

The editorial from which the foregoing are extracts, concludes a bitter invective against certain individuals who, in the Editor's opinion, were injuring Winnipeg by opposing the construction of the works by the City. It says:

"Could the City not raise on the credit of the work itself far more than a sufficiency?" (Cash with which to construct the works.) "Then what has become of the Sinking Fund, and the remainder of the Debenture Fund which should be on hand and available for the purpose? It has been said that the \$400,000 is now on hand! We cannot for the life of us see why the Council should hesitate. Let them go on and do the work and deserve the everlasting gratitude of our citizens, and live in the memories of the present and future generations, *as will without doubt*, the great Council of the French Town of Joliette."

The following is an extract from Winnipeg's first letter, dated 15th Feb. 1890.

"Ottawa owns her own water works, managed by a Board of three Commissioners paid by the City for the portion of their time spent in the public service. These Commissioners are chosen from the best business talent of the City. The Board meets, say once a week. The Chairman is virtually the Managing Director, and would necessarily require to give more time to the supervision of the work. Let us say,

A Chairman at per annum,	\$2000 00
2 Commissioners, each, 52 meetings, at \$10 each.....	1040 00
1 Manager or Superintendent.....	1500 00
1 Chief Clerk.....	1200 00
1 Assistant Clerk.....	800 00
Sundries, say.....	1000 00
Total for management.....	\$7540 00

These items are outside estimates.

The Board of Commissioners could have the supervision of both the Water and Light thus reducing the expenses one half.

The estimated value of the Winnipeg Water Works and Franchise, amount to in round numbers.....	\$445,000
Estimated cost of water power, including locks, &c.....	500,000
Estimated cost of electric light plant.....	25,000
Total.....	\$970,000

Interest on above at 4 per cent	\$ 38,800
Cost of operating Water Works, including \$7,540 for management of Water and Light, say.....	10,000
Cost of operating water power.....	3,000
Cost of operating electric light, (exclusive of management).....	3,000
Total amount of expenditure	54,800

REVENUE.

Revenue from Water Works, per annum.....	80,000
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Revenue from water power, 1500 horse power, at \$20 per annum....	30,000
Revenue from electric lights, 200 lights, at \$100 each.....	20,000
Total.....	\$130,000
Deduct total annual expenditure, including interest and expenses....	54,800
Net revenue surplus.....	\$ 75,200

By applying the surplus revenue towards the first cost of all the works, thus gradually reducing the liability thereon, it would take less than *ten years* to pay the whole cost of the water and light plant, including interest, and the city would be in possession of a magnificent heritage, which would, in course of time, pay our whole bonded debt. Surely the people of Winnipeg are the fools you say they are if they do not see at a glance the advantages of the above statements. Should the figures be questioned, I can furnish proof, more than proof, as to their correctness. Let any man *with a head on him* sit down for half an hour and figure for himself.

We now pay at the rate of \$163.50 a light per annum. I have only estimated the cost of each at \$100. The 200 includes what is required for street lighting, private arc and incandescent lights equivalent to arc lights of my estimate. I defy any of the schemers to upset my figures, although hastily put together. In a future letter I will give a comparison showing the cost of the water service of Winnipeg and elsewhere.

Yours,

"WINNIPEG."

WINNIPEG'S SECOND LETTER.

22ND FEBRUARY, 1890.

TO THE EDITOR,—

Dear Sir,—In my letter of last week, through a misapprehension of the figures before me I included a certain proportion of the 200 arc lights as being intended for private arc and incandescent lights. In this I was wrong; my letter should have read: The 200 (arc lights) includes only what is required for street lighting. The estimate for private arc and incandescent lights is placed as being equivalent to 400 arc lights.

My estimate of \$100 each arch light