ford to spend so much money for

monopoly. If the citizens of Lind-

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portant that the Co. should get the

town lighting contract, and they

fairly. If Lindsay gave away the

lighting franchise the town would be

Previous to the passing of the Conmee

act towns could start up a municipal

and helped the act through."

ly benefitted. He knew that some

favor of the \$45 rate, providing other

concessions were granted, but the main

thing to look out for was the right

to purchase. What about the rates

for domestic lighting? If some stip-

ulations were not made in the contract

the citizens would be at the mercy

of the company, as in the past. No

one could tell who would have con-

trol of the company's plant in five

years, and with a grasping corpora-

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be helpless. The proper way was to

In dealing with the lighting question

MR. THOS. STEWART.

solicitor for the Light and Power Co.,

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TOWN SOLICITOR HOPKINS HOLDS OUT FOR PURCHASE CLAUSE TO PROTECT CITIZENS' INTERESTS.

And Says that Without it the Town will be in the Grasp of a Monopoly-The Discussion Lasted till 11.20, when a Motion was Passed Endorsing the \$45 Rate and Ignoring the Purchase Clause.

Cur citizens manifested an unlook- | descents. At a subsequent meeting | That was agreed to unanimously. who had been wrestling with the street lighting question since June last.

The meeting was held in the council chamber, and the accommodation was taxed. Among those present were Mayor Smyth, Thos. Stewart, B. Fl. Reesor, W. Flavelle, J. D. Flavelle, Isaac Finley, R. Kylie, J. McLennan, C. D. Barr, H. Rider, Thos. O'Neill, G. H. Wilson, Dr. Neelands, J. P. Ryley, Geo. Matthie, Joseph Staples, W. Mc Watters, C. Chittick, R. J. Mo-Laughlin, W. J. Wetherup, Arch. Campbell, R. Spier, Hugh O'Leary, Q. C., Aldermen Hore, Gillogly ,Graham, Jackson, Touchburn and Crandell, J. H. Sootheran, J. Magwood, R. J. Mc-Loughlin, Rev. J. W. Macmillan and Pr. White.

At 8.10 Mayor Smyth opened the meeting by briefly tracing the history of the light question since the expiry of the contract with the Light, Heat & Power Co., and explained that as the council could not secure a new contract at a satisfactory price a Joint Commission, representing the council and citizens, had been appointed to collect information. Their report was presented to the council on Oct. 11th, and a public meeting had then been called, but was adjourned in accordance with a requisition owing to the announcement of the date of the general elections.

On motion Mayor Smyth was appointed chairman of the meeting, and he then called on Mr. Kylie, chairman of the Joint Commission, to read the report submitted.

THE COMMITTEE'S VIEWS.

Mr. Kylie said that as everyone was familiar with the published report, it would be waste of time to read it. It shewed that under municipal ownership street lights could be secured at from \$30 to \$34 per lamp. The committee had corresponded with many towns and cities in the United States and Canada and had visited some Ontario towns and cities, being supplied by companies; in no case was light cheaper than the Lindsay offer, while in many cases the cost was much higher. The history of electric lighting in Lindsay dated from 1882, when Mr. WANTED TO BUY.—Frame Barn, in Lindsay dated from 1882, when Mr. not more than 40 miles from Lind. Reesor came here. In Hamilton under the old system the city paid \$92.50 per arc lamp; when the Cataract Co. came in the putting in of a municipal system was discussed and a committee reported that there would be a saving of \$4,000 a year, but no action was taken and a contract was

all night. The Lindsay committee visited Barrie, where they had been paying \$2,400 for 35 lamps; under a munipal system they got 50 lamps for the same money. In Orillia, under the municipal system, the street lamps cost \$29, and the figures procured by the committee went to show that under a municipal system also Lindsay could ple, and that was by inserting a 11th, the Light, Heat & Power Co. had submitted what they declared was ing from dusk till 1 a.m., for \$45 per favor or owning our own franchises. burning all night at \$8 per year. more for our lights under a municipal for the future. Speaking for himself, rather than pay system than to tie our hands for all \$55 to \$50 per lamp he would favor a time to come by granting the present

EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT. concessions, he thought the offer plause.) Will visit Lindsay Every Wednesshould be accepted. day, at the Simpson House. Hours, 10 a-Mr. Hugh O'Leary-"What are the MAYED on to the property of the m, to 4.p. m. Consultations, eye, ear, nose other concessions " blersigned, Lot 4, Con. 4, Bexley, and threat.—wdlyr. BARGAIN-A good business stand and

