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THE QUESTION OF GATE CHAMBERS

Water and Sewerage Board Dealt With a Knotty Point in
Loch Lomond Construction Yesterday.

The water and sewerage board met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of deciding what action should be taken in consequence of Messrs. McArthur & MacVay requiring an order to construct three gate chambers on section 1 of the water extension. Resident Engineer Hunter, after consultation with the recorder, had refused an order on the ground that the work was included in the specification and therefore not an extra requiring an order. After hearing the engineer, the board adjourned without giving any instructions or taking a vote. It was tacitly understood, however, that the engineer should give an order with the moral support of the board and this was done after the meeting. The work will accordingly be carried out at cost price by the contractors and they will be paid the usual 15 per cent extra under the terms of the contract. The mayor occupied the chair and Ald. Tilley, Holder, McDougal, Frink, Christie, McArthur, Bullock, Baxter, MacKee and Vanwart were present with the recorder, director, superintendent, resident engineer and common clerk.

Mr. MacVay was then heard. In reply to the chairman he said he took the point that the gate chambers were extra work. They did not appear on the plans and it was impossible to figure intelligently on them in consequence.

Mr. Hunter said he could not understand why the contractors would not do the work. It was a good piece of work to handle.

Mr. MacVay said they had built one chamber and thought all along it was an extra. They would probably be able to build the others at contract price but they wanted an order.

In reply to a question Mr. Barbour said the actual cost of a gate chamber was from \$75 to \$150.

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Ald. Christie to Mr. MacVay—"Do you refuse to go on? Surely you can answer that without legal advice."

Mr. MacVay proceeded to explain how much work had been done.

Ald. Bullock—"Yes, but how about completing it?"

Mr. MacVay—"I don't think you can expect me to say."

The chairman—"It's a very simple matter. Will you say you refuse to go on? You understand if you refuse the city will do the work, that is all."

Mr. MacVay did not give any definite answer.

Ald. Christie asked if Mr. MacVay would furnish a refusal in writing. He was prepared to treat fairly with the contractors and if when the time came it was found that they had lost, the city would be liberal. He would not be treated in this indefinite manner.

Mr. MacVay wanted it understood that they were relying on the promises of the board that if they went on with the contract they would deal fairly with them.

The (the contractors) had made every effort to carry out the work. They did not want to have anything to do with the law but when the work was done they would take the board at their word.

Mr. Hunter—"We must get these chambers built whether they refuse or not. It is not even necessary for them to refuse. I stated in my letter to the board that sufficient progress was not being made and you can order the work done."

Ald. Bullock moved that plans of the work be furnished to the contractors and if they did not go on the city should step in and do the work.

Ald. Frink moved an amendment that an order should be given to the contractors to do the work on a basis of 15 per cent over cost upon their releasing the city of any liability.

The motion and amendment were then withdrawn and on Mr. Hunter agreeing to take the matter into his own hands, the board adjourned without passing a resolution.

After the meeting a conference took place between the contractors and the resident engineer and it is understood an order was issued for the work to be done on the basis of 15 per cent over cost.

HENRY M. WHITNEY AND CANADIAN INTERESTS

La Presse, of Montreal, printed the following editorial yesterday:

Canada cannot afford to be indifferent to the struggle being now carried on between the various political parties in the United States, who are seeking the enfranchisement of the colored.

The momentous questions which are being discussed in the great meetings of our neighboring republic, are not without interest to the people of this Dominion, whose commercial relations and tariff interests are so closely allied with theirs.

But if Canada as a whole follows with attention the different stages of these elections in the United States, the province of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, which are in close proximity to the State of Massachusetts, where the elections take place on the 7th of November next, should be deeply interested, and in which state Mr. Henry M. Whitney is the candidate of the Democratic party for the office of lieutenant governor.

The campaign in the State of Massachusetts, interests us especially for various reasons: First, that Mr. Whitney is not unknown in Canada; second, that the State of Massachusetts is in such close proximity to the Maritime Provinces and the Province of Quebec; third, that our French Canadian countrymen form an important part of the voters in that state.

La Presse is, therefore, pleased to present to its readers for the consideration of their fellow citizens of the State of Massachusetts, and to the people of the Maritime Provinces and Canada generally, some facts that may not be without interest.

Mr. Whitney is a native of New England. He organized the electric railroad system known as the West End Railway, and which is now the elevated railroad of Boston. He has added much to the improvements of that city by building a magnificent boulevard around the reservoir and which forms one of the finest suburban outlets in America.

