

Electric Commission of Ontario, and the Toronto Harbor Commission, considered the suggestions offered by His Worship, the Mayor, in his Inaugural Address in relation to this matter, at a meeting held on the 4th inst. at which the following were present, viz.:—His Worship, the Mayor, Controllers O'Neill and Spence, and Aldermen Dunn, Jaguire, McBride, Ryding, Cameron, Gibbons, Yeomans and Wickett, also Sir Adam Beck, representing the Hydro Electric Commission of Ontario, and Messrs. L. H. Clarke, John Laxton, and R. S. Gourlay, representing the Board of Harbor Commissioners, when it was decided to report as follows:—"

"Your Committee are in hearty accord with the programme of suggestions offered for a proper rapid transit system, with radial entrances, and beg to recommend that a comprehensive plan for same be prepared forthwith by the Commissioner of Works, Mr. E. L. Cousins, Chief Engineer of the Toronto Harbor Commission, and Mr. F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer of the Hydro Electric Commission of Ontario, and that the legal representatives of the City, the Hydro Electric Commission and the Harbor Board, be appointed to consult and advise what legislation is necessary to give effect to the plan."

"Your Committee considered the programme of the Hydro Electric Commission of Ontario, as outlined by its Chairman, Sir Adam Beck, and are heartily in accordance with the same, and recommend that a memorial be presented to the Ontario Government by the City Council, advising of the preparation of the plan proposed by the City, and urging that no further extensions of franchises to existing companies, or new franchises, be granted pending the completion of the report as aforesaid."

"It is intended that when a definite plan has been prepared, the same will be submitted to this Committee and the Council for approval, with a view to having the ratepayers vote on the necessary debenture By-law at the annual elections on January 1st next."

On February 26th we held an organization meeting, and having secured the consent of Mr. E. L. Cousins, Chief Engineer of the Toronto Harbor Commission, subject to the assent of his principals, to act as Engineer-in-Charge, we requested the Harbor Commission to release Mr. Cousins to this work for the period necessary. On February 27th, the Harbor Commissioners consented to permit Mr. Cousins to supervise this work in addition to his other duties.

We outlined the general scheme of investigation, numerous meetings having since been held and the work prosecuted unceasingly.

We beg to herewith transmit for your consideration and approval, a general resumé of the considerations involved in the study of the problems with which we were charged, our conclusions thereon, and recommendations relative thereto.