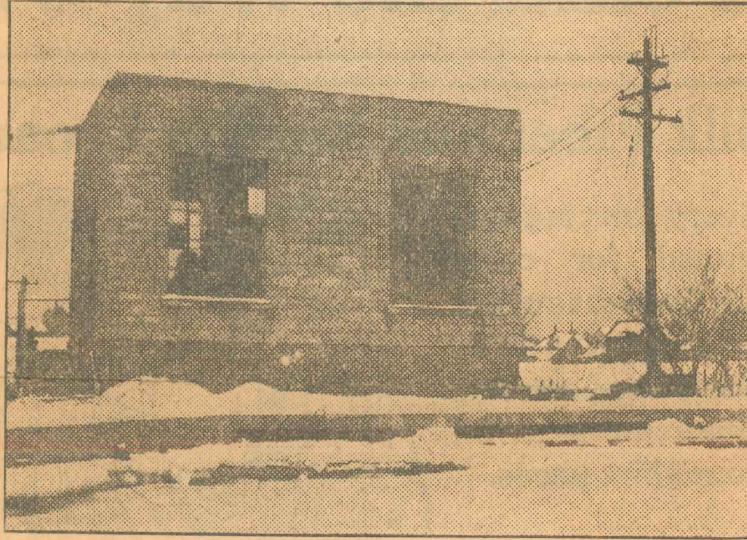


SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY IN GALSTER RECALL FIGHT



McManus Hydro-Electric Dam.

Petoskey, Dec. 27.—One of the controversies involved in the attempt to recall Mayor John L. A. Galster arose over a proposal to purchase the McManus hydro-electric power plant on Bear river.

The city commission had arraigned to buy the plant on a lease plan, the total amount being set at \$90,000. The Blackmer Rotary Pump Co. then stepped in with a temporary injunction and stopped the sale. Now the city is purchasing "excess power" from George Mc-

Manus, owner of the hydro-electric plant, at the rate of 2 cents per kilowatt.

According to supporters of the purchase plan and the administration, the plant, which is located at the first dam in Bear river, would have saved considerable money to the city, inasmuch as the cost of producing current in the municipal steam plant is about 6 cents per kilowatt. During the summer months there is said to be an overload on the city generators and thus additional means of providing a supply is held to be necessary.