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MUNICIPAL POWER IF CATARACT CONTRACT IS ACCEPTED THROWS HAMILTON OUT

Strong Resolution Passed at Special Meeting in Guelph—Any Future Application by City for Government Power Will Be Resisted.

GUELPH, July 16.—There was some comment when it was noted this morning that Toronto was not represented at the Western Municipal Power Union meeting called by President Fryer. The following municipalities were represented: London, by Ald. G. W. Armstrong; Guelph, Mayor Newstead, S. Carter; Waterloo, Ald. Wendenham, A. George Suggitt; Stratford, Mayor Gordon, City Solicitor Robertson; Ingersoll, Ald. Elliott; Berlin, E. J. Phillips; St. Thomas, A. B. Doherty; Brantford, Mayor Boulbee, K.C., and Ald. Andrews; Galt, P. Radigan, Stewart Scott; Preston, F. Clare; Woodstock, Mayor Sutherland. The mayor of St. Mary's missed the train and authorized President Fryer to act for him. A resolution of sympathy for J. W. Lyon, Guelph, in the loss of his son was passed by the union.

The municipal representatives expressed themselves very strongly on the matter in which Hamilton was using the union as a lever with which to move the electric monopoly of that city.

Attention was called to clause 11 in the hydro-electric contract, which calls for the commission to control all the original municipalities on the question of any further municipality seeking power from the union after the experimental stage has been passed, and the following resolution was passed by the union, Stratford delegates dissenting because they considered the term too strong:

That as the City of Hamilton applied for a supply of power from the commission, in co-operation with such other municipalities, the city should, in good faith, join in the contract between such other municipalities and the commission, and we would respectfully suggest to the council of the City of Hamilton, that they submit the contract of the hydro-electric commission, and the offer of the company to the electors. That unless either one of the representations above made be acted upon by the council of the City of Hamilton, this union will regard the action of the City of Hamilton as antagonistic to the union. That the superintendent's statement made on behalf of the majority of the council of the City of Hamilton above referred to, if such offer is accepted, the commission is made in future by the City of Hamilton, to the commission for a supply of power, the municipalities represented at this meeting will give their opinion on the commission that it would be inequitable for the commission to entertain the application, and such municipalities will protest against and resist any such application. That a copy of this resolution should be forwarded immediately to the clerk of the council of the City of Hamilton so that any action by the council of the City of Hamilton may be taken with full knowledge of the intention of such other municipalities. That the commission be asked to embody in any future contracts with the municipalities (if found necessary), provision that municipalities which have failed to execute a power contract with the commission, shall be hereafter permitted to obtain the benefits of Niagara power from the commission without the consent of the majority of the contracting municipalities, and if necessary the legislation be obtained for that purpose.

CATARACT CROWD IN HURRY. But Will Wait Until 7o-Night Before Ratifying the Agreement.

HAMILTON, July 16.—(Special).—The Cataract aldermen found to-night that they had tackled the impossible when they proposed to put thru in one night an agreement with the company containing some 50 clauses. The best they were able to do was to consider them in committee of the whole and the matter was left in committee. They will tackle the contract again Friday night.

Mayor Stewart appealed to them to adjourn until Monday evening. He said the agreement was handed to him only to-day and that he had been only to get one hour in which to study it. He wanted more time to consider such an important document, but the Cataract aldermen refused to grant his request, the following 12 insisting upon completing the ratification of the contract Friday night.

Aldermen Howard, Crerar, Clark, Dickson, Lewis, H. C. Wright, Peregrine, Evans, Sweney, Guy, Allan and Farrar.

Aldermen A. J. Wright, Hennessey, Nicholson, Jutten, Farmer, Bailey, and Gardner voted nay. The special power committee's report recommending the entering into a contract with the Cataract was carried on that Ald. Gardner voted with the Cataract Clique, making the divide in favor of closing with the Cataract 12 to 8. Ald. McLaren, a hydro-electric supporter, was the only absentee.

As the meeting opened, City Clerk Kent read a resolution passed to-day at the Western Municipalities Power Union meeting, the council that the Hamilton from the hydro-electric scheme unless it joined now, and compliance of the best faith shown by the aldermen. The Cataract aldermen pettishly carried a motion to expunge the union's resolution from the records of the council.

Some of the ultra-Cataract bunch wanted the agreement adopted without reading the clauses. It was agreed to read the whole agreement, but none of the clauses were adopted, the agreement being reached that the aldermen

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A SPECIMEN CLAUSE

Hamilton Herald: Here are two clauses in the new power contract—curiously conceived and worded, and very innocent-looking. 12. Since it is very important that the operation of the city's power pumping station, the high level pumping station and any other pumping stations which the city may establish shall not be interrupted, the company agrees that for any reason at any time there shall not be a supply of power sufficient for the company's customers, preference shall be given to the said pumping stations over private customers, including electric railways.

14. In consideration of the preference which the company has contracted to give to the city's pumping stations, the city agrees that if its auxiliary steam plant at any of the said stations is regularly run, it shall be as nearly as practicable at the time of the peak load on the company's lines. What do they mean?

Clause 12 looks like a concession by the company to the city. The intention of it is to sugar-coat the pill, which is clause 14. But even clause 14 is not valuable as it looks. Why not give preference to the city in the matter of street lighting as well as pumping. The meaning of clause 14 is simply this: If at any time, for any reason, the company supply the city with city power for pumping water or sewage, the city must start up its steam pumps. And the company will be liable for no damage or penalty whatsoever for the failure of the power supply.

QUEBEC BRIDGE REPORT TWO PICTURES PAINTED

Minority on Committee Find That the Bargain Has Been a Very Bad One.

