

## **COST OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.**

To the Editor of the

"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—Your recent articles on the above subject have led me to look up the minutes of the 1913 Rate payers' Meeting.

At that time Mr. E. S. Little, in opposing the enormous expenditure, stated that the total cost of land, buildings, furniture and so on would exceed Tls. 2,000,000. The chairman, Mr. Burkill, ridiculed the suggested cost.

It is now fairly clear that the all-in cost will exceed the Tls. 2,000,000.

I am, etc.,

VOTER.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

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## **ELECTRICITY RATES.**

To the Editor of the

"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—A perusal of the Electricity report showing amazing increases coupled with the reduction in the price of coal leads many to ask why the price for electricity is not materially reduced.

The ratepayers and consumers want some advantage from the plant they are carrying and operating.

I am, etc.,

CONSUMER.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

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## **MOTOR-CAR AND TRAM.**

To the Editor of the

"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—I heartily endorse the view held by "Humanity" that all motor-cars should be obliged to draw up behind standing tramcars.

I take it that, unlike the laws of the Medes and the Persians, our traffic by-laws are not iron-bound, and a simple modification of these by-laws is all that is necessary.

Continued apathy on the part of the authorities to the safety and convenience of the great bulk of the public can only force on one the conclusion that in Shanghai our traffic administrators choose to cringe and grovel before the almighty plutocrat.

I am, etc.,

AGAINST ROAD-HOGGING.

Shanghai, Jan. 30.