

FIRE IN NAVAL DOCKYARD BRITISH VESSELS IN DANGER

(Special to The Daily News.)
Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 22.—A fierce fire was raging yesterday in the big naval dockyard here. It threatened the whole district. The blaze started in a sail loft alongside the Southwestern Railway jetty. It spread rapidly. A semaphore tower was used to signal the adjacent warships and buildings in the danger zone. All the available fire-fighting resources of the port and of the warships were called into requisition. Crews from the battleships in port all went to fight the conflagration. The battleship Queen Mary was in the fire zone and was towed to safety. At the time of this cable it was expected

the fire would be kept within a restricted area.

Later—The fire was extinguished Sunday. The damage was great, estimated at between \$250,000 and \$500,000. Two lives were lost. The dead men remained in the old signal tower calling for assistance until too late. This semaphore tower was destroyed. It was over a century old and in pre-telegraph days was used to signal warships. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was first seen from the battleship Queen Mary. Many valuable old records and models of warships were lost, including records relating to Nelson.

DERRICK HIT SCAFFOLD; MAN FELL INTO CHIMNEY

Cement Worker Dropped Fifty Feet in Big Chimney at Dry Dock Yesterday

George Parry, a cement worker at the dry dock, had a nasty fall yesterday. Today he is in the hospital with a fractured leg. Parry was working some fifty feet up on the inside of the big chimney being built at the dry dock. He was on scaffolding. The steam derrick in swinging around knocked the scaffolding and Parry fell to the ground. His left leg was broken just above the ankle. With the exception of some bruises he was otherwise uninjured. He was immediately removed to the hospital. Parry comes from Chicago, but has been working on cement construction here for some weeks.

FATHER DUNCAN DEPOSED BY U. S. GOVERNMENT

Well Known Missionary Says Colony on Which Life Work Was Spent Taken From Him

Rev. William Duncan, known to the north as Father Duncan, and a pioneer missionary among the Indians will be deposed, the United States Government having given orders that he be practically ousted from the Indian colony of New Metlakatlah, Alaska, the building up of which he has given his life work. Father Duncan is in his 84th year and for 57 years he has labored among the aborigines of the north. He was the first to preach the gospel to the Haidas of the Queen Charlotte Islands. Years ago he left British Columbia, taking with him a band of Tsimpsian Indians and founding the colony at New Metlakatlah. The Indians petitioned the government for an industrial school and the rights of citizenship. The government has ordered a government school at the Indian colony and this will supplant the old and respected missionary. General regret is felt throughout the north and an effort will be made to set aside the order.

Watching Mexico

Washington, Dec. 20.—British and American gunboats have been ordered to Tampico, where Mexican federalists and rebels have resumed fighting.

Toronto Varsity Won

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Toronto Varsity hockey team defeated the Argos by 11 goals to 3.

