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Sandy Falls Expert Tells of Modern Progress of Radio

Pioneer of Radio in North Land Explains the Advance Made by Radio in Few Short Years. The Chief Cause for This Progress, he Sums up in Two Words, "Short Waves."

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Editor Porcupine Advance, Timmins, Ont.

Dear Sir:—If one has ever travelled through New Brunswick and happened to visit the town called Newcastle, he would no doubt be told by the natives that Newcastle, N.B., once possessed the largest wireless station in the world.

To prove the statement the natives would point to the seven large steel antenna towers reaching to the sky to a height of 500 feet.

But the once-famous radio station is now silent and obsolete, and the massive steel and concrete towers stand as mute and impressive monuments of the startling strides that radio has made in a few short years. To get some adequate idea of the mammoth size of this radio station those who are familiar with the internal parts of a radio receiver are asked to visualize the fine wire of the tuning coils being enlarged until the wire takes on the form of large copper tubing almost equal in diameter to ordinary stove pipe, and coiled up to make one giant coil.

Add to this a tuning condenser too large for any ordinary living room and assume that the dial must be operated by machinery.

Now if one can also imagine this huge affair being connected to several miles of heavy copper cable stretched between 500-foot towers needed for the antenna, and an electric power station (larger than would be required to light the whole town of Timmins) to supply the power for this system, a fair idea will be gathered by the reader for the type of radio equipment the engineers of a few years ago thought was absolutely necessary before radio messages could be sent to England—a comparatively short strip of some odd 2000 miles from land to land. The world is dotted with similar stations to the one described above, most of them obsolete, or rapidly becoming so, and the reason for the swift transition of the Newcastle station from the proud position of the most powerful radio station in the world to the scrap pile can be stated in two words—short waves.

The researches of the radio amateurs long ago definitely demonstrated that such gigantic apparatus was unnecessary.

To-day the radio amateurs circle

the world with ease, most of them using equipment that could all be placed in an ordinary suitcase. The radio station at Sandy Falls is typical of many of them. Here one would see the miles of antenna cable on 500 foot towers replaced by an antenna that looks like, and really is, a brass curtain rod suspended over the radio table.

The mighty copper tubing of Newcastle has dwindled down to a small spiral of wire for all the world like a lady's bracelet, with a tuning condenser no larger than a cent piece, and the most surprising thing of all is that the total power used will hardly light a pocket flashlight. Yet, such Lilliputian affairs will surpass in performance the huge super-power stations of a decade ago.

Since the spectacular discovery of the short waves by radio amateurs some years ago, commercial interests the world over, have hastened to secure allotments of these waves until, at the present time the zone between 12 metres and 100 metres is becoming seriously congested. Broadcast radio listeners are everywhere awaking to the fact that distance is no object if a short wave receiver is used.

Programmes from foreign countries can be received in broad sunshine with loud speaker volume on a short wave receiver of sufficiently simple design to be easily built by anyone, irrespective of whether they have previous experience in such work or not.

It is by no means an impossibility that the present generation will be able to both hear and see the artists in Australia with radio equipment capable of being carried in the vest pocket.

M. J. CAVENEY.

HOT SOCK!

"The Heel you say."—From a hosiery advertisement in a New York newspaper.

—Exchange.

NEWS ITEM

A large number of the crowd were perfectly camouflaged against the wall, which was also plastered.

—Exchange.

VERY PITIFUL

A gentleman was walking down the street with a little boy at his side, when the boy cried out: "Oh, pa! there goes an editor!" "Hush, hush," said the father, "don't make sport of the poor man, God only knows what you may come to yourself, some day."

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LOTS OF SALT

Canada's only rock salt mine is located at Malagash, Nova Scotia. According to geological engineers there is located on the Malagash peninsula 60 million tons of absolutely pure white salt and 300 million tons of a little lower grade.

—Exchange.

SURE, IT'S A CINCH

Most any man can be an editor. All the editor has to do is to sit at a desk six days a week, for four weeks a month, twelve months in a year and edit such stuff as this:

"Mrs. Jones of Cactus Creek let a can-opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry."

"Joe Doe climbed on the roof of his house last week looking for a leak and fell, landing on his back porch."

"While Harold Green was escorting Miss Violet Wise from the church social last Saturday night, a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green on the public square."

"Mr. Fang, while harnessing a broneo last Saturday, was kicked just south of his corn crib."

—Exchange.

