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Ratepayers Decide by Majority of 40 Votes to Sell Its Power Franchise to Canadian Company

Close Contest in Which the American States Public Service Co. Loses by Narrow Margin; People Keen to Sell

The count of votes in the city hall last night showed that the people had decided by a majority of 40 that the local power and light plant and a 25-year franchise be sold to the Power Corporation of Canada for the sum of $375,000. It was a very close vote, for the poll was a large one, and during the count it looked at one time as if the American States Public Service Company had won. They were leading the count by twenty votes. The vote at the end stood:

Power Corporation of Canada	415
American States Company	375
Spoiled ballots	9

The vote for selling was almost unanimous, a little over 6 percent of voters registering against the sale. The figures were:

For selling plant	737
Against selling	49
Spoilt ballots	10

Among those present at the count were H. E. Pawson, representing the Canadian company, and George S. Clark of Vancouver, representing the American Company. It is understood that Mr. Clark is leaving for the south this evening and Mr. Pawson will remain in the interests of his company in connection with securing the passage of the necessary by-law to implement the decision of the people and to draw up the agreement with the city. The by-law, it is understood, will be submitted at an early date, possibly at the same time as the civic election.

The campaign throughout has been an interesting one and carried out in a very friendly manner. While many people thought it should never have been submitted to the people, it is probable that the action taken was the wisest course as the people have now had their say and there can be no comeback.

The following table shows when most of the people voted:

Hour		Total
8 to 9	10	10
9 to 10	31	41
10 to 11	60	91
11 to 12 noon	53	144
12 to 12.30	36	180
12.30 to 1	32	212
1 to 2	88	300
2 to 3	100	400
3 to 4	89	489
4 to 5	67	556
5 to 5.30	74	630
5.30 to 6	21	651
6 to 7	95	746
7 to 8	56	802

CANADA SEEN INDIAN EYES

Brahmin Lady Reads Bliss Carman and Robert's Animal Stories

BRAMPTON, Dec. 21:—"I love to think of you in Canada as pioneers, establishing a beautiful new tradition," said Madame Sarojini Naidu, the high-born Brahmin, speaking on "India's Renaissance—India's Re-Birth" before the Women's Indian Club here. She added that one of India's great Mohammedan leaders was always quoting the Canadian constitution as a help in the solution of India's problems.

Madame Sarojini Naidu is the mother of four children and has struck a heavy blow at the evils of the caste system by marrying a man outside her own social border. She has written poetry of great beauty; been twice elected mayor of Bombay, and has been accorded the presidency of India's national congress. The distinguished visitor wore the lovely Indian Sarvi, cottage-woven silk, one of her ornaments being a curious thing made of pearly lion's claws, studded heavily with gold. Her wrap was an Indian shawl, woven of many hues, and she was bareheaded. Her knowledge of Canada was amazing, her interest in the Dominion profound. She longs, she says, to see Quebec, which has always spelt romance to her; was thrilled when told of the three great rivers that converge at Ottawa; has studied Bliss Carman's poetry, and said "we love Robert's animal stories," and proved by chance remarks, that she had followed our dramatic as well as our political development.

FREE TRADE WITH INDIES

ANTIGUA, British West Indies, Dec. 21:—Free trade between Canada and the British West Indies was advocated by speakers at a luncheon held aboard the Lady Nelson when the new Canadian National Steamer anchored at the port of Nevis. The vessel is bearing a large part of Canadian Government civic and steamship officials.

COUNTER CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—A writ was issued yesterday in the admiralty court on behalf of Fred Olsen & Co, of Norway, suing the S. S. Princess Adelaide for $30,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by the Hampholm in Wednesday's collision.

A counter claim for $60,000 will be filed today by the Canadian Pacific, it is announced.

MINERS TRAPPED

TOKIO Dec, 21:—Sixty three miners were trapped today by an explosion in Harutod Coal mine near Kushiro Yezo Island. Fire followed and the fate of the miners is undetermined.

NEW COUNCIL GREENVILLE

The election of councillors for the village of Greenville on the Naas River took place last week and resulted as follows:

Chief Councillor—Fred McKay.

Councillors — Johnson Russ, George Martin, Joe Clark, Silas Robinson, Sam Gray and Charles Leeson.

Municipal officers for the year 1929 were subsequently appointed.

PRICE OF WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21:—The price of wheat at the Vancouver exchange today was $1.18⅝.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Royal, Capt. Albert Rippon, is due in port at 7 o'clock tonight from the south

PROUD FATHER OF THIRTY CHILDREN

SYDNEY, N. S. Dec. 21:—The Stork called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hollingworth of Sydney Mines recently and left the fifteenth child which means that Mr. Hollingworth is the proud father of thirty children having had fifteen by a former marriage.

HIGH COSTS DIVORCE CASE

S. Robertson Orr Called Upon to Pay $2,615 As Co-Respondent

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21:—The costs which Rev. Samuel Robertson Orr as co-respondent must pay John Gordon Fleck were taxed by J. F. Mathers, registrar of the Supreme Court, at $2,615. The taxation followed Mr. Justice Morrison's order granting Mr. Fleck an absolute decree of divorce from Margaret Winifred Fleck and awarding him costs on the highest scale against Mr. Orr.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

(Courtesy of S. D. Johnson Co., Ltd.)

