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Mr. Oliver Balley paid Jeannette's Creek a flying business trip Friday.

J. T. May, G. T. R. section foreman,
has resigned his position. Mr. Fred St. Peter, foreman at Jeannette's Dreek, we hear, is to take his place. All will be glad to see Fred among us again. Mr. May is taking up farming at Tecumseh.

Business is bad for the elevators, owing to the bad roads.

Mir. Geo. Antaya is all smiles over the arrival of a new girl.

The boys in the village are having a big time now playing marbles. Their ages range from five to forty,

It must be spring. We wondered what Robbie Johnstom was treating all the boys to cigars for last Wednesday, but on making enquiries we were told that it was a boy. The village is grow-

ing.
We expect to have the telephone here in a few days. The men have been working around here during the week putting up wires. We can get week putting up wires. We can thank Mr. H. S. Clements for getting us the 'phones, a thing needed wery badly here.

EAST BRANCH.

Easter Sunday, April the 15th. The ice in the Sydenham took its departure, for the third time this winter, on Wednesday last. It went out quietly this time.
Mrs. John Mickle, Sr., is on the sick list.

The roads are drying up splendidly. Mrs. F. Falstead and daughter are spending the spring months at Chas. Wooliver's.

Miss Lena McGregor, of Wallaceburg, spent Sunday on the Branch.

Quite a number attended the funcral of Mrs. P. Herriett, at Keith, con Sunday on the Mrs. P. Herriett, at Keith, con Sunday on the Mrs. P. Herriett, at Keith, con Sunday on the Mrs. P. Herriett, at Keith, constant of the matter those directly represented to join in the carrying-out of the proposed enterprise. on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Teeter spent Sunday at

W. Lynch's.

The farmers are sawing fire wood, trimming their orchards and fencing in their fields.

their land now in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Snell, of Dresden,
were recent visitors on the Branch.
Seward Bros. are putting up a new
American steel wire fence.

The wheat crop in most places is looking quite favorable.

MUNICIPAL POWER **COMMISSION REPORT**

Cost of Niagara Electrical Energy at Doors of the People.

WOULD CUT COST OF POWER AND LIGHT

Estimates of Cost of Plants of 30,000. 60,000 and 100,000 Horse Power, and Its Distribution Among Contributing Municipalities - Annual Cost of Maintenance and Provision For Interest and Necessary Sinking Fund -Details of the Cost of Power Per

Horse Power, Arc Lighting and In-

candescent Lighting.

Toronto, April 4.-The finding of the municipal power commissioners would reach the mayors of the several muni-cipalities represented in the investigation yesterday. The report, which was signed by Mr. E. W. B. Snider of Waterloo, chairman; P. W. Elis of Toron-to, vice-chairman; Hon. Adam Beck, M. P. P., of London; W. F. Cockshutt of Brantford, and Reginald A. Fessenden of New York, technical adviser, is, in part as follows:

Recommend the Enterprise

Your commissioners believe that the industrial future of the communities that are capable of being supplied with electric power generated at Niagara Falls depends in very great measure upon the utilization of that power, and they strongly and unhesitatingly recommend that, whether or not expropria-tion of the lighting companies becomes necessary, the proposed enterprise be taken up and pushed to completion. They are unanimously of opinion, and they definitely recommend:

1st. That a municipal development of the type reported on herein be carried out, on a scale suited to the needs of as many municipalities as are willing to join in the undertaking, and, to that end, they advise that all other municipalities capable of being served by a Niagara Falls development be furnish-ed with copies of this report, and be requested to join in the carrying-out

cipalities being unwilling to take up the matter, those directly represented herein, namely, Toronto, London, Brantford, Guelph, Stratford, Woodstock and Ingersoil, carry out, with all possible expedition, a development of the 60,000 h.p. type reported on.

Site of the Development.

3rd. That, subject to the approval of the construction engineers, the develop-ment be carried out at site 4, as shown on the illustrative map No. 1, annexed. This site is, for development purposes, the best and cheapest within the park ilmits. This opinion appears to have been held by Mr. Randolph, C. E., of Chicago, who was retained by the park commissioners to report upon the avail-able power sites. It has been confirm-ed by Messrs. Ross and Holgate, and ratified by Prof. Fessenden, and they do the construction engineers, the developratified by Prof. Fessenden, and they do not think that the interests of the municipalities should be sacrificed eith-er to illusory fears that the beauty of the park would be impaired by the proposed development, or to any dispute arising out of the contested claims of

nother company.

