

the waterworks system of that city. The water supply is in the hands of a private company, which was chartered before the passage of the law providing for a reference to arbitration when the municipality desires to take the service over. That is the position at the present time in Stratford, but the company is not willing to give up its franchise. Representatives of the city asked that the Government should take steps to bring the company under the provisions of the arbitration law, and the request was opposed by representatives of the company. There appeared on behalf of the city Mayor O'Donoghue, Mr. John Idington, Q.C., City Solicitor, City Surveyor Van Buskirk and Ald. Hepburn, Van Stone, Gillespie and MacLeod. The company was represented by the President, Mr. John Corrie, Hon. Thos. Ballantyne and Mr. John McIntyre, directors.

The Standing Orders Committee met to-day and elected Dr. McKay (Oxford) Chairman.

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