

to me that the Lesslie Contracting Company should make some adjustment for the time which was lost by reason of the plant not being ready for operation on the 13th September, the date from which the City paid rental for same.

BOARD AND LODGING OF MR. LESSLIE AND HIS MEN.

Mr. Lesslie and his engineer and fireman were boarded and lodged at the expense of the City from the 13th September until 11th January, 1911. The contract is silent about their board and lodging. Mr. Lesslie said he understood the City was to pay for them, while both Mr. Rust and Mr. Fellowes stated there was no arrangement whatever made as to provisioning Mr. Lesslie or his men, that they were to provide only for the City's men. I find the City supplied Mr. Lesslie and his engineer and fireman provisions, and that these provisions were paid for on the certificate of Mr. Lesslie from time to time. In my opinion he should refund to the City a proper amount to cover this board and lodging. It was shown in evidence that 20 cents a meal was reasonable, or at the rate of \$4 a week for each person, which for the period mentioned, namely, 17 weeks, would amount to the sum of \$204.

WAGES PAID THE MEN UNDER MR. LESSLIE.

Mr. Lesslie employed an engineer and fireman at the rate of \$60 and \$35 a month respectively from the 13th of September to the 13th November, and from the 13th November to the 10th January, 1911, \$65 and \$40 per month respectively. He also employed four men and a cook who were paid by the City. He stated that the cook was employed by the month at \$35 a month. However, the City was charged by his certified pay list \$1.33 per day including Sundays for the cook, and this was subsequently increased; the men employed by him on behalf of the City were also paid their wages at a daily rate. Mr. Lesslie certified the time of the regular men working on the barge and paid by the City, with a number of Sundays on which no work was done, while the men working for the City, but who did not board or lodge on the barge, did not receive their wages for Sundays on which no work was done. As a result of these charges the City paid much more than should have been charged. Mr. Lesslie clearly favored those employees who had been previously in his service at the expense of the City. For the Sundays on which no work was done in 1910 the City paid these employees \$78.54.

CHARTER OF THE IDA E.

On the 11th January, 1911, the charter of the barge Ida E. ran out. The owner demanded an increased rate from \$400 per month, which Mr. Lesslie had been paying, to \$16 per day, or an increase of \$80 a month for 30 days. Mr. Lesslie proposed to Mr. Fellowes that the City should pay the wages of the engineer and fireman on account of this increase. At this time their wages were \$65 and \$40 per month respectively. Mr. Fellowes agreed to this and in this way gave Mr. Lesslie an increase of \$25 per month profit on rental of the barge.