The following quotations were bid and asked.

Bayview, 4¼, 5.
B. C. Silver, 1.30, 1.35.
Beaver Silver, Nil, 17.
Big Missouri, 67½, 68.
Cork Province, 18½, 19.
Cotton Belt, 40, 48.
Dunwell, 15, Nil.
Duthie, Nil, 66½.
George Copper, 7.95, 8.00.
Georgia River, 29½, 30.
Golconda, 81, 82.
Grandview, 50, 52.
Independence, 9¾, 10.
Indian, 4½, Nil.
Inter. Coal & Coke, 34½, 35½.
Kootenay Florence, 20, 20¾.
Kootenay King, 29, 29¾.
Lakeview, 1⅛, 1¼.
Lucky Jim, Nil, 22.
Marmot Metals, 8, Nil.
Marmot Gold, 7½, 7¾.
Mohawk, 6¾, 7.
Morten Woolsey, 5¼, 5½.
National Silver, 16½, 17¼.
Noble Five, 50, 51.
Pend Oreille, 9.50, 9.55.
Porter Idaho, 66½, 70.
Premier, 2.17, 2.20.
Rufus Argenta, 25, 26.
Ruth Hope, 53½, 54.
Silver Crest, 8, 8¼.
Silverado, 75, 82.
Snowflake, 35, 35½.
Sunlock, 3.70, 3.90.
Terminus, 9½, 14.
Topley Richfield, 42, 44.
Toric, 2.50, 2.90.
Wellington, 17, 18½.
Whitewater, 1.15, 1.20.
Woodbine, 3½, 4.

Eastern Stock

Noranda, 62.00, Nil.

Oils

Fabyon, 5½, 6.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR LATE GOVERNOR

VICTORIA, Dec. 21:—The funeral of the late W. C. Nichol, tomorrow will be a full military one. He was honorary Colonel in the Scottish regiment here. Services are to be held in Christ Church Cathedral at 2:15. Interment will take place in the Royal Oak cemetery.

MORE BUSINESS WITH ORIENT

Quantities of Japanese Oranges Imported Here and Wheat Export Increase

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—Japanese oranges, so popular with young Canadians on Christmas morning, when they find their way down to the toe of a well-filled stocking, are being exported in almost as great quanties this year as last, in spite of the reduction of the crop by excessive rainfall throughout the whole of Japan, according to D. F. Ross, general agent of the Canadian National Railways at Yokohama, who is on a business visit to Canada. Many thousands of boxes are imported to Canada and an increasing number moves each year from Vancouver eastward over Canadian National Railway lines.

Imports of Canadian wheat to Japan are increasing rapidly, Mr. Ross says, but wheat is supplementing rice rather than replacing it. Most of the Canadian wheat flour used in the Orient is eaten in the form of an ingredient of meat balls, rather than as bread as the Occidental knows it.

The staff of the Canadian National offices at Yokohama is kept busy with the increasing traffic across the Pacific, states Mr. Ross, and preparations are being made by many steamship lines for further increases in the business which moves back and forth between the Canadian ports and those of the Orient.

KING STRONGER IS INDICATED

News of His Majesty Said to Be Satisfactory

LONDON, Dec. 21:—Today's bulletin from Buckingham Palace on the King brought satisfactory news in stating he had passed a restful night which is calculated to help build up his strength after the extreme exhaustion caused by his illness. The bulletin taken in light of yesterday's lengthy and guardedly optimistic report was feit to indicate that there was nothing appreciable to add to what on the whole was considered a favorable situation.

Some persons who have seen the Prince of Wales lately thought he bore signs of his nasty journey from Africa, or indication of the general strain, there is no reason to believe however, that apart from this the Prince was not in excellent health.

At 11:30 this morning the King's physicians issued the following bulletin:—"The King has had a restful night. There is no appreciable change to be noticed."

"His Majest had a quiet day. General condition shows a very slow though favorable course," said the 8:15 bulletin issued by the King's physicians.

WARNOCK IS OUT

VICTORIA, Dec. 21:—Recision of the appointment of David Warnock as deputy minister of agriculture was announced in today's B. C. Gazette.

London Street Sinking After Gas Explosion of Yesterday and 400 Families Move

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The little gas volcano which tore nearly a mile of streets in London's busy West End continued active today. Minor explosions were occurring, while flames spurted from roadways here and there. The flames were regarded as safety valves and allowed to burn themselves out.

About midnight there were signs that High Street was sinking. Police summoned occupants out of houses fearing they might collapse, and nobody was allowed to sleep in any house on the street. Some 400 families left High Street and the neighborhood.

The full extent of the damage underground has not yet been learned. It is thought likely it would be even greater than the surface indicated and it might be at least three months before the streets are fixed.

FIRE ON BOAT

Slight damage was done last night at 7 o'clock when fire of unascertained cause broke out upon the American halibut boat Jack which was recently bought by Capt. E. C. Tibbits. The fire department was called to Cow Bay and soon extinguished the blaze.

