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HEATED STREETS IN LILLE

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In Lille, technicians have been working for many years on the problem of an economic mean of heating the town's streets, and by the present cold wave, the first street-heated by mean of special gas-heaters has been officially inaugurated yesterday.

This experience was originally organized by the syndicate of shop-owners of Lille, wanting to make their town more comfortable to foreign buyers and visitors coming for the yearly important International fair.

Starting their studies from the knowledge that Infra-Red calories generally noted in high mountain areas, can be also produced by an artificial source of heat, the National Gas Company in the Lille area, and upon request from the Shop-owners Union, devised a contraption of gas-operated pannels, which placed 4 m. 25 high along the street give through their 3 burners, on a horizontal line, and equipped with reflectors, heat in the street below.

The equipment is simple and easy to manufacture. It can be economically applied for heating of large buildings such as factories garages or Exhibition halls.

Our picture shows : building of the equipment,
-equipment of a workshop
- in the Rue Neuve at Lille
-Official inauguration of the street-heating system by the President of shop-owners Union, North Department Prefect Le Carbon, Mr. Kap representing Lille Mayer Mr. Courbet, representing the National Gas Company, and Mr. Duterne President of the Chamber of Commerce.
-some ideas of what life could be if all town's streets were agreeably warm and comfortable even in freezing temperature...