

evidently posted by the same man, I would judge by his text, sets forth certain figures. High tension power at Niagara Falls, instead of costing \$12, he states should cost \$22; this is well known to be erroneous. It simply cuts away the whole criticism he makes. When he states it costs \$19 at the Falls and \$3 additional transmission, he states what the facts don't bear out. Customers are supplied at the Falls for \$15; also at Welland, with power delivered on the premises. As to Veritas. His criticism was that Shawinigan was a very low cost development. He made a slip in this respect; he spoke of 100,000 h.p. As a matter of fact Shawinigan is only delivering some 30,000 h.p., so that the annual charges should be based on this delivery, making about \$6.00 per h.p. per year instead of \$1.80 as quoted. The same criticism holds in reference to Hamilton, Cataract plant. It will be cheap when the development is complete, but at the present time the company has all its head works, permanent works, power house and machinery built for a 40,000 h.p. development. Their fixed charges at the present time are charged up against the sale of 13,000 h.p. Hamilton power prices are not necessarily high under present conditions.

A Delegate.—What are they getting it for in Hamilton now?

Mr. Smith.—Speaking generally \$22.50 per h.p., 10 hour power.

A Delegate.—Your power would not be sold in proportion to the capacity of the motor, but in proportion to the amount used?

Mr. Smith.—Yes. The amount used.

A Delegate.—You arrive at that by meter?

Mr. Smith.—Yes.

A Delegate.—Provided the minimum amount asked for is as much as yours, those figures you give us are correct. It doesn't matter whether one city takes it all?

Mr. Smith.—Unless a large proportion of the towns in the same district act together you will have to pay more for the power.

A Delegate.—Supposing the towns in group 3 for instance, combine together and apply for power, would they be supplied at the figures named here without the other?

Mr. Smith.—The only difference would be a slight one on the right of way; costs otherwise they are perfectly independent.