

## A Well known Engineer Visits Akron.

From Tuesday's Daily Beacon.

Mr. D. L. King asked the attention of the City Council for a few minutes last evening to the long-agitated question of water works in this city. He stated that, while in Cleveland within a few days past, he had had a number of interviews with Mr. T. H. Scowden and thought that a brief conference with this gentleman would serve to correct the impression which the excessive estimates as to the cost of water works, made by Mr. Cheabrough, had left in the minds of the Council and citizens generally. He asked that the Council hear Mr. Scowden, who was present, briefly, and that all assistance in their power be extended to him during his investigations here.

Mr. Collins moved that all the books, papers, plans, profiles, &c., the result of previous investigation on this subject, now in the hands of the Council, be placed at the disposal of Mr. Scowden during his stay in this city. Carried unanimously.

On motion a committee of five was appointed to confer with Mr. Scowden and give him all the assistance possible in pursuing his investigations, and to accompany him to the principal sources of supply in the neighborhood which have been previously mentioned in connection with the project.

The committee, as designated by the Council, consists of Messrs. Carsty, Collins, Lawton, Thorp and Alexander.

Mr. Scowden, as we understand it, comes here on his own responsibility and in the line of his own profession. He proposes to pursue his investigations and make up the estimates at his own expense. Moreover, he comes prepared, in case the citizens of Akron decide that they want water works, either to act as engineer for their construction or to make a direct proposition for and assume the responsibility of their entire completion. He is an engineer of wide experience, having erected the fine works at Cleveland, Cincinnati, Louisville and San Francisco, and also having conducted the enlargement of the canal around the Falls of the Ohio, near Louisville. From conversation with him and others it is evident that he "means business," and is determined to demonstrate to our people that water-works can be built in Akron at a comparatively small expense, greatly below Mr. Cheabrough's estimates.