

**THE MORNING GUARDIAN**

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**MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.**

A Charlottetown correspondent writes the Glasgow Weekly Mail making inquiries about the relative advantages of city and company ownership of various public services, including water and light. The Mail answers that gas and water are now provided by the city at just half what they cost under the companies. And these services, were not what would be called dear in Charlottetown even under company management. Gas is now supplied in Glasgow at 50 cents per 1000 feet. That is less than a quarter of what consumers are charged here. Charlottetown consumers pay \$2.40 less 10 per cent discount. Water is abundantly supplied in Glasgow at a cost of ten cents on the pound rental. That is, a householder paying £30 in rent would pay \$3 for his year's water supply.

As to taxes on property there has been but a slight reduction since the adoption of civic ownership but the people receive a great deal more for their money than before besides getting the water and light at half the old prices. Street car service, for instance has been greatly improved and extended far beyond the city suburbs, with clean, comfortable cars and swift movement. The passenger pays about one cent a mile, or one third of the charge under the company system. All the streets of Glasgow are granite paved, no soft, muddy carriage ways anywhere. The city has now 15 parks as against three in 1880. Amusement is very high in Glasgow. There are magnificent art galleries, a people's palace, winter gardens, museums and large public halls all provided out of the rates. There are among the things,

according to the Mail that Glasgow has gained by owning and operating her own public utilities and services, and without any increase of taxation. These are the sort of possibilities upon which the people of Charlottetown are asked by certain interested persons to turn their backs, without inquiry or investigation.

It does not follow that all the advantages and benefits gained by Glasgow would follow the adoption of civic ownership in Charlottetown. Glasgow is a very large city, and Charlottetown is small. But we have coal very near at hand, and cheap water carriage. And it surely is not too much to hope that with a municipal lighting system there might be some saving in cost, and a great gain in efficiency and complete control which it would afford. The Light and Power Company has not been responsive to public needs. It has been mulcted, times without number, almost, for lights out, even under the lenient system we have adopted. It is the nature of all company monopolies to give the least public service for the highest price that can be exacted. Moreover our experience with civic ownership of water supply and sewerage has been, much more satisfactory than our experience with any company that has so far had control of any public utility in our midst.

Under these circumstances to make indecent haste, as has been proposed, to give the Light and Power Company a contract at increased rates two years in advance of the expiring of the existing contract would be a reckless proceeding that could not be defended on business principles. The people have taken alarm at the proposal, and we trust that it will be promptly rejected by the Council and with such emphasis that it may not be renewed. Should the proposal of the Light and Power Company be now entertained by the Council there would arise if necessary a strong deter-

mination to inquire into the relation of a past and present existing between the Company and the Councilors who were found to favor a proposal that is so clearly in the interest of the Company and so obviously against the best interests of the city.

**CHURCH CRISIS IN SCOTLAND.**

Scotland appears to be dazed by the recent decision of the House of Lords as to the property of the Free Church. When that body united with the United Presbyterian body in 1900 there were as usual some dissentients. There were 58 ministers of whom 24 survive, who refused to join in the union, and these were expelled and forbidden the use of Free Church buildings and funds. The dissentients appealed to the Scottish courts, but were refused redress. Their appeal to the House of Lords has succeeded. If the cable despatches tell truly the House of Lords decides that those who refused to enter the union were right and vests in them the estate of the Free Church before the union, that is the churches and manse and some \$10,000,000 in property and assets. It seems almost incredible that all this property can be handed over to 24 ministers and their small following, but the House of Lords is the court of last resort.

Montreal Witness sees in the decision the most stupendous confiscation since Henry VIII relieved the monks of their landed accumulations. It takes enormous property belonging to a national body and bestows it on a trifling remnant, incapable of using it for the purposes and uses for which it was contributed. Such is the effect of the House of Lords' decision. Of course this can only be set aside except by action of Parliament, but Parliament is all powerful and its aid will not be invoked to render substantial justice in the premises. In the end it seems probable that the dissentient minority will get their fair share of the property in question. It is inconceivable that they shall be permitted to retain the whole of it.