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ARM TO RENT. -A first-class grain | W wages. Apply at residence of MR. say. State price and full particulars of the

> entered into for \$85 per lamp, 2,000 c.p., town system, but if they could get company a practical monopoly. (Aplight for \$45 per lamp, with some other plause.) For the general benefit of

> Mr. Kylie said he would leave the explanation to the company's lawyer, had taken, stating that he had left He was firmly of the opinion that the people owed the company some consid-

largely in the immediate future. TOWN SOLICITOR'S OPINION. Town Solicitor Hopkins took the present was an opportune time (to setpresent was an opportune time (to setthe plant represented. By holding on eration, and it should be adhered to lighting contract, such as the com- the owners might in time recoup pany's right to erect poles, the rate themselves. They were willing to sell charged private consumers, the assess- the plant to-day for what it had cost had requested the company to state want it. He was and always had been developed by steam; to-day the power of Dr. Vrooman, The people would not bind themselves. Personal-would not bind themselves. Personal-wo

pressed a willingness to arrive at a settlement, if possible. The committee wanted a 1500 c. p. light from dusk until 1 a m., and we offered it at \$45 for power. instead of \$50 if the town would fix Mr. Stewart - "We're willing

cause we felt the town could not af- was left open, though most of the members approved of it." Mr. Stewart-"I did not understand committee on Oct. 11th was an upan- it that way."

imous one, and he was prepared to stick to it as being in the best incommittee)-"I was in favor of the fixed assessment, but said I could not

terests of the citizens. Doubt had cipal plant, but men could be got who other members of council." would guarantee to put in the plant | Mr. Stewart, continuing, said a flat | Co. has to transmit it further than for the sum mentioned. A meeting rate for domestic users had been me nof the committee had been called very | tioned, but the company did not want suddenly one evening last week dur- to bind themselves, as people were inarranging the other matters in dis- arbitration, with the assessment. The temptation to waste water. pute. He was prepared to treat the committee met again last night, and contract until these concessions had the objection, and fixed the price at the streets in proper condition. been granted. Toronto's position with \$45. We asked if it would be necessary regard to the gas monopoly should be to come to to-night's meeting prepared a warning; the franchise would be to discuss and defend the report, and worth a million dollars to the city, were told "No." Had we known there but despite special legislation the city | would be opposition, we would have secould not buy and thus get rid of the cured an expert to look into the estimate for the municipal plant, which say failed to protect themselves now, is planned as if the system would run | the \$45 rate, and I think the other if the day ever came when the town itself. While in favor of the mun- details could be arranged by a smalldesired to acquire the Light, Heat & | icipal ownership of franchises, he did | Power Company's plant they would not think they could be operated suc-

ing for nothing. power is available. It was very im-In reply to Mr. F. C. Taylor, Mr. Stewart said the company did not ask | right now under the statutes." for a fixed number of arc lights on the some of them with incandescents, it | what is outside of the town." would be satisfactory. The charge of in a worse position than Toronto is 88 per year for an incandescent lamp with regard to the gas monopoly. but a fraction of the rate charged pri- | they were trying to hamper the Light vate consumers.

plant if company rates for street and Mr. Kylie-"Allow me to make a domestic lighting were excessive, but correction. At the committee meeting the electric light men had secured the last Friday night the four members present were in favor of \$45 and an passage of that act, which gave them unfair privileges, and made it imperaassessment of \$10,000. At the meeting tive upon corporations to purchase ex- held last night the two members absent Friday evening monopolized the whole Mr. Stewart-"The Waterworks and of the discussion, and Solicitor Hopkins stated his intention to fight for gas plant men share in the benefits. the purchase clause. I am ready to Solicitor Hopkins maintained that stand by the arrangement made Frielectric light companies were special- day night."

Mr. Stewart-"Mr. Hopkins expressed his satisfaction with the \$45

to make a contract if you will add the in the agreement." purchase clause; without that I'll not be gatisfied."

