

POWER COMMISSION MORE THAN MEETS CITY'S SUGGESTIONS

St. John Given Until April 1, 1923, to Begin Payment for Musquash Current

Sections of Proposed Contract Are Accepted as Redrafted But Several Changes Are to Be Considered Later—Musquash Power for the People at Cost is Government Proposal—Further Consideration of Agreement Postponed Until Thursday.

The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, at an adjourned meeting with the city commissioners yesterday afternoon, on the matter of the proposed hydro contract, showed that it was willing to meet the city even more than half way in all its suggested changes and additions to the original contract draft. Indeed, as Chief Engineer Foss put it at one time in the discussion, the commission went more than half way to meet the city—they went all the way.

The principal change agreed to was that covering the time of the city's liability for the payment of the minimum amount for the Musquash energy. The first proposed contract called for payment by the city within thirty-five days of the signing of the contract. Yesterday the commission agreed to allow the city until April 1 to get a transmission line built before it would be called upon to accept the power and pay for it. Other important concessions were also granted.

Those Present. Those present included the mayor and all the commissioners; J. D. Baxter, city solicitor; L. B. Wilson, city electrician; Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman; C. O. Foss, chief engineer; Gordon Kriss, electrical engineer; and J. D. P. Lewis, solicitor for the N. B. Electric Power Commission, and Premier Foster.

The commissioners first met in council and adjourned until this morning at 11:30 o'clock. They then resolved themselves into committee of the whole to discuss the hydro matter.

Contract Considered. The meeting started at the beginning of the proposed contract and considered it section by section. Dr. Baxter said that he and Mr. Lewis had gone over the contract and endeavored to express the suggestions made brought up at the last meeting. In the first section the words "power and energy" were changed to "electrical energy."

Mr. Kriss suggested that the whole first section covering the delivery of current by the commission, be made to read as follows:

"The commission undertakes to reserve and deliver and supply to the city (1) ten million kilowatt hours of electrical energy per year and, at the option of the city, further quantity up to fifteen kilowatt hours of electrical energy per year, and such further quantity in excess of fifteen kilowatt hours as the commission may have available from time to time from the Musquash developments the city's peak requirements and not to exceed 5,547 kilowatt ampere."

The mayor expressed the opinion that this would not be fair to the city, as he did not think that the city should be confined to a peak of 4,715 kilowatts. He thought that if the city took 10,000,000 kilowatt hours, the peak limit should be 2,988 kilowatts, and if 15,000,000 were taken the limit should be 3,500 kilowatts and at the same proportion in the intermediate amounts.

An Impossibility. "There are some things we can do," said Mr. Kriss, "and some things we cannot. This is one of the things we cannot do."

Commissioner Frink asked why the current supplied should be limited to Musquash. Mr. Lewis pointed out that the rate of 1.2 cents was based on the Musquash development, and anything further was looked after in a separate clause proposed by Mr. Kriss to that would want to know what the cost of further development, other than the Musquash, would be before it could set a rate. He said he preferred the clause proposed by Mr. Kriss to that in the old contract.

Dr. Baxter favored the form of the old clause which did not provide an option for the city, yet covered the same ground.

Commissioner Bullock asked, in view of an estimated deficit of \$28,000 on the city's part during the first year of operation, the commission would not agree to contract with the city for a minimum of 5,000,000 kilowatt hours. Must Sell Out.

Dr. Smith replied: "The commission must sell the output of the development at Musquash, and if the con-



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the peak load suggested in the section was not agreeable to the city and the clause was left for further consideration of that feature.

Future Needs. The clause providing, in the event of the city requiring more than could be supplied from the Musquash development, that the commission supply from other development at cost on receiving eight days' notice from the city. This clause was accepted as it stood.

The clause providing that the energy would be delivered and supplied at the high tension outlets of the city sub-station at a normal voltage of 66,000 volts on a twenty-four-hour basis, to be measured at the low tension side of the city switch-board within the city, was given consideration.

The mayor asked if the normal voltage had not been changed from 12,000 to 66,000, as there would have been a loss of current. Mr. Kriss replied that this was not the case; it was a question of voltage regulation—that it was better to keep up at the generating station than at the sub-station.

To the mayor's query, Mr. Kriss said that, with the present transmission line, he did not expect more than a two per cent fluctuation of voltage, except, perhaps, momentary fluctuations in extreme load changes when a ten per cent fluctuation might be experienced for a brief period.

The City Station. Discussing the matter of the location of the city's sub-station, Mr. Kriss said that the commission would like to have it near the Moncton 66,000 volt line, as this would be too high a voltage to carry through the city with safety.

Asked if the current would be brought direct to the power company assets of that corporation, Mr. Kriss said the same condition would apply—it would be dangerous to bring the high voltage line through the city. He estimated that about ninety per cent of the city population was within two miles of Cranston avenue and the location of the sub-station in that vicinity would be advisable.

This section was held over for further consideration.

The City's Obligations. Turning to the city's undertakings

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by the proposed contract, the meeting first considered clause 2-a, which covered the taking of the energy provided for in the first section. This was passed without comment.

Clause 2-b called upon the city to pay the cost of the power contracted for, the cost to be adjusted annually, and in no case to exceed 1.2 cents a kilowatt hour.

Radio Distribution. The mayor thought that here should be inserted a clause whereby, if some other means were provided to obtain energy at a less cost than in the contract, the commission would either meet that cost or permit the city to void the contract.

Mr. Kriss said that power factor of the energy taken by the city could not be placed at a lower figure than eighty-five, as called for in the proposed contract.

Referring to sub-sections c, d and f, which had to do with the efficient maintenance and operation of the city's sub-station to look after its equipment installed therein.

Mr. Kriss outlined what equipment the commission would have in the city sub-station and said that it would take up but little space. He said that the estimate of \$80,000 for the sub-

station included room for the commission's meters and other equipment, as well as for the cost of the city's machinery.

It was decided to add to clause "a" a paragraph providing for the location of the sub-station on the main Moncton transmission line within the city limits.

Section 3-a, covering the payment of accounts monthly, was accepted.

The First Payment. Section 3-b, covering the rendering of accounts and the beginning of payments by the city, caused some discussion, but the commission showed that would be of benefit to the city.

Dr. Baxter expressed the opinion that the city should settle upon a time when it would be ready to take the energy. That could be done now, he said, or on the completion of the distribution line.

Mr. Kriss agreed that the time should be definitely stated.

The mayor observed that it would be between two and three months before the commission was ready to deliver, while it would take six months for the city to complete a distribution system.

Commissioner Wigmore asked if the city six months to get the system in order before demanding the first payment.

Dr. Smith said he had no objection. Mr. Kriss said that if in the meantime the city should take over the power company system this should not deter the city from taking the current before the end of the six months.

It was finally decided that the city would contract to take the minimum of 10,000,000 not later than April 1, and if it was in a position to take part of the amount contracted for before that time it would pay for the actual quantity used up to that date.

Clause 3-c, covering the adjustment of costs, was allowed to stand with the addition that bills would be payable within thirty days of the account being rendered by the commission.

Dr. Baxter recommended that section 4, covering the frequency and voltage of the current supplied, stand with the addition of the words "frequency to be maintained within one cycle above or below 60 cycles; and voltage to be maintained within two per cent above or below 66,000."

Mr. Kriss said this condition was impractical.

The mayor said that he had been "advised" to hold out for the two per cent fluctuation in voltage and this matter was allowed to stand until the mayor had time to get more information.

At this point Dr. Smith was compelled to leave, and the meeting adjourned until Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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