

LETTERBOX

POWER QUESTION

Editor,
Daily News,
Re articles: "Who Will Supply the Power?"

After reading reports of council meetings I still don't know how the plebiscite will be worded.

As far as I can see, we are asked if we want the Power Commission, not: "Are you in favor of continuing with the present Northern B. C. Power Company?" or "Are you in favor of asking the B. C. Power Commission to take over and supply us with electric energy?"

Are we still a democracy, or do some aldermen think dictators have the best system and give their voters no choice?

Will this be taxpayers only or will all voters have a vote on this issue?

After the Government's past performance with the Liquor Control Board and B. C. Hospital Insurance, I am really afraid to give them another chance to prove their lack of business ability and utter disregard of the public once they have the authority to go ahead. If my memory serves me correctly, the Power Commission's representative (Mr. Weston) told the council, after a complete survey, that the Commission had not been able to supply power at as low a rate as that charged by the Northern B. C. Power Company and this still exists as shown by recent comparisons.

Are there any here who think the elements will deal less se-

verely with the Power Commission than with the Northern B. C. Power Company or does the Power Commission have special men who can meet an emergency any better? Certainly from what we read of what occurs elsewhere where the Power Commission operates, it has difficulties equally as great as those which may occur here.

I can't see the Government spending a million dollars to improve the service without strong pressure from big business. Do any think if they took this over that they would put up large sums of money to develop this power, even if they found a new method of putting another tax on the long suffering public? If, as they have already intimated, they cannot give as cheap a service, why stick our necks out and ask for a more costly service?

I have been a property holder and user of utilities for over 30 years.

I would not like to jump out of the frying-pan into the fire. Before being asked to vote on this I think we should be assured that we won't be worse off than before.

UNENLIGHTENED.

KRUEGER'S STAND

Editor,
Daily News,

I voted against the bylaw which will submit the following referendum to the electors at the elections to be held on December 13: "Are you in favor of requesting the B. C. Power Com-

mission, at the expiration of the present franchise now held by the Northern British Columbia Power Co. Ltd., to supply power to the city of Prince Rupert, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon by the council and the said Commission and approved by the electors?"—not because I favor the Northern B. C. Power Co. or that I disapprove of the B. C. Power Commission, but for the following reasons:

1. In the first place, when the city is seeking a tender it should not be put in the position of considering one tender only as this referendum seeks to do. It would be better that negotiations from any other company or companies be instituted during the same interval so that the city would be in a position to maintain its bargaining rights throughout the negotiating period. When negotiations have been completed with all parties concerned, then the results of these negotiations should be submitted to the electors for their consideration and study. Only when this has been done can they be in a position to intelligently judge whether they favor that the B. C. Power Commission supply them with power or not.

2. Should the council and the B. C. Power Commission arrive at a mutual agreement and this agreement subsequently be not approved by the electors, the city would then be placed in the embarrassing position of having to open negotiations with the Northern B. C. Power Co. or any other company. These same companies, knowing what had transpired previously from the negotiations with the B. C. Power Commission, could profit from that experience and capitalize on it, and the city would be compelled to deal with them on their terms, not ours.

Therefore, it is my firm belief that if negotiations could be kept on a competitive level, the city would be in a more advantageous position to secure a better deal, either through the B. C. Power Commission or any other private concern.

ALD. MICHAEL KRUEGER.

Editor,
Daily News:

Thank you for printing my letter but very sorry that you did not put in the truth I wrote regarding our own people refusing to receive the Gospel, and also regarding looking up the Scripture references on drink.

I would appreciate it very much though if you would put in a correction. Where I referred to the merchants commercializing Christmas, you omitted Christmas, making my statement without sense or reason. I trust you will do this as it has been brought to my attention by more than one who read it.

A. THOMSON.

(Mr. Thomson's original letter had to be cut down in the interest of brevity.—Ed.)

FEARS PLAGUE FROM RATS

Editor,
Daily News:

The failure of the local authorities to deal effectively with the rat menace at the city dump fills me with disgust and alarm. It is now two years since, under the presidency of Martin Stuart, a strong letter was sent to the council drawing attention to the rat menace at the dump and urging action. As far as I can gather, nothing has been done so the ratpayers are at the mercy of a rat plague that is carried by rats.

We read in history of the Great Plague of London and the wholesale decimation of the population. At the time the

plague was attributed to God's anger and a punishment for sins of the people.

Now we know that lack of sanitation and failure of authorities to provide such services as flies, fleas and which infiltrated into the houses. The people emptied refuse outside into the streets at first with the plague, and was so deaths spread and deposited the bodies in the ditches.

Then the people were ignorant of what contamination and crobes meant. Today, however, we have no such excuse as we are on the part of the authorities and residents to take precautions to safeguard the people is criminal.

I know there are means available which would ensure elimination of the rat menace. The authorities would act on their pledges and honor obligations.

It will be too late when plague starts. Remember, prevention is better than cure. We feel sure that the council was made aware of the danger.

If there is a mass movement for rectification, the authorities would have to act immediately.

W. D. GRIFFITHS

Glazed Streets Present Danger

Early this morning many people driving or walking had a chance of sliding cars, and control, as well as experienced severe falls were ever present but later in the day, conditions became much better. A light frost had followed during the night.



CANADIANS IN PARIS—The Canadian delegate and advisers at the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris listen to an address during a session. From right to left, in front row, are: External Affairs Minister Pearson, pencil in hand; T. A. Stone, Canadian minister to Sweden; Senator J. R. Hurtubise; Mrs. R. J. Marshall of Toronto and Maurice Bourget, Liberal MP for Levis. The other two men are from the Chilean delegation. Second row, left to right, J. F. Parkinson of Finance Department; R. M. Macdonell, minister at the Canadian Embassy in Paris, and D. M. Johnson, permanent Canadian delegate to the U.N. This is a United Nations photo. (CP PHOTO)

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Shoulder LB. **58c**

Chops LB. **59c**

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