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## Attitude of Council Losing People Money on Light Bills

Until the Franchise is Arranged People Will Have to Pay Higher Rates Than Necessary. Power Co. Ready to Make Agreement, but New Council Has Held the Matter Up. This Attitude is Costing the People Much Money.

that had taken over the Northern who think that it is not fair to keep Ontario Light & Power Co. made it the people paying higher light and perfectly plain that after a thorough power rates than necessary. From survey of the field, the institution of one of these the rates offered by improvements to the plant, and a the company were obtained. careful study of costs, they were prepared to institute lower light and rate would be:power rates of their own violition, as well as to materially improve the service. In March The Advance had an interview with the manager of the new company, the Porcupine Power & Telephone Company, and this newspaper was impressed with the very evident desire of the company to give the very best possible service at the a reduction of over 38 per cent. lowest possible rates. The company was very clearly in so reasonable and the new franchise.

fact that the old council, under the greement. The new council, however, lover. has acted as if it did. not want to make an agreement with the company. Instead, time has been wasted with the Hydro Electric experts. At the present minute it seems to be a foregone conclusion that the town is not month. in financial condition to run a power business of its own. The experience as follows:-100 watt or less, \$16.60 of Cochrane should be enough to per year, including renewals of lights; settle that point. On the other hand if town renews lights, a reduction of the Hydro Electric Commission has 10 per cent. will be made. 200 watt repeatedly refused to consider enter- lights, \$30.00 per year; 300 watts, ing this field. Any recommendations \$40.00 per year. It may be noted in made by the Hydro Electric Commis- passing that the big lights put in sion are consequently greatly dis- some months ago at the corner of counted. It is not fair for the Com- Pine and Fourth avenue were inmission to suggest low rates as apply- stalled and given free of charge to the ing to others, while at the same time town. the Commission itself will not take up the business here at ANY very patient with the new council in rate.

not possible here. To pretend other- more for light and power than is wise seems to be unfair. But at the necessary. It is high time that the same time it is equally apparent that Council showed that they are going some reduction of rates would be to do something, instead of continutimely. The company is ready, and ing the present policy of secret seehas been ready for some months, to sawing and jockeying for position so give reduced rates. What the people as to appear big fellows. The public have lost by the delay in the submit- have them sized up. What the public ting of the franchise to the vote of wants is action. There does not seem the people, the users of light and power can charge against the new proached in the proper way the light council. For months the people have been paying more for light and power than was necessary. A reduction of from eleven per cent. to 40 per cent. on lighting is something well worth having. Through the attitude of the council it would appear that the people have lost this material reduction for several months now.

inclined to believe that the delay in gramme with bridge, five hundred and dealing with the franchise is due to euchre, under the auspices of the some clever idea in the minds of some Ladies of Charity, Timmins, in the of the council that the matter may R. C. church parish hall, commencbe turned later to some sort of poli- ing at 8.15 p.m. Refreshments will tical advantage. It may be good be served, and all will be pleased with politics but it is poor business. Why the musical programme. should the people be paying month by month at a higher rate, when a reduced rate could have been secured to go into effect in June. The extra amount paid by the people is gone now. It will not be refunded. The story that the company would make the rate effective from June 1st, The Advance understands, is without any foundation. The new rate will go into effect when the new franchise is taken up. In the meantime the people are losing the benefit of the lower rates. It is all right for the power company, and the council may think it is all right, but it is a serious loss to the people. Any buncombe later will be offset by the knowledge that the people have had to pay for the

The company is reticent in the matunder advisement by the council EGYPT.
There are, however, some of the coun-There are, however, some of the coun- DOUGLAS & CO MANUFACTURERS, NAPANEF, ONL

Six months ago the new company cillors who believe in a fair deal and

For lighting, the proposed new net

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a reduction of 20 per cent. For the next 200 k.w., 6.4 cents,a reduction of nearly 30 per cent.

