

WILL MOVE TO REDUCE RATES

Water Commissioners Decide to Take Up the Matter of Insurance.

HANDLING OF SURPLUS

Matter Has Not Yet Been Settled—An Amusing Case of Over-charging Brought to Light.

Steps will be taken at once to arrange a meeting between the water commissioners, the members of No. 1 committee, and the fire underwriters, with a view of learning what the underwriters require to effect a substantial reduction in the insurance rates in this city.

The proposal to hold the meeting was made by Commissioner Pocock at a session held on Saturday, and was seconded by Commissioner Darch. Commissioner Pocock pointed out that the firm of Robinson, Little & Co., and his own company, had secured substantial reductions from having complied with the underwriters' demands, and he thought the city could do the same thing if the matter is gone about the right way.

The Water Surplus. The questions as to whether the surplus of the waterworks department should be turned over to the city caused considerable discussion. Commissioner Darch moved that the policy that has been followed in the past be again ratified.

Commissioner Pocock declared he was in favor of consolidation. Commissioner Darch said that he thought that as the water consumers of London create the surplus they should have it.

Mayor Beattie favored Commissioner Pocock's plan, while Chairman McMahon sided with Commissioner Darch. It was finally decided to leave the matter over for further consideration.

Overcharging Case. An amusing case of overcharging was brought to the notice of the commission, when Mr. H. H. Young, of Dufferin avenue, wrote stating that he had been charged for water used by a horse, whereas he did not have a horse. It appears that he had been charged through a mistake by the inspector, and the matter will be looked into, and if Mr. Young's contention is correct he will not be charged.

Line to Springbank. Engineer Sifton brought in a partial report regarding the proposed transmission line for Niagara power to Springbank, in which the report is necessarily incomplete, stating nothing definite having been decided upon, it was laid over.

CITY WILL FIGHT CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES

Niagara Power Employees Are Said To Be Going in for Petty Damages.

Rather than be imposed upon by claims for alleged trivial accidents in connection with the work of building the Niagara power line, the water commissioners, at their meeting on Saturday took a firm stand, and decided to fight them to the end.

The Claims. Engineer Sifton reported that an employee, Mr. Tine, who claimed to have had his hair pulled by a pole, had written him regarding the matter. The engineer stated that a certificate from Dr. Dardon was presented, but that he had been told that Tine had quit work early on the evening of the accident and stated that he was going to have his hair cut.

Another claim was that of Mr. Marsh, and a letter was read from Messrs. Campbell & Sons, insurance agents, recommending that half the amount claimed be paid. The commission decided to pay nothing.

City Will Fight. "What is the use of having them insured at all," said Commissioner Pocock, "if the city has to pay all this?" "Let's fight it," said Commissioner Darch.

"The company is either liable or they are not liable," said Mr. Pocock. The applications for payment of the claims were filed.

CLOTHES AND STATUES.

A Londoner's request for a top-hatted statue has proved fruitless, but has revealed many unlovely specimens of the sculptor's art. The statue of George Peabody, opposite the Royal Exchange, is perhaps the most glaring example of the ugliness of modern statue when carved in stone. Many people, however, might feel disposed to award the palm of hideousness to a statue fortunately concealed in a secluded spot. This is the statue of George II., the mournful statue, the guardian genius of a little wilderness of shrubs, which faces Mr. Ralph Nickleby's office in Golden Square.

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CITY DESIRES TO REAP A BENEFIT

If Roller Coaster, Etc., Are Put Up at Springbank Park.

A NICE POINT IS RAISED

Commissioner Pocock Wants to Know the Law on the Matter—Other Business at Meeting on Saturday.

The question of a roller coaster for Springbank Park came up at a meeting of the water commissioners on Saturday afternoon, and after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to do nothing until the city solicitor is asked whether, according to the agreement now in force between the city and the railway, the railway have the power to initiate anything unless the city requests them to do so.

Mr. Pocock's Views. Commissioner Pocock, as soon as the matter of the roller-coaster came up, urged that nothing be done until a letter is received from the street railway company relinquishing the privileges they have under the agreement. Mr. Givens, who wishes to take the matter up with the commissioners, was pressed and he finally decided not to hear his proposal until after the city solicitor's opinion is obtained.

Commissioner Pocock pointed out that there is nothing in the present agreement which would allow the city to initiate anything unless the city requests them to do so. Commissioner Darch thought it was understood that they could.

Put It Up to Railway. Commissioner Pocock thought the city would be placed in a very unfair position if they were to initiate a roller coaster, and then let the street railway get all the benefit from it. He proposed to let the street railway relinquish any claim they might have, and then deal directly with Mr. Givens, and let the city have any benefit there might be.

Communications. A letter from H. E. Gates, on behalf of the London Health Association, asking for terms for light and water, was referred to the engineer to look after.

Mr. E. Manigault wrote asking that the commission keep his name before them in case any position occurs.

The Labatt Manufacturing Company wrote offering some supplies that they had left over at a greatly reduced price, and the matter was left with the engineer to look after.

