

CITY PAYS FOR POWER AT FALLS \$18 PER H. P. IS TORONTO'S PRICE

Mayor Stevely Throws
Light On Yesterday's
Power Meeting.

BIG LIABILITY FOR LONDON

And All Other Municipalities
Entering Into the Agreement
Some—Interesting Facts.

In spite of the fact that a pro forma contract with the hydro-electric commission was submitted to the Western Ontario Municipalities Niagara Power Union yesterday afternoon in Toronto, there seems to be considerable uncertainty on the problem, Mayor Stevely has a copy of the contract, and he emphatically declares that it will not do in its present form.

The other representatives of the same opinion, and as a result City Solicitor Meredith, of London, and the commission's solicitor, Mr. Lobb, will work out a more useful contract.

Much Uncertainty.
"The contract as it stands will not do," said Mayor Stevely this afternoon to the Advertiser. "There is considerable uncertainty about some of the clauses in it, and that uncertainty must be done away with. In many cases the meaning is not very clear. However, we had a long discussion over the matter, and the information we gained will be valuable to us in the future discussions. I will submit the contract to the council, and it will be sent to a special committee for consideration, I think."

Cost of Power.
"The statement that Niagara power will cost all municipalities only \$18 per horsepower is wrong. That only refers to Toronto. The only certain cost of power we have had from the commission is at the rate of \$9.40 per horsepower at Niagara Falls, for a minimum of 12 volts pressure. They say that at that rate power can be delivered in Toronto at not more than \$18. It will cost us more than that here, and it will cost the municipalities in the Western Ontario zone more than that."

Pay at the Falls.
"There was one feature I never knew before and that was that we must pay for the power at Niagara Falls. I always thought that the commission would deliver the power to us at our doors at a price not to exceed \$23.50 a horsepower. That is not the way. The city must buy its power direct at Niagara Falls. The minimum rate is \$9.40 per horsepower at 12 volts, the minimum voltage. It will take at least 50,000 volts to drive the current to London, which will make the power line cost us \$10.40 at the least calculation. The probability is that it will require 120,000 volts to drive it here, which will increase the price above \$10.40. We must pay for it monthly at the Falls."

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Whitney Explains Gerrymander Considers It No Injustice He Says

Mr. MacKay Offers Resolution
That Suggested Changes
Be Not Made.

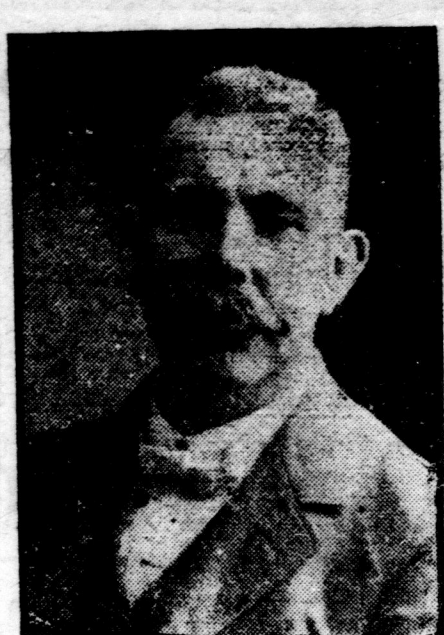
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, April 4.—Premier Whitney laid before the Legislature yesterday the Government's proposals regarding representation to be given the city of Toronto by the redistribution bill. It involves embarking on a plan of representation new in the history of the Province, and the Premier stated that it was being undertaken as an experiment, but if successful to be applied to other cities, such as Hamilton, Ottawa

TO USE GAS FOR THE WATERWORKS

Chatham, April 4.—Superintendent Jones of the civic waterworks reported today that after a comparative test of running the waterworks plant with natural gas as against coal, he found that to pump 1,000,000 gallons of water cost valued at \$18 was required, and

CAMBRIDGE WINS THE VARSITY RACE

Putney, England, April 4.—The 65th boat race between crews of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge took place this afternoon over the ancient course on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake. It was won by Cambridge by nearly two lengths. The contest brought out the customary crowds of enthusiasts, and long before



MR. PHILIP POCKOCK,
Elected Vice-President of the London
Liberal Association.

COUNCIL CHANGES ITS MIND WILL VOTE AGAINST GRAVEL

Chairman Greenless Says the City Fathers Have But One Course
Open to Them to Refute Insinuations Being Made—
Mayor Stevely Will Insist on City's Rights.

Notwithstanding the recommendation of the board of works on Thursday evening last, it is not likely that gravel will be used instead of broken stone, in the Dundas street pavement. The council will vote against the proposed change.

Ald. Beattie is opposed to the change and always has been.

Ald. Ferguson will not listen to a change unless a very substantial reduction is made.

Ald. Booth thinks the original contract, which calls for broken stone, should be carried out, and will vote that way.

Ald. Moorhead wants the broken stone, as the people want it.

Ald. Armstrong wants broken stone.

