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DOMINION NEWS

FEARS SHREWD GAS LEGISLATION

Ald. Shepherd Suspects Plan to Have Government Legalize City By-Law.

OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST ALSO WILL BE BLOCKED

Roundabout Measures, It is Alleged, Are Sought to Gain Point.

That the Windsor Gas Co. is trying to put one over on the people of Windsor by trying to have the city gas by-law of 1907 legalized by the Ontario government, is the main reason to suspect that the firm behind Ald. J. H. Shepherd, who was elected chairman of the special committee appointed by the city to look into the gas question, has now widened the scope of the gas question as well.

"I am told on good authority that the by-law is being legalized and proposed to gain its end in a roundabout way instead of the special legal channel which would give it a chance of fight. The plan, as I understand it, is to seek the passing of a by-law giving municipalities power to waive their expropriation rights under the Comette act with the result that the city would be able to make the bill retroactive. The bill will of course be a general one applying to all municipalities, but it is designed especially for Windsor."

Merely Doing His Duty.

In asking the city council to seek legal advice as to the validity of the by-law, Ald. Shepherd and his council waived expropriation rights for fifteen years without a vote of the people in the city, he said.

He is merely trying to perform his duties as chairman of the power committee.

"We want to see exactly where we are in regard to the gas company before we take any action," he says. "One of the things we want to do is to see if the gas company can use refined natural gas in its mains. I believe such a move is under consideration and it would affect the Niagara Falls gas company, because the gas company purifies natural gas at a very cheap rate, and it would affect competition with the city if the city entered into a contract for Niagara gas.

At the same time the chairman of the power committee admits that there is some possibility of a move for Niagara gas to the city.

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The Chinese were that of Mrs. Hans Asarp, 703 Elizabeth street, against her will, and charged that the suit has been in the courts since June 1907. The judge decided that Mrs. Asarp, who has two children, should be given a separate residence from the father. However, he admires the "way the two Chinese children are being treated," he said.

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Thomas Ross, Chinese inspector in Detroit, was present to the decision of the court, but he did not give the hope of landing the smugglers, but the court did not see it in that way.

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WINDSOR MAY HAVE FAIR

Former Ald. Bedford Proposes Plan Which May Be Success.

A suggestion by ex-Ald. D. H. Bedford is adopted by Windsor city council at its meeting Monday night.

Windsor will have a fall fair this year, it is proposed.

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