In the event of other municipalities being willing to join with those your commissioners represent, for the purcommissioners represent, for the purpose of carrying out a development corresponding to their needs, it would be
well to make specific enquiry into the
actual power conditions prevailing in
such other municipalities, and, at the
same time, to estimate the additional
cost involved, including the distributing stations and plants that would be
required in connection therewith.

To Go Before Ratepayers.

By so doing, the total cost of one consolidated scheme, beginning at Nia-gara Falls and terminating at consum-ers' premises within the participating municipalities, would be ascertained. and could be placed before the respec ation. Your commissioners have, by ascertaining and stating the facts herein reported, and by submitting the conclusions and recommendations that a careful study of the facts has led them to, discharged the duties they assumed, and they now leave the matter and its issues in the hands of the public they

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. B. SNIDER, Chairman.

P. W. ELLIS,

W. F. COCKSHUTT,

A. BECK,

R. A. FESSENDEN.

Legal Position.

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Section 52 of the Municipal Power Works Act expressly states that "Nothing in this act contained shall be deemed . . . to authorize the commissioners to supply power, heat or light in contravention" of the "provisions contained in sections 566 to 568, inclusive of the Municipal Act." Section 566 of the Municipal Act permits certain municipal corporations, therein described, to construct works for lighting the public streets, but only upon condition that an offer be first made in the prescribed manner to purchase the works and property of any existing electric light company, "that has supplied, or shall supply . . . electric light for street lighting in the municipality."

Your commissioners applied to the municipalities they represent for copies of all existing contracts with electric light companies for the purpose of ascertaining the municipal corporation rights and obligations thereunder. They received in reply, copies of the contracts and governing bylaws from all the municipalities to which they applied, with the exception of ingersoil.

The said contracts were submitted to counsel, who advised that, before the municipalities could proceed to carry out the proposed undertaking, they would require to make offers to buy out the existing electric light companies in Toronto, London and Brantford.

The position of Ingersoil is uncertain, on account of lack of information. Your Section 52 of the Municipal Power

commissioners instructed their engineers to value the assets of the lighting companies concerned upon the principles laid down in the Municipal Act. The Brantford Electric and Operative

The Brantford Electric and Operators Co., Limited, freely gave access to its premises, but the Toronto Electric Light Co. and the London Electric Co. refused access to their plants. Your commissioners having no power to force admission estimated the cost of an en-

tirely new undertaking.
Section 52 of the Municipal Power
Works Act and sections 566 to 568 of
the Municipal Act (this latter being popularly known as the Conmee Act), will, as they stand at present, interfere with the carrying out of the new undertaking hereby reported on.

Financial Provisions.

Sections 34 to 42, inclusive, of the Municipal Power Works Act deal with the manner of incepting the undertaken.

the manner of financing the undertakfrom those relating to form of procedure, are as follows:

1st. The municipal corporations concerned are authorized to issue debenders.

tures to the estimated amount of their respective shares of the capital cost, and deliver the same to a trustee ap-pointed under the act. The debentures are to be sold under an agreement between the municipal corporations, the construction commission and the trustee, and the proceeds of the sale are to be paid over to the construction com-

missioners.
2nd. The construction commissioners are authorized to issue bonds, secured upon the total assets of the undertaking, to the amount of the proceeds of the municipal debentures aforemen-tioned, which are to be held by the trustee in trust for the municipal corporations, subject to the express trusts governing the collection and disposition of interest, sinking fund and other mat-ters, as set forth in the act.

3rd. In the event of the capital cost of the completed works exceeding in

amount the proceeds of the bonds is-sued in connection therewith, the comsued in connection therewith, the com-missioners are authorized, with the ap-proval of the Chief Justice of Ontario for the time being, to issue "special bonds," secured by a first lien on the whole property of the undertaking, and carrying "a preference over the other bonds," to meet the amount of such deficit. Further, if it should become necessary or advisable at any time that funds are not otherwise available to meet the cost of such extension or improvement, the commissioners may, with the approval of the Chief Justice of Ontario, raise, from time to time, the amount necessary by the issue and sale of "special bonds," carrying priority over the other bonds, as aforesaid. Reliability of Costs Submitted.

