

Jacksonville, and fixed the prices therefor. Its price for gas was then \$3 a 1000 cubic feet, with some discounts for large customers; and for electricity \$15 a month for 1200 c.p. arc lights, and 28c a kilowatt for incandescent lights.

In the bond issue of 1894, provision was made for the erection of a municipal electric light plant. Some delay in commencing the work was caused by injunctions brought by private parties, but when these matters were settled in favor of the City, the plant was erected next to the waterworks in Waterworks park. City lights were turned on for the first time March 7, 1895, and on the 25th of that month the plant was turned over to the City for operation. The plant was erected at a cost of \$76,675. The prices fixed by the City at the time were: \$7.50 a month for all-night 2000 c.p. arc lights; \$6.25 a month for 12 o'clock 2000 c.p. arc lights; and 7c a kilowatt for incandescent lights.

Important line extensions were made in 1898, 1901 (including replacements costing \$46,000 as a result of the fire of May 3, 1901), 1903 and 1908. On January 18, 1911, the lighting franchise, hitherto held by the street railway company, passed to the City. The demand upon the municipal plant now became so great that a new and larger main station of the most modern type became an urgent necessity. The site selected for it was on the river front in the Tallyrand section. The plant was completed at a cost, including equipment, of about \$635,000, and put in operation October 12, 1912. The original plant then became a transformer station known as sub-station No. 1. During the World war, sub-stations were established in the shipyards in South Jacksonville and at Camp Johnston. In October, 1924, an important sub-station was completed in Riverside, at McDuff and Post Streets. There is also a special sub-station at the municipal docks. The underground electric work in the business section was done in 1913-14-15, at a cost of \$500,000.

Pablo Beach was "cut in" on the Jacksonville current March 14, 1923. The service to Orange Park began February 28, 1924.

It has been 30 years since the original plant was constructed; in that time the cost of maintenance, replacements and extensions has continued to mount higher and higher, but the cost of electricity to the resident of Jacksonville has remained unchanged from that day to this. Nevertheless,