canada and the United States has sent an appropriate message to Premier Borden, who replied in kind. The Premier said that the one hundred years of peace was the greatest victory the two nations ever won.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT PIONEER CLUB

Young Men Gave Christmas Tree for Scores of Kiddies—Dance for Older Ones

The young men resident at the Pioneer Club were gay and jolly hosts Christmas eve. From four o'clock to seven they gave a Christmas party for the kiddies, the invitations including scores of the little ones. There was an enormous Christmas tree laden with presents for the little ones and a real Santa Claus in a fur coat, white whiskers and sleigh bells to strip the tree. The little ones delight took expression in shouts of glee and their pleasure was both genuine and unbounded. Many jolly games were indulged in and the boys and girls had the time of their lives.

In the evening the parents and young people were guests at a dancing party.

A Bella Coola Auto

B. F. Jacobsen, one of British Columbia's real boosters and promoters, sends The Daily News Christmas greetings from "the beautiful valley." The card has a first class photo of a team of oxen hitched to a wagon built extra heavy to stand Provincial Government roads. Mr. Jacobsen claims this is one of Bella Coola's autos.

Who wants a modern seven room home cheap? I will sell for the price of the lot and will throw the house in. Look at this: Lot 9, Blk. 8, Sec. 6, Hays Cove Circle, \$3,000, all cash, or can arrange terms. Apply 103 Hays Cove Circle. 291tf

TRAGEDY OF XMAS TREE 70 PERSONS ARE DEAD

FOOL SHOUTED FIRE AT ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE LITTLE CHILDREN OF COPPER MINE STRIKERS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Calumet, Mich., Dec. 25.—A terrible tragedy took place here last night by which 70 persons lost their lives.

A Christmas tree entertainment was being held for the children of the copper mine strikers, and during the process of handing around the presents some one cried "fire." The cry was taken up and a stampede started for the door. The weaker ones were thrown on the floor, while those behind climbed over those ahead. Stairways and other avenues of egress were thus effectually blocked and those outside were unable to enter and render assistance.

There was some time before the panic subsided and when the dead were placed side by side there were 37 girls, 19 boys and 13 women. During the panic men and women stood around the building dazed at the sudden change from holiday festivities to tragedy.

REV. KERR RECEIVES CALL FROM NEW WESTMINSTER

POPULAR PASTOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WANTED FOR PULPIT IN SOUTHERN B. C.—NOT YET DECIDED

Rev. F. W. Kerr, M. A., the popular young minister of the Presbyterian church here, has received a call to New Westminster. The church asking his services is that recently vacated by Rev. Mr. Henderson, who has been placed in charge of the social service department. The church is one of the largest in the province, and that fact that Mr. Kerr has received this offer shows that he is regarded as one of the strongest men in the church.

Mr. Kerr came to Prince Rupert about three and a half years ago, just as he had completed a post graduate course on the continent. Previous to this he did service in Edmonton and Field. While Mr. Kerr has received this call it does not follow that he will go. One thing is certain that the Presbyterians of Prince Rupert will not surrender him without a struggle. Since coming to Prince Rupert he has made for himself a warm place in the hearts of his people and as a preacher it would be hard to secure his peer.

Mr. Kerr was seen with regard to this call but had nothing definite for publication. He is looking at the question from every possible point of view and his many friends trust that he will see his way clear to remain.

HAZELTON MINING DISTRICT WILL BE GREAT PRODUCER

R. F. TRIMBLE HAS GREAT FAITH IN HAZELTON MINES—THE WATER POWERS MAY BE USED FOR SMELTERS

R. F. Trimble, a well known mining man of Portland, Ore., was in the city yesterday. He was en route to New Hazelton, where he has a bond on the Ohio group of mines. They are being developed now and Mr. Trimble anticipates they are going to be big producers.

Mr. Trimble is the man who first bonded and developed the Rocher de Boule mine. His prediction on that property turned out to be correct, and he claims his present group is just as good. It has one vein of copper and another of silver lead.

"The Hazelton district will surely be a great high grade mineral producing country," said Mr. Trimble. "It should be every bit as good as the Boundary country. It is going to be a big thing for New Hazelton and Prince Rupert. If the Groundhog country contains a coking coal the probability is that smelters will be erected in the interior. The wonderful water powers in the vicinity of New Hazelton will also play an important part in the development of the mines."

"Electric smelting has been making big strides in the past year or two and I would not be surprised to see the water powers there used for smelters."

Mr. Trimble left this morning on the special for New Hazelton.

TORIES ARE DEMANDING WIDER WHEAT MARKET

CONSERVATIVE MEMBER IN MANITOBA WILL MAKE MOTION FOR REMOVAL OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON WHEAT

The following despatch will be interesting following the declaration of Premier Borden in New York that Canadians favored reciprocity with the States:

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—A significant motion will be made in the Manitoba legislature on January 6, 1914, according to the notice given by Harvey C. Simpson, Conservative member for Virden, today. The significance lies in that it comes from a member of the government, and advocates the removal of the countervailing duty on wheat, to give the farmers the benefit of the Underwood tariff. The motion recites:

"Whereas, the congress of the United States of America has by recent legislation reduced the duty on wheat and wheat products entering the U. S. A., and whereas, provision was made in said legislation for total removal of duty on such wheat entering the U. S. A. from any foreign country who would likewise remove such duty; and whereas, it is the opinion of this house that such removal of duty by the government of the Dominion of Canada from the U. S. A. would be beneficial to the agriculturists of Manitoba; therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this house, the parliament of Canada should enact such legislation as would give the farmers of Manitoba the benefit of the countervailing duty on wheat and wheat products as provided in the Underwood tariff."

The resolution is doubly significant following Hon. Robt. Rogers' Carman speech in which he stated that if the government found that free wheat would be in the interests of the people of Canada, then free wheat would be forthcoming.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION—HOLIDAY WEEK

WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 26-27

Matinee Saturday 3 p.m.

"Are You a Mason?"

Popular Prices - - - 25c., 35c., and 50c.

Reserved Seats at Orme's 3rd Ave. Drug Store

Doors Open, 8 p.m.

Curtain Rises, 8:30 p.m.