After the theatre. Palace Cafe, 2841f

SPECIAL ATTRACTION — HOLIDAY WEEK

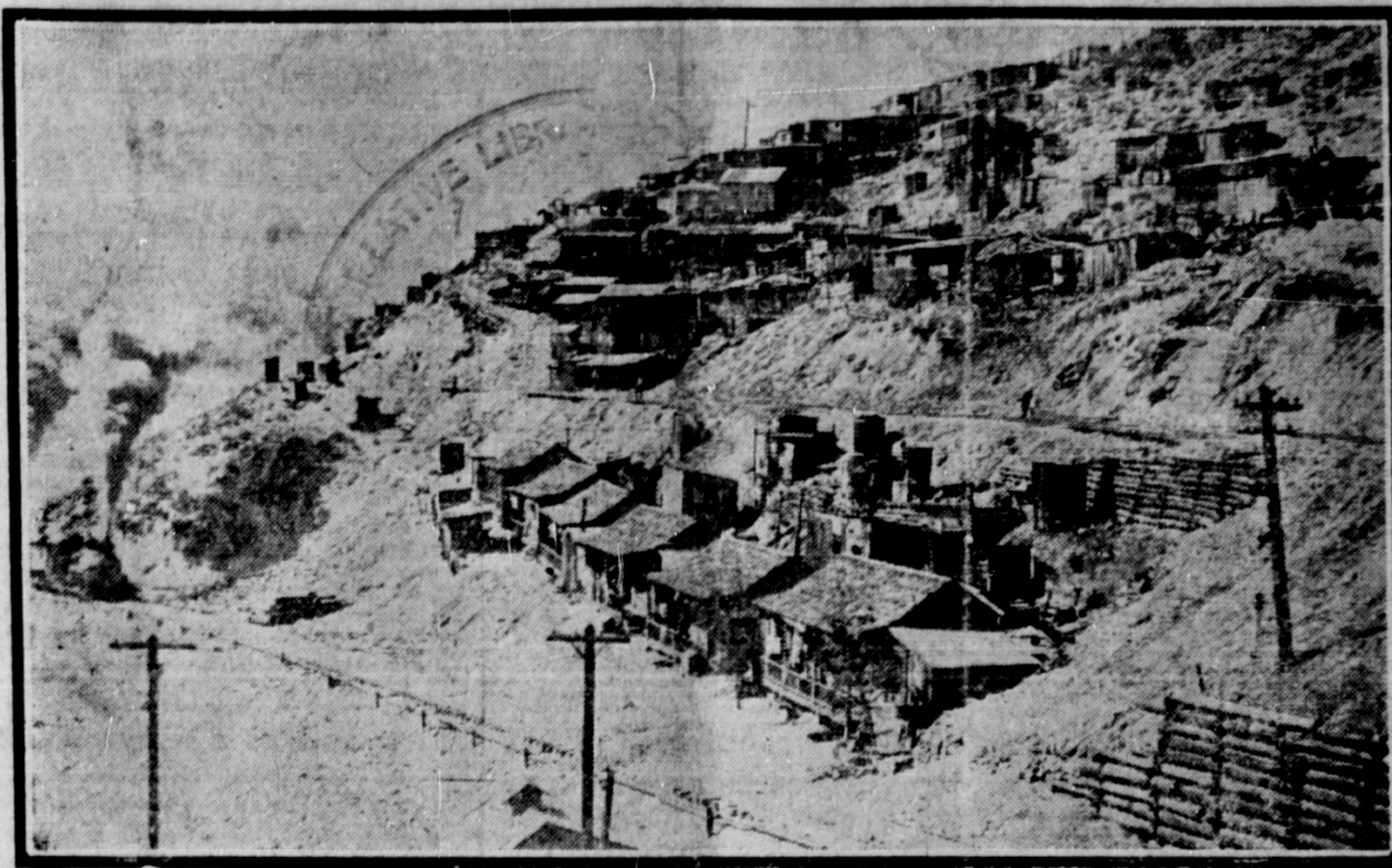
WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 23
the beautiful 3 act comedy drama

"Forget-Me-Not"

as played by Miss Rose Coughlan and her London company

Popular Prices - 25c., 35c., and 50c.
Reserved Seats at Orme's 3rd Ave. Drug Store
Curtain Rises, 8.30 p.m.
Doors Open, 8 p.m.



WHERE TWO CANADIANS WERE SHOT

Miners' shacks in Calmet, Mich., where George James and Henry James of Ontario, Canada, were shot dead by strikers who attacked lodging house where they lived and riddled them with bullets. The British residents of Michigan have demanded an investigation of the affair, and the incident may develop into international correspondence.

FOR GRANBY BAY TRADE

Ship Henry Villard Will Be Dis- mantled and Converted Into Copper Barge

In tow of the steam schooner John A. Hooper, the wooden ship Henry Villard has reached Seattle from San Francisco. She brought north a cargo comprising 5000 sacks of salt. The old windjammer was recently purchased at San Francisco by Captain James Griffith of Seattle. She is to be converted into a barge and operated between Puget Sound port and the copper mines at Granby Bay, B. C.

The Henry Villard was built at Bath, Me., in 1882, and was formerly a member of the famous Atlantic clipper ship fleet.

The barques Amy Turner and Gerard Tobey, which were recently purchased at San Francisco by Captain Griffith, will also be dismantled and operated to Granby Bay.

