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WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

BENEFITS OF MONTHLY COLLECTION OF LIGHT ACCOUNTS

Francis King Enumerates Disadvantages — Utilities Commission Adopted System To Save Interest And To Get Protection Against the Non-Payers.

Kingston, Dec. 16.—To the Editor: Can you or any of your readers explain the benefits of the monthly system of collecting light accounts now adopted in Kingston?

The disadvantages which occur to me are:

(1) That the staff of the City Treasurer's office must now do work twelve times in the year which they were formerly required to do four times. Their book-keeping work is multiplied by three and the cost of printing, distributing and other labor must be materially increased. (2) The consumer suffers inconvenience in much heavier proportion. Not only is he required to make twelve instead of four trips to the City Buildings to pay his own house accounts, by the reason of some rule in the system not fully understood he had the same labor over again in connection with his place of business, and again in connection with his properties upon which he pays rates and as to which bills are delivered at different dates in the month with different dates fixed for payment. To reduce his labor to only three times what it was formerly the discount rule must be broken and he must be permitted to pay all his bills at one time in the month.

(3) The general inconvenience is still further increased for the office staff and for the consumers by the necessary substitution of bills and small coin for the bank cheques formerly used when payments were made quarterly and at one date. One does not pay stamp taxes these days on every petty disbursement. If the system accommodated the citizens whose incomes are received weekly, fortnightly, or monthly, these objections might not weigh in the balance. But is it not a fact that the new system was introduced simply to conform to the Hydro-Electric rules? And if there is any law requiring any municipality to accept Hydro rules without Hydro power, should not the law be amended?

The Whig has had many complaints about the monthly collection system. The reasons given by the Utilities Commission for inaugurating it were that interest would be saved and that there would be less chance of a certain class of people evading payment of their rates. It was pointed out also that power consumers paid by the month. It was figured that the extra cost of clerical assistance would be more than offset by the saving in interest.

—FRANCIS KING.

LETTER FROM THE DEAD. Young French Officer's Message of Comfort to Mother. The following letter, written by her son, a young Alsatian officer in the French army, with the direction that it should be delivered only in the event of his death, has been received by Mme. Wurts, who occupied a humble post in the service of the State Railways. It was published in the Temps of Paris: "My Dear Little Mother: I hope that you will never receive this letter, for if it comes to you it will mean that I have gone to join grandfather and my dear little brother. "This idea of death does not frighten me in the least; if I fall it will be for France and in the performance of my duty, like so many others at this moment. It is only about you that I am troubled, and I say to myself: 'What will poor mother do?' "I do this is what you must do: In the first place, you must be calm and remain so. You must keep all your self-control, and must not run out in the street crying out your sorrow. Your grief must be calm and dignified. Then you must go to father's grave at Luchers-Thouarsais, and tell him that his two sons have died doing their duty and that his son-in-law has done as much. "Father will be happy to know that his big Rodolphe and his little Emilie have fallen on the field of honor. You will tell him, too, that Rodolphe has won his epaulettes and that he fell at the head of his men, with his face to the foe. He will be pleased, poor father, and you, dear mother, will have the satisfaction of having given birth to honest men, whatever some people have said. You will return to your work at the Chef-Boutonne station, and you will stay there until the day when you make up your mind that you have worked long enough and are tired enough to take your rest. You will go back to your own country, to Alsace, once more French, and you will say to yourself that if you are in Thann or Straasburg, it is because your sons have done their part to restore our dear provinces to France. How sweet that thought will be to your heart! It will be a consolation in your old age. I want you always to be hopeful and full of courage. Sacrifice cheerfully accepted, joy in resignation—these make us strong. "You must put far from you all resentment against any one. You must not be envious of the mothers who have kept their children. If sometimes you are moved to complain when you see the comrades of my brother and myself reflect that your sons suffer no more and that their glorious death is far better than the miserable existence of those who remain. You promise, don't you? "If I do not return, you will tell yourself that the last thoughts of your big boy were of you and my sister Blanche, and that from the paradise of the brave I will watch over both of you. Kisses to you, then, and a strong heart and good courage in life as in death! "Your big boy who loves you dear— RODOLPHE WURTS."

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Luther Furr, 274 University avenue; James Smart, 70 William street; James Campbell, 237 Queen street; to attend R.S.A. N. C.O. course; Sergt. Robert H. Ferguson, 379 Brock street (to attend R.S.A. officer's course); A. L. Malley, Deseronto (to attend R.S.A. officer's course); F. C. Hand, Toronto; Joseph B. Hapton, 88 Division street (to attend R.S.A. officer's course), have enlisted for overseas service through Major E. C. Barrett's recruiting office, Brock street.

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NEWS ABOUT THE TROOPS QUARTERED IN THE CITY

(Continued from page 5.)

Lieut.-Col. C. A. Lowe, O.C., 146th Battalion is organizing a rosette campaign as carried on throughout the British Empire by the ladies. A large number of rosettes has been ordered. The plan will be to present to every lady who applies at any of the recruiting offices throughout the city and county with a rosette if she shows that she has a relative or sweetheart in khaki. The ladies' names will be taken or referred to. The recruiting rosette is a badge of honor and signifies that the wearer has a friend or relative at the front. The idea has caught on splendidly. A meeting of ladies will be called and arrangements will be made so that they will be better able to assist in recruiting.

George T. Hobbs has transferred from the 14th Regiment to the 146th Battalion.