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Reductions not to be sneezed at. In any event, a council that wished to earnest a frame of mind that it was have the confidence of the people, and felt that the new council would have regarded the opinion of the people, no difficulty in securing an advant- would be ready to allow the people to ageous agreement in connection with express their opinion by ballot, in view of the fact that the company No reasonable person will doubt the would pay the cost of the voting.

For heating and cooking, especially same circumstances, would have been favourable rates are offered-3 cents able to secure a very satisfactory a- for the first 200, and 2 cents for all

> For water heaters a flat rate of \$4.00 per month per k.w. is submitted. Signs and windows come under a new special rate of 1c per watt per

Street lighting rates submitted are

The people in general have been regard to the delay in settling the It should surely be apparent that franchise matter, but it is absurd to the rates available in the South are expect the people to keep on paying confirmed and 323 communicants took to be the slightest doubt but that apand power question could be settled satisfactorily. Indeed, the common opinion is that it could have been so settled months ago, had the new council thought of nothing but the interests of the town.

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onee, is back from an extended visit to the eastern and northwestern part of his diocese. He covered 1000 miles by canoe and 750 miles by steamer and gasoline boats on James and Hudson Bays. The Cochrane Northland Post last week refers to Bishop Anderson's report of his trip. According to The Post, he reports that he found general conditions among the Indians and Esquimos fair, and that while they still confine themselves to hunting and trapping, they are gradually changing their outlook on life, which is manifested by a little better support of the church all through.

ially changed for the better. Caribou are coming back after having disappeared for a while along the coast, BUILT EIGHT RAFTS BUT white whale are plentiful and generally things have improved.

"The Bishop left Cochrane on May 28th for Senneterre, going down the Belle river to Washwanipi, where he spent five days in church work, having 16 confirmations and 52 communicants. From there he went by the Washwanipi river to Mistassini, consecrated a cemetery there and The Indians of this charge contributvoluntary contributions.

"The next trip was to Naoskwasstination, making total confirmations along in stolid Scandinavian comfort. in that charge 7, baptisms 8 and 23 communicants. From here canoe was raft was discharged, the sleigh and taken to Namiska, meaning "where the packs toted across to the other fish are plentiful," where 12 were end and a new raft built. Loading baptized, 11 confirmed and 40 com- up as before, they continued their temunicants were present. The contributions at this place were \$44.00, with the promise that the amount would be made up to \$50.00.

"Fom here the trip went down the Rupert river to Rupert House on James Bay, where 6 were baptized, 20 confirmed and 153 communicants gathered. The contributions at this place came to \$161.25.

"At this place Inspector George of the Revillon Forces post placed a gasoline boat at the disposal of Bishop Anderson and the trip was continued to East Main, where 4 were baptized, 19 confirmed and 78 communicants took part. He also ordained Mr. Morrow from deacon to the priesthood.

"The trip was continued along the shore in the gasoline boat to Fort George, where 17 were baptized, 99 was taken in.

"From Fort George the trip was continued on the Hudson Bay Co. freighter "Jacques" to Whale River, where 8 were baptized and 39 confirmed, of whom 21 were Eskimos and 94 communicants took part.

"The return trip from Whale River to Charlton Island was made in the Hudson Bay steamer "Fort Churchill," where the new Hudson Bay steamer "Bayrupert," having just



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come across from the Clyde, was dis- | POSTMASTER AT NORTH charging cargo, and the trip was continued to Moose, from where the bishop took canoe to the foot of the Grand Canyon on the Abitibi, and Tuesday of this week says:from there tramped the portage of 49 'Postmaster William McDonald miles to the terminus of the T.& N.O. died suddenly as a result of the third extension at mileage 68; but owing to stroke without a year, in his office at work trains being farther down the the North Bay post office Tuesday line and no speeder available, the afternoon of this week. Three doctramp had to be continued to mileage | tors were immediately summoned as Bishop Anderson, Bishop of Moos- 61, from where the Bishop came by soon as Mr. McDonald had taken ill speeder to Clute and motored into but every effort to revive him failed. town, having been away on his trip Father J. J. O'Leary was in attendjust a day over three months."

