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THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL. Powerful interests are working to induce the Legislature to emanulate or defeat the Bill now before that body asking that the City of Charlottetown be given power to erect and operate a lighting plant. And yet nothing can be more just than that the city shall receive the power it asks for. All over the civilized world, in Britain, the United States and Canada, the most enlightened Legislatures in the world have conferred

powers upon cities to control and operate not only the public lighting, but many other public utilities as well. We would strongly prefer that both the erection and operation of the new plant shall be vested in a commission, as in the case of water supply and sewerage, rather than under the direct control of the City Council. But that is a matter of detail, and a proper subject for amendment without in any way touching the principle of the measure. The proposal that the City shall be compelled to purchase the plant of the Light and Power Company at a valuation, or upon any terms at all is simply an outrageous one. Why should the City have its hands thus tied? It should be left free to buy or not to buy. This course, leaving the City free to make its own arrangements in that regard would be eminently just all around. It would not contravene any vested rights which the Light and Power Company now has. The Company has no vested rights in regard to lighting the streets. That is a matter of contract between the Company and the City. The Company has no monopoly and should have none with regard to the lighting of streets and dwellings. They sell gas or electric light at their own rates to any who may choose to buy. The Legislature is free to charter another company to-morrow to do the same, and such chartering would interfere with no vested right of the present Company.

The City is bigger and of more importance than any corporation within its limits. The rights of the entire body of citizens must not be sacrificed to the wishes or interests of a few shareholders in a company, however influential they may be. It is all-important that the bill shall become law during the present session of the Legislature. To defeat or postpone it would show that the Legislature was merely playing the game of the Light and Power Company against the City by placing the City practically at the mercy of the Company in regard to a renewal of the contract for street lighting, which is shortly to expire. If the City is to have a free hand and not be tied down it must now obtain the power which it asks. It is inconceivable that the Legislature should be controlled by any corporation and we do not believe that it will be. We shall return to the subject.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. Since the great city of Chicago has elected a Mayor pledged to the immediate taking over and operation by the city of the street railways within its bounds, the Mayor has called in the manager of the Glasgow street railway system as adviser. Glasgow affords an example of public ownership worked out along many lines and with signal success. It will be almost too much to hope that so complete and satisfactory results can be had for years to come in Chicago. The Scottish city during ten years or more of public ownership has elaborated the system with the most painstaking care. The street railway lines, or tramways, as they are called constitute but one of many branches of the public utilities which the city has taken over. Of the results in that field during ten years past the city of Glasgow has published the following summary: Fares - Reduced over 50 per cent. Service - Improved electric system replacing horse cars; more frequent and comfortable service. Wages - Increased in all grades 25 per cent. Hours - Reduced from twelve to nine or less a day, six days a week. Uniforms - Free. Extras - Five holidays with pay; bonus for freedom from accidents. Traffic - Increased from 54,000,000 to 188,000,000 in ten years. Price of suburban real estate - Enhanced. Public appreciation - Perfectly satisfied. Comparison - No city to compare with. Corruption - Unknown. During the year ending May 31, 1901, the Glasgow tramways carried close upon 180,000,000 passengers, the total receipts being \$3,021,250, and the working expenses \$1,784,100, or 49 per cent. The average fare per passenger was a fraction under two cents, which carried each passenger upwards of two miles, the single cent fare covered a distance of 58 miles, and the two cent fare 230 miles. Iron-On Tablets are for sale at the Apothecaries Hall. 7d 11.

Mr. Mathieson wished to know what regard if any was being taken to protect the vested rights. He was in favor of municipal ownership but pointed out that if vested capital were not protected the result would be a serious one. Hon. Mr. Hazzard said under the present bill the city might if they so wished purchase the present plant. Many were in favor of building a plant but nothing was put in the bill binding the city to negotiate with the Light & Power Co. Hon. Mr. Peters agreed with what the Leader of the Opposition had said. Something should be done to protect the vested interests. Money had been vested by the citizens and their money should be protected. Hon. Mr. Hughes said he had not been consulted in regard to this bill. He was not in favor of giving the power of management to the City Council. It should be managed by a Board of Commissioners. He thought a majority of the citizens were in favor of a commission being appointed and suggested that a meeting of citizens be held. Hon. Mr. Simpson thought the city should be given the preference asked for. If all due precaution were taken to protect money invested. Capt. Read spoke in favor of protecting the vested rights. He moved an amendment to the effect that the city be compelled to turn over the present plant at a valuation to be arranged by arbitration. Hon. Mr. Hazzard defended the bill as it now stands. The matter of giving the control to the Council could easily be changed by the citizens if they so wished. He quoted Winnipeg as an instance of successful municipal ownership, and contended that the bill should be passed as it stands. Mr. Mathieson urged further consideration at the present time and thought the power should not be given to the City Council but to Commissioners. Hon. Mr. Hughes urged that the power be not placed in the hands of the Council. He was in favor of protecting fully the vested interests. He again urged that the bill be held over for one day till a meeting of the citizens be held. Hon. Mr. Peters would never consent to placing the plant in the hands of the City Council. Hon. Mr. Hazzard said there was nothing in the world to show that the bill was not the wish of the citizens. He warmly refuted statements made by previous speakers, and showed if the bill were not passed this session the city would be placed in the hands of the company whose contract expires next summer. Dr. Warburton said if this bill was not passed this session every citizen would feel the pressure. He was in favor of much of what had been said. In order to settle the disputed points Progress was reported and leave asked to sit again. Mr. Mathieson stated that urgent business made it necessary that Mr. Morson and himself be absent for some days and he took the opportunity of expressing the approval of the Opposition in the fair and impartial conduct of the present session. For this reason, he felt all the more confident that justice would continue to be done by him. Bills to consolidate the debt of the Province, to incorporate Clinton Hall Co. were read a third time and passed. The House adjourned at one o'clock.

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