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PUBLIC UTILITIES.

The most pressing problem to confront this year's council board will be that of placing our public service utilities on a paying basis, or as near as possible thereto. The Citizen believes—and is supported in that belief by many local business men—that both the water and light service could be considerably extended, and the cost to the users thereby lessened. It is an acknowledged fact that no aggressive policy has been pursued in increasing the number of service patrons; no systematic canvass for new customers has been prosecuted—in fact, no campaign of this kind has been undertaken since the service was installed. The first administration drove outside the city boundaries a company furnishing light and power at almost half present rates, and since that time succeeding administrations have rested content, notwithstanding the constant murmurings of the burdened householders. The question of making an attempt to increase public patronage of the city utilities, like many another problem, has been taken up by the council board at various times, but the matter ended with the discussion. Yet we have it on indisputable authority that the present electric plant could handle twice its present load without additional expense.

The citizens in general might help considerably in procuring new business for our utilities were they permitted to know the true state of affairs, or the exact monthly deficit. For instance, were the city administration to issue a monthly report of receipts and expenditures in connection with the water and light service—as is done in every well-regulated municipality—it would, besides proving of extreme interest, be an incentive to the betterment of affairs in the following month.

The pessimistic idea that public sentiment and interest in civic affairs is dead in Prince George will be subject to revision after next Thursday's voting. There is an insistent demand for a new deal in matters municipal—public business on business principles.

"Constant Reader" rises to inquire if one of the real problems that confront our city has been settled by our \$300 aldermen. We pass it up to you.

It is said the father of the \$300 aldermanic salary is again "in the hands of his friends" and may be

a candidate. Please don't laugh; the matter is serious—for his friends.

The aldermanic candidate who attempts to defend the present iniquitous indemnity bylaw can make preparations for a rude awakening.

No American citizen of modern times had more genuine admirers on this side of the international boundary than the late Theodore Roosevelt. He was not a statesman in our understanding of the word, but he was a man's man, in whose vigorous, challenging and aggressive personality there was always something to admire.

Without construction there can be no reconstruction. That is a self-evident fact. It is to be hoped that the Victoria government, at the session to open shortly, will announce some definite policy with regard to the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern railway. The Oliver government can make some atonement for the neglect heaped on this district by starting construction in the early spring on both ends of the Pacific Great Eastern.

In the County Court of Cariboo.
Holden at Fort George.

Between Albert E. Roddis, Plaintiff, and O. F. Knowlton, Defendant.

Take Notice that the Plaintiff has commenced an action against you for the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$270.00) being the amount owing by you to him for rent of Lots 27 and 28 in Block 27, Prince George, British Columbia, and if you do not enter a Dispute Note to the Summons herein within one month from the 10th day of January, 1919, the Plaintiff will enter judgment against you by default.

Dated the 9th day of January.
To O. F. Knowlton.

In the Goods of Edward William Hoar, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given to the creditors or persons having any claim upon or against the estate of Edward William Hoar, deceased, to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, 1919, after which time the undersigned will distribute the said estate, having regard only to those claims filed with him.

P. E. WILSON,
Solicitor for Robert Lyle Hoar, administrator of the estate of Edward William Hoar, deceased.

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