

ENGINEER BADLY SCALDED

Light Before Last at the Electric Light Station

the Bursting of a Steam Pipe—The Well Ran Dry and the Lights Went Out.

The Dawson Electric Light and Power Co. has troubles of its own which, while their relation to a police-matter might be interesting, would hardly relieve the difficulties. However, a more practical method has been resorted to, and it is believed that the troubles are now past.

Night before last Engineer James Dale was very badly scalded by the bursting of a steam pipe, and it is said by those who were there at the time that it was almost miraculous that he escaped with his life. As it is he is confined to his bed in the big building on the Klondike, where he will have to stay for some time, as the result of his injuries. The scalding of the engineer is due to the same cause as the other difficulties noticeable in the absence of lights last night, namely the shortage of water.

Owing to the coldness of winter weather, the plant has to depend for its water supply on a well. Water has been pumped to the boilers from this well right along, and no one had noticed that the Klondike had been falling of late, and, as the well draws its supply from the river, of course it went dry when the river water went below its level.

In this state of affairs became known, there was not enough water in the well to quench the thirst of a jack boiler, and the engine had to be shut down in consequence. When the engineer was scalded the pump had got clogged with sand owing to the well being dry, and this caused the pipe to burst, but even then it was not noticed that the well was empty and only last evening did this become noticeable, as a \$20,000 boiler is just as easily burned as a cheap one, there was no help for it, the lights had to go out.

The well has been deepened now however to such a depth that there is no danger of a recurrence of the difficulty, and, as the machinery is new and modern, and built with a view to the avoidance of shut-downs, the people at the power station have no fear of further trouble.

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