

IS CITY TO OWN LIGHTING PLANT?

Question Discussed at Council Meeting Last Night. Spirited Opposition. Resolution Carried Making Offer of \$96,000 for Plant.

In the matter of the City Council taking over the electric plant of the Charlottetown Light and Power Company at a meeting last night after considerable discussion of the question pro and con, the Council by a vote of four to three, with one member not voting, carried the following resolution, which was moved by Councillor McKenna and seconded by Councillor Walker.

Resolved that an offer be made to the Charlottetown Light and Power Company of \$96,000 for the plant, franchise and assets of the company, the offer to be on the basis of purchase free from debts and encumbrances; the reserve to be applied in reduction of the cost of new plant now being installed.

Strong opposition to the motion was offered by Councillors McLean, McNevein and Campbell. The situation when the matter came before the Council last night was this: A meeting of the shareholders of the company was then being held at which the question as to whether they should sell out or not was considered.

Although the City Council carried the motion to make an offer to the company for the purchase of their plant, the meeting of the company last night did not decide on the point whether or not they would sell. In fact, the meeting has been adjourned for a week. That is the position in which the matter at present stands.

When the above resolution was presented by Councillor McKenna, Councillor McLean immediately opposed it. He said that he did not think it was a fair way of finding out the minds of the ratepayers of the city in bringing the matter before them at a public meeting in the Market Hall.

Mr. McLean: It is the most unreasonable thing I have ever heard of in my life. The people should be consulted in a proper way before any action is taken. There are councillors interested in this company and I think it is only fair that they should not vote in the matter.

Mr. McNevein said that the city was not anxious to buy the plant. They were making an offer of \$96,000 for what? A plant that was out of date. If the city bought it it would have to spend another forty to fifty thousand dollars to make it up-to-date, and still a good part of it would be old.

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DINGOLA WINS THE 2.19 PACE

With Hilda S. a Close Second. Fastest Time 2.14.14.

(Special to the Guardian) HALIFAX, Sept. 8.—The much talked of 2.19 pace drew a big crowd to the track today. This race has been discussed in every hotel and almost every one conceded it to James K. Newbro, from his wonderful performance on Wednesday last when he stepped a mile in 2.14. Dingola's owner had the utmost confidence in his horse and showed it in a very tangible manner. In the first heat, Hilda drew the pole, Dingola second. Dingola went fast from the word, doing the first quarter in 32 seconds, the half in 1.05 1/2. Hilda raced right at his wheel throughout and made a strong fight for the heat.

Dingola is considered one of the fastest pacers in Canada. He was driven by Fred Cameron of Charlottetown who will race him in the pacing stake at Brockton, Mass.

Summary table for the 2.19 Pace race, listing names like Dingola (Cameron), Hilda S. (Conroy), James K. Newbro (Raymond), and Dominion D. (MacKinnon) with their respective times.

Summary table for the Free-for-All Pace race, listing names like Frank Patch (Adams), Spooney Boy (Carroll), Laura Merrill, and Vesta Boy (C.A. Automobile School) with their respective times.

DREDGE SANK NEAR RUSTICO

Word was received here yesterday of the sinking of dredge No. 1, owned by Mr. Bertrand of Toronto, while trying to make Rustico Harbor early Monday morning.

The dredge was engaged to work on the harbor, and on Saturday morning sailed from Souris, having coaled up and been prepared for the trip.

On Sunday evening a heavy gale came up which greatly increased during the night. About 12 o'clock the dredge sprang a leak. She had not been able to counter the gales and heavy seas that beat upon her.

So fierce was the wind and water that the tugboats were unable to make Rustico and had to turn back to Souris, where they arrived about noon yesterday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

One cent per word each insertion in this column. Cash must accompany order. Minimum charge twenty-five cents. Great Mock Court Trial at Opera House Monday September fifteenth under the direction of Col. A. V. Newton, of Worcester. A serious charge against a prominent citizen. 1389-9-6M31.

FIVE MINUTE INTERVIEWS

An Automobile School.

With a large and growing number of automobiles in use in the island, it is felt that there is a great need for some school where a knowledge of the intricacies of the mechanism of a motor car as well as of the handling and driving of them may be imparted. Such a school would be intended not only for those desirous of becoming qualified as chauffeurs but also for owner-drivers. The proposal for the establishment of the Y. M. C. A. To a Guardian representative Mr. Reilly yesterday stated: "The position as I see it is this: There are at present a large number of automobiles running here, and we have not a single man in this town who is thoroughly familiar with the construction and operation of an automobile. If any one of our men who own motor cars at the present time should be out of town for say five or ten miles, or even more, in their cars and the slightest thing should go wrong with their engines, they would have very little idea of where to look or what to do in order to get the trouble righted and their cars started again. The proper care of his machine is worth a good deal to any owner. Because he may put his engine out of business, so to speak, in a very simple way through not knowing just what to do, or just how properly to take care of it. This is as I see it, and I have spoken to some of the men who own cars here and they have seen it in exactly the same light. So I suggested the possibility of the Y. M. C. A. starting an automobile school for owners, chauffeurs and prospective owners, and any man who wants to know anything about the motor car. The course of instruction would be on the lines of lectures on the construction, transmission and operation of the different parts of the engine, and showing their relationship; also as regards driving and road lessons. My idea is to get a man from away, who has been thoroughly trained in every detail of motor construction, to lecture and to demonstrate. Thus we will have to get from some manufacturer an engine and chassis of a car for use in the class room so that when the instructor talks to the class he can show them the different parts of the machine, demonstrate to them how they can be taken apart, and re-assembled, and what happens when the parts are not rightly put together again. I have asked the Boston Y. M. C. A. Automobile School to find me a man capable of doing that work who may be available when we get the thing in shape at this end."

