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**RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF NIAGARA FALLS—DEC. 7th, 1896.**

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**POWER COMPANY.**

Whereas it has come to the notice of this council that an application for an extension of time in which to commence operations for the building of a certain power tunnel to be constructed by the Canadian Niagara Power company, who hold certain privileges more fully set forth in the agreement between said company and the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commissioners, has been made by said company to the Government of Ontario. And whereas this council are aware that such extension, if granted, is not in the best interest of this locality and the country in general, for the following and other reasons.—That said company hold very valuable exclusive privileges, and have had, in this council's opinion, sufficient time wherein to mature their plans, and as the construction of the proposed tunnel will take some long time to complete, to delay commencement not only means the lapse of the term asked, but the additional term or time necessary for constructing, thereby delaying progress, and the opening of one of the greatest powers on this continent. That notwithstanding the annual rental now being paid by said company, is not of sufficient consequence compared with the benefit that would arise from a speedy development or utilization of the waters of the Niagara. That a dangerous rival is being perfected in the adjoining country, and to further delay, only gives to this rival greater opportunities to conclude long leases for power with the adjoining cities and corporations, to the disadvantage of this country. That many corporations have expressed their desire for power and the establishing of manufacturies in the vicinity, where power is obtainable. We therefore petition your honorable body to refuse the application of the said company.