

SITE FOR THE COMBINED STATION FOR WATER AND NIAGARA POWER

Important Meeting Held at Which Land Was Chosen and Option Closed—Will Be Located on the Corner of Ridout and Horton Streets on Hunt and Street Railway Property.

The site for the combined pumping plant and distribution station in London was this morning selected by the water commissioners, Hon. Adam Beck, Engineer Moore, Engineer Glaubitz, Engineer Sifton, and Ald. Stewart, chairman of the special power committee.

The property chosen is the old street railway land and part of the Hunt property on Ridout street, corner of Horton.

Plenty of Land.

There is sufficient land there for the combined stations, and upon making a minute inspection of the property, all agreed that the site was the best available.

Upon the agreement being made, Hon. Mr. Beck closed the option he had on it.

Both the water commissioners and Ald. Stewart were satisfied with the suggestion that the two stations be combined.

A Good Idea.
"I think the idea a good one, and it should make for an efficient as well as economical management of the two civic enterprises," said Commissioner Darch.

Mr. Beck gave the details of the building. It will be two stories in height, and will be built of pressed brick.

Contracts were also awarded by Mr. Beck for parts of the machinery.

The Pumps.

As to the class of pumps to be used in the building, no decision has been made, but the selection will be made shortly.

"We will get to work immediately," said Engineer Glaubitz. "We have nothing to do now but build the plant and as the season is rapidly advancing we must hurry to get it done before winter comes."

MANY TENDERS WERE ACCEPTED

Power Committee Send Number of Bids to City Council for Ratification.

TOTAL WAS \$23,247.53

Engineer Sifton Reports That Water and Power Plants May Be Profitably Combined.

At the meeting of the special power committee last evening tenders were recommended to be awarded for much of the equipment for the distribution station.

There were a large number of tenders for each line of material and in every case the lowest was recommended for acceptance.

The total awarded amounted to \$23,247.53.

The contract for poles was given to the Bissell Company, of Toledo, who offered to supply white cedar poles as per specifications, for the sum of \$11,100. This was considerably lower than the next, and on motion of Ald. Fitzgerald was accepted.

The same firm got the contract for cross arms, for the sum of \$1,247.50.

A London Firm.

The London Bolt and Hinge Company obtained the contract for braces for \$423.90, and for bolts, etc., for \$27.88.

The wire contract was awarded to the Wire and Cable Company, of Montreal, for \$9,292.50. This is somewhat in advance of the former tender, and is due to the general advance in the price of copper.

The Northern Electric Company, of Toronto, was given the contract for pins for \$320, and the Locke Insulator Company, of New York, was awarded the insulator for \$640.

Engineer Reports.

Engineer Sifton reported that he had gone over the plans of a joint pumping station, and distribution plant with Mr. H. J. Glaubitz, Mr. Beck's engineer, and they had drafted plans for the new building.

It was found that by making an addition of 30 by 32, and adding one story, to the pumping plant building, there would be plenty of room for both purposes. To build it in this manner would save money in the cost of construction, and would also permit of one staff operating the two departments. This would save from \$3,000 to \$4,000 annually. He strongly recommended the uniting of the two buildings.

Must Act at Once.

Hon. Adam Beck addressed the committee, and he stated that it was necessary to know immediately if the council intended to act with them. He was anxious to get to work at once on the pumping plant, as cold weather would soon be here, and something would have to be done forthwith.

There was no doubt, he stated, of the advantage of the joint operation, and he thought something should be done as quickly as possible. Mr. Beck suggested that the chairman of the committee join with the water commissioners and himself in the selection of a site.

Work Out the Scheme.

On motion of Ald. Saunders, Ald. Stewart, and Engineer Sifton were appointed to act with Mr. Beck in working out the scheme.

The plans were shown and were approved of by the committee.

Those present were Ald. Stewart, chairman, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Beattie, Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Fitzgerald, Mayor Stevely, Engineer Sifton and Secretary Baker.

CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE.

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 14.—Ray Milne appeared before the magistrate this morning on a charge of neglecting to support his wife. The interesting point of the case was that the woman swore her husband robbed the children's bank in order to have a good time. Milne was warned to be good in the future.

HIGH PRESSURE DOES SAVE PEOPLE MONEY

Mayor Stevely Says Winnipeg's Plant Saved Nearly Half Its Cost in One Year.

High-pressure in Winnipeg is a pronounced success and has resulted in an enormous saving in insurance rates.

The statement of Mayor Stevely that the plant in Winnipeg had saved in one year, almost half its cost will likely cause the citizens of London to again think seriously on this subject.

It is quite within the possibilities that some action may be taken shortly.

