

do the work required for \$9,500, and the latter for the sum of \$10,900.

These tenders were opened on the 5th of October, and the council by resolution then authorized the mayor, Mr. Barsalou, and the Light Committee, composed of Councillors Dudevoir, McQuade and Belair, to give the contract to whomsoever they should deem proper, after taking further information.

These gentlemen appear to have made inquiries, and looked at different electric systems, but took no definite action.

On the 7th October a regular meeting of the council was held, at which after the reading of the minutes it was resolved to hold the meeting with closed doors, and the council withdrew from the public hall into a small room at one corner of the platform. Here some discussion was had concerning the different tenders, and a letter was produced from the Edison Electric Co. offering to do the work in question for \$9,400, being a deduction of \$1,549 off their original tender, and making their price \$100 less than that of the Royal Electric Co.

Thereupon a resolution was moved and seconded "That the contract for the electric light be granted to the Edison General Electric Co., according to the plans and specifications prepared by the engineer, at the price of \$9,400 mentioned in their amended tender of 7th October, 1891."

To this motion it was proposed in amendment "That the contract be granted to the Royal Electric Co."

The amendment being put to the vote was lost, Councillors McQuade and Bennett voting for it, and Councillors Dudevoir, Belair, Goyette and Champagne against it, and the main motion being then put was carried on a similar division, the four who had voted against the amendment voting for the motion, and *vice versa*.

A motion was then carried, so far as the minutes show, without division, authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract for the electric light.

On coming out from the meeting the Mayor would appear to have stated in the presence of the persons in the public hall, among whom were the agents of both the Royal and Edison Electric Companies, that the latter had got the contract.

The next morning the manager of the Edison Co. sent to the secretary-treasurer of the municipality and obtained from him a copy of the resolution awarding the contract, sent also to the