

and you can bring 10,000 to Toronto for \$200,000, it will be cheaper for Toronto. Of course we are not going to assess you at so much per horse power at the point of delivery, but at the point of production; the expense of bringing it over and operating expenses added.

Mayor Coatsworth.—Suppose the municipalities don't all join at once, what would be the effect on us?

Mr. Beck.—You would have to build the whole line to Toronto.

A Delegate.—Suppose one joined after?

Mr. Beck.—We would assess them with their proportion of the part they use.

Mayor Coatsworth.—We will be credited with that.

Mr. Beck.—Yes. Supposing London wants it after you have gone on and paid for transmitting it. London will benefit as far as Hamilton in your right of way. London will assume that proportion of liability and you will be credited with it. Should London pay for the whole right of way or should Galt, Berlin and others join, they will assume their part of the liability. That is a matter of accounting.

A Delegate.—Unless there is a union of municipalities in applying for the power it would be such a large amount on one municipality that it would be utterly impracticable for them to submit a by-law. Is that right?

Mr. Beck.—In one way. You would have to take a maximum. You would have to submit a by-law.

A Delegate.—Any of the cities could take a lone hand at it?

Mr. Beck.—Certainly they could. The first thing I fancy you would do you would pass a resolution and ask us for the price of power, etc., ask for particulars. When we have that we give you the estimated cost of power and of the expenditure necessary to bring it there. Then you would submit to the people. You would have to submit the contract too for them to approve of. We submit it to the Governor-in-Council and if he approves we go on and make the expenditure.

A Delegate.—Would it not be the proper thing for each group of the municipalities represented here to get together. I see all the groups referred to here lie west of Hamilton, so that all the groups together would have to bear the cost of the transmission as far as Hamilton?

Mr. Beck.—Yes.