A Pronounced Success.
"There is no question that the high-pressure system has been a pronounced success in Winnipeg," said his worship today in discussing the subject. "I went over their plant very thoroughly, and investigated it from every standpoint, and there is absolutely no doubt that it has resulted in saving enormous sums of money to the City of Winnipeg in insurance rates. They are enthusiastic over it there."

"Of course, those who benefit by it pay the cost. The businessmen in the downtown section pay the cost of the plant and are glad to do so. The plant is situated on the Red River, and the water is drawn from that source."

A Local System.
It is understood that several businessmen are contemplating a high-pressure system for the downtown business districts, and the manufacturing section in the East End.

The artesian plant will give ample pressure and protection for the residential districts and will prevent conflagrations there. However, there is a manifestly inadequate manufacturing section in the East End, and in the manufacturing and business districts, and it is to these sections that the high-pressure system would be of value.

With a pumping station, an ample supply of water and the residential district protected, the expense of putting in a high-pressure plant would not be very great, and would be invaluable to the city.

A Few Explanations About Niagara Power
Made by Consulting Engineer Ross to the London Power Committee.

Engineer Ross, of Ross & Harte, consulting engineers, of Montreal, has sent a letter to the special power committee explaining some of the statements made by Mr. Ross at the recent conference between the council and the hydro-electric commission.

His explanation of the protective system for the transmission line, about which there was some dispute as to the reason the cost of it was not placed in the original estimates, was that when the estimates were drafted there was no protective system of which the engineers could get any information. It was highly desirable, but it could not be had.

The desire of the commissioners was to have a protective system by which one section could be cut off from the others in case of trouble, and prevent the whole line being tied up.

Since the contracts were awarded such a system has been developed and the commissioners, says Mr. Ross, on the advice of the engineers thought it wise to adopt it.

Mr. Ross also explained the plan of re-selling of power, and declared that on the lowest estimate, the city would be able to re-sell at least 25 per cent of their power.

A DIPLOMATIC RACE.
Washington, Aug. 14.—A diplomatic race between Spain and the Argentine Republic is arousing considerable interest in official circles here. Both countries are anxious to raise their representatives here to rank of ambassadors and both have taken tentative steps looking to the consummation of this desire.

Be Careful of the Water

Engineer Moore requests that the citizens be careful not to waste any water during the hot days.

The reservoir has fallen to 9 feet 6 inches, owing to the great demand and the falling off of the Springbank supply, and in order to allow it to catch up, it will be shut off this afternoon.

"The weather has been very dry, and as a result the springs are falling off," said Mr. Moore. "This happens every year, and is no more pronounced than prior to this season. The hot weather increases the demand, and consequently there is more water used. The wells show the same flow, and no diminution is noticed. They are pumping regularly, and the weir shows the measurements agreed upon. I do not want to alarm the people, but I would ask them to be careful, and try and not use more water than is necessary. The demand will be great during the hot weather, and we want to conserve our supply as much as possible."

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY MEETS IN THE FOREST CITY NEXT YEAR

Knights Templar Resolve to Hold the Next Session in London—Are Now in Session in Truro, N. S.—One of the Most Important Masonic Bodies in Canada.

The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar, will meet in London next year.

The annual meeting is in session this week in Truro, N. S., and word was received this morning from Mr. W. A. Wilson, presiding preceptor of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, of this city, to the effect that the Sovereign Grand Priory had selected London as their next meeting place.

A Large Membership.
This is one of the most important Masonic body, and the great priory numbers a large membership.

The preceptories stretch from the Yukon to the Atlantic seaboard, and there will undoubtedly be a large representation of Knights Templar in London next year.

The convention is held in August every year.

TROOPS DRIVE MOB BEFORE THEM

Strike Rioters at Fort William Quickly Brought Under Control.

GREEKS ARE BLAMED

Police Search Strikers for Arms, and Jail Leader of Trouble-Makers.

Fort William, Ont., Aug. 13.—Vigorous work of control was done by the police and the military in the city of Fort William today, as the mob of strikers and rioters was driven before them.

The fire department had a run about 12:20 to the residence of Mrs. Slaght, 35 Grosvenor street. A gasoline tank at the back of a stove in the rear kitchen sprung a leak, and exploded a few minutes after a fire was lit. There was no person in the room at the time.

The firemen put the blaze out without much trouble.

COUNCIL WILL LIKELY AWARD THE CONTRACTS
For Niagara Power Supplies at the Meeting on Monday Night Next.

At the council meeting on Monday night it is more than likely that the contracts for supplies will be awarded according to the recommendation of the special power committee, which met last evening.

