FILTER PLANT IS WIDELY KNOWN

Officials of Toronto, Can., Write Here for Information on Water Supply.

That the water works system and filter plant owned by the city of Rock Island, has attained a reputation for excellency, not only in the United States, but also in Canada, was demonstrated this morning when Commissioner Jonas Bear received a communication from city officials in Toronto, Canada, asking for information which will be of assistance in the installation of a mechanical filter plant in that municipality, a move now contemplated. The matter has been referred to Superintendent R. W. Sharp.

The letter states that the city of Toronto is considering the advisability of installing a mechanical filter system, and understanding that Rock Island has a plant of this type, the officials desire information which will assist them in the solution of the problem.

The following points have been brought to the attention of Mr. Bear: Source of supply, average bacteria in raw water, high and low average of efficiency, cost of operation per million gallons, do chemicals used corrode or choke water pipes or pumps, is the use of chloride necessary to purify the water after filtration, and are the filters and reservoirs water tight.

The necessary information is now being prepared by Superintendent Sharp, and will be forwarded in a few days.

AN ORDINANCE:

Granting permission to the Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, to construct, maintain and operate a telephone exchange and other electric signals, and time clocks in the city of Rock Island, Ill., and for that purpose to build conduits, erect poles, place cables, wires and fixtures therein and thereon and connect the necessary appliances and apparatus therewith and maintain the same through, under, over and along the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places in said city.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Rock Island, Ill.:

Section 1. That it is hereby ordained by the city council of the city of Rock Island, Ill., and by its authority, that the Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees and assigns is hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate a telephone exchange and other electric signals and time clocks within the city of Rock Island, Ill., and to occupy the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places of said city, and to erect and place in, through, under, over and along the same, underground conduits, poles, wires, cables and attachments and connect therewith instruments, appliances and apparatus necessary to the development and operation of an exchange or plant for telephone and telegraph purposes subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. That poles placed or used under the rights herein granted shall be so located and erected as not to materially obstruct or impede the sidewalks, streets, alleys and passage ways; that such poles so erected shall be reasonably straight and uniform, and shall be neatly shaved and painted; that said poles shall be placed in conformity to the provisions of the ordinances of the city of Rock Island relating to the placing of poles in the streets and other public places in said city of Rock Island. It is further provided, that where practicable for that purpose, the alleys of said city shall be utilized for the placing of poles in preference to using the streets and other places; and that poles shall be so located as not to materially interfere with the access to or from any property; that all poles erected and the use of the same discontinued by said company for a period of thirty (30) days shall be removed within ten (10) days after notice so to do has been served upon said company by the commissioner of streets and public improvements of the city of Rock Island, Ill.

Section 3. That before opening any streets, alleys or other public places in said city for the placing of conduits or manholes, the said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, shall furnish to the commissioner of streets and public improvements of said city, a list showing the streets and other public places to be so occupied; and the same to be approved by said commissioner of streets and public improvements. Accompanying said list filed with said commissioner of streets and public improvements shall be filed a plan or plat clearly indicating the location in said streets and other public places of all conduits, manholes and openings which it is proposed to have or place therein.

Section 4. When an opening is made in any street, alley or other public place for the placing of conduits, manholes or poles, such openings shall be continued as short a time as reasonably necessary, and precautions shall be taken by said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, to protect against accident or danger as are reasonable or practicable, by the use of lanterns and signs, or fixtures or other safeguards.

Section 5. That portions of the streets disturbed by the openings made therein, in the building or maintaining of said plant, shall, with reasonable promptness be restored by said company to the former condition and in a manner satisfactory to the commissioner of streets and public improvements of said city of Rock Island, Ill. Provided, that where the change of grade or curb lines in any street, alley or public place by said city makes it necessary that poles belonging to said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, shall be re-set or re-located, such changes shall be made by said company when so ordered by the commissioner of streets and public improvements of said city of Rock Island, Ill.