Thanks of American Company

To the Ratepayers of Prince Rupert:

May I, through the courtesy of The Daily News, extend to you my appreciation of the treatment received from you at the polls yesterday, on behalf of my clients, American States Public Service Company.

Needless to say, it is a disappointment to me, and will, indeed, be a disappointment to my clients, that we shall not have the privilege of serving you and doing for you the things we had contemplated.

To those of you in particular who cast your ballots in favor of my company, I extend my sincerest thanks. To those of you who voted against my company, I say I fully appreciate that your vote was cast in the honest belief that in so doing you were doing your best by your city.

In brief—you have chosen. It is the wish of myself, and I know will be the wish of my clients, that, having chosen, you will now endeavor to assist your chosen company in doing its utmost for you.

In conclusion, I desire to express my wish and confidence that 1929 and succeeding years will indeed be happy ones for your city, and I trust that the hope of those who invest so heavily in your city may be amply rewarded.

Sincerely Yours,

G. S. CLARK,

Solicitor for American States Public Service Company.

Million Dollars New Capital Is Provided Develop Duthie Mine

Wide Program of Work to Start Immediately and Mill Operations and Dividends to Stop For Few Months

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—Shareholders of the Duthie Mines were advised today that funds for development were being supplied by the Atlas Exploration Company and the Mines Issues Corporation of Toronto. To provide for the necessary financing the directors will at once increase the capital to $2,000,000 by the creation of a million new shares of $1 each which will be issued to the two eastern companies.

J. D. Duthie retains his full interest in the property and remains president. C. A. Banks has been appointed managing director.

A wide development program is planned to start immediately and during the work the mill operations will stop for probably three months and dividend payments cease temporarily.

Senator George P. Graham is president of the Atlas Exploration Company.

Major C. B. North, superintendent of the B. C. Silver, is at present at the Duthie mine on behalf of C. A. Banks making arrangements for operations under the new company. There has been great excitement at Smithers over the deal and there is considerable gratification there over the fact that the Duthie interests, who have already made the mine one of the outstanding properties in the north, are to continue to be identified with it.

DAD SELF GOES ON LONG TRAIL

Pioneer of West and Resident of Prince Rupert for 18 Years Expires in Oklahoma

Many friends in this city, where deceased had been a resident since 1910, becoming widely known and very popular, will regret to learn of the death, which occurred yesterday at the home of his daughter in Centrahoma, Akla., of Joseph Joshua (Dad) Self, father of Ben Self of Prince Rupert. Mr. Self passed away, following an illness of considerable length, on the seventy-ninth anniversary of his birth. Only a few weeks ago, the condition of health made it advisable for him to go south.

The late Mr. Self lived in Prince Rupert for 18 years, with the exception of a few occasions when he went away on visits. His hale and hearty manner and kindly disposition endeared him to a great number of friends. He was a real pioneer of the west, and, in the days before the advent of the railways, he freighted for years from Kansas City into the western states. Once he was captured by hostile Indians and was held prisoner by the natives, who looted the pack train of which he was in charge. A lover of the outdoors and a man of great energy, he had known hardly a day's illness and never consulted a doctor until his final illness. Several months ago, he fell ill and for a time, before going to Oklahoma, was a patient in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Besides Mr. Self of this city, he leaves three sons—Joseph, John and Charles Self, all resident in Oklahoma — and one daughter—Mrs. Arthur Payte—at whose home he expired. The funeral will take place at Centrahoma. The sympathy of the community will go out to the local son in his bereavement.

C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. D. Donald, is due in port at 4:15 this afternoon from Stewart, Anyox and Ketchikan and will sail at 6 p.m. for Ocean Falls, Powell River and Vancouver with a large crowd of people from city and district going south for the Christmas holidays.

NO REDUCTION MEAT RATES ON RAILWAY

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The board of railway commissioners in a unanimous judgment today dismissed the application for readjustment of the rates on fresh meats, packing house products, hides and livestock from western Canada points to Vancouver and also to points east and south for domestic consumption and export.

UNTERMEYER APPEAL FAILS

OTTAWA, Dec. 21. — The appeal of the estate of Isaac Untermeyer, against the attorney-general of British Columbia was dismissed with costs in the supreme court of Canada today.

Untermeyer, who was domiciled in New York, left an estate valued by the executors at $1,555,000, while the province valued it at $1,868,000. His estate in British Columbia consisted of 320,000 shares in Premier Gold Mines, Ltd.

FLU INVADES ALASKA VILLAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Of a total population of 450 at Hoodah, Alaska, the coastguard cutter Unalga reports that there are 424 cases of influenza. There is but one doctor, one nurse and one teacher to care for the sufferers.

The Unalga said she was visiting the outlying communities in Alaska rendering aid to influenza victims. Yesterday she was off False Bay in Chatham Strait, planning to proceed to Tanakee.

James Thompson, of the Thompson Hardware Co., who has been confined to his home for the last two or three days os account of sickness is better today although he has not yet returned to work. Mr. Wright is taking his place in the store.