

PUMPING STATION REPORT.

The following report for November of water pumped and oil used, in gallons.

Total pumped	7,280,790
Daily average	242,693
Total oil used	5,172
Daily average	172
W. Ry Co.	1,000,000
Raffen & Baker's pond	700,000
Sewer flushing	1,300,000
Consumers and Highwood	2,713,980

The engineer estimates that one gallon of fuel oil pumps 1,407 gallons of water. One new tap has been put in: 692 of 10-inch and 194 feet of 6-inch water mains have been laid. The water was bad during the month as it was at the other pumping stations on this lake shore. The cost of pumping the water wasted in frequent flushings of the water mains for the month would at least pay half the cost of a filtering bed, so all the water pumped would be carefully filtered.

The large pumpage during the month was owing to the frequent flushing of the mains to clean out the dirt, and the filling of Raffen & Baker's ice pond. One sewer connection has been made. We shall refer to the filtering business next week.

THE SKATING RINK.

Our athletic young people built a genuine out-of-door skating rink near the Tracy Lay place on Vine avenue last winter. It was a great success, giving lots of healthy sport and needful exercise to scores of our good young people. They propose to run it again this winter, if they can get patrons enough to ensure the bills. We hope they will succeed, for skating is a most exhilarating sport and has no objectionable features unless you try to see stars at 2 o'clock p. m. of a clear day. Evva R. Egan and Alice E. Watson have the matter in charge, communicate with them at once. There is a fine warm "depot" for resting and warming and the rink is electrically lighted at night.

The Baptists are making ready to give the venerable Santa Claus a hearty reception about the 25th inst.

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