Section 6. The said company, within the district known as the fire limits of said city of Rock Island, shall construct and use underground conduits for its cables and wires, and no poles shall be placed in any street in said fire limits, having such conduits laid, except distributing poles for wires and cables.

Section 7. The said company shall furnish to the city of Rock Island for the use of its fire alarm and police patrol system wires, one duct in each street or alley where it builds underground conduits, and shall furnish upon its poles pin space for the wires or circuits of said fire alarm and police patrol system.

Section 8. The Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, shall furnish service to all its subscribers free of charge until such time as it may have twelve thousand (12,000) telephones connected to its system in such a manner that telephone conversation can be carried on from one telephone to the other. These twelve thousand (12,000) telephones may be located in the cities of Rock Island or Moline, Illinois, or Davenport, Iowa, or any of the suburbs or rural districts convenient thereto with which telephone connection may be had without toll charge.

When twelve thousand (12,000) telephones have been placed and connected, as aforesaid, the Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company may charge during the life of this agreement, for telephone exchange service, not to exceed the rates hereinafter specified, when paid monthly in advance, as follows:

When twelve thousand (12,000) telephones, as above noted, are in service the monthly rental rate shall not exceed four dollars and fifty cents ($4.50) for each business telephone with unlimited service and two dollars ($2.00) per month for each residence telephone for unlimited service. After twelve thousand (12,000) telephones are so connected the company may charge for each additional one thousand (1,000) telephones in excess of twelve thousand (12,000) an additional monthly rental not to exceed sixteen and two-thirds cents (16 2-3c) per month for each telephone so connected with the various central offices of said company.

In estimating the number of telephones by which to determine the maximum rates all telephones connected to the company's system in such a manner that telephonic conversation can be carried on from one telephone to the other, and located in the cities of Rock Island and Moline, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa, and in the suburban towns or rural districts convenient thereto, which are connected with the various central exchanges of said company, and enjoying interchangeable service with the city subscribers at not to exceed the rates herein specified shall be counted, and a statement under oath by an officer of the company published in one or more local newspapers, shall determine the number of telephones connected with the company's lines.

Said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, agrees, however, at all times during the life of this agreement, to furnish a class of residence and business telephone service, limited as to the amount and character of use, and as to the number of parties on a line, at a rate not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per month for residence telephones and three dollars ($3.00) per month for business telephones. Such limited service to be at all times subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted, from time to time, by the company, but such rules and regulations to no more restrict said service than it is restricted in cities in the United States of like size, furnishing like service for an equal rate.

All churches, orphanges and other entirely benevolent organizations shall be furnished service by said company at one-half the rates specified herein by this ordinance.

Provided, that the maximum rates for service herein limited and provided, shall cover without extra charge interchange of service to all of the company's subscribers connected to its exchanges in Rock Island, South Rock Island, Searstown, Milan, East Moline, Silvis, Watertown, Ill., and Davenport, and Bettendorf, Iowa, and suburbs and rural districts that are within a ten-mile radius of its exchanges in Davenport, Iowa, Rock Island and Moline, Ill.

Section 9. That the said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, during all the time it shall carry on business under this ordinance, shall furnish free of charge to the city of Rock Island, for the use of its officers or employes, fifteen (15) sets of telephone instruments, connected with the exchange by exclusive metallic circuit, for each instrument and in addition fifty (50) sets of party line telephone instruments for the use of the fire alarm and police patrol system, wired up as fast as required by the city, and said instruments are to be placed at such locations within the city limits as the commissioner of streets and public improvements shall designate.

Section 10. It is further agreed by the Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, that whenever available union labor shall have the preference, and the departments wherein union labor is employed eight (8) hours shall constitute a day's work. The scale of wages to be paid shall be equal the average wage paid and in force among union employes engaged in the same class of work in cities of approximately the same size in the states of Illinois and Iowa.

Section 11. The said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone, its successors, lessees or assigns, shall, before starting construction work, file with the mayor a bond to be renewed annually in favor of the city of Rock Island in the sum of ten thousand dollars, said bond to be conditioned that any portion of the streets and lanes of the city, disturbed by said telephone company, shall be restored to their former condition; also to hold the city of Rock Island free from damages and to compensate it for moneys expended on account of accidents incurred or damage caused by neglect or fault of the said company, its successors, lessees or assigns, its agents or servants, in the construction of its lines.