W. H. Heard, of the Spramotor Company, wrote stating that he had no means of collecting \$4 water rates on premises destroyed by fire last fall, and requested that the account be cancelled. The commission thought that Mr. Heard is liable for the account, and he will be requested to pay it.

A letter from the Colonial Engineering Company, of Montreal, offering to supply gas engines for lighting or other purposes, was filed.

The Beck Wells. Chairman McMahon was instructed to meet Hon. Adam Beck and Engineer (Clutchie), and take up the matter of two accounts, one for \$3,398 for piping, and one for \$4,000, for engineering in connection with the Beck wells system.

Engineer Moore's report showed that during the month of January, 12,600,977 gallons of water were pumped at Springbank, an average of 4,166,671 gallons per day.

Preparing for Flood. Commissioner Wyatt moved that the engineer be instructed to take out the stop logs at the dam if there were the slightest indication of any approaching flood.

Mr. Tine remembered seeing so much snow in the country, "and it snow in a period of mild weather and rain should come, there will be a big flood. It is just as well to be prepared for it." The suggestion was unanimously approved.

A Volt Meter. Engineer Moore suggested that a volt meter be procured at once, and that a survey of the pipes be made for electrolysis before the hydro-electric lines are in operation.

Engineer Sifton heartily approved of the scheme, as he pointed out that if the work is done now, and a record is kept in case of any trouble after the Niagara power line is running, the records will be very valuable. The volt meter will cost about \$100, and it was decided to get it at once.

Trimming Trees. Engineer Sifton submitted a requisition for supplies for work in connection with the trimming of trees, and it was passed. He was also instructed to call for tenders for 1,550 lamp braces for the new hydro-electric lights. He submitted three designs, and it was decided to get figures on each.

There were present at the meeting: (Chairman A. McMahon, Mayor Beattie, Commissioners Pocock, Wyatt and Darch, Engineer Sifton, Engineer Moore and Secretary Ellwood.

The public service commission of the State of New York has declined to compel the adoption of electricity by the railroads passing through the Adirondack country as a means of preventing the destruction of the forests by fire.

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RADICAL CHANGES IN WATER RATES

Commissioners Pocock and Darch Say They Are Ridiculous.

CHARGES EXORBITANT

Putting in of Meters Also Appears To Be Worked to the Limit—Investigation Is To Be Made.

Some radical changes are to be made shortly in the rates charged citizens for water meters, as a result of the commission, after a gathering of information which shows that in London the charges are exorbitant as compared with those in other places. Engineer Moore at the meeting of the commissioners on Saturday stated that the average cost of the meters is \$12, and that they last ten years. The minimum charge made by the city now is \$4.

It was stated at the meeting that in Berlin meters are rented at \$1 per year. Rates Are Absurd. "It is absurd for us to be charging such rates then," said Commissioner Pocock, "if Berlin can put in meters and maintain them at no loss at \$1 a year, we can certainly make a substantial reduction in our rates."

He moved that the engineer furnish the commission with data regarding the matter at once. A letter was read from Mr. George Burroughs, of 140 Adelaide street, who recently built a new house, stating that he did not want a meter put in, because he had heard that it had been the custom to install a meter in each new house in which there is a closed meter.

Commissioner Pocock asked what the total water rates on the place would be, and the secretary thought about \$7 or \$8 a year.

Ridiculous Again. "It seems ridiculous to be charging a man who pays that small amount \$4 for a meter," said Mr. Pocock.

There is no question about it, our rates are ridiculous," said Commissioner Darch. "We will have to make a little judgment until we arrive at a policy to pursue. I move that in small houses the question of putting in a meter be left to the discretion of the engineer. Where the flat rate is less than the minimum meter rate, the meter should not be put in."

The Salvator Army Rescue Home wrote stating that since the putting in of a meter their rates have increased to such an extent that they did not care to pay them, as owing to the necessities of the home large quantities of water must be used. No action was taken.

LOCAL PASTORS CRITICIZE THE "GIFT OF TONGUES"

Recent Meeting Held in London Do Not Appeal to the Clergy.

"I am very sure that God would never make a man speak a jargon that could not be understood," said Rev. R. S. W. Howard, in speaking on the subject, "The Gift of Tongues," at Christ Church, last evening. "Christ to his disciples, the gift of the Holy Spirit. English they did not know what form it would take. On the day of Pentecost had come the comforter, and with it the gift of tongues. The apostles had come out from the room, and speaking all the then known tongues, and as a result of this wonderful gift they were enabled to speak to the assembled multitude in their own tongues, and had in one day brought three thousand souls into the kingdom. The gift of tongues was intended to be used, and was used to practical effect."

The speaker went on to refer to the apostle's rebuke of members of the early Christian church for claiming to have gifts that were not held by members of the church in other places.

In concluding, Mr. Howard made an earnest plea to his hearers to pray for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which will be given in reply to earnest prayer.