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Mr. Steeves, a boarder at the Queen Hotel, said he started out with Haynes for Maddin's camp some time before the murder. Haynes alighted before they got there and gave the witness a letter for Maddin. The latter gave witness twenty dollars for Haynes.

Mrs. Gibson, at whose house the prisoner ate, told of him having much money, a few days after the murder. Alex. Simpson, caretaker of the Y. M. C. A. said the accused was a great frequenter of that place. He used the telephone much. He received many calls. A woman called one day. Would not say who was speaking. He also told of the accused having much money shortly after the tragedy.

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GLASGOW PROFESSOR DEAD

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, Sept. 6.—Professor James Orr, who had occupied the chair of analogies and theology at the Theological College of the United Free Church of Scotland here since 1901, died today, aged 68.

SUMMERSIDE TOWN COUNCIL MEET

At the regular meeting of the Summerside Town Council last evening there were present Councillors Tanton, McNeill, Monkley, Silliphant and Lidstone. Councillor Tanton acted as chairman in the absence of the Mayor.

MURDER TRIAL AT SYDNEY

Crown Brings Forward Some Important Evidence. Trial Resumes To-morrow.

(Special to the Guardian) SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 8.—The preliminary hearing in the case of Frank Haynes of San Francisco, charged with the murder of B. S. Atkinson was resumed this afternoon, the crown having another array of witnesses summoned and some further evidence being heard closely upon the case was brought out.

The Supreme Court chamber, specially thrown open for the use of the case by the sheriff was packed as never before. Two thousand people packed the corridors, halls and chamber. The press, counsel and even the magistrate found it near to impossible to reach their places.

The proceedings were delayed half an hour and not until one man was arrested and the sheriff threatened to clear the court room was order prevailed. Women grew hysterical, men became excited and children cried.

The prisoner wore his usual bearing but seemed worried, the strain of the past few days apparently telling on him. Throughout, he took notes of the proceedings. He refused emphatically to have his picture taken. R. C. Goodwin, whose name was on the magazine found near the scene of the murder, said he subscribed to the Popper Magazine in Sydney at the same house as Haynes. The writing on the magazine was witness, but he did not know if the copy of the date of that in court were at home or not.

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SUIT THREATENED CITY COUNCIL

Lady Claims Damages for Broken Leg—Claim Referred to Recorder. Complaint by City Tradesman of Unfair Treatment.

The City Council of Charlottetown commended two samples, one of which was of a quality of hose which was on behalf of Mrs. Mary McEachern of the city who, it is alleged, recently sustained a severe injury through falling at the end of the concrete sidewalk along the west side of Rochford street, at what is known as Kemp's corner. At that time she was walking with the new patent, spiked sidewalk ends and falls away in such a manner as to form a draining conduit. It is alleged that Mrs. McEachern sustained the injury through this peculiar construction for which she now seeks compensation from the Council.

At the monthly meeting of the City Council last night, at which His Worship Mayor Lyons presided, and the complete number of councillors, His Honor the Recorder, and the Health Officer of the City, with the City Clerk, were present, the matter came up.

A letter was read from Messrs. Johnston and Imman, who wrote as Mrs. McEachern's legal advisers. Their communication stated: "We have been retained by Mrs. Mary J. McEachern, wife of E. H. McEachern of this city, to bring suit for damages against the city of Charlottetown for injuries sustained by her client at the crossing on the west side of Rochford street at the corner of Mr. Kemp's property. It seems that the city has recently constructed a concrete sidewalk along the western side of Rochford street, and at the crossing at Mr. Kemp's corner, the sidewalk has been so constructed that people passing along the street are liable to sustain very serious injuries. As our client was going along the street recently her foot got twisted in the gully or water course constructed at Mr. Kemp's corner, and as the result, she had her leg broken and was confined to her bed for a long time and suffered extreme pain. It seems that the city of Charlottetown is clearly liable for the damages sustained by Mrs. McEachern, as the place where she was injured is nothing more than a trap where people using the sidewalk are liable to sustain severe injuries. This is not a case of non-feasance on the part of the Corporation; it is a case of negligence owing to the improper construction of the sidewalk by the corporation, which renders it liable for damages. We would therefore request that a settlement of this claim be made forthwith, and if Your Worship and the City Council decide to contest the intended action, will you kindly let us have the name of an attorney who is authorized to accept service of a writ on behalf of the corporation?"