Ald. Parsons was opposed to the change in the first instance, and has not changed his mind since.

Ald. Stevenson wants broken stone.

Broken Stone.
"I am going to vote for broken stone because the council cannot do otherwise and preserve its dignity," said Ald. Greenless this afternoon. "There are charges of graft flying everywhere, and to refute these charges the council must certainly

oppose the change. I will vote for broken stone."

"There has been such a rumour made about this thing that I will not only vote for broken stone," said Ald. Stewart, one of the members of the board of works. "I gave the best arguments I could, but if they are not acceptable to the people, I certainly will not force them further. The great difficulty is that we had no definite information as to the difference in cost before us."

Ald. Gerry will vote for broken stone, it was stated, although he had not seen this afternoon by The Advertiser.

It only need eight aldermen to rescind the former motion, and already more than that number have committed themselves.

Mayor's Position.
In addition Mayor Stevely has come out with the statement that he is opposed to the change unless the city gets a share of the difference.

"It is recognized that there is a difference in the cost of the two materials," he said. "If that is the case, the city should certainly get the difference. If no reduction is made there will not be any gravel used."

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APPLIES FOR PARDON FOR HARRY ORCHARD

Regardless of His Absolute Refusal to
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Boise, Idaho, April 4.—Regardless of the absolute refusal of Harry Orchard to file a petition for pardon, Frank T. Wyman yesterday, as his counsel, acting by direction of Judge Fremont Wood, of the trial court, filed with the state board of pardons, application for pardon. Four weeks must intervene before such an application can be considered, and as the matter cannot be considered until a large meeting of the board, the respite will be required, extending the date of the execution until some time in July, from May 15.

The next regular meeting comes on the first Wednesday in July.

Death of Bright Girl.
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PHYSICIANS OF THE CITY ENTER A STRONG PROTEST

Say the Hygienic Institute Should Not Be Erected Next to the
Nurses' Home—Will Deprive It of Light and Air—
Institute Should Be Associated With University.

The physicians of the city, almost to a man, are registering a vigorous protest against the erection of the hygienic institute on the site proposed. Said one of the foremost practitioners to The Advertiser today:

"A gross mistake has been made, but it is not too late to remedy it, if prompt action is taken. If the new building goes up on the present site, it will overshadow the Nurses' Home of Victoria Hospital, depriving it of light and air. The institute would have the appearance of an annex of the hospital, whereas it should be associated with the Western University as a scientific department. It is not a London institution alone, but will be erected for the use and benefit of the whole of Western Ontario. The attempt to make it a department of the hospital is a wrong against the western county of the Province, and if it succeeds will give a setback to the Western University, which is now in a fair way to be placed on a sound basis, and needs all the assistance it can get. No matter where the hygienic institute is built, the students will have the full advantage of it. To place it beside the hospital would not be conducive to discipline."

Work on the hygienic institute has been stopped by the Government's order that the local physicians will spare no effort to have the question of the site reopened.

CITY GAS COMPANY NOW READY NATURAL GAS IF TERMS RIGHT

Cheaper Gas for London People Seems Now Assured—Negotiations Are Going On—Big Possibilities For Gas Consumption In City—Right-of-Way Being Bonded.

Natural gas for London is an assured fact within a very short time, it was stated this afternoon, by parties who are on the inside of the deal.

Negotiations are going on between local capitalists, who are interested in the Port Dover field, and the City Gas Company, for the distribution of the gas, and it is expected that some definite arrangement will be reached within a week or so.

The right of way is being bonded between the city and Port Dover. There is an abundant supply of gas in the Port Dover region, four million feet of gas being in sight at the present time. The gas is pure, with no sulphur, and there is plenty of pressure.

Negotiations Proceeding.
"There is nothing definite as yet," said Mr. F. G. Rumball, who is interested in the Port Dover fields. "Negotiations are proceeding, and it is expected that something definite will be known next week. We have plenty of gas of the purest quality, and if we can make the necessary arrangements (Continued on Page Eight.)"

Board For Less Than 6 Cents a Day Gov. Carter Is a Great Financier

Inmates of the County Jail Consumed Food That Was
Inexpensive.

The quarterly report of the cost of maintenance for the county jail for the period ending March 31 has been issued by Governor Carter.

The report contains many interesting items, particularly as to the cost of supplying the prisoners with food. During the quarter, there were in all 140 prisoners.

The total cost of rations amounted to \$22.99, and of that amount \$12.16 was spent for special food for sick prisoners, such as eggs, tea, butter and milk.

Leaving aside the cost of the food mentioned, the average cost of feeding each prisoner was 53.5 cents a day.

During the quarter, the total number of days spent by the prisoners in jail was 2,711.

During that time 4,132 loaves of bread were consumed, at a cost of \$22.97, and 778 pounds of meat came to \$38.90, and the cost of the 14 bags of oatmeal disposed of amounted to \$38.50.

Molasses cost \$10.80 and potatoes \$15.

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