Even a canvass of the aldermen, it seems practically certain.

All the tenders received carried a clause to the effect that they would deliver the goods on short notice, and it is within the probabilities that the supplies will all be in hand in a short time.

Site Selected.
The sub-committee appointed to confer with Hon. Adam Beck regarding a joint station for both the pumping plant and the distribution system, met this morning, and assisted in the selection of a site for the building.

It was agreed to erect the building for both purposes, and the sub-committee will report on the details probably at the next meeting.

This means that work will be taken up seriously for the reception of Niagara power.

The erection of poles is a considerable task, and this is the work that will occupy most of the attention for the next few weeks of Engineer Sifton. It is his intention, if the contracts are awarded, to put a large gang of men at this work, and hurry it through as rapidly as possible.

Will Rush Building.
The building will be proceeded with at once, and will be completed before snow flies, beyond question.

The Niagara power situation in brief is quite satisfactory to those promoting the scheme.

So far as the commission is concerned, they have awarded the contracts for transformer stations, including London, and work is being commenced on the line. The transmission line is being built, 2,000 footings and numerous towers being ready for erection on short notice.

The whole line has been surveyed, and practically all the right of way secured, it is alleged.

CHARGES ASSAULT.
Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 14.—David Irvine, who was arrested in Brantford yesterday, was identified by F. J. Porteous as one of the men who assaulted him about a month ago, as he was walking into his house on a Saturday night. His assailants escaped, but after a short chase Porteous caught Mark Tompkins, who was recently given ten years for the offence. Irvine is alleged to be the other man who assisted Tompkins, and he will be brought here for trial.

Passed the Crisis.
It was thought for a time yesterday afternoon that one of the England children from Westminster, who is in Victoria Hospital with diphtheria, would die, but it is now believed that the child has safely passed the crisis and will recover. Mrs. England and another of the children is still critically ill.

NO ONE BLAMED FOR SIDES' DEATH

The Jury Brought in an Open Verdict at Inquest Last Night.

WAS PURELY ACCIDENTAL

Man Was Evidently Walking Along the Tracks When Struck by a Train—The Evidence.

"That Frederick James Sides came to his death on the Grand Trunk tracks in London Township on or about the night of Aug. 6, by being struck with great force by some object, such as a train in motion, and we attach no blame to the Grand Trunk."

After hearing the evidence the jury, which, under Coroner MacLaren, investigated the death of Frederick James Sides, whose remains were found lying between the east and west bound main tracks of the Grand Trunk morning, brought in the above verdict.

The Evidence.
The first witness called was Miss Hattie E. Rooney, of 376 Lyle street. She stated that she had been told by friends that the remains were those of Mr. Sides, and went to Ferguson's undertaking rooms and identified them.

Mr. W. E. Stewart, harnessmaker, of 759 Dundas street, next called, stated that Mr. Sides had worked for him on many occasions. He first came to his shop in November of last year and worked off and on. About ten weeks ago he went away on a holiday and had not come back until the Wednesday before the accident. He worked Thursday and Friday, and was to have worked on Saturday, but did not show up.

Mr. Stewart stated that Mr. Sides had told him he had a room on Hill street. He was not a drinking man.

Finding of the Body.
Engineer Langlois, of the G. T. R., stated that he first saw the body as his train was approaching the city on the east about 6:30 on Saturday evening. He noticed that the coat was some distance from the body.

The body was lying facing the east, between the tracks. The head was to the south. The train was composed of about 35 cars, and witness went right on into the city, as he could do so in less time than it would take to stop and then back up.

Thirteen Trains.
Chief Dispatcher Charles Forrester stated that some thirteen trains would have passed between 7 in the evening and the time in the morning that the body was seen. No one had noticed the body during the night.

All the engines had been examined, but no trace of blood had been discovered on them.

Foreman Wm. Thurston stated that on Saturday morning last he went at 6:50 on a yard engine and found Mr. Sides' body. George Scott was left in charge, and witness came back and got a hand-car and the corner, and the body was removed to the downtown station.

Asked by a juror, the witness said he would judge the man had been struck by a westbound train.

The Post-Mortem.
Dr. H. A. Stevenson, who, with Dr. Mason, made the post-mortem, stated that the right lung was torn and was filled with blood. There was no fracture of the skull, but a deep cut on the right side. All the ribs on the right side were fractured. Death was due to internal hemorrhage and shock. The injuries to the liver would also cause death.

Dr. J. J. Mason offered similar evidence.

Mr. Stewart (recalled) stated that Mr. Sides' hearing and sight were excellent.

Money in Pockets.
Coroner MacLaren stated that \$3.50 was found in a purse in the pockets of deceased. A silver watch was also found.

