

HYDRO RATES GIVEN OUT AT THE COUNCIL

Domestic Lighting Will Cost 3 Cents per Kilowatt Hour—Jubilee Terrace Will be Defaced by the Erection of Hydro Electric Poles.

The Hydro Electric rates, after having been covered up for a week by a secretive committee, while the Western Counties Company has been busily engaged in grabbing business from under hydro noses, as it were, were brought down last night by Ald. McFarland, who had his engineer there to diagnose the peak load, overhead charges and the manner in which hydro can be sold three times over if enough of it is used. The lighting rate is the same as that of Toronto, and in spite of the bugbear of floor space, it is said that as the result of testing some thousands of houses, the rate works out to a flat 4 7/10 cents per kilowatt hour. This is a considerable reduction on the present Cataract price in Brantford.

That there will be more defacement of Jubilee Terrace, was brought out last night when the hydro report was submitted. Three big poles will go up right along the terrace and they will carry the high tension line of several thousand volts. This will not be good for Jubilee Terrace by any means, but the engineer said it was hard to get away from. The main power line into the city will be run through the Holmedale.

The Commission

The Hydro rates having been submitted, it remains now for the election of a commission. In some quarters it is freely stated that there will be an election for the commission. It is understood that the present engineer, who is receiving \$2,400 per year, is asking for an increase of \$300, but this will be a matter for the new commission. The names of several have been suggested, any of whom would make good business commissioners.

The recommendation of Ald. Suddaby's committee, that an agreement be drawn up for the building of a dyke which will mean bringing into the city a tract of 75 acres of land adjoining West Brantford. The proposal was favored all round, and unless something unforeseen occurs, will go through next year.

Board of Works.

The Board of Works reported as follows: That attached to this report is a report of the City Engineer on the work of his Department for 1913, which amounts to \$162,609, being an increase of \$4,280 over 1912. The appropriation for the Streets Department was \$32,000 and the expenditure \$31,097.

That the letter of H. B. Yake of Nov. 24th be filed and he be paid \$300.00 in settlement of all claims against the City.

That an agreement be entered into with Mr. J. T. Hewitt, on the basis of his letter to the Council of Dec. 15th, 1913, to provide for the extension of the West Brantford dyke so as to include an additional area of about 75 acres—the dyke to be constructed on land to be decided by the City by Mr. Hewitt for that purpose—and the City apply to the Ontario Railway Board for the inclusion of this land in the City limits.

Your Committee is of the opinion that it is advisable in the interests of the City that subways be opened under the Grand Trunk Railway tracks between George and Market Streets. That your Committee be authorized to enter into negotiations with the Railway Company in reference to the carrying out of this work, and the share to be borne by the Railway and in the event of being unable to arrive at an agreement satisfactory to the Council, that application be made to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada.

Your Committee has considered the request of the City Engineer for an increase in salary as made in his letter of Dec. 6th, but owing to the application having been made so late in the year, we cannot recommend the increase at the present time.

In regard to the West Brantford land, Ald. Suddaby said if it were taken into the city, the taxes would pay interest and sinking fund on the use of the dyke. It would make an excellent ground for new industries, with three railways running through

it. The dyke would cost between \$13,000 and \$10,000.

Mr. H. S. Hewitt in speaking in favor of the proposal as the representative of the owner, read the offer made. The strip to be donated was worth about \$5,000, and would be about six acres. This would leave about 75 acres for industrial purposes. The new district, it was claimed would give access from Burford Road to Lorne Bridge free from four railway crossings. A road way could be run right along the dyke to Oxford street.

Mr. Hewitt said the Engineer had found it would be an easy matter and would mean that West Brantford would be most thoroughly protected.

Mr. Harris also spoke in support of the proposition. The proposed dyke would doubtless confer a great benefit on the district at a small cost. Taxes immediately coming due would pay interest on the cost of the dyke and principal as well.

Mr. Geo. S. Matthews also spoke in favor. There were few tracks around Brantford available for new industries. The dyke would also mean a new roadway along the water front and a bridge could be built into the Holmedale. The opening of such a highway would be desirable and he believed it would be rendered necessary sooner than most people thought. As far as protection was concerned the dyke would render West Brantford immune.

Mr. Joseph Ruddy, as a member of the Greater Brantford board, said it would help the work of the board a great deal if such a property would be brought into the city. He believed the city would be re-embursed fully for the expense of the dyke. Mr. Ruddy suggested that the owners should give an option to the city on 15 acres, so that the Greater Brantford board would have some definite basis to work on.

Ald. Ward wanted to know as to the procedure.

Ald. Suddaby said application for annexation would have to be made to the Ontario Railway Board. Then debentures would have to be issued for the dyke, although the assessors said at its present value it would pay cost of the dyke. The land adjoining the city limits. There was no land in between.

Acting Mayor Spence said he thought the report was going a little too far or too fast. An agreement could not be entered into with Mr. Hewitt until the city raised the money. It seemed a case of putting the cart before the horse. He believed the ratepayers should have an opportunity of saying whether the city should construct the dyke at a cost of \$13,000 to \$19,000. He believed a little more consideration should be given to the matter and it might be better to leave it to the incoming council.

Ald. Broadbent was informed that it was too late to vote on the matter this year.

Ald. Pitcher thought something more definite than "13,000 or 19,000" should be secured. The difference was too great to overlook off hand.

Ald. Suddaby said the \$19,000 took in 15 acres more land.