Mr. Stewart said the company thought the proposition an unfair one. As for the rate to private consumers, the cost was as low as in any other | we omit the purchase clause now we town, and they were willing to bind don't know what may happen. I can themselves not to increase it. The tell you that if I had not inserted might help to clear the matter up. company had taken away from Fenelon | the purchase clause in the Waterworks Falls the power that was a standing contract the town or any other pur- pany is a natural monopoly we have fix a maximum rate to be charged inducement for some large labor-em- chaser would have had to pay \$100,000 ploying industry to locate there, and for the property, and Mr. J. D Flain all its bearings we should look brought that power to Lindsay. It velle knows what I say to be true." ahead 10 or 20 years. There was only was natural that the villagers should one effective way to protect the peo- feel sore, and it was also natural to expect that the people of Lindsay said that as far as the discussion had throw everything else overboard in light the streets for say \$34 per lamp. clause giving the town the right to ac- should feel correspondingly grateful gone the Light & Power Co. had had order to obtain street lights. If the Since the committee reported on Oct. quire the works if the rates ever be- for what had been done for the town. the best of the argument, in his rate for domestic lighting was too high came burdensome or extortionate. He A clause giving the town a right to opinion. He came to the meeting feeldidn't think the town was in a posi- purchase would frighten investors, and ing inclined to think that the Co. were the very best offer they could make | tion to buy now, but they might be in | render the company's stock almost | acting arbitrarily in not consenting -arc lights of 1500 candle power, burn- a few years, and he was strongly in valueless. They were willing to con- to the purchase clause, but in his original resolution in a manner acsider a proposal to buy now, but did opinion Mr. Stewart had given a very ceptable to Mr. J. D. Flavelle and his lamp a year, and street incandescents It would be better to pay \$40 or even not wish to be bound hand and foot sound reason for its omission. He

about large experimental expenditures | the poles should be removed and the Co. -what did they consist of?"

them at one-half their value." Solicitor Hopkins-"And the 10 per cent. increase over the arbitrators' price would cover such things." Mr. Stewart-"But the 10 per cent. clause does not apply in this case.' Solicitor Hopkins-"But we're willing to insert it in the contract for you. If the present company chose to pay high prices for old plants, it's re purchase, he enquired if the citizens | their own business-I warned them at would be willing to take into consider- the time. I want a clause giving the view that the question under consid- ation all the money lost in speculat- town the right to purchase when deeration was one of the most impor- ing in connection with the plant, sired at 10 per cent. over the artant that had ever been dealt with Would they be willing to recoup Mr. bitratorrs' award, and I ask it for Rectory will be held in the factory any person selling liquor in the County of any person selling liquor in the county of the citizens, or would ever be dealt thousands spent for plants thrown out? Victoria otherwise than according to the with. The first committee appointed thousands spent for plants thrown out? will be a monopoly. The report pre--of which he had been a member- Any price placed upon the company's sented on Oct. 11th was the unanreported to council advising that the plant five years hence by arbitrators imous opinion of the six mem' reo' the

> referred to the meeting at which the ment, etc. The committee referred to them, but he knew the town did not \$45 rate was fixed. It had been call prices as per certain specifications for in favor of municipal ownership of ed at the request of Mr. Lummis, Mr. light and power, but no reply was franchises, but did not think the citi- Sadler's son-in-law. When the \$10,-

tleman the system would have been in operation a year earlier. The two citizens who controlled the stock had shown wonderful enterprise for men of their age, and had invested a very large sum for the general benefit of the town. He failed to see the force of the reference to the Toronto gas monopoly—the Light, Heat, & Power Co. were not a big revenue-earning corporation.

Solicitor Hopkins—"But you will be in 16 years."

Mr. Stewart—"If you think so, then buy us out now,"

Continuing, the speaker said their disinclination to give figures, referred to the sold to each for an all-night service seemed a fair charge, as was \$45 for each are light. We believe we can produce the light under a municipal system for that sum or less, but the company's figure was near the mark. They had pressed strongly for a flat rate because it was most satisfactory to consumers, and he believed waste of light could be controlled. In many towns private consumers are given the option of a flat or metre rate at a slight advance in price for the former. A flat rate would do away with a great disnellmant on the product of the cost of light furnished by companies in various towns municipal system for that sum or less, but the company's figure was near the mark. They had pressed strongly for a flat rate because it was most satisfactory to consumers, and he believe we can produce the light under a municipal system for that sum or less, but the company's figure was near the mark. They had pressed strongly for a flat rate because it was most satisfactory to consumers, and he believe we can produce the light end or that sum or less, but the company's figure was near the mark. They had pressed strongly for a flat rate because it was most satisfactory to consumers. A flat rate would offer a fair example. He was completely, in accord with the views expressed by Mr. O'Leary; they were talking in the best interests of the citizens, and their example. He was completely in ordinate the controlled their could be controlled. In many towns private consume before both parties were ready to talk business. Mr. Stewart then quoted the prices paid for street lighting in many towns, and said the company's the company claimed they would sell at rate was as low as was offered by any right prices, nevertheless many of company in Canada or the United those who had made contracts with Mr. States. With regard to the commit- Culverwell had not yet been able to tee meeting held during the absence of make arrangements with the present Mr. Hopkins, four members out of six company, despite the fact that their were present. Both parties had ex-

