

THE CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER COMPANY::: began serving the people of Fort Erie in 1907. just previous to this F.B. Mathews clerk of the village posted a notice in the Fort Erie Times asking for tenders for the construction of an Electric light system. That was in July 1906. Later that year the Canadian Niagara Power Comp. erected a line of steel poles 18 miles through the fields from Niagara Falls to Fort Erie. There were steel bridges to guard the railroad crossings and steel towers to support the cables which spanned the river to a transformer station in Buffalo,

It was in August of 1907 that the power company started erecting a transformer station at the north west corner of Queen St. and Goderich, for the village lighting system. The building was made of steel and brick with a corrugated roof, and was 18 by 24ft. Finally in Nov. of 1907 the electric fluid was turned on. It was not until Jan 3rd., 1910 the the voters in the municipality of Bridgeburg voted to allow the Canadian power Comp. to come into their town to install electric lights.

It was in 1927 that the Power comp. took a more permanent place in the Community when they replaced the old building with the new building which contained 9,200 sq. ft. of floor space; and had one of the most luxurious show rooms in the Niagara district.

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CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER COMPANY LIMITED :::

On April 2 ~~March~~ /1928 was opened one of the most beautiful Electric service buildings on the continent ; to the residents of the Niagara Frontier.

located only a block from the Peace Bridge at the corner of Queen and Goderich Streets , it's graceful tower fittingly serves as a simble of our future. For the Canadian Niagara Power Company has looked into the years ahead -- and has erected this impressive building to meet their needs.

In the main foyer with it's gracefully domed ceiling are displayed charming bridge and table lamps; just as you may arrange them in your home. There to you will find the newest electrical servants designed to do your sweeping and you cleaning, washing and ironing and refrigerating.