Rev. Mr. Graham. "It is the disposition of human nature," said Rev. H. A. Graham, in speaking of the gift of tongues at the evening service at the Wellington Street Methodist Church, "to place his faith in his own power, and to place his faith in the religious life as well as in other phases of life."

Mr. Graham stated that he had not been present at the meetings that had recently been held, but that he had received through the medium of the local press, whose accounts, he believed, to be fair and unbiased, a report that "so far as the Christian religion is concerned," continued the speaker, "you are always safe in rejecting anything that outrages the laws of your physical nature and contradicts reason. Human nature craves for both reasonable and religious, and the man who is not both is neither."

"Some may say that on the day of Pentecost the disciples were made to speak in unknown tongues. This is not the truth," continued the speaker. "They spoke in 'other' tongues. And all strangers, in Jerusalem heard of the wonderful works of God in their own tongues. Concerning the gift of the Spirit, we may know it as certainly as we know what gravitation is by its fruit in our lives."

FOLLY OF BANQUETS.

The Constitution of the United States prohibits the infliction of any punishment or penalty whatever without due process of law, and it also prohibits any cruel and unusual punishment even when given in accordance with the laws of the land. From both points of view it might be argued that the American system of banqueting public men should be regarded as a step downward, in the interests of the simple life and that maximum of longevity which is desired by all normally constructed human beings, even public men. An esteemed contemporary, quite independently, of the constitutional aspects of the matter here suggested, argues for public dinners which shall be digestible rather than terrifying, which will make the honored guests of the evening feel rather than merely inflated, and from which he will lie down to pleasant dreams rather than to nightmares. It is much to the credit of human nature that the instinct of hospitality, as old as the first stranger and the first welcome, has survived without diminution. To our guest we give the best we have, whether it is a seventeen-course Tait dinner or the baked potato.

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A NEAT CLEAN-UP BY HOLD-UP MEN

Take All Money and Valuables From Passengers on a Missouri Train.

Pittsburg, Kas., Feb. 6.—Three unidentified men held and robbed the passengers on an eastbound Missouri Pacific passenger train, five miles east of here Saturday night. They were unmasked. About \$400 and a small amount of jewelry was taken from the passengers.

The robbers boarded the train on the outskirts of Pittsburg, and rode until the train was near Corns, Kas. There they leaped from their seats, backed by a revolver, and a man, a woman and a child, were taken to a corner, and drawing revolvers, warned him not to call assistance.

One of the robbers then covered the passengers with two large revolvers. "You will now prepare to give up your valuables," he said. "My partner here will pass among you. Please be quiet."

The "partner" thereupon produced a gunny sack, and started on his collecting tour. From each passenger he took everything of value. Money watches and diamonds and rings of all kinds, went into the sack. One woman screamed and fainted. The collector calmly lifted a ring from her finger, picked her purse from the floor and passed on to the next victim.

Throughout it all the train sped on. None of the crew, except the conductor, knew of the robbery.

When the lights in the town of Corns loomed into view, several passengers at the rear of the coach, who had not been reached by the robbers, hoped they would escape with their valuables, and they began placing them back in their pockets. But they were disappointed. Just because the train stopped at the station, the robbers did not hurry away. The robber with the gunny sack stripped the last passenger in the car of his goods, then the three dropped off the train and disappeared down an alley into the town.

No attempt was made to rob the express car.

Sheriff Merriweather believes the men to be hangers-on of the mining camps in the northern part of the country.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Low Shoes and high hats may be fashionable extremes.

Men who have advice to give are never stingy with it.

Cheap notoriety often turns out to be a long haul.

It's a pity that wisdom doesn't grow on a man like whiskers.

Occasionally the human race is run over the course of love.

The more expensive a thing is the easier it is to get along without it.

Any wife for his failure to make good.

Many a man's good reputation is due to what isn't found out about him.

After a man has been married three years his bump of hope becomes a dent.

Yarns, muffs, doilies, a pair of ornaments unless you can afford to hire a cook.

Occasionally a girl discovers that the thing men after her own heart isn't after it at all.

The average man spends more money on a foolish habit than he does on his wife's hats.

Many a man's morality doesn't begin to work until he discovers that he is being shadowed by a detective.

When shiftless people are unable to afford their ambitions, in any other way, they get a dog that will howl all night long.—Chicago News.

The U. S. civil war cost the Government \$4,000,000,000 while it lasted, and has since cost an equal amount in pensions; total, \$8,000,000,000.

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And so it is with name after name in history, and so it will be with you and me. We may achieve some small success by doing what our fathers did before us, but our really big deeds will be offspring of our imaginations. Sometimes we see inventions accomplished by chance or a benefit opened to mankind by a stumbling footstep. Such are rare, and shiftless we should be if we count upon circumstances for success.—Cassier's Magazine.

ERLANGER'S TROUBLES.

New York, Feb. 7.—Abraham Lincoln Erlanger, one of the chief members of the theatre trust, and his wife have disagreed and are living apart. She is bitter against her husband, and has placed the question of legal action in the hands of her lawyers. The charges she probably will make are of a grave character and promise to be

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