

# NEW UNIT LIKELY TO BE INSTALLED AT LIGHT PLANT

## VILLAGE BOARD ACTS FAVORABLY ON PETITION OF TAXPAYERS—CUSHMAN OUTFIT TO BE DISCARDED FOR NEW ONE

Electric light service is to be improved in Bimford, if present plans of the Board of Trustees mature. At a board meeting held Monday, a petition signed by a large number of taxpayers of the village, petitioned the board to purchase another engine and generator, to replace the Cushman outfit, which has been a source of trouble and expense ever since it was installed.

Favorable action was taken by the board, and Tuesday two of the members, together with Electrician Solee, made a trip to McHenry to inspect the engines in their lighting plant, in order to ascertain as nearly as possible the size of the new equipment necessary. Considerable difference of opinion existed locally regarding the size of the new unit, some contending that another 25 h. p. should be installed, while others believe that a 15 h. p. would be ample, along with the 25 h. p. already in service. From the facts gathered at McHenry, the committee is certain that the smaller size unit would be the proper addition to our plant. According to Electrician Anderson, of McHenry, the operating expense of the McHenry plant is practically the same with 24 hour service and using two engines—a 25 and 15 h. p., alternating as the load varied or both when a full load was carried, as it was when only night service was given and the 25 h. p. in operation during the whole period.

The only obstacle facing the village board in making this change is the problem of finances. If satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Fairbanks company to accept village warrants on the installment plan, the purchase will be made. A representative of the company is expected to come to Bimford the latter part of the week to go over this phase of the situation, and if satisfactory, the new unit will be in operation in about a month.