

they will themselves find out, before the city can, where an extension would pay.

CAPACITY OF POWER AND SUPPLY.

The Engineer for the Company says :

1. "Apart from the stipulation as to hydrants, the Company's obligations are limited to providing mains and pumping power sufficient to supply 25 gallons per head to the population of those streets on which contracts to take to the extent of 10% on cost can be obtained.

2. "They are not even limited to the system of constant supply, neither are they bound to deliver water at any particular pressure.

3. "Your Company, as a private commercial undertaking, cannot be expected to lay out a large amount of capital for the benefit of the city in establishing a system of fire protection, which you are under no obligation to provide, and the question therefore arises, if the corporation and the citizens desire such a system, which is, in fact, a necessity in every well organized city, how is you Company to be compensated for the outlay?"

The above is the statement from the Company's point of view of what they are obliged to do under the charter.

The obligation to erect hydrants is admitted, but it is claimed that small mains may be laid, which would leave the hydrants on them quite useless.

It is further claimed that the Company is not limited to constant supply, that is, that they may run during a portion of each day or week, as the case may be and that water is to be drawn while the pumps are working for use when they are not. It is claimed that there is no obligation to supply any water for fire purposes beyond the capacity of works to supply 25 gallons per day per head, which has been before mentioned.

On these points the charter reads as follows :

"That the Company furnish free of charge to the city to the full extent of the resources and powers of their works, all water requisite for the extinction of accidental fires, and for the refilling of tanks emptied for the extinction of accidental fires, during the twenty years aforesaid in the City of Winnipeg, and the said Company bind themselves to erect and maintain at their own expense and cost, hydrants on all highways and streets within the city limits, &c."

The above appears to express clearly the obligation of the Company to maintain works of such a character that, in case of accidental fire, they would be in a position to furnish all the water requisite for its ex-