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not been touched upon by the proposed agreement. Prior to the hearing given to the city's representative by the government shortly after the legislature rose last session, I then, about April last, called the attention of the reeve of Oak Bay to such questions, stating

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assumed that the citizens of Victoria assumed the whole debt for construction, maintenance and operation of the waterworks system; that Victoria being burdened with such a debt and Oak Bay free therefrom, it would not be fair to the citizens of Victoria to have

water furnished to Oak Bay citizens at equal prices. Further, that the Victoria Waterworks act gave the council, through its water commissioner, power to regulate the supply and distribution of water and the imposition and collection of the rates thereon.

or. That the request on behalf of the Oak Bay municipality, so far as we understood it, was that these powers, so far as Oak Bay were concerned, should not be exercisable by the council of Victoria or its water commissioner.

Not the Real Issues

Though the reeve of Oak Bay has been fully acquainted with all these matters, the proposed agreement is barren of any attempt to deal with the real questions involved.

If I correctly interpret the instructions upon which it proposes to obtain its supply through the agent Victoria.

I have the honor to be, sir, obedient servant,

W. J. TAYLOR

Reeve of Oak Bay

ions which I have from time to time received from the council, it is the council's wish to furnish the citizens of Oak Bay with water at all times so far as the council may do so without depriving the citizens of Victoria of the due share, but an arrangement for

such supply must be based upon due consideration of the requirements of consumers in Victoria.

The agreement in question, as already stated, does not contain any reference whatever to these details.

It would be advisable to ascertain from the Reeve of Oak Bay whether it is the intention of that municipality to insist upon a right to the waters of Sooke being preserved to such municipality, in the event of Victoria later