Holiday Travellers

The Prince Rupert left this morning with the last of the Christmas visitors. She had a good passenger list including 14 round trippers. Tickets from here were for: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McLeod and child, C. Harris, Ernest Fore, Louis Massey, B. Davis, B. Frizzell, Mr. Sutherland, D. L. Green, J. A. Higgins, W. J. Ledley, Mr. Howard, C. O. Wentworth, N. Demers, Mrs. V. W. Smith, D. Brown, J. D. Morrison, F. Brown, O. C. Benson, H. Calder, R. O. Brown, C. Peterson, Mrs. C. Peterson, E. Hamblet.

Thomas F. Longmuir Married

Mr. Longmuir, who left the city early in the fall on a visit to England, was married December 15 to Miss Dorothy Irene Buckridge, of Pembroke Gardens, London, W. Mr. Longmuir hopes to return to Prince Rupert with his wife in the spring and has the heartiest congratulations and good wishes of his Prince Rupert friends.

New Store Opened

Mr. W. W. Wrathall is a new acquisition to the local business fraternity. He is opening his new store today and has a large display of holiday goods. He has had the store formerly occupied by Douglas Sutherland fitted up expressly for his business. It is his intention to carry a large stock and sell at reasonable prices.

Ben Woodward Got Off

Ben Woodward, charged with store breaking and robbery, elected for speedy trial and appeared before Judge Young this morning. The evidence did not warrant a conviction and the case was dismissed.

Fred Aeorial, the Indian burglar, pleaded guilty to robbing the Inverness store. He will be sentenced this afternoon.

Basket Ball

Callies vs. Bankers, at the Auditorium tonight. Game called at 8.15 sharp. Admission 25c

Big Deficit This Year

According to a speech delivered by Hon. W. J. Bowser at Vancouver, the deficit for the present year in the provincial accounts will be \$7,500,000, making a total deficit of \$13,400,000 in two years.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Gifts to please the ladies.—Wallace's. 299

Frank McKinnon of Smithers is a visitor here.

Don't know what to get "her"? Come to Wallace's. 299

Ernie McKee of Terrace is a visitor in town.

Miss Sawle of New Hazelton is visiting relatives in the city.

There will be seven bylaws submitted to the property owners at the civic elections in January.

Mr. Man, bring your gift problems to us—our business is "to please the ladies." Wallace's. 11

Mrs. V. W. Smith came down from New Hazelton yesterday and left on this morning's boat for Camrose, Alta.

The Princess May came in early this afternoon on her northbound trip. She brought a lot of Christmas mail.

It's quite simple. Tell us how much you want to spend and we have hundreds of suggestions to offer and can deliver the goods. Wallace's. 299

C. Harris of the wireless station left this morning for Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays.

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

Mrs. (Dr.) McNeil, who left on a visit to England several weeks ago has been spending some time in London. Her many friends will be glad to hear that her health has considerably improved.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon F. Barnewall will regret to learn of the death of their infant daughter, Annie Selena, which took place yesterday at the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Mr. Barnewall is a popular member of the G. T. P. staff in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McLeod and child left this morning for Victoria. Mr. McLeod is studying law there in the offices of MacFarlane and Gordon. Mr. A. D. MacFarlane was formerly of Prince Rupert, and his many old friends here will be glad to learn that he has been very successful since opening his practise there.

CHANGE IN AGREEMENT

Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company Propose to Supply Sub-station at City Line

Mayor Pattullo is in receipt of a wire to the effect that an alteration has been made in the agreement with the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company, upon the request of the city. By the change the company agrees to deliver the power at the city line at 2300 volts, which will make it unnecessary for the city to erect a sub-station at a cost of \$15,000. There is also a loss of four per cent in stepping down the power which will be saved under the change, should the agreement be accepted.

While the change is not of great moment, it would mean some advantage to the city, and it was on this point that some opponents based their objections.

Caught With the Goods

Fred Aeorial, an Alaskan Indian, was caught on Friday by the provincial and city police with the goods on him. He was suspected of robbing the Inverness cannery store, and the officers found the goods under the bed in his room. There were silk handkerchiefs, Ingersoll watches, perfume, cigarettes and wearing apparel. Fred confessed to the crime. He is billed for a hearing this afternoon.

Good Trapping Season

The Indians of Masset and Skidegate have obtained this season over one hundred black bear skins, the same number of marten skins, and over fifty land otters. Through the failure of the fishing season the natives spent a great deal more of their time at the hunting grounds, and their returns from the sale of skins should be larger this year.