the company's assessment at \$10,000. quote you the Hamilton schedule." edfor interest in the public meeting the Co. cut the arc lamp price to \$50, called Tuesday p.m.; to receive the re Mr. Stewart-"The Cataract Co. has ed market, while we have a limited one. As a fact, we would be glad to Ald. Gillogly (a member of the joint get three-fourths of the Hamilton price, or even one-half. To get takers we've got to sell power cheaper been cast on the estimate for a muni- bind myself until I had consulted the than it can be produced by steam." Mr. O. Bigelow-"But the Cataract

> your company-35 or 40 miles, and that adds to the cost." 'Mr. Stewart thought the distance ing his absence from town, and certain clined to waste light. At that meet- had been overstated. As for a flat propositions had been made and agreed ing the understanding was that the rate, every company advised strongly to. He strongly opposed the fixing of contract would be for 10 years, with against it, owing to the tendency to the rate for street lighting without price fixed for five years, subject to waste light. There was not the same

A little bickering occurred at this company fairly, but when they refused | we found everything at loggerheads. | point as to the number of incandescent to agree to a clause in the contract A two hours' session followed. The lights required to equal one are lamp. giving the town the right to purchase, bouncillors wished to leave the assess- Mr. Bigelow took part and would up and to fix the rates for power and in- ment question open, and we held out by dec laring his willingness to do candescent lighting, then he felt the for a higher price per lamp because without light a little longer - the town should refuse to enter into a of their stand, but finally we waived town was saving money needed to place Mr. Hopkins- "My opinion is that

> we should have the cost of arc lamps lowered to \$40 at the end of five years-the experimental stage will have been passed then." Mr. Flavelle-"We are all practical ly agreed as to the reasonableness of

er committee." Mr. Hopkins-"That may be all right, have to pay a fancy price, for the ressfully unless good men were put but as solicitor for the town I feel franchise they now proposed to give at the head and paid fair salaries. strongly concerning the importance of away as a free gut. No man could | Men might offer their services for a | a purchase clause, and any settlement start a steam plant to compete with few years, but they would tire of work- that does not include that will be bad for the citizens."

Mr. Stewart-"You possess that Mr. Hopkins-"No, we have not; we should be willing to treat the town streets-if the town wished to replace have no right to force you to sell Mr. Jos. Staples urged the importance of settling the light question as burning from dusk until daylight wis speedily as possible. In his opinion

> Co. beyond what was fair. The purchase clause was unnecessary. Mayor Smyth pointed out that the The town franchise was under con-

Col. Deacon said he would be satisfied with a five year contract at \$45 per light. Let the other matters be arranged as far as possible, "but for goodness sake let us come back to civilization."

Mr. Hopkins-"Mr. Stewart says the | Heat & Power Company, and that a law gives us the right to purchase. I don't so read the statutes. If it is Mr. Hopkins-"Yes, I'm satisfied now so, why does he object to placing it can be properly safeguarded. Mr. Stewart-"It's only a five year

contract anyway, and the town's rights will be the same then as now." Mr. Hopkins-"Oh, we know how things are worked by corporations. If

MR. J. D. FLAVELLE

be forbidden entry into the town. The Mr. Stewart-"Take our dynamos, for | men at the head of the Co. were eninstance; they were worth 100 cents titled to a great deal of considerain the dollar, and we had to dispose of | tion and should be given every reasonable encouragement. MR. HUGH O'LEARY

egreed with Solicitor Hopkins, and thought an attempt was being made to force the citizens into an un- that propositions had been made to him just agreement. The Co. had treated that were better than the company the town very unfairly and harshly were now offering. Everything had by cutting off the lights. The town | been settled but the purchase clause, would not be in the same position as and that could be secured. to its rights at the end of five years as it is now, because the Co. would make it their aim to strengthen their hold in the interval. He would like to see the town buy the plant as soon as possible, and the abandonment of the purchase clause would make it almost impossible and certainly very cestly to do so. If the old men alluded to by Mr. Stewart had invested their new in an unproductive plant, that was their lookout. He would be sorry to see the town commit itself to a