Ald. Minshall wanted to know why the dykes this year were built without a vote of the people.

Acting Mayor Spence said the dykes were necessary, and were built without approval. The ratepayers later voted it.

It was suggested that the wording of the resolution be changed, while in favor of the proposal, the city shouldn't rush into an agreement until it was protected.

Ald. Ward said, as a member of the board of works he was surprised at the figures submitted. At first, City Engineer Jones said \$10,000, possibly \$12,000. Still he was in favor of the proposition and hoped it would go through early next year. He did not believe there was any public spirited citizen not in favor of it.

The suggestion of the acting mayor was finally acted upon, making the report a recommendation to next year's council and it was carried with this change.

Some Explanations.

Engineer Ireland in explaining the report, said the domestic lighting service charge or floor space. The amount of lighting in various houses would depend on floor space. That got back to the plant investment to serve these houses. That covered the cost of service from the station to the house. The floor space had been worked out equitably after a test of thousands of houses in Toronto. The 3 cents per kilowatt hour was exactly the same as Toronto's rate. In Brantford the cut would work out from 75 to 60 per cent. from the present rate.

Mr. Ireland showed that the floor space was not such a bug bear after all. He had measured houses in Brantford. One with a floor space of 3,600 feet in November paid \$5.94 Under Hydro it would pay \$3.40. A house of 2,800 ft. space paid \$2.48 in September, under Hydro the amount would be \$1.98. A smaller house of 1,200 feet in Sept. paid \$1.63. Under Hydro the amount would be 97 cents.

Ald. McEwen wanted to know if the Hydro had power to put up poles along Jubilee Terrace. It looked as if the old terrace were becoming pretty well disfigured.

Acting Mayor Spence agreed with Ald. McEwen and thought the Hydro Board would have to go to the parks board.

Hydro Rates.

The Fire and Light Committee reported as follows: That the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, having been refused permission by the Lake Erie and Northern Railway to construct their transmission line within the City limits on the right-

of-way of the said Railway, be granted permission to erect their line on the following streets—beginning at the point where the Lake Erie and Northern Railway crosses Dufferin Avenue, thence easterly along the north side of Dufferin Avenue to Morrell St., thence southerly on the west side of Morrell St. to Burwell St., thence easterly along the north side of Burrell to St. Paul's Ave., thence north on St. Paul's Ave. to Spring Street, thence easterly on the south side of Spring St. to Jarvis St., thence southerly on the west side of Jarvis St. to West Mill St., thence easterly along the south side of West Mill St. to Church Street, thence easterly on the street on the north side of the Grand River to Water Street, thence along Water St. and across the Canal to Greenwich Street, thence easterly on the south side of Greenwich St. to the City's substation, the location of all poles to be subject to the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department.

(2) That the Hydro-Electric department be granted permission to investigate and report on applications from the residents of the Township of Brantford for the extension of electric service outside the city limits after the installation of the work within the city is completed, it being understood that in every case before approaching the Hydro Electric Department, the residents of the Township will have presented petitions in regular form to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and will have received the report of the Engineers of the said Commission of Ontario be adopted and put in force immediately, these rates being as follows:

Domestic Lighting.

Service charge—4 cents per month per 100 square feet of floor space, plus consumption charge of three cents per kilowatt hour.

Commercial Lighting.

Consumption charge—6 cents per k.w. hour for first 90 hours use of installed capacity; 3 cents per k.w. hour for the next 70 hours use of installed capacity; 15-100 per k.w. hour for all additional consumption.

Commercial Power.

Service charge—\$1.00 per month

per H.P. of connected load or maximum demand, plus a Consumption charge—1.0 cents per k.w. hour up to first 60 hours monthly use of connected load. 1.3 cents per k.w. hour for next 30 hours monthly use of connected load. 1.5 cents per k.w. hour for all additional consumption.

Above charges for commercial power shall be subject to the following class discounts:

Class "A"—24 hour unrestricted use—No class discount.

Class "B"—24 hour restricted use—10 per cent. off above rate.

Class "C"—10 hour unrestricted use—10 per cent. off above rate.

Class "D"—10 hour restricted use—33 1/3 per cent. off above rate.

All bills for power or light shall be subject to a discount of 10 per cent. in ten days from date of bill.

Restricted hours to be as follows:

Oct. 15th—Oct. 31st, 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Nov. 1st—Nov. 30th, 5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Dec. 1st—Jan. 15th, 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Jan. 16th—Feb. 15th—5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Feb. 16th to Mar. 1st, 5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

ELECTED BY WARDS

Change Made Re the Board of Education Proposal for City.

If the by-law for the establishment of a board of education goes through at the municipal elections, it will mean that the representatives are elected from the wards as at present, and not from the city as a whole. It will of course mean that the Collegiate Board will be merged into the elective board.

Ald. Ward introduced a resolution at the Council last night to have Mr. W. S. Brewster, M.P.P. seek special legislation to secure the election by Wards instead of general throughout the city of the trustees if the proposed change is endorsed. This resolution is that where the election is

general there is a tendency to neglect the outskirts and the particular interests of the Ward. Some opposition had recently been developed against the plan of a general election of trustees. Ald. Ward said he hoped the board of education would be endorsed by the ratepayers.

A London Liberal paper denounced the British Cabinet for refusing to authorize an exhibit at the Panama Exposition.

Major-General W. H. Cotton's term as Inspector-General has been extended to March 31, when he will retire on superannuation, to be succeeded by General Lessard.

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