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## DEFINITE OFFER OF RESPONSIBLE FIRM.

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Cataract offer figured out at, while the Hydro estimate was \$17.50. He said Mr. Hawkins figured out that on a meter basis the prices were nearly the same.

Mr. Hawkins said this was merely a power question and had nothing to do with transmission. People thought that to much a horse power per year was a very definite thing while it was exactly the reverse. "If you have so much horse power per hour you are perfectly sure you will get value for every dollar spent. Mr. Hawkins said that this was illustrated in letting contracts with ordinary power users. In almost every case starting out the customer said he knew what the kilowatt hour meant. The company put meters on all these and then rendered two accounts, as a comparison. "We have not a flat rate customer on our system now and we have them all from those who use power one hour to twenty-four hours," said Mr. Hawkins. "Buying by the flat rate you have to have enough for all emergencies, although you may not use 60 per cent of it. Under our offer you will have sufficient reserve all the time and yet will only pay for what you actually use."

Mr. Hawkins quoted statistics, showing how this worked out with some of the large power users and the result was certainly startling. "That shows plainly," he said, "that what seems most definite is really indefinite and vice versa." This was caused he explained by light loads, shut downs and times when the motors were not operating at all.

The city would find that the Cataract offer of \$35 would correspond to from \$45 to \$50 and in other words, the Hydro offer was bound to be higher to meet contingencies that might arise.

"Under our system," he declared, "when the goods are not delivered you cease paying. It is the only correct and fair system, and one that appeals to your power user. The other way of doing it is by men inexperienced who must have something to talk about, and who do not know enough about it to talk about the real substance of it."

This was illustrated, he said, in the street lighting arbitration where two of the engineers had admitted that they had not had any experience in operating plants.

Chairman Clark—Yes, I believe the more you hear about it the less you know about it.

Mr. Hawkins—To a certain extent. Ald. Wright—Is there any reason why the Hydro-Electric people should not put their price on the same basis? Mr. Hawkins—I do not know that there is. But I don't think that they can touch it.

Ald. Wright—How do you figure out that you can beat them?

Mr. Hawkins—We have a less costly plant.

Mr. Hawkins made his position about the cost of the pumps quite clear.

"I expect to make the cost of the pumps," he said, "There is no doubt about that. I could not make a present of them to the city; it would be against the law."

The company hoped that at the end of six years the city would be so pleased with the proposition that it would continue it and be a good customer, he said.

Chairman Clark—Suppose at the end of that time we wanted to change the cycle?

Mr. Hawkins—All you would have to do is to change the motors.

Chairman Clark—That is an expensive item.

Mr. Hawkins—But you will not be in any worse a position than to-day, for you will not be paying for the cost of the pumps.

Secretary James—We will on the power.

Mr. Hawkins argued that the city would be only paying the interest. Mr. Barrow wanted to know if the company would install first-class pumps. Mr. Hawkins replied that it was figuring on the Worthington three-stage pumps, which Mr. Barrow admitted were first-class.

Ald. Farrar thought the matter should be dealt with along business lines. Referring to the Hydro proposition, he said:

"There is a problem on which we will have to spend \$227,000 to bring it to an issue. We would be very foolish aldermen if we did not give this matter very serious attention. This antagonistic feeling toward the Cataract Power Company is dead."

Chairman Clark replied that he would make a business deal with his greatest enemy. "But," said he, "we have been hoodwinked and bamboozled by the connivance of some of our city officials with the members of the Cataract Power Company. There was no doubt that a by-law was fixed up after passing the Council which we could not make head or tail of."

Ald. Clark explained that this was not intended for the present officials of the company.

"Our word is our bond with others," smiled Mr. Hawkins. "This is the only place where it is not our bond."

The committee then adjourned, to hear the argument in favor of the Hydro scheme to-night.

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Muggins—Lucky at cards unlucky at love, you know. Higgins—I don't know why. In either case, it's largely a question of holding two hands.

Who robs a scholar robs the public.—Spanish.

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W. K. PEARCE, Manager.

## TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Last special social session of the year at the Alexandra to-night.

—Mr. W. K. Pearce, manager of the Dominion Bank, of this city, was in St. Thomas yesterday.

—The Right House closes to-night at 6 o'clock. Open to-morrow night until 10 o'clock.

—Get out to the Right House early to-morrow morning and share in the wonderful Christmas bargains.

—Ninth Division Court was held at the Court House this morning. Mr. W. S. McBryne presiding as judge. There were about 25 cases on the list.

—In distributing your gifts at this Christmas season, do not forget the Aged Women's Home. Any gifts for the comfort of the inmates or contributions towards the work of this institution will be gratefully accepted.

—Donations of Christmas cheer for St. Peter's Infirmary may be sent to Fiebels, Hobson & Co., by whom they will be forwarded to the home. Friends will kindly send their contributions as early as possible.

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## Municipal Elections

A meeting of the electors of the City of Hamilton for the nomination of candidates for the Office of Mayor and Aldermen, will be held at the City Hall, Monday, Dec. 30th, 1907.

At 10 o'clock a. m. for the nomination of Mayor, and at 12 o'clock noon for the nomination of Aldermen.

S. H. KENT, City Clerk.

Dec. 20th, 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER ONE will be held at Stinson street school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number One.

WILLIAM ALLEN, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER TWO will be held at Queen Victoria school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Two.

JOHN MALLOY, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER THREE will be held at Carolina street school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Three.

JAMES BYRNE, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER FOUR will be held at Hess street school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Four.

BYRON RICHARDSON, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER FIVE will be held at Police Court, King William street, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Five.

GUY JUDD, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER SIX will be held at Carolina street school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Six.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER SEVEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Seven.

A. P. NICHOL, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER EIGHT will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Eight.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER NINE will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Nine.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER TEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Ten.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER ELEVEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Eleven.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER TWELVE will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Twelve.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER THIRTEEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Thirteen.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER FOURTEEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Fourteen.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER FIFTEEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Fifteen.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER SIXTEEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Sixteen.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER SEVENTEEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Seventeen.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER EIGHTEEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Eighteen.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER NINETEEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Nineteen.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER TWENTY will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Twenty.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer.

## Gift Hunters

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HANDKERCHIEFS—in fancy boxes of 6, 6 for \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

MUFFLERS—Quilted or English squares, 50c to \$2.00.

SOCKS—Silk, plain or fancy, \$1 to \$2.

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