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PLANS FOR NEW LOUISE BRIDGE

Civic Committee Approves Them and Recommends That Tenders Be Called For at Once.

At the meeting of the works committee yesterday the plans for the new 26-foot Louise bridge were approved, and it was recommended to council that tenders be called for and work proceeded with. It is estimated that the cost will be \$120,000, including additions to the piers.

Aldermen Potter and Midwinter, of Elmwood, are not satisfied with the width of the new bridge, deeming it inadequate, but they would rather have the work proceed according to the plans than wait for a new bylaw and new plans. The ward 7 aldermen are anxious that the bridge be put on the piers this winter and completed as soon as possible, so as to be in readiness for the coming world's fair.

The committee decided that the by-law governing the delivery of coal in the business streets should be amended, so as to give a certain time for such delivery without committing a breach of the bylaw. The matter was referred to the committee by the board of control yesterday morning owing to the complaint of D. E. Adams, who stated that he had been prosecuted several times, although delivering coal early in the morning and who as

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OVER REDWOOD BRIDGE

March 1911

Temporary Structure May be Taken up Before Ice Goes Out—Central Swing Span Not Started.

The Elmwood people may have to face a repetition as regards ordinary traffic which faced the railway traffic of thirty years ago. At that time the Louise bridge superstructure was not ready when the ice broke up; the pile bridge had to be taken away to save it from being swept away by the first rush of the outgoing ice; and then there was a long bridgeless interval.

History is now promising to repeat itself. The two shore trusses of the new bridge are about completed, but the central swinging span is not started yet; in fact the floor of the old bridge is still in place resting on the false work put up by the Algoma Bridge company to support the work while the structure is being erected. When the ice goes out, which is liable to occur at any hour now, all this false work, also the temporary bridge which is built on the east of the present bridge, will go out of use. The consequence will be that the false work will have to be re-erected for the putting up of the central span, and this cannot be done until the flow of water subsides, which may not take place for some months. This will mean that all traffic between Elmwood bridge and the west side of the river will have to go over the Redwood bridge.

Little Interest by Authorities.

There are apparently but few men engaged, and the indications of a flood-time energy are not apparent. Even the Elmwood aldermen's excitement is not warming up to the boiling point.

The traffic passing over the Louise bridge, which must be inconvenienced by any long delay, is very large; as great, or greater than, that over any other bridge of the city. Many large manufacturing establishments are interested in this question.

Another point to be noticed is the danger of serious accidents unless the work is speedily completed. The progress during the past month has not been such as to hold out much hope of a speedy completion of the work.

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CITY AND GENERAL

Louise Bridge Partially Opened—A sidewalk on the new Louise bridge, which is now being completed, was opened yesterday for pedestrians. The temporary bridge was deserted, with the exception of bicycles, automobiles, and rigs, most people taking the opportunity of using the new bridge.

Lull Between Boats.—A cessation of activity was notable at the immigra-