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The question answered so strongly in the affirmative was: "Are you in favor of having the municipality develop or acquire thru the Hydro-electric Power Commission of Ontario whatever works may be required for the supply of electric energy or power in addition to such electric power as is already obtained under the existing contract with the Hydro-electric Power Commission of Ontario?"

An authority on the power question and public ownership says the overwhelming affirmative will enable the Ontario Government to get back to the right policy on the question of Niagara power development. This authority says that while Premier Hearst was ill and unable to rule his political household, Messrs. Lucas, McGarry and other members of the Ontario ministry decided to elip Sir Adam Beck's wings by undertaking the proposed power development at Queens-town Heights as a provincial public work, which when completed might or might not be handed over to the Hydro-electric Commission to operate.

The municipalities of the Niagara Power Union promptly protested. They pointed out that the government had merely acted as banker for the public power distribution system, and had not guaranteed the bond issue until amply protected by the municipalities. Had any loss occurred it would have fallen entirely on the various cities, towns and townships that had made contracts with the Hydro-electric Commission. The ownership of the system was vested in the commission as trustee for the municipalities whose patronage made the system possible. All profits were to be used to reduce the cost of light and power.

The demand was made that the principle which had worked so well in the public power transmission system be applied to the production of power. The representatives of the municipalities interested declared that they were willing to take the risks involved in ownership, and desired that nothing be done which might lead to the spreading of the impression that the province desired to make profit out of the generation and sale of electric energy to the municipalities.

Premier Hearst, who understood well why direct development by the province had been proposed, agreed to make the change desired by the municipalities if the electors by their votes showed that they favored it. The electors in the district served by Niagara power were advised to vote at the election in favor of the principle of municipal rather than provincial ownership of the Queenstown generating plant, and they did so vote.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Practical Building Hints

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around as well as at the junction of wall and floor. The mixture should be not less than one part cement to six parts gravel. In addition cement waterproofing should be used in proportion as given by the manufacturers both in the concrete and finishing coat. The forms will be constructed as before mentioned, but the brace wire is omitted. Support the outside forms against the foundation wall. The inside forms can be braced against each other. Over-flow pipes to be placed at suitable height as work proceeds.

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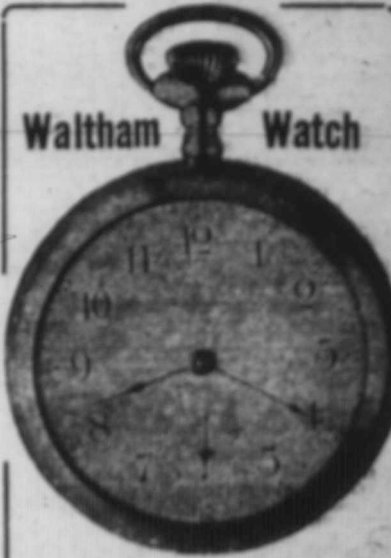
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