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CITY RECEIVED OFFERS FOR POWER

CANADIAN NATIONAL JOINS WITH C.P.R. PEACE RAILWAY

Four Bids Are Made for Local Power Plant and Franchise and Opened by Council Last Night

Largest Sum Offered by American States Public Service Company of Los Angeles Which Will Pay \$400,000

The city council, in committee last night, opened four bids for the purchase of the municipal hydro-electric system, two of these being accompanied by bids for the telephone system. The tenders were very lengthy and complicated and there were a multitude of clauses, all of which it will be necessary to closely scrutinize before anything in the way of a definite decision can be arrived at. The submission of the tenders brought to a public conclusion surveys and negotiations which, in some cases, have been going on for months. Tabulation and analysis of the tenders showed the following figures:

Crompton, Parkinson Co., London, England, \$350,000 for hydro-electric system; \$50,000 for telephone.

A. E. Forbes, Rhineland, Wisconsin, \$385,000 for hydro-electric system.

American States Public Service Co., Los Angeles, \$400,000 for hydro-electric system; \$125,000 for telephone system.

Nesbitt, Thompson & Co., Montreal, \$375,000 for hydro-electric system.

G. S. Clark of Vancouver represented the American States Public Service Co. at the opening of the tenders, and H. E. Dawson and L. W. Patmore, Nesbitt & Thompson Co. The latter concern is reported to have recently bought out the International Electric Co. at Stewart.

Mayor McMordie explained that the city had not invited tenders for the telephone system and did not contemplate selling it.

The city council will meet in committee next Monday to decide what action to take.

Must Be Analyzed

The Nesbitt-Thompson tender includes a clause in which the company undertakes to provide the city, at the company's expense, with a modern ornamental lighting system throughout the business streets. It is possible that an analysis of the tender might as a result show the Nesbitt-Thompson tender to be actually better than that of the California company. This has, however, not been definitely determined as yet.

Mayor McMordie stated this morning that it was proposed to have the tenders analyzed by experts. This will have to be done before anything definite can be decided upon.

The basis of the power transaction is the sale of the hydro-electric plant and a twenty-five year franchise.

TO SEARCH FOR MISSING BOATS

KETCHIKAN, Nov. 26.—Alarmed at the failure of two revenue cutters to find any trace of 12 men, comprising two crews missing from the halibut boats Brunvol and Imperial, fishermen here with the co-operation of merchants and oil companies are outfitting the big halibut boat Senator, commanded by Chris Ross, to put out early today to assist in the search.

ARRESTS MADE ON GAMBLERS

VANCOUVER, Nov. 27.—One hundred and one persons were arrested in week-end raids on gambling houses and paid fines totalling \$2110 in police court.

SPOKE BEHALF OF DR. M'LEAN

VICTORIA, Nov. 27.—The expansion of overseas trade from Canada, imperial preference and pleas for confidence in the fiscal policy of the Mackenzie King administration, marked the speeches of three ministers of the Federal Government who spoke here last night in the interests of Dr. J. D. MacLean, Liberal candidate by-election. They were Mr. Robb, Malcolm and King.

LUMBER EXPORTS ARE ON INCREASE

OTTAWA, Nov. 27.—Exports of Canadian lumber increased sharply in October. The total was \$6,429,000 or nearly three quarters of a million greater than September.

ANXIETY FOR BOATS GREAT

Outlook for Safety of Brunvol and Imperial Dimishes as Time Passes

Though there is still hope that the vessels may have broken down and become crippled, tied up at some remote point in the north, the outlook for communication with the outside world by one of the two missing American halibut boats, Brunvol and Imperial, which have not been heard from for two weeks now, does not seem very reassuring. Local anxiety is felt particularly for the Brunvol, a member of the crew of which is Fred Lundquist, a well known Prince Rupert fisherman who is married and has a family.

Two cutters have been sent out from Ketchikan to search for the missing vessels, it is reported. Meanwhile, word of the fate of the two boats is being anxiously awaited. For the past week a boat arriving today from Seldovia reports, the weather has been good in the north. Around the closing of the halibut season, however, it had been stormy.

J. M. Morrison, local agent of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, expects to be advised at once anything is heard in northern ports of the two vessels.

PRICE OF WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Nov. 27.—Wheat was quoted on the exchange at \$1.19 1/4.

GAS SCHOONER SANK ON COAST

'Prince of Wales' Went Down 50 Miles South of Wrangell Yesterday

BREMERTON, Wash., Nov. 25.—A radio message picked up here last night said that the gas schooner Prince of Wales sunk in 23 fathoms of water off Heceta Island, 50 miles south of Wrangell, yesterday. The report indicated that the crew and mail were saved, but the boat and cargo were a total loss.

The vessel was of 98 tons gross and plys in the freight-mail run between Wrangell, Ketchikan and Sitka. She is owned by the Neill Transportation Company of Ketchikan, Alaska.

GERMAN HERO DEAD, AGED 65

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—Admiral Reinhard Scheer, who directed the German fleet at the Battle of Jutland on May 31, 1916, died here yesterday, aged 65.