A. W. J. Armstrong, L. H. Furr, J. D. Smart, R. O. Lanos, T. F. Ba-dour, W. B. Bedour, Ross Hertram, C. W. H. Hayes, Jas. St. Pierre, T. J. St. Pierre, A. McConical, P. Bedour, H. S. Kiehl, E. H. Johnston, Robert Heller, D. W. McGrimmon, T. M. Woodcock, James Ramsay, W. B. Scott, R. P. Hawley, have been taken on the strength of the 146th Battalion.

The following appears in orders of the 146th Battalion:

"Any person or persons bringing liquor into barracks, or having it in their possession while in barracks will be summarily dealt with, as such is contrary to military regulations. "Every man is requested to be constantly on the alert for good men. Make up your mind to bring in one each week. This means a battalion up to strength in ninety days.

Capt. Halkett, Medical Officer of the 77th Battalion, will be in the city for Christmas.

Lieut. Worden Edwards, son of Dr. J. W. Edwards, M.P., will report for duty with the Army Service Corps, Winter Services, at Tete de Pont Barracks. Lieut. Edwards lately returned from Quebec where he attended a school of instruction in A.S.C. work.

Lieut.-Col. C. A. Lowe, O.C. 146th Battalion, said to the Whig on Friday morning: "There are only two kinds of men—those who can not go to the front and those who will not. There are 500 men in Kingston who should be wearing khaki and the officers of the 146th are going to do everything in their power to enlist those men. Every man in the city of military service age will be canvassed." Owing to the Christmas season being so close now and other conditions which would neutralize the work of the recruiting officers, Col. Lowe does not expect to be able to launch his recruiting campaign until after New Year's day.

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THEATRICAL NEWS

At the Grand.

The excellent programme of high class vaudeville and photoplays at the Grand Opera House for the last three days of this week drew a large crowd to this popular theatre last night. "The Explorer," the feature picture, with the internationally famous romantic star, Lou Tellegen, in the title role, was considered one of the best pictures seen here this season. In this picture Lou Tellegen appears as a young English explorer, who leads a party into the wilds of Africa for his government. The other pictures included a two-reel Universal photoplay, "The Madcap Queen of Greisheffen," two comedy pictures entitled "The Duke Raffle," and "Burgling Burglers Burgle." The vaudeville consisted of Milo Vaege in a very clever bag-punching act. The other act, owing to the rains on the American side being held up by snow storms, did not reach the city until to-day, and will appear to-night in one of the best acts ever booked here.

Tipperary Girls.

It's a long way to Tipperary but the "Tipperary Girls" Musical Comedy Company of sixteen people will be at the Griffin Theatre next Monday night to open a week's engagement. This Company comes highly recommended as being one of the best popular priced productions now touring Ontario. Not a dull moment from when the curtain goes up until the finish. Catchy musical numbers, beautiful costumes, latest modern dancing. Comedians who are guilty of creating many laughs, and a bevy of pretty maidens. There will be three complete changes of program during the week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, a show of aviation quality at submarine prices, 10c and 20c, special matinee Wednesday and Saturday. Advance sale of seats starts Saturday, Dec. 18th, at Theatre box office. There will be no pictures shown during this engagement.

At Strand Theatre.

Married to a fallen woman although he does not know it, he here in "The Frame-Up," the five-act Universal photodrama which was shown at the Strand last evening finally discovers her past. His mental struggle should be of interest to every man who can conceive of himself in a similar position. Did Luke Simms, played by the veteran Broadway star George Fawcett, cast the woman aside when he learned of her shame? This situation in "The Frame-Up" is one of the most novel and interesting developments in the intensely interesting drama of politics, bosses, ward heens and the underworld. This drama along with other good real make up a very entertaining bill which was enjoyed by all present. The same bill will be given again to-night and at the matinee and Saturday evening shows.

Largest Christmas Box Free.

Barney, the King Edward pony, will be presented Christmas Eve to the lucky boy or girl holding the most votes. All votes given at the door must be handed in on or before Saturday, 18th inst., from this date to the 23rd inclusive cards will be sold at one dollar each good for twenty admissions and five thousand votes. Winner's name will be published in this paper Christmas Eve. The most enterprising boy or girl will win this outfit.

Leather Goods For Christmas.

Next to books, "Nothing like leather" for holiday gifts. Our new stock includes, ladies' hand bags, music portfolios, pocket diaries, and fine loose leaf note books for gentlemen. Call at Uglow's and see the leather goods.

Be sure to give appropriate books as gifts this Christmas. See them at Uglow's.

A man's club membership is sometimes a club in the hands of his wife. British Army and Navy Juvenile books at the College Book Store. Extra fine table raisins, mixed nuts, Crawford's.

Announcements

Notices of any character relating to future events, where an admission fee is charged, are inserted in this advertising columns at 10c a line for first insertion and 5c a line for each consecutive insertion, or 10c a line each insertion, if reading matter.

Announcements for societies, clubs, or other organizations of future events, where no admission fee is charged, may be inserted in this column at one cent a word, with a minimum of 25c for one insertion.



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WE have a store filled with Christmas novelties and practical and useful Gifts.

TO-MORROW we will place on sale a particularly attractive Christmas gift

25 Dress Lengths, Rich, Black Duchesse Silks

30 inches wide, worth regularly \$1.35 a yard, and sold to-morrow as follows:

15 DRESS LENGTHS of 6 yards each, for \$6.50 a dress.

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- Boys' Moccasins, 3 to 6 \$1.25
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- Child's, 8 to 10 75c
- Misses' 11 to 1 \$1.00

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