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## MUST HAVE RIGHT

To Cancel the Agreement If It Should Be Found Necessary.

Light, Heat and Power Committee Will Give Street Railway Company Five Year Power Agreement Only Conditionally.

After a four-hour session, last night, the Light, Heat and Power committee decided that it couldn't, in justice to the people, grant a five-year power agreement to the street railway company without some stipulations that would protect the city in case the steam plant became endangered and required additions and renewals by virtue of the heavy strain placed upon it, chiefly by the street railway company's needs.

The decision reached was that an agreement for five years be entered into with the company, the city to have the right of cancelling it at the expiration of three or four years.

Whether the company will accept the proviso of cancellation on the part of the city remains to be seen, but if it will not, then the committee will ask the city council to shoulder the burden as it cannot recommend any better terms. If the above offer is not satisfactory, then the committee sees only one way open and that is to place the question of a straight five-year agreement before the people in January and let them decide.

The recommendation of the committee gives the company everything it asks for with the exception of a straight five-year agreement, and only gives the city the right to cancel it at the end of three or four years. Such cancellation would occur only if it was necessary to make large expenditures for additions to the steam plant. The committee couldn't see its way clear to allow more than the average expenditure for maintenance to be made upon the steam plant. In other words it couldn't allow additions or renewals to the plant for the benefit of the street railway without receiving some return.

Ald. Elliott claimed that the terms which the committee offered were almost as good as a clear five-year agreement and he would jump at the offer if he was a member of the street railway company.

In attendance at the meeting were Alds. Elliott, Carson, Angrove, Mc Kay, Rigney, Hartt and McCarteray, a full committee, and it was a little after midnight when they arose.

### President Wouldn't Recede.

For an hour at the beginning of the meeting, H. W. Richardson and H. C. Nickle, were present on behalf of the street railway company to give information desired by the committee.

Mr. Richardson again refused to recede a step from the position he had taken regarding a five-year agreement and the privilege of cancellation being on the side of the company alone.

Ald. Elliott wanted him to eliminate his demand for power for Lake Ontario park purposes, but Mr. Richardson said he would not. The park, he said, meant a good deal to the poor people of the city, and was, therefore, of great value to Kingston. Last year the park was run at a loss of \$1,600.

Superintendent Nickle said that the park had never paid for itself, though it drew patronage for the cars. In speaking of the benefits given by the company, he stated that last summer 22,000 children rode on the cars at the one-cent rate. That was a great boon.

"If we had an agricultural college outside the town like Guelph," said Superintendent Nickle, "we could do without the park and make money. Guelph has about 1,500 students going to and coming from that college every day."

Ald. Rigney suggested that the park was being run if it was conducted at a loss of \$1,600.

Mr. Richardson admitted that the park wasn't credited with any of the passenger receipts. The park drew ex-

### DAILY MEMORANDA.

Board of Works 4 p.m., Thursday; Chess Board, 1.30 p.m., Thursday; "The Barrier," Grand Opera House, 8.15 p.m.; "The Tropic," The Girl and The Gold Miner"; "The Major and The Maid"; Wanted a Child.

Queen's Alumni Conference, Convocation Hall, 8 p.m. Address by Prof. J. L. Morrison, on "John Calvin's Place in History, and his Influence Upon Modern Thought."

## Fish Globes

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agreement if there was any breakdown in the plant or if it was necessary to add new apparatus.

Committee's First Duty.

Ald. Elliott held that the committee's first duty was to maintain the plant in such condition as to give sufficient service to the bulk of the people. At the committee's last meeting he had asked Mr. Richardson if the street railway company would agree to pay a proportionate part of the cost of new apparatus, necessary through the plant continuing to supply the company with power, and Mr. Richardson had said no.

Ald. Rigney said he didn't care to go beyond this: To give the company power for three years at 1.20 cents, and during the fourth and fifth years to require the company to pay the extra proportion of cost of production that might result; if the cost of production did not increase, to continue for the five years the rate of 1.20.

Ald. Hartt moved that the street railway company be given power at 1.20 for five years, the city to have the option of cancelling the agreement at the end of the third or fourth year, giving six months notice.

Ald. Hartt said the option would probably never be exercised, but such an agreement would show that the committee was protecting the people.

Ald. Elliott said that personally he wasn't prepared to go that far, but if the committee was agreeable to it he would support the motion. He

would give you power for five years?"

Mr. Richardson—"Well, I hope to be able to run the road for five years."

Continuing, Mr. Richardson said that perhaps in four or five years there might be cheaper power in Kingston, by means of outside facilities, and the company could get power from another source. It might not need to take the city's power that long.

Mr. Richardson made it clear that he had not meant to be understood as saying that the company contemplated spending \$8,000 on its tracks if certain streets were paved.

Ald. Elliott said that workmen had been complaining of their tickets being useless until six o'clock in the evening, whereas they now quit work at five. Mr. Richardson replied that Superintendent Nickle would have this matter remedied.

Another request Ald. Elliott had was for two passes for two more light plant employees, the are lamp men. Mr. Richardson replied that he and the superintendent would have that matter also attended to.

The street railway representatives then retired, and the committee proceeded to discuss the questions at issue.

### New Boilers Needed.

In reply to Ald. McCartney, Manager Folger said that in the course of four or five years, a couple of new boilers would be required to meet the increased output. Within a month, the peak load of the plant would be reached, and it would require the addition of the small auxiliary engine to cover the peak.

Ald. Hartt claimed that the city's plant was "just up against as hard a proposition as the street railway company. There was no doubt that the plant would be very hard pressed within the next couple of three years and would require some capital expenditure." The company, he said, had everything on its side, whereas the city could not get out of supplying the company with power for five years, if it wished it.

Replies to Ald. Elliott the manager said the plant could probably go ahead for three years without capital expenditure.

The manager said he desired to point out that the arc-light machine purchased five years ago might break down any night and leave the streets in bed condition. He further pointed out that the suction pipe in the Queen street slip should be extended to clear water, where it would render better service, Mr. Campbell, he said, had recommended this two years ago but it hadn't been done. The best time to do it would be in the summer, when the load was light.

Mr. Campbell was of the opinion that the city should have the option of discontinuing the service to the street railway company at any time on six months' notice.

Ald. Rigney suggested that the committee might protest itself in this way to insist upon terminating the

agreement. The description quoted is that of a member of a Dutch expedition which, after penetrating a distance of 85 miles into the unknown, retired baffled by the mountains, forests and flocks.

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