Canadian National Will Take Half Interest in Peace River Railway

Probably a Subsidiary Company Will Be Formed, Controlled by Both Lines Jointly to Operate the line

A brief Canadian Press despatch came through on the wire this morning stating that the directors of the Canadian National Railway at their regular monthly meeting had decided to co-operate with the Canadian Pacific Railway in the purchase and joint operation of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and B. C. Railway, connecting the Peace River with the city of Edmonton.

The offer of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the Alberta government for the railway was accepted about two months ago and President Beatty of the railway company then announced that the C. N. R. would have an opportunity to take a half interest in the line if it was their wish to do so. Sir Henry Thornton was in Europe, so no decision could be arrived at just then. Now he is home and it is decided that the two railways will co-operate.

This is good news for Prince Rupert, because if the railways co-operate in regard to that section of the line there is a possibility they will also co-operate in making Prince Rupert a joint outlet for the Peace River.

It is expected that a new company will be formed subsidiary to both companies to operate the line

ADMIRAL KEYES IS PROMOTED

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, famed as commander of the operations against Zeebrugge and Ostend in April 1918, has been appointed commander in chief at Portsmouth, station of the navy.



MR. BALDWIN: British prime minister and Mrs. Baldwin and the mayor of Dudley at the opening of a new town hall, a war memorial.

CITY COUNCIL MAKES RULING

No Expenses to Be Incurred in Calling Witnesses at City Engineer's Investigation

When Ald. Brown enquired last night as to the powers of the commission in the matter of calling witnesses, the city council ruled that no expense was to be incurred in this connection at the investigation into the affairs of the city engineer's department although the chairman was given the authority to invite any expert witnesses whom Ald. Prudhomme, who made the complaints leading to the investigation, might ask for.

After Ald. Brown and Ald. Prudhomme had spoken on the matter, Mayor McMordie expressed the opinion that a mountain being made out of a mole hill. He had not anticipated the incurring of great expense in what, after all, appeared to be a trivial matter.

Ald. Collart agreed with the views of the mayor.

Ald. Prudhomme resented the mayor and Ald. Collart describing the matter as trivial. To him it seemed quite serious. If no witnesses were to be called, the investigation would be nothing but a farce.

Ald. Collart referred to expenses that had to be borne by Police Commissioner Fletcher in the recent police investigation at Vancouver. He saw no difference as far as Ald. Prudhomme was concerned in the present case.

Ald. Tinker moved that no extraordinary expenses be incurred in connection with the investigation. This was seconded by Ald. Greer and carried. It was agreed, however, that the chairman of the investigation should be empowered at least to invite such witnesses as Ald. Prudhomme should request.

The second session of the investigation will be held tonight.

Floods Follow Storm in Europe Causing Immense Damage both on Continent and Great Britain

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Floods today followed in the wake of a four-day gale which caused a loss of a score of vessels in western European waters, possibly a toll of a hundred lives. Police, soldiers and civilians are working frantically in Antwerp to repair broken dykes. City water and gas pipes were undermined and gave way. The suburbs of the city are flooded.

At Ostend, Belgium, water from the sea ran down the streets, flooding the ground floors of buildings. A number of Flanders villages were evacuated by the inhabitants as the sea rushed through a break in the dykes 20 yards wide.

Losses to Britain alone are estimated at more than a million pounds sterling, including damage to property, to ships and ferry boat service, and damage resulting from suspension of transport.

BUSINESS GOOD IN ALL CANADA

OTTAWA, Nov. 27.—In the last quarter of a year Canadian business continues to move at levels exceeding all previous records. Taking a hundred as the index for the corresponding month last year this year would show:

Employment 111, pig iron 245, steel 195, bank debits 122, car loadings 107, building permits 114, imports 120, exports 137, coke 138, coal 116.

CHARLES WALKER OF VICTORIA PASSES

VICTORIA, Nov. 27.—Charles Walker, resident of Victoria for 34 years, who prospected in Queen Charlotte Islands, West coast of Vancouver Island, Atlin and Lillooet, is dead aged 77. He was born in Herefordshire.

TEMPERATURE OF KING LOWER

LONDON, Nov. 27.—It was announced this morning that the King's temperature was somewhat lower, but conditions were otherwise unchanged. He spent a restful night. His stamina is undergoing a severe strain, owing to constant pain from pleurisy and consequent lack of rest and sleep. Although anxiety is not diminished variability of temperature and the persistence of pleurisy is regarded as normal and to be expected at this stage.

LINE EXPECTED TO BE CLEAR TONIGHT

This Afternoon's Train at Least Two Hours Late as Result of Derailment Near Usk

Railway officials stated this morning that it was expected to get the line between Salvas and Kwinitsa, following the train derailment on Sunday, clear some time tonight. Meanwhile, a transfer has again to be made today of passengers, mail etc. from train No. 5, due from the east at 3.30 this afternoon, and the stub train, being consequently sent out, will not be back here until after 5.30 this afternoon.