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this water. This is accomplished by the use of as fine an orifice as possible, and careful attention on the part of employees to regulate the quantity to the minimum necessary.

The cost of the work as carried out in the city amounts to about fifteen cents per linear foot of pipe, divided as follows: cost of pipe and drilling or punching holes, eight to nine cents per foot; laying and fitting, one to two cents per foot; connections with water main fifteen dollars each, or, if they are placed once every three hundred feet, about five cents per feet of boulevard piping.

Greater Winnipeg Water District.

The whole of the City of Winnipeg, the City of St. Boniface, the Town of Transcona and portions of Assiniboia, Kildonan and Fort Garry and St. Vital have come into the Greater Winnipeg Water District.

The Railway Companies, and particularly the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, very strongly objected to being taxed for the supply of water. The C. N. R. and the G. T. P. stated that as they were already taxed under the Railway Taxation Act, they did not think they should be taxed under the Water District Act. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, while availing itself of the arguments in respect of exemption under the Railway Taxation Act, claimed that as they enjoyed complete exemption from taxation in the City of Winnipeg, they should not be taxed for bringing in soft water to the City, or to any district where they might be operating. Notwithstanding that it was an argument advanced before for procuring a visible course of supply of soft water that the Railway Companies specially favored it, all three of the trans-continental railways strongly objected to being taxed for bringing this water into Winnipeg or the surrounding districts. The Midland Railway Company, however, offered no objections.

The sympathy that the Railway received from the Committee made it necessary to amend section 63, which was intended to be amended so that no municipality in the Water District should be obliged to furnish water to any of the railways unless the railway companies were willing to come into the District and submit to being taxed the same as other people were. The railway companies, therefore, cannot claim any right to use the water which is furnished by the Greater Winnipeg Water District Corporation unless they are prepared to submit to the burden that other people are bearing in bringing in the supply.

The City of St. Boniface was granted a special privilege of making up out of its general taxes, a sufficient sum to cover the church exemptions there, so that under the act, the right to assess for the purposes of the Water District may be summarized as follows:—

All the real estate in the area described as the Water District, excepting railway, Dominion, Provincial or Municipal lands, public schools, hospitals, lands belonging to incorporated agricultural colleges, burying grounds not exceeding 20 acres.

So far as the City of Winnipeg, however, is concerned, whether the City shall come into the area or not has to be determined by the vote of the electors qualified to vote on the money by-laws, and machinery is provided for submission to the electors of the question.

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