#### C.N.R. TO CARRY DOGS AS EXCESS BAGGAGE HEREAFTER

Cyril Young has made the announcement that hereafter dog teams will be covered. About two weeks ago he carried on the Canadian National was striken with another stroke Lines as excess baggage. The T. & which was at first thought to have N. O. did this last winter, following representations by the Timmins Board of Trade. The plan would have from the effects of this to be able to proved of great advantage to the return to the office. The deceased prospectors in connection with the was a pioneer of the city, coming "On the coast the Indians suffered rush into Red Lake, had it not been considerably last spring from a flu for the action of the C. N. R. in reepidemic which took a heavy toll, but fusing to lend this assistance to the the general health is now greatly im- prospectors. However, if the C. N. last quarter of a century. Mr. Mcproved and in the interior conditions R. has now adopted the plan, there Donald was widely known in North are still better," continues the Bis- will be very great benefit as a conhop's story as given by The Post. | sequence to the prospectors going to "Then the food question has mater- the various camps in the North Land.

### GOT THERE JUST THE SAME

A prospector recently returned from Red Lake is credited by The Toronto Star with the following:-

"Yessir, there are laughs on the trail as well as hard work. Going in | on the winter trail we saw some queer outfits pulled by men, and two hand where he baptized 19, confirmed 22 made sleighs pulled by men, and two and had 90 communicants. He also or three toboggans hitched tandem and pulled by a horse; but the funniordained a catechizer to the deaconate est thing I saw was on Trout Lake on the way to the Woman Lake area. ed \$197.35 to the church, made up by Here we passed two burly Swedes who were without a canoe. Not to be left out of the race to fortune they kow, meaning birch point, and on the had built a raft out of green jack pine way four canoes from that place were logs. On top of this they placed met and the Bishop spent a day with their sleigh and dunnage, and sitting the Indians in camp, where 5 were themselves upon the sled, which was confirmed before going on to his de- fitted up with rough oars, they rowed

"When a portage was reached the

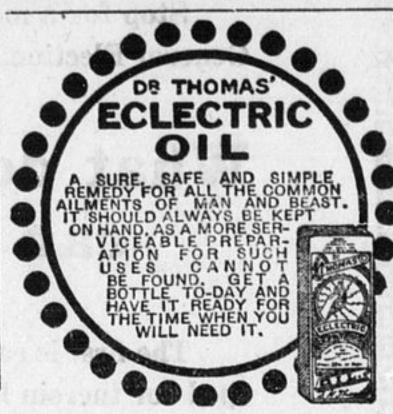
dious journey to the next portage. "The funny part about it was," added the prospector with a broad smile, "there are eight portages."

BAY DIES FROM STROKE

A despatch from North Bay on

ance when the postmaster expired. The late Mr. McDonald had not been in good health for some time past but his death nevertheless came entirely unexpected to his many friends in the The Advance understands that Mr. city. About a year ago he suffered a stroke from which he never fully rebeen fatal. He revived sufficiently here when it was only a struggling village. He was postmaster for the Bay for his integrity and honesty and during his residence here made a host of friends. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. McDonald is survived by his widow."



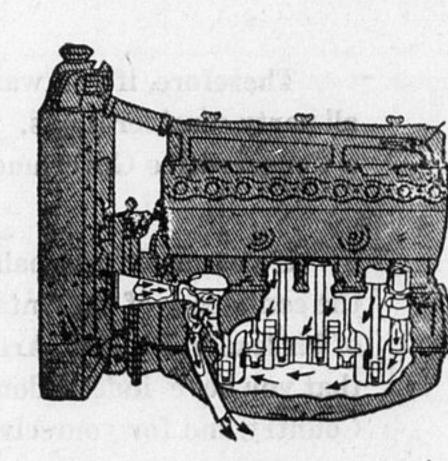




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