

H. W. Cannon last week purchased of John McKusick the property known as the McKusick water power, this being with some additions the property leased some eight years ago to the owners of the Florence flour mills. By this purchase Mr. Cannon has acquired the grantor's interest in McKusick's Lake and a strip of land sixty-six feet wide extending from the dam along the channel of the creek to the spring west of Fourth street, where two lots are acquired; thence a strip fifty feet in width to the property east of Third street occupied by the Florence mills, the site of which is included in the purchase. Consideration, \$25,000.

Mr. Cannon was actuated in making this purchase by the belief that it was a safe investment, affording a reasonable prospect of profit, and more especially with a view to making the construction of water works possible. He has matured no plans, but it is probable that steps will be taken within the next sixty days which will lead to the construction of such works, in the success of which all classes are deeply interested.

A few words regarding the feasibility of such enterprise: A few months ago Mr. Gilfillan, president of the St. Paul water company, visited our city at the request of Mr. Cannon and others and made a careful survey of all the premises with a view to determining the practicability of providing our city with water for extinguishing fires and for domestic purposes if the supply should be found sufficient. Mr. Gilfillan unhesitatingly pronounced the supply furnished from McKusick lake as amply adequate for all purposes for a city of 40,000 inhabitants, and the quality equal to that furnished in any city in the land. He also said that he knew of no city which possessed such advantages for the easy construction and cheap maintenance of water works, as our own. He estimated that the cost of constructing the works laying mains and pipes for the convenience and protection of Main and Second streets would be about \$50,000.