Sam Interdicted

Sam Pearce, the man who stole the apple, came up in court this morning and was discharged on that count, but the order was made in court that Sam be interdicted. He has been drinking too much.

Two overnight drunks contributed \$5 and costs each to the authorities this morning.

Daring Aviator

Fresno, Calif., Dec. 21.—Beachey, the daring aviator, has just had a close call in endeavoring to loop the loop. With both hands off the steering wheel he made the attempt, and just then the motor stopped. The bi-plane turned sideways and dropped 200 feet before he regained control.

Beatrice South Yesterday

The Princess Beatrice left for the south yesterday. She took quite a number of passengers, including a big list of holiday seekers from Granby Bay. The local passengers were: B. Goule, H. B. Rochester, W. Tuttle, D. M. McKay, E. Tessier, S. Harrison.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4.

PRINCE GEORGE AGROUND OFF VANCOUVER PORT

WENT ON SIWASH ROCK—PASSENGERS ALL TAKEN OFF ON
TUG—GEORGE GOT OFF WITH LITTLE DAMAGE

Southbound in a dense fog off Vancouver harbor, the steamer Prince George went aground near Siwash Rock on Saturday evening. She was running slowly at the time and the shock was not heavy. There was a little excitement among the passengers but this was soon quieted. The tug Salvor of Victoria went to the assistance of the disabled boat and took the passengers off.

At ten o'clock when the tide came up the George got off and proceeded to Victoria, where she will be overhauled.

Word to the G. T. P. officials is to the effect that she sustained very little damage.

The accident will interfere with the schedule of the G. T. P. steamers. The George was to have made two more trips before going into dry dock, but these have been cancelled. The Prince John, which was to have taken her place, is now being fitted as an oil burner and is not yet ready for commission.

There will probably be some disappointment over the non-arrival of Christmas mail and holiday visitors who would have been up on the Wednesday morning boat.

"Forget-Me-Not" Tonight

The Josephine Deffry Company begin the second week of their four-week engagement at the Westholme Opera House tonight with the strongest drama yet offered, entitled "Forget-Me-Not." All actors have a favorite role and the role of Forget-Me-Not is considered by Miss Deffry and her managers to be one of, if not the best of her many roles, giving her every opportunity for the display of the various emotions a woman is heir to, running the scale, as it does, from light frivolity to deep emotion. There is also in the play a splendid role for every member of the cast, as well as ample opportunities for elegant costuming, which are amply taken care of by the ladies of the company.

"Forget-Me-Not" will run Monday and Tuesday nights.

Has No Money

L. A. MacFarlane, who was ordered by the court to pay \$10,000 damages in the slander suit, was up again for examination on Saturday. Apparently he has no funds or property available. His city property, including a house and lot, was made over to his wife last July, upon her paying up the deferred payments and interest. He also has an interest in a prairie subdivision, but this only brings in a small sum occasionally.

Sleighs for boys, girls and babies. See our Flexible flyer. McRae Bros. 298-299

Fresh crabs. Palace Cafe, Sixth St. 2841f

PRINCE RUPERT HALIBUT REDUCES COST LIVING

Shipment of Frozen Fish Sent to England Meets With Popu- lar Reception

London, Dec. 16.—The first shipment of frozen halibut from the North Pacific waters of British Columbia has arrived at Grimsby in splendid condition. The eleven tons which it contained were heartily appreciated by traders, who are paying prohibitive prices for the halibut caught by the home trawlers. The halibut is sent across by the British Columbia Fisheries, of which Sir George Doughty, M. P. for Grimsby, is the chairman, and he promises regular consignments in future, which will be welcome, as the home supply is steadily growing less.

Methodist Christmas Services

A fine musical programme was given in the Methodist Church last evening. The programme was arranged by Mr. George Waddell and proved to be one of the best that has been rendered in this city. Miss M. Eason presided at the organ. The soloists were Mrs. J. E. Merryfield, Miss Kate Eason, Mrs. Hamblin, Miss Ethel Eason, Mr. Ted Ling, Mr. Claperton and Mr. J. L. Evans.

The monthly pay checks for the city hall staff will be issued before Christmas in order to allow the boys to interview Santa Claus.

A chance to win the \$106 Victoria with every dollar purchase at McKee Bros. Open evenings. 298-299

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).