Messrs. Ross and Holgate, the consulting engineers herein, have made funds are not otherwise available to

ulting engineers herein, have made what they consider ample allowance for what they consider ample allowance for all contingencies, in respect of both capital and operating costs. Their work has been done in the most satisfactory way, with great care, and, in addition to purely actuaries checks, it has been fully and critically examined and confirmed by Prof. Fessendes. All known and probable conditions and the experience of the companies already established have been taken into consideration, with the net result that the engition, with the net result that the engineers believe the costs are over rather than under-stated. Your commission-ers have every confidence in the capac-ity and judgment of their advisers, and believe that the event will vindicate the estimate. Conditions of Success.

There is no dispute as to the exist-ence of the power or the demand for it. There is no doubt as to the supply of skill necessary to establish and op-erate the works required. There is no question as to the financial ability of the municipalities to carry out the undertaking.

The one fundamental condition of success is that the constructing and operating commission shall be composed of highly capable business men, whose supreme and constant aim shall be that of realizing the highest de-gree of efficiency in the various ser-vices.

Operating this as a purely business institution, and absolutely divorced from politics, your commissioners have

every confidence that the future of the enterprise will prove increasingly suc-

The balance of the report is a mass of figures. These deal chiefly with the financial side of the question as it affects those cities which contributed to the cost of preparing the report—To-ronto, London, Brantford, Guelph, Stratford, Woodstock and Ingersoll. They go further, and give estimates upon the possibility that eleven muni-

cipalities, other than those mentioned, may also join in the municipal power scheme. They report that a \$0,000 horse-power plant would for the present possibly suffice for the needs of the municipalities who have already the municipalities who have already joined hands. Then they estimate for a 60,000 horse-power plant, which would cover the needs of the future for some time at least. Upon top of this again, they estimate for a 100,000 horse-power plant—a plant calculated to meet the needs of the eleven additional municipalities who might be induced, seeing the advantages of the plan, to take a partnership. partnership.

Cost and Its Distribution.

The capital cost of the construction of a sufficient power developing plant, and of the transmission of the power to the municipalities is as follows:

For a 30,000 h.p. plant, \$5,684,629.
For a 60,000 h.p. plant, \$5,354,611.
For a 100,000 h.p. plant (exclusive of the cost of delivering same to the elevan additional municipalities), \$11,909,-100.

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The annual cost of maintenance of these several plants, including the The annual cost of maintenance of these several plants, including the provision of the necessary interest and sinking fund to meet the capital expenditure, is estimated as follows: For 30,000 h.p., \$859,610; for 60,000 h.p., \$1,413,634.

These figures include payment of entire plant in forty years, and of 41-2 per cent. Interest to municipalities on money raised by them, giving a profit

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Estimated Power Rates.

Following are the estimated rates upon which power may be furnished to the municipalities, delivered on premises, upon the twenty-four hour

Guelph 27.68 Stratford 33.67 Woodstock 34.48 Cost of Arc Lighting.

The cost of arc lighting per lamp of 2,000 c.p. is estimated as follows:

38,000 50,000 100,000

h.p. h.p.

39.13

Stratford 56.83 47.23 45.20
Weodstock 56.16 48.16 44.64
Ingersoil 72.58 64.02 60.40
The present charges per lamp in these municipalities are as follows:
Toronto, \$69.35; London, \$75 (with for-

ford, 860; Guelph, \$65; Stratford, Woodstock, \$60; Ingersoll, \$60. Incandescent Lighting Cost. For incandescent lighting the cost

per kilowat hour per light is estimated as follows

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Toronto 7.41	6.40c	6.14
London11.05	9.25c	8.39
Brantford 9.45	c 7.78c	-7.20
Guelph11.04	9.650	9.26
Stratford12.18	9.830	9.34
Woodstock13.07	c 10.91c	9.95
Ingersoll13.21	e 11.12c	10.23
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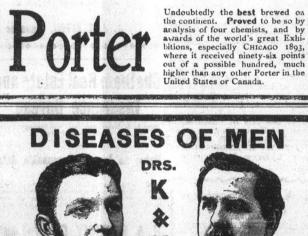
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