street lighting system which carried with it the domestic lighting and power franchises. The Co. may talk about reducing the rates, but we know that we are paying to-day double the rates charged 10 years ago. Then power was developed by steam; to-day the power

consideration do otherwise than instal your own electric light plant." They reported that their street lights were costing them only \$29 per year for 1,000 or 1,200 c.p. from dusk until 12 o'clock. The incandescent rates are much the same as here, with the exception of public buildings, hotels, stores, churches, etc. Lindsay hotelmen complain that they have a grievous burden to bear in the rates charged them, and he was told that the average cost of their 16 c.p. lamps is 50c. each per month. In Orillia the rate for hotels and stores burning 40 lights and over is only 20c. per lamp per month, with 10 per cent. off for prompt payment, leaving the actual cost only 18c. He (Mr. Graham) did not know whether the present company enjoyed a revenue, over expenses or not, nor whether they had or had 4,000 horsepower developed, while we not paid an exorbitant price for old plants, as stated,-all that was their own business, but they could not reasonably expect that the citizens should make up any deficiencies or repair mistakes by submitting to unfair prices. In his opinion it was the committee's duty to point out and advise what was for the best interests of the town, and, not what was for the best interests of the company. All present were reading men, and could trace from year to year the costly and vexatious lawsuits with such companies, entered into in an endeavor to adjust such details and differences as some people advocated leaving unsettled in the case of the Light, Heat & Power Co. There is no analogy between the business of the company and that carried on by Mr. Flavelle, as a speaker had stated : anyone who wished to do so could start up a flour mill, but the company were seeking a franchise that would exclude others; As for power, in Orillia, where a ysstem will soon be in operation, they propose to sell it at \$30 per h.p. to small users, and grading lower in price according to the larger quantity used. They will sell for a little above the cost of production, including the amount for sinking fund. The \$15 rate offered by our company is all right,

### MR. ROPT. KENNEDY

but the granting of a monopoly in

domestic lighting and power, supply is

a serious question.

was of the opinion that it would be all right to close a five year contract at \$45 per light. Before the expiration of that period some new invention might render it possible to light our streets for \$29, as in Orillia, or even \$10 per lamp. He believed the men at the head of the Light, Heat and Power Co. should be encouraged in every possible way. The trouble was that our citizens are always willing to give a bonus to any outsider coming here, and ready to treat our home men unfairly. No town man had ever rewhole question of lighting was involved ceived a bonus; some few had been in the agreement to be arrived at. granted exemptions. Mr. Hopkins' contentions should be thrown aside. and the company be treated fairly.

> SERIES OF RESOLUTIONS. It was then moved by Mr. Wm. Flavelle and seconded by Mr. Kylie, that this meeting approve of the rate of \$45 for street lights offered by the Light, contract be entered into providing the

Mr. J. D. Flavelle, seconded by Mr. R. Kennedy, moved, in amendment, that the company be given the contract, providing a satisfactory arrangement can be made with regard to domestic lighting.

interests of domestic and power users

Rev. J. W. Macmillan said he would like to point out a distinction that In so far as the business of the comthe right to keep it in bounds, beyond that we have not the right to interfere. We may safely place some dependence in the protection of the law." Mr. D. Cinnamon felt inclined to

An attempt was made to amend the

seconder, and while this was being done aid not think there was a man in Mr. Bigelow and another citizen mov-Solicitor Hopkins-"It's drawing a town who would advocate, because the ed, in amendment to the amendment, red herring across the scent to talk Co. refused to insert the clause, that | that street lights be dispensed with in order to save money for the repair of the roads.

A resolution was finally declared adopted which recommended that a contract at \$45 per lamp be entered into for five years, provided that a rate for domestic lighting, and certain other details can be arranged. Mr. Hopkins again objected, saying

# COMMUNICATIONS

Election Returns for South Victoria (To the Editor of The Post.)

Dear Sir,-The statement that appeared in The Daily Post of the 12th inst. was correct, as far as was ascertained from the statements of votes returned by the deputy-returning of-

It was afterward discovered that the deputy-returning officer at Division No. 1, Verulam, had made a mistake in returning at that division 49 votes for Mr. Geo. McHugh and 17