His interests were not, however, confined to the city of Boston, for in 1892, he went to Cape Breton, and purchased ten of the principal collieries in that district. These collieries were consolidated

under the name of "The Dominion Coal Company."

Another time Mr. Whitney caused the government of the Province of Nova Scotia, whose premier at that time was Hon. W. S. Fielding, now minister of finance in the Laurier government, to pass a law known as the "Whitney Law" for improving the financial affairs of the province.

At the time of this movement by Mr. Whitney, the revenue of the Province of Nova Scotia, arising from coal royalties, was not more than \$150,000 per annum. Thanks to the energy of Mr. Whitney by capital becoming invested in this important industry the market for coal was extended considerably and the revenue of the province was increased to \$300,000 per annum, principally arising from the increased royalties on coal and fuel which had had such an extraordinary increase.

Steel at Sydney—The commercial energy of Mr. Whitney did not end there. At the same time he organized the coal properties, he developed the steel industry of Sydney, which business is today known as the "Dominion Iron and Steel Company."

One can imagine what a large amount of capital was necessary to operate both these immense industries, which today constitute the principal wealth of this maritime province.

At the present time Mr. Whitney is no longer interested in these industries at Sydney and Cape Breton, of which he was the originator, but his capital is now invested in carrying on the asbestos development in the Province of Quebec. Mr. Whitney is now the proprietor of the asbestos mining industry of Thedford, Quebec. He is also owner of an asbestos mine at Black Lake, Colborne, at which place Mr. Whitney has established plants to wash and refine asbestos by a process that increases the quality and price. This operation of cleaning removes an amount of waste asbestos which Mr. Whitney uses at his plant at Laconia, New Hampshire, for conversion into fire proof plaster.

Mr. Whitney has also joined other capitalists in Boston with large interests in the Shawmut Water and Power Company, which is one of the most powerful on this continent of America.

In one word Mr. Whitney is not only a promoter but an investor in all these large industries of which the capital these companies have increased their output and returns and have given employment to a large number of Canadian workmen from Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. For these reasons it will be seen that the candidate for the lieutenant governorship of the State of Massachusetts, is one of the benefactors of these provinces which formerly sent their faith to the State of Massachusetts, and whose inhabitants now are an important factor as voters in that state.

In addition to these large enterprises Mr. Whitney, has again to his credit in Canada the introduction of the electric submarine system, that wonderful invention of Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine of Canada, at the suggestion of Mr. Whitney himself and the recommendation of the Messrs. Allan, is now having established for the benefit of Canadian navigation.

The campaign which is now being fought by Mr. Whitney, is particularly interesting for us on account of the platform presented by him to the electors of the State of Massachusetts. Mr. Whitney has always been in favor of reciprocity between Canada and the United States, and in every case strongly opposed that barrier at the 43rd degree, against natural products of Canada, and he is a strenuous advocate of the principle of limited free trade. He does not fear to freely express his opinion in favor of the abolition of the tariff on certain commodities, and his impetuous, energetic and convincing speeches greatly impress his hearers who have business relations with Canadians, or who were formerly inhabitants of the Dominion. He is strongly in favor of Americans being liberal towards Canada (who would not doubt reciprocate), in abolishing the duty on seven of the most important articles more especially on coal, iron ore, pulp and pulp wood, lumber, fish and certain agricultural products such as potatoes and so forth.

In order to more thoroughly appreciate the reasons for Mr. Whitney's platform, it would be wise to read the following extract of his speech he delivered at Lynn (Mass.) on the 30th of October last:

"Almost at our borders is a great people, speaking a similar language, of a common origin, of social habits akin to ours, with hearts responsive to kindness,

but impervious to threats. They are engaged in different occupations than ours, and stand ready if we will to exchange the products of their labor for the products of ours on terms of mutual benefit."

"They stand ready, I believe, to clasp a friendly hand stretched across the tariff borders. They have some of the raw material which we need for our industries, and many of the fruit supplies we need. They have potatoes, butter and cheese, eggs and oats to sell, all of which we want. The traffic that is now to us is better for us than traffic afar off. The longer the distance from which the raw material as a food supply are transported, the greater the cost will be when delivered to our mills or our houses. Likewise the longer the distance to which the boots and shoes which we make must be transported to reach the customer, the more it will cost to get them there and the less there will be with which to pay the workman in Lynn who make them."

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