Up to the end of December, 1927, the total wheat exports from Canada for the preceding five months amounted to 141,311,550 bushels valued at \$185,632,290 as compared with 139,515,118 bushels valued at \$194,245,019 for the same period in 1926.

—Exchange.

Two Scotchmen took dinner together in a restaurant. After dinner, the waiter brought the check. The two sat and talked for a couple of hours, after which conversation failed and they merely smoked in silence. At one a.m. one of them got up and telephoned to his wife.

"Dinna wait up any longer for me, lass," he said, "it looks like a dead-lock."

—Exchange.

Jeannie: "There's a lassie at the door collectin' for foreign missions."

Mother: "Ask her what was done wi' the threepence she got last year."

Jeannie (after a few minutes at the door): "She says she disna ken."

Mother: "Ah weel, until she gies an account o' that, she gets nae mair fae me!"

—Exchange.

Town Council Deals With Many Questions at Meeting

Petition from Shoemakers of the Town for Early Closing. New Waterworks By-laws Provides for Rates for Meters, Etc. Other Routine Business at Council Meeting.

The regular meeting of the town council was held on Monday afternoon, with Mayor E. L. Longmore in the chair, and Councillors A. G. Carson, W. H. Pritchard, Geo. S. Drew and C. P. Ramsay present.

A petition was received from the shoemakers of the town relative to the closing of the shoe repair shops on Wednesday afternoons. The petition will be checked over and if it represents two-thirds of the shoemakers of the town, as required by law, the desired by-law will be prepared. It is understood that only one or two of the shoe repair men of the town are not on the petition, the others desiring the Wednesday half-holiday.

A letter was received from the assignee in regard to the Double Diamond Lumber Co., in connection with his desire for relief from the duties of assignee, the estate being wound up. Members of council understood that the town's claims for taxes were among the preferred claims, and the council decided to take no action on the communication.

Mr. Raiche appeared before the council in regard to the 1925 taxes on a property formerly owned by Mr. Jas. McLennan. Mr. Raiche had had charge of the transfer of the property to new owners and said he had made enquiries as to back taxes and had paid what he was told was due on the property. Now he found that there was a sum of over \$150.00 due for 1925 taxes. The mayor pointed out to Mr. Raiche that he had not enquired in the proper quarters. He should have applied to the treasurer, who dealt with all but the current year's taxes according to law. Mr. Raiche said he had acted in good faith, and on previous occasions had secured his information in the same way and found it correct. Council agreed to hold off the collection of the 1925 taxes until Mr. Raiche could

have opportunity to get in touch with the former owner.

A claim for damages for an injured shoulder was also referred to by Mr. Raiche in connection with another client. Mr. Raiche was informed that the town was covered in such cases by indemnity insurance, and that the matter had been duly turned over to the insurance company concerned.

Enquiry by another citizen in regard to back taxes on a property purchased, elicited the information that taxes were held against a property and so purchasers had to protect themselves by making sure there were no arrears of taxes.

The necessary readings were given to a by-law amending the waterworks by-laws. The amendments provided for a minimum charge of \$2.00 per month for meters, together with a rate according to the size of the meter. The mayor explained that the by-law had been carefully considered in committee of the whole council. It was necessary to put on a minimum meter rate, to provide for capital and other expenditures. The meter rate was charged in proportion to the size and cost of the meter.

A number of rebates of water rates were authorized, accounts and pay-rolls passed for payment.

A resolution was also passed by the council urging the Government to see to the bridge at Connaught on the motor road, as the bridge was in such condition that it might be swept away in the spring, thus leaving the district without means of egress by road and isolating the town and district so far as road traffic is concerned.

Terence: "It's a fine lad ye have here. A magnificent head and noble features. Could ye lend me a couple of dollars?"

Pat: "I could not. 'Tis me wife's child by her first husband."

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2 lb tin MAZOLA OIL	52c	Pure Orange Marmalade, 3 lb. jar	49c
1 lb. tin MAZOLA OIL	25c	Pure Plum Jam, 3 lb. jar	39c
VAN-HOUTEN'S IMPORTED COCOA		Apple & Strawberry Jam, 4 lb. tin	39c
1-5 lb. tins	15c	Pearline, small packages	5c
3 tins for		Gold Dust, small packages	5c
1 lb. tin H.O. CHLORINATED LIME, 1 lb. tin	10c	Gold Dust, large packages	22c
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