

AN EXPIRING FRANCHISE.

Why the Owners of the Prospect Avenue Horse Car Line Are Anxious for a Council Meeting.

J. J. Green and others interested in the proposed change of power on the Prospect avenue horse car line held a consultation yesterday with Acting Mayor Tiernan regarding the possibility of having a council meeting before Monday night. It is a matter of vital importance to the holders of the franchise whether they get through the council before midnight of Monday night an ordinance which will be introduced to permit them to make a change in the power of the road. The franchise of the Grand avenue cable road runs for thirty years, but the franchise for the Prospect avenue line, as a horse car line, is for only five years, and this time expires Monday at midnight.

The holders of the franchise naturally fear to trust to the chance of getting the ordinance to change the power through both houses of the council on the same night, while, if a meeting could be held before Monday, the ordinance could be got through one of the houses of the council. If the company does not get the required permission before the expiration of the franchise as a horse car line the line will have to be abandoned. The franchise of the road provides that the Prospect avenue branch can be run for five years as a horse car line, but the power must be changed at the end of that time. The company has the right to say what power shall be used, but it is understood that electricity will be the power selected.

Mr. Tiernan declined to call a meeting till the mayor returned, which will be to-day, it is thought.