

## H. P. WATER PLANT MEETS ALL DEMANDS

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lower pressures resulted. This, of course, could not be charged against the plant.

Saturday of last week was the heaviest in the history of the local water works. From midnight Friday to midnight Saturday, six million eight hundred and seventy thousand gallons of water were pumped into the mains. This was nearly two million more than the heaviest day of last year. Most of this was used in sprinkling.

### Prepared for Future!

The ability of the new plant to care for increased future demand may be judged from the following. The average daily consumption during last week—one of the hottest in years—was slightly under five million four hundred thousand gallons, while the plant is capable of continuously delivering nine million gallons daily. The heaviest single day of the week—Saturday—the demand was a little under seven million gallons, whereas for a single day the plant easily put out eleven million gallons.

The unusually heavy flows through the mains last week stirred up mud deposits in the pipes in some parts of the town. This caused annoyance to the water users and resulted in telephone inquiries as to whether anything had gone wrong with the filter plant. When the customers were assured that nothing but sparkling water was being delivered at the plant end, and that the mud was the result of deposits in the old mains of years standing, they generally accepted the situation with intelligent patience.

### Plan Cleaning of Mains

As soon as it is practicable to do so, the city will undertake a very thorough program of water main cleaning. When this is complete, it is expected that no further trouble will be experienced. The reason that such cleaning is not now under way is that the process requires the cutting off of the water mains into numerous small sections, by the use of the street valves. While this can be readily done in the cooler months, when the water consumption is low, any effort to accomplish it at this time would reduce the pressure sufficiently to cause hardship to the water users.

Highland Park's new pumping station and filter plant, which is an outstanding achievement of the present city administration, was designed by, and constructed under the supervision of, Pearse, Greeley & Hansen, hydraulic and sanitary engineers. The information given above was secured from them through their resident engineer, George B. Prindle.

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