The jury was as follows: Samuel Wheaton (foreman), Benjamin Tripp, William Sadler, E. Langford, W. Fred Boyd, W. McGrath, B. Lawson, J. H. Boake, E. J. White, W. Burrows, E. Mercer, C. E. Wilkins and James Dean.

Ald. Beattie Alone.
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LOCAL OPTION FIGHT BEGINS MIDDLESEX TO BE INVADED

The Young College Men Working in the Interest of the Cause Announce a Series of Meetings in Different Places—Mr. D. A. McDermid Pleased With the Work.

Starting with the close of college on the 25th of May last, a band of young college men have been engaged in touring the province under the auspices of the Dominion Alliance, delivering illustrated lectures and otherwise working in the interests of the local option propaganda.

They are Thomas Wearing, B.A., J. Lyman Cotton, of Wycliffe, F. C. Moyer, of Victoria, W. A. Scott, of McMaster, and F. W. Duggan, of Knox, who is acting as field secretary of the college association.

Messrs. Scott and Moyer have been working in the eastern townships and along the Ottawa valley, while Messrs. Wearing and Cotton have been working in the Niagara peninsula, and thence along the north shore of Lake Erie, and Lake and River St. Clair. They arrived in the city today, preparatory to the campaign, which opens in different sections of the county tomorrow.

The campaign is to include the townships of Dorchester, London, Adelaide, Lobo, Delaware, and perhaps Westminster.

The Meetings.
The meetings scheduled for the next few weeks are as follows: Sunday, 15th, Dorchester and Westminster, Mr. Cotton will be in charge of the meeting at one place, and Mr. Wearing at the other. On Monday, 16th, Belmont; Tuesday, 17th, Dorchester; Methodist Church; Wednesday, Harrietsville, Oddfellows' Hall; Thursday, 19th, Gladstone Baptist Church; Friday, 20th, Putnam; Sunday, 23rd, Appleton; Monday, 23rd, Lebel; Tuesday, 24th, Byron; Wednesday, 25th, Chelsea Green; Thursday, 26th, London Junction; Friday, 27th, Hyde Park Methodist Church; Sunday, Melrose, Hyde Park and St. Johns, Wesley, Birch and Elderton; Monday, 30th, St. Johns;

Better Than Prohibition.
"It is better at present than prohibition," said Mr. Wearing, "because of its present and practical applicability to the evils of the liquor traffic. In their travels they had seen unmistakable proof that local option improved business condition. And this opinion had been gathered from the experience of merchants, who in some cases were either indifferent or opposed to the measure. The measure, too, they considered, had proved itself in its ability to win the confidence of those who had formerly opposed it. It was at least giving the man that was down the chance to recover himself."

A Great Summer for the Tourists
Railwaymen Say Business Has Been Very Heavy in This Line.

VERY MANY PICNICS, TOO

Hot Weather Has Driven the People From the Cities and Towns—An Excellent Year All Around.

Railroad men are unanimous in stating that the present season has been one of the best for tourists that they have ever had. They attribute it largely to the splendid weather, which has, on the whole, been ideal for holidaying. For weeks all the principal Grand Trunk and C. P. R. trains have been carrying extra cars, and even then the accommodations have been taxed.

Heavy trains.
A Grand Trunk official stated to the Advertiser today that never during the eleven summers that he has been with the road in this city has he seen the crossings blocked so often by long trains.

For weeks all the through trains have been in the habit of stopping with the end of the train across either Clarence or Richmond streets. As soon as the five minutes allowed by law are up the engine pulls ahead, and then blocks another crossing as long as possible.

A Splendid Summer.
"We have had a splendid summer," is what the ticket agents are saying. "A great many people are taking long trips, and we have sold many ocean tickets."

"I don't think that so many people ever went west before," said a C. P. R. man to the Advertiser today. "I can only account for it by the fact that the west, and by the fact that the Seattle Exposition is on. A great many persons from all over this district are taking the trip to the coast, which includes a visit to Seattle."

Many Picnics.
From the standpoint of picnics it is doubtful if the lines to Port Stanley and Springbank ever did a bigger business than they have during the summer. Practically every picnic that was arranged for has been able to be carried out, and not a single one of the large ones has had to be postponed on account of wet weather. In addition to the hot weather has driven hundreds of people to take little outings that they would not likely have taken under other circumstances.

GRIFFIN SAILS.
New York, Aug. 14.—Charlie Griffin, the Australian featherweight prizefighter, sailed today on the steamer St. Paul for Southampton. He said he would challenge the winner of the Driscoll-Moran match, which is scheduled for Sept.