Palermo, in Sicily suffered for years from a monopoly in milling and baking. That is, a powerful company bought up all the mills and bakeries and raised the price of bread and macaroni. After suffering for years under this monopoly the city council of Palermo began last year to buy up grain and in March last established a mill and a bakery. In May another mill and two bakeries were acquired and the back of the monopoly was broken. The price of food was greatly reduced. This was a departure from the general principle of civic ownership, which does not, except in case of great necessity enter into competition with ordinary trade or manufacture. But competition of some sort must be maintained. Where traders and manufacturers compete with each other the social conditions are healthy. Private monopolies in things necessary for general use have always been found to be oppressive.

**A NEW CROP OF CORN.**

Isn't very hard to raise with tight boots. Best remedy is Putnam's Pain-Ex-Corn and Wart Extractor, which cures in one day. Refuse a substitute for Putnam's. It's the very best.

**ENTERTAINMENT AT PLEASANT VIEW.**

Pleasant View, Hampton, was the scene of a merry gathering on the night of Thursday last when the guests assembled in the gaily decorated parlors of the Hotel in ornate masquerade costume.

At the sound of the gong shadowy figures were seen flitting through the corridors to form a grand march which was a scene of beauty and loveliness illustrating costumes from the 17th century to the present day.

Serious music issued from the orchestra and dancing was indulged in.

**We are selling delicious ice cold well flavored soda these days.**

People who have tried our soda say it is the best to be had—we make it—its pure. We serve pure fruit flavors. Drop in when thirsty and try it.

**A. W. Reddin, Phm. B.**  
The Square Druggist.  
Sunnyside.

At a given signal masks were removed and great merriment was the result. Peals of laughter echoed through the room as friends recognized friends.

After the supper served in Mrs. Smith's usual elegant style, the parlors again presented a lively scene when a varied program of music and recitation was enjoyed. Some of the principal costumes were: The Hunchback of Notre Dame—Mr. F. P. Taylor.  
Latest Arrival—E. Thomas, N. Y.  
The White Nun—F. L. Taylor.  
The Dumpling—Miss Lois Taylor.  
Little Buttercup—Mrs. A. G. John on, Halifax.  
Leap Year Jack—Miss Hazel Taylor.  
Mouseton.  
Spanish Twins—Misses Helen and Adele Palmer.  
The Bird—Miss Hazel Taylor.  
John Ling—Webb Stanley.  
Samantha—Revelyan H. Taylor.  
Greek Girl—Miss Ella Sutherland.  
Two Gentlemen from Way Back—H. and C. T. Black, Boston.  
A Lady of Quality—Miss K. L. Stanley.  
Francis Willard—Miss Stevens, Moncton.  
Sweet Sixteen—G. M. Forre.  
Nothing R. N. T. Y. r. Montreal.  
Peggy from Paris—Mrs. H. Hu h.  
No. 10 Bay.  
Miss Doolley—Mrs. H. G. Reid.  
Woman in Black—Cap. Shaw, Boston.  
Snow Shoe—Mr. Rodolph, Somerville, Mass.

Never has Hampton seen as many season, with the guests from so many different places, each as sundown approaches has a suggestion to offer for the evening entertainment.

By all present the evening of the candy pull on the shore was regarded as an occasion to be remembered.

A large bonfire of driftwood was ignited and in the midst of the excitement the kettle of molasses was placed over the fire, while watching the boiling of the kettle, stories were told and college songs were sung.

Great was the excitement when all was disclosed ready for the final pull. During the process much mirth and enjoyment was indulged in and in the "wee sma' hours of the morning the guests wended their way back to the hotel.

McLellan's Vegetable Worm Syrup, the kind your mother used, the original and only worm syrup.

—Sons of Temperance. Remember the Meeting of Victoria Division, which is held on Monday evening. Visitors welcome.

68cts. buys a nice felt Hat at Weeks & Co's., worth from \$1.00 to \$1.45. About 40 hats—samples etc.,—to be cleared out. Weeks & Co., Hats & Caps.

We have just received two more loads of horse Wagon and Buggies and 100 sets Harness which we are offering at lowest prices to close them out. Call at our Show Rooms for bargains.—A. Horne & Co.

Buying a belt for a quarter is easy if you come here. Pretty black moire belt with buckle of gilt gun metal or black, only 25cts. Moore & McLeod.

**"It Pays to Buy at Perkins."**

**The Following Items are our Program for Saturday**

Short, concise paragraphs tell the story. We don't over-burden you with words. The following values and prices will tell the story.

