

REVISED POWER AGREEMENT PASSED AT SPECIAL MEETING

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the legislature might rise as early as February 21. In this case, it would be necessary that all speed be exercised in getting the bylaw through, else a whole year might be lost. Mr. Mayers having advised that the city had no power to give effect to the transfer without this validating act being passed. Every minute was thus precious and he urged that the council act as quickly as possible in getting the bylaw before the people. The legislature, he felt, would not consider a validating act until the

deal had been approved by the ratepayers. Already an effort was being made to have the period for advertising reduced from ten to five days. Mr. Patmore stated that he and Mr. Pawson were prepared to deal immediately with any contentious matters in the agreement.

Proceed Immediately

After certain discussion, the council decided to proceed at once with consideration of the agreement and this was done. Mayor McMordie pointed out that, to date, as fast progress as possible had been made with the putting through of the agreement. It had taken time to secure the advice of Mr. Mayers and the Ontario Commission. The suggestions of the Commission had only just come to hand.

On the suggestion of Mr. Mayers one amendment was made to the draft delegating the city engineer to be the sole judge as to whether the level of the water at Woodworth Lake was being maintained by the company so as not to endanger the municipal water supply.

The clause providing for the \$150,000 trust fund from the purchase price against indebtedness of the city on the light plant was retained in the agreement although Mr. Pawson stated that this would not be necessary on passage of the validation act. The Montreal Trust Co. was named as trustee.

The matter of rental of poles came in for considerable discussion. In view of the fact that poles could be erected for \$35 and their lifetime was up to 18 years, Mayor McMordie thought that a rental of \$2.50 annually was exorbitant. In view of the fact that the city would be renting more poles from the company than the company would be renting from the city, His Worship suggested that the rental figure be reduced or the city erect its own poles. The outcome of this matter was that Mr. Pawson agreed upon a rental of \$2 which was acceptable to the council.

Concession to Company

In the clause providing that the company shall proceed with all possible despatch with its 5000 horse power development scheme other than at Woodworth Lake, Mr. Pawson insisted that a clause be inserted to the effect that the company would be excused for "any cause over which the company has no control." Mr. Pawson declared that the company intended to proceed with all good faith and he also pointed out that it had a reputation to sustain. There might be unavoidable physical circumstances however, which would cause delay and, in such case, the company would have to be definitely protected against the \$1000 a day penalty. Without this, the company could not accept the agreement. After considerable discussion, the council allowed this concession to be made. Other causes for which the company may be excused in the matter of delay of construction include "Act of God, fire or King's enemies or expropriation proceedings." In the matter of expropriation proceedings, Mr. Pawson pointed out that there would be lands at Khtada Lake or Falls River which the company would have to obtain and it was possible that expropriation proceedings might have to be resorted to.

Ald. Prudhomme endeavored to have a clause inserted that would protect the city against the company giving lower rates outside the city than within the corporate limits. Mr. Pawson had no objection to regions being established but he warned the council that there was a possibility such a clause might drive industries away. In any case, the council was holding the rates within the city down to a minimum and there was not much probability that the company would give lower rates outside the city limits. There might be such a thing as a smelter being established not in the city but close to it, Mr. Pawson suggested. "I think you can safely leave the matter in our hands," he said.

In the event of the city deeming it advisable at any time that additional development should be undertaken by the company, or in the event of the company making a default, it was agreed that such matters might be adjudicated, first, by the water board of the province; second, by a public utilities commission should such come

DIES IN ITALY



Lady Elizabeth Carnarvon, widow of Lord Carnarvon and sister of Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador to the United States, who, according to reports from Italy, died after a lingering illness near Naples. Her explorer husband was associated with Howard Carter in the discovery of King Tut-Ankh-Amen, in Egypt, over the entrance to which was graven a prediction of death for those who might open the vaults.

TOWN OF BARNESLEY WENT INTO MOVIES BUT LOST MONEY

LONDON, England, Feb. 14.—The Corporation of Barnesley, the mining town in the west riding of Yorkshire, has quickly repented of its venture into the movie business. After a run of some 10 weeks, in which \$50,000 is estimated to have been lost, the enterprise has been closed down. The public hall which was allocated by the corporation for the enterprise was formerly rented to a private concern, but the town council, with a Socialist majority, decided to exercise their parliamentary powers and use it for the presentation of films. Though the lowest prices were charged, with special rates to the unemployed, the enterprise was not successful. The mayor, Alderman F. J. Broley, in an interview, said that he did not regret that the experiment had been made.

into being; or, third, by arbitration.

The city's right at the end of the 25-year period to buy from the company all the company's property situate within the city, together with the property at or near the Woodworth Lake development, was made subject to "at least 12 months" instead of "at least three months" notice on suggestion of Ald. Collart, who pointed out that, in the event of the city resuming its own power supply, adequate time would have to be allowed to make arrangements for the establishment of a power plant, etc. Mr. Gonzales pointed out that the city might find itself at the end of 25 years without a power plant.

