

Mr. Groves,—

I believe they are installing a gas producer plant in the city.

Mr. R. Ivers,—

They may be doing that for advertisement, which are like the advertisements about Cobalt stocks.

Chairman,—

Perhaps they may be like other concerns, they wish to see other people experiment on it first.

Mr. J. C. Blanchflower,—

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen:—I wish to say I have visited several shops in our own plant, and we are using gas producers for running machinery for the last 16 years. I have been in the gas producer business for thirty years. We use a lot of natural gas, and we have a lot of motors in different parts of the factory. I would like to say that the Fairbanks-Morse people in Toronto have installed a 250 h.p. gas producer, and have been running their factory with it for the past year. On the other side they have a large factory where they have about 6 or 8 gas producers in operation. I have thoroughly investigated the gas producer question, and think there are great advantages in the use of the same. They are not limited to large or small powers, and there is a saving of 50% with their use.

Mr. G. Black,—

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen:—I would like to ask a question. Mr. Armer speaks of hand blowers that were applied on these gas producers in starting the fires, but he did not explain how the fires were kept up.

Mr. J. R. Armer,—

The combustion is kept up by a continual supply of air which is drawn into the producer by the action of the piston on its reducing stroke.

Mr. George Morang,—

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen:—It may not be generally known that at the exhibition last year we had two gas producer