OTTAWA, July 16.—(Special).—As in most cases of this kind, the parties have disagreed in regard to the finding to be presented to the house as a result of the enquiry into the finances of the Quebec Bridge Co. The majority find that the company fulfilled all its obligations and explains that the cheque of P. Davis, which the company held as part of the "cash" subscription required by the government, although not cashed, was regarded as cash by the company. The minority, on the other hand, find that when the Bank of Montreal is paid the sum of \$3,773,223, due by the company, the government will possess the whole balance of \$5,000,000 of capital and an undivided lien upon the superstructure of the bridge, including the Chaudiere Bridge and a large amount of other property. The superstructure cost over \$1,000,000, the approaches over one million and the value of the "delivered material" amounts approximately to one million dollars.

The minority report condemns the lack of proper supervision by the government. The Province of Quebec's credit to the extent of millions to bolster up the undertaking. Not until 1908 did the company have the amount of \$2,850,000 without a million dollars paid in, and part of that consisted not of cash, but in part of fees voted by the shareholders to the directors. The Province of Quebec received a subsidy of \$250,000, the City of Quebec \$300,000 and the federal government \$1,000,000 in aid of the undertaking. In 1908 the company had exhausted its capital stock and was \$773,550 in debt. Then came the government policy of constructing the national transcontinental railway, which bound the government to see the bridge project thru as a public work. The government guaranteed their bonds to the amount of \$2,850,000 without any examination of the conditions. One of the conditions imposed by the government was that the company should pay up \$200,000 in cash. This condition was only partially fulfilled and the minority report calls attention to the fact that the finance minister, in his evidence, stated that he had been aware of this deception, he would not have authorized the execution of the guarantee.

Bridge Company Assets. The government's present liability is \$6,328,000, while the bridge company's assets consist of some abutments and iron material, which may or may not be of any use. In regard to the plans, it is pointed out that the evidence establishes that in shirking its responsibility for overseeing their competency, and even went to the length of backing up the bridge company's objection to the appointment of an expert bridge engineer. When the catastrophe occurred there was no government engineer on the job.

The minority report concludes that for its liability of \$6,328,008, the government has nothing to show, and adds: "The evidence establishes that in any future construction of this magnitude it will be desirable that plans and specifications be passed upon by a board of at least three competent engineers."

THEIR DELUSIVE HOPE.

LONDON, July 16.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent, respecting trade relations of France and Germany with Canada, says he is sure the advantage which the countries respectively would gain from agreements with Canada are jeopardized by the alluring but delusive hope of gaining some advantage from the United States.

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DUTIES DEFINED FOR THE CIVIC AUDITOR

Accountants Recommend New Department for Checking Expenditures and Accounts.

The report of Messrs. Barber and Vigeon, accountants, regarding the creation of a new audit department for the city service, is quite comprehensive. It says that the present audit department has neither the scope nor authority that such a department should have, and as the time is opportune for a change, they would suggest a department composed of one head (city auditor), three clerks, and one stenographer, who would be responsible for the collection of taxes. The city auditor, by the suggestions made, would be responsible only to the board of control, and would be removable only on a two-thirds vote of council.

The report also recommends that the post of city tax collector, as it exists at present, should be abolished and that an official be appointed under the city treasurer who would be responsible for the collection of taxes. The city auditor, by the suggestions made, would be responsible only to the board of control, and would be removable only on a two-thirds vote of council.

Limit Expenditure Quarterly. It would be his duty to see that unless under exceptional circumstances, or a majority of the board of control, no department expended more than 25 per cent of its appropriation in any one quarter of the fiscal year; and for the purpose of this purpose each month be given the percentage of expenditure to date in each department of its total appropriation.

The auditor would also be responsible for seeing that no department overdraw its appropriation, and that expenditures were not actually charged only to appropriation, or the sub-division of appropriation to which it belonged. He would have complete control over the internal affairs of all civic departments, and would be responsible for their proper conduct.

He would be empowered to require from any officer of any department any information deemed necessary in the interest of the city, and be furnished statements of all moneys received or paid.

Check All Expenditures. He would be responsible for the expenditure of all moneys, and see that these were made according to law, and that those the council authorized are legal and he should be supplied with copies of all contracts the city might enter into.

All requisitions for supplies should be passed by the auditor, and he should be authorized all cheques issued by the treasurer on the city's bank account, and he would thus assume his measure of responsibility, relieving the mayor of this duty.

Messrs. Barber and Vigeon also recommended a general purchasing agent, whose department would be an adjunct to the auditor. In this way they claim an effective check could be kept on the proper distribution of supplies with legal bills, and the auditor would be a far more effective control over all outstanding civic indebtedness, and could effect economies impossible when each individual department is purchasing its own needs.

RAIL MILLS CLOSE DOWN. Lack of Orders and of Ore at the Soo. SAULT STE. MARIE, July 16.—(Special).—The rail mill of the Lake Superior Corporation closed down this afternoon for an indefinite period. The notice says the men will be notified when the plant is prepared to resume. No official statement was made, but the men at the plant say the reason for the shut down is lack of orders and scarcity of ore to run the blast-furnaces.

THE WORLD AT QUEBEC. Let The Toronto Daily and Sunday World take the place of the Montreal Star. The Montreal Star is on sale at the following news-stands in Quebec City during the ten-day anniversary celebration at that point. A. LANGLOIS, 26 Mountain Hill, Quebec City. G. A. GRONDIN, Quebec City. News Stand. Quebec City. THE MONTMORENCY NEWS STAND, Quebec City. J. E. WALSH, Bookstore, Quebec City. P. J. EVOY, Bookstore, Quebec City. HOLEWELL NEWS STAND, Quebec City. T. H. O'NEILL, 248 St. John-street, Quebec City.

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