Assigning Agreement

In the event of the Power Corporation desiring to assign the agreement, an additional phrase providing that "consent shall not be unreasonably withheld" by the council was inserted after some discussion. Aldermen supported by Mr. Gonzales' opinion, were inclined to feel that the company was adequately protected in this matter by the words "provided that the assignee satisfies the council of its financial responsibility and its ability to carry out the agreement." Mr. Pawson pointed out, however, that this might still leave an arbitrary power in the hands of the council. He explained that the Power Corporation was but a holding company and it was the intention to float an operating company to take over the agreement and its operation.

After having dealt with the agreement clause by clause, the council gave the bylaw its statutory readings up to the point where it has to be approved by the people, after which it will be finally reconsidered and adopted by the council as the final step toward actual execution.

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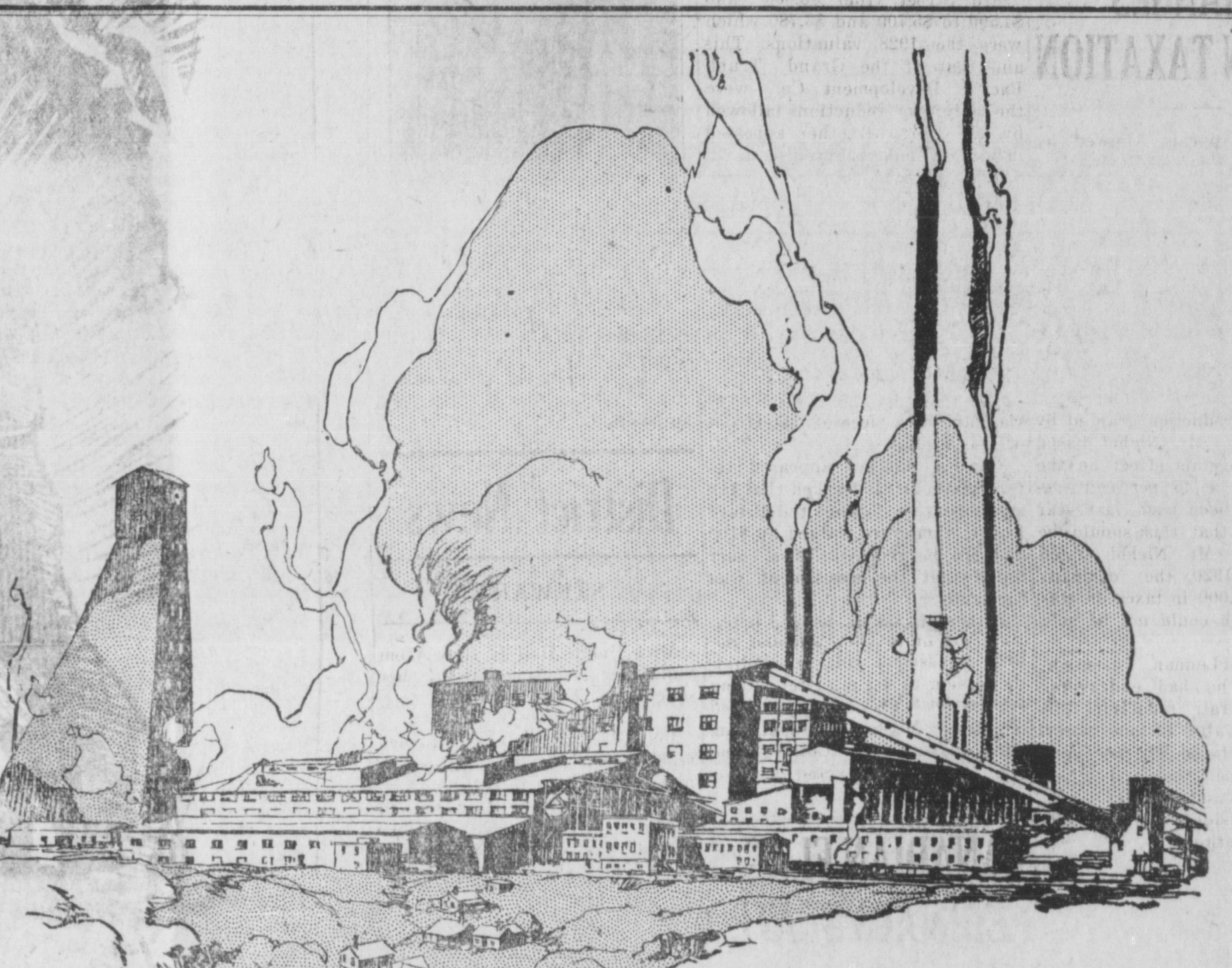
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