On the motion of Councillor Riley seconded by Councillor McNevein, it was decided that the matter should be referred to the Recorder for report to the Council on it.

Recently, the City Council in consequence of representations from the fire underwriters of the city decided to purchase an additional 500 feet of hose for the Fire Department. The City Clerk was instructed to make that purchase. Mr. Clark obtained several samples of hose and having finally made his selection laid the order for the particular kind of hose known as the Red Cross hose manufactured by a Canadian firm. With that selection Mr. J. J. McKinnon, tradesman of Queen street, from whom a sample of hose was obtained which was one of those rejected, finds fault. He wrote a letter to the Council which was considered at last night's meeting. In that letter he desired to call the attention of the Council "to what I consider a very unbusiness-like as well as unfair action on the part of the Fire Department Committee." He pointed out that the sample of hose which he submitted, the manufacture of the Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Company, would have cost the Council twenty cents a foot less than the hose which it was decided to purchase; that in 1909 the Council purchased 500 feet of that kind of hose which was still doing service in the Fire Department. He proceeded: "Why this committee, Councillors McKenna and Wright, should vote away \$500 of the citizens' money for an article which even the manufacturers by their guarantee do not claim to be any better than the hose which was offered for \$400, is beyond my comprehension, and I consider it as 'investigation' by the Mayor as the chief guardian of the people's money."

Mr. McKenna, chairman of the Fire Committee, explained that the purchase of the hose was in the hands of the City Clerk and that the Fire Committee had nothing whatever to do with it except that they were invited by Mr. Clark when the samples were in to assist him in the selection of the most suitable hose. The chief and assistant chief of the Fire Department were called in and examined the samples, and they recommended the purchase of the hose which was of a quality of hose which was on behalf of Mrs. Mary McEachern of the city who, it is alleged, recently sustained a severe injury through falling at the end of the concrete sidewalk along the west side of Rochford street, at what is known as Kemp's corner. At that time she was walking with the new patent, spiked sidewalk ends and falls away in such a manner as to form a draining conduit. It is alleged that Mrs. McEachern sustained the injury through this peculiar construction for which she now seeks compensation from the Council.

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Among the other communications that came before the meeting was one from Mr. W. S. Grant, manager of the P. E. I. Telephone Company, with respect to a complaint from the Council about the unsatisfactory working of the telephone fire alarm. Mr. Grant asked for more specific information with reference to the complaint. If any of the firemen complained that their bells did not ring, he wanted to know which were such firemen in order that the matter might be remedied, or if any of them had had any difficulty in sending in the alarm, he desired more detailed information as to when and what difficulty was experienced.

Another letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Hanna asking for some pecuniary assistance from the Council for some injury she had sustained was referred to the Recorder for his opinion. Mr. Stephen Brown wrote that owing to the fire escape going through the stall which he occupied in the Market, he considered that he was entitled to some rebate, and that he would agree to pay \$80 a year for the stall instead of \$100 which he pays now. This communication was referred to the Market Committee to deal with. It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Taylor that the city call for tenders for a street revolving screen and gasolene engine of sufficient power to operate it in sifting and grading gravel for city permanent works. Mr. Campbell said that the cost would be about \$700-\$850 for each appliance. The motion was carried. A number of accounts which had been certified by the Finance Committee and paid were confirmed, while another lot were confirmed for payment.

FISH CULTURISTS IN CONVENTION BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 8.—The men who commune with nature in the trout pools and on the gleaming rapids, and who know what the depths of the lakes and the ponds on the prairie contain—who can propagate fish in the sand hills and raise carp on green corn—these assembled in Boston today for the forty-third annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society. Governor Foss and Mayor Fitzgerald welcomed the members at the opening session this morning. For three days the society will discuss Atlantic salmon, the oyster industry, fish refuge and fish passes, recent progress in octacography, and a variety of kindred subjects. Nearly all the members of the fisheries society will take part in the annual meeting of the National Association of Fish and Game Commissioners, which will begin a three days' session here tomorrow. J. N. Aeklen of Tennessee will preside over the meeting. An important feature will be a public hearing on the killing of migratory birds by Dr. T. S. Palmer, acting chief of the United States Bureau of Biological Survey. The hearing will be relative to the proposed Federal regulations upon the killing of migratory birds. An opportunity will be given to sportsmen to state their views, particularly with reference to the new sunset and sunrise regulations. SKELTON OF MAMMAL ORRIS ISLAND, September, 6.—A petrified skeleton of a mammoth prehistoric animal, the skull alone six feet long and three feet high, was found on a farm near here.

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