

A Delegate.—Each group would have a separate line right to the Falls?

Mr. Smith.—Yes. To have each group independent of the other I think is advisable; however, some companies think differently. One line will be a matter of economy but it doesn't work for safety.

A Delegate.—If any of these groups increase this estimate of power required it will decrease the cost of transmission, not of production?

Mr. Smith.—Yes. That is my idea.

Mr. Coatsworth.—I want to raise a question to satisfy some of us of the means by which these costs will be paid. I understood that the proposition would be this, that when we had arrived at an estimate of the cost we would pass a by-law for the supply of the funds and that we would issue our debentures, and that these debentures would be handled or financed by the Commission and that it is anticipated that the revenues would discharge these debentures as they fall due. That although the municipality passes its by-law for the appropriation of so much money, issues its debentures for that amount as the debentures fall due, it is anticipated the revenue from the scheme itself would take up the debentures and that in point of fact the municipality would not have to put up any cash.

Mr. Beck.—You would have as far as the distributing plant is concerned. We have nothing to do with the distributing.

Mayor Coatsworth.—You bring it to our door and leave it there?

Mr. Beck.—Yes.

Mr. Coatsworth.—Am I right in regard to the probability of the way the financial part will work out?

Mr. Beck.—It is anticipated that the debentures will be negotiated by the Commission and the Commission will then expend the moneys for the building of the works and it is anticipated the revenues from the work will retire the debentures as they fall due. The Government loans the money; you assume the liability.

A Delegate.—And the money will be repaid it is expected, by the benefit derived from the undertaking.

Mr. Beck.—Yes.

A Delegate.—The municipality as a matter of fact will not have to put up anything except for distributing?