**Specials in Hosiery**

- Ladies' Cashmere Stockings, polka dot, marked 30c for..... 25c
- Fine Cotton Stockings, fast black, special per pair..... 25c
- Ladies' Black Cotton Stockings, special per pair..... 12c
- Basket of Children's Stockings, special per pair..... 10c
- Basket of Girls' Stockings, special per pair..... 14c
- Ladies' Cashmere Stockings, special value per pair..... 25c
- Ladies' Cotton Hose, special price..... 18c

**Ladies' Vests**

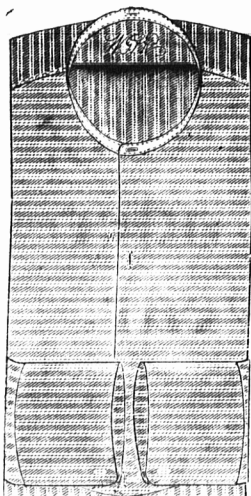
- Ladies' Vests, special line at..... 12c
- Ladies' Vests, special line at..... 16c
- 6 Cushion Tops, marked 60c each now..... 39c ea
- Special Ladies' Cotton Wrappers now..... \$1.25 ea
- 1 Piece Fancy Mercerized Lawn 29c now..... 15c yd
- 8 Pieces Fancy Dress Muslin at..... 8c yd
- All White Shirt Waists..... one third off
- One lot of Shirt Waists, white and colored..... half price

**Bargains For Men**

- Basket of Men's Summer Underwear per garment..... 25c
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- Basket of Children's Caps and Tams each..... 20c
- Basket of Men's and Boys Cloth Caps..... 25c
- Basket of Men's Linen Collars each..... 5c
- Basket of Good Strong Braces..... per pair 10c
- Basket of Men's Cotton Socks..... per pair 8c
- Latest Style Silk Bows for men..... each 20c
- 2 Silk Four-in-Hand Ties..... for 25c

**F. PERKINS & CO.,**

THE MILLINERY LEADERS,  
"SUNNYSIDE."



**Men's Negligee Shirts.**

We've just opened a superb collection of smart new, stylish Summer Shirts, from one of the best known shirt makers in the land. They are made, for the most part, of madras and percales, in handsome woven and printed patterns. Fronts are plain or plaid; cuffs are attached and detached. All the patterns are new. Not a Shirt in the lot is worth less than 75c and the values run way up to \$1.75.

It's a collection from which particular and tasteful men can choose with immense satisfaction. Nowhere will be found a wider variety of choice and handsome Shirts, than can be found right here now.

**Out of the Heat Into the Surf**

Whether you are going to the beach for a day or for a month, you should take along a Bathing Suit for looks and convenience—and if you are not particular about that, then for every sentiment of cleanliness and hygienic precaution.

Without your own Bathing Suit the fullest enjoyment of the dip is impossible. We have a superb variety of Suits for men and boys.

Jersey Cloth in solid blue or black—bordered or with stripes. Also alternating stripes. Men's sizes, 65c, 85c; Boys' sizes 10c to 65c.

**Prowse Bros.,**

The Good Furnishers.

**5 p. c. 20 Year Gold Bonds of The CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE Co.**

(ASSETS OVER \$27,000,000.00.)

for sale in lots to suit purchasers and on easy terms of payment. For particulars address

**W. K. ROGERS,**

Charlottetown, Manager P. E. I. Branch.

—TEACHER WANTED—For Cross Roads School, No. 155. Male preferred, \$25 supplement. Address, Alexander Kennedy, Sec'y, Southport, P. O. 6441 w11

—Regular Meeting of Victoria Division Sons of Temperance, this Monday evening. Initiation.

—Shorthand and Typewriting—Young man, young woman, your business education is not complete unless you have mastered these important branches. The demand for stenographers is daily increasing. Young men and young women proficient in these branches will not be long without employment, for the stenographer and typewriter have become necessities and those best qualified will get the pick of the best places. Finally, young ladies and gentlemen, secure a passport to success by attending the Summer School at the Union Commercial College. Wm. Moran, Principal, Offers Bld'g, Queen St.



**Whether You Ride or Walk**

for your pleasure, the satisfaction you receive from wearing garments that are as perfect as the art of the tailor can accomplish is a greater pleasure. Prove it for yourself by leaving your measure for a Summer suit at McLeod & Co. A perfect fit is guaranteed, the cut will be in the latest vogue, the fabric the finest of its kind, and the finish and workmanship unsurpassed.

**JOHN McLEOD & Co.**