

town engineer and obtained instructions from him, and at once set to work to put up its apparatus.

The mayor would appear not to have approved of such great haste, and on the 9th October caused the secretary to write a letter to the Edison Co., informing said company that he, the secretary, had no authority to deliver copy of the resolution of the 7th, granting the contract for electric plant to the Edison Co., and requesting said company not to take any action on said resolution (Plaintiffs' Exhibit A'). Prior to this, on the 8th, the manager of the company had written the secretary of the municipality, informing him that in accordance with the resolution they had commenced work, and would have it completed within the time specified (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 3). It appears also that on the 8th the mayor telephoned the town engineer to tell the Edison Co. to stop work, and that he, the engineer, communicated the message to the company—and that on the 10th the mayor wrote them to the same effect, but the latter did not recognize the authority of the mayor to stop them.

On the 12th of October a motion was made to reconsider the motion of the 7th granting the contract to the Edison Co., and a counter motion, called an amendment, to the effect that "seeing the opinion of the attorney of the corporation on the question of the electric light, saying that the resolutions of the last meeting are regular, the resolution of the last meeting granting the contract of the electric light to the Edison General Electric Co. be reconsidered.

This so-called amendment being put to the vote was lost, three councillors, Dudevoir, Goyette and Belair voting for it, and three, McQuade, Bennett and Champagne voting against it, and the mayor giving his casting vote against it. The motion for reconsideration would appear to have been then put and carried on a similar division. The minutes of the meeting do not show this motion to have been so put, but by a correction ordered before adoption of such minutes at the subsequent meeting it is made to appear.

A motion was then made that the contract be given to the Royal Electric Co., to which it was moved in amendment that "the contract being granted to the Edison General Electric Co., it be not resolved to grant it to the Royal Electric Co., because opinions of lawyers have been furnished us declaring regular the resolution of the last meeting, granting the contract to the