Section 12. If at any time hereafter, the said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, shall sell to, lease to, consolidate with, or in any manner permit the control of a majority of its capital stock or the management of its business to become, or if in fact, the control of its capital stock or the management of its business shall become the property of any rival or competing telephone company, or any individual or individuals, corporation or corporations owning or controling, or representing a rival or competing telephone company, doing business in the city of Rock Island, then in such case all the rights, franchises and privileges granted hereby shall cease and terminate, and all property rights and interests whatsoever of the company located in the city of Rock Island shall become the property absolutely of the city of Rock Island.

Section 13. The said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, shall commence the construction of its telephone plant or system in Rock Island, Ill., within 90 days from the date franchises are finally granted to the company in all three of the cities, namely —Moline, Rock Island and Davenport, and within eighteen months from the date construction work starts the company shall be furnishing telephone exchange service over its lines.

Section 14. The said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, shall accept this ordinance within thirty (30) days after the passage of the same, otherwise this ordinance and all rights granted by it shall be null and void.

Section 15. This ordinance shall not go into effect and none of its provisions, terms or conditions shall be conferred or inure to the said Tri-City Automatic Home Telephone company, its successors, lessees or assigns, and the said company shall not commence the construction of its lines or system until said company, its successors, lessees or assigns shall, by resolution duly passed by a meeting of said company's directors and certified to the city clerk under the signature of its president and secretary, and the seal of the company, accepts this ordinance, and all the provisions, forms, conditions and limitations therein contained, and agree to abide by and be bound by the same.

Section 16. This grant and all rights and privileges herein contained, shall continue for a term of twenty-five years from the date this ordinance goes into effect.

M. T. RUDGREN, City Clerk.

Dec. 3, 1912.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by all druggists.—(Advertisement.)

All the news all the time.—The Argus.

Get Busy--Enlist With the Argus Santa Claus Fund Now

A lot of big-hearted fellows have spoken. They have either called personally or written in to The Argus Santa Claus fund committee asking for names of children to whom they may be Santa Claus this Christmas. Some have sent money, asking The Argus committee to do their shopping and delivering for them. If these men can help it, there won't be a single broken little heart in Rock Island on Christmas day.

This is fine. It seems good that so many big-hearted fellows should have agreed to sacrifice just a little for the happiness of the children on Christmas day. Yet the leaders of The Argus fund committee are far from satisfied. Not enough have enlisted as yet to insure a Merry Christmas for all the little ones. There will be many wet eyes and heavy hearts on Christmas morning unless dozens more of you who possess the big-brotherly spirit get into the game.

If you happen to be one of those who have not yet responded to the call and have been thinking that you'd do something a little later, just tell yourself that it is already late; and sit right down now and write to The Argus Santa Claus fund committee. Tell them that you want to be Santa Clau to one, two, or three or more children on Christmas day, and ask for names and addresses. And if you can't attend personally to the matter yourself, send a check.

If you do something this Christmas to bring happiness to the little ones who otherwise would be grief-stricken because Santa Claus had forgotten them, you yourself will always be the happier for it. You will feel like the man who has just asked for names.

"Last year I acted the part of Santa Claus to a little girl who except for me would have had no Christmas present," he said yesterday. "I shall never forget the happiness that it brought her, and I believe that her enjoyment was equalled by mine. This year I'm going to remember four, and have just four times as happy a Christmas as I did last."

Did you ever try winning happiness in that way? If not, it's time you did. Get busy. That's all.

FOR THE SANTA CLAUS GOOD FELLOW

Cut Out and Mail to The Argus

I will agree to buy Christmas gifts for..... poor children. I desire that the names of the poor children together with their ages and addresses be furnished me through The Argus Santa Claus Fund Committee.

Signed.....

Address.....