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# WORKS COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHED EXCELLENT THINGS DURING YEAR

**Chairman Sheppard Presents His Report and is Heartily Complimented All Round.**

The Committee on Works yesterday held their final meeting for the year, and adopted the fortnightly report of the City Engineer. Chairman Sheppard also submitted, in concise form, a resume of the work done during the year. The following new works were recommended:

Asphalt pavements—Euclid-avenue, Bloor-street to Follis-avenue, $12,229; Bleecker-street, Wellesley-street to Howard-street, $8879.

Brick pavements—Shirley-street, St. Clarens-avenue to Lansdowne-avenue, $2612; Church-street lane, first west of Church-street, running north from Lombard, $840; Armoury-street, Chestnut-street to University-street, $3616.

Sewer—Symington-avenue, 12-inch tile pipe from Bloor-street to a point 500 feet south, $1010.

There were also a large number of concrete sidewalks recommended for construction.

The committee reconsidered their action in refusing to supply city water to Mr. Alexander of Binscarth-avenue, who lives just outside the city limits. Mr. Alexander said the property would soon be inside the city. The mains had been built by private parties, and he was paying double the gross rates, there being no discount allowed. On motion of S. W. Burns, he will be allowed to connect his water service.

John Joss appeared on behalf of 12 property owners on Spadina-place, a blind lane between Cecil and College-streets, 20 feet wide. The City Engineer had recommended the construction of a pavement, but Mr. Joss wished it built only as far north as there were houses, as beyond that point the lane was but 12 feet wide, and there was no need of a pavement. The matter was referred back to the City Engineer, who will consult with the ratepayers.

The City Engineer and the Medical Health Officer made a report on the matter of sewage disposal, but there is very little prospect of a settlement of the question. Their letter stated that the only scheme on which they could in any degree concur was that known as No. 3 in Mr. Rust's report on various proposed plans. This provides for septic tanks and bacteria beds south of Queen-street, between Knox-avenue and the Woodbine, at a total cost of $2,540,000, and an annual expenditure of $37,000. The matter was left over for next year's committee.

Commissioner Fleming reported that the land damages connected with the proposed Wilton-avenue bridge over the Don would amount to $30,000, making a total estimated cost of $100,000 for the structure.

It was decided to recommend the passing of a bylaw providing for the opening of a lane between 61 and 65 McCaul-street, on the condition that the city assume payment of $83 damages claimed by owners of adjacent property.

The Assessment Commissioner reported in favor of extending Harbord-street from Clinton-street to Ossington-avenue. The cost for land damages he estimated at $30,000, of which the city should pay one-third. For opening Ulster-street from Manning-avenue to Clinton-street he considered the cost would be about $5000, of which the property benefited should bear $3500. Ald. McGhie said Ulster-street was in a direct line with Dewson-street, and the property to be crossed mostly belonged to the city. He favors the extension of that street, but the matter went over.

Ald. Bell made inquiry about the Canada Foundry Company's water supply, the agent of the Moulders' Union being present to look after it. He was informed that the solicitor had written instructing the company to cut off the boarding house connection, but there was no news of any reply having been received.

The matter of a pavement on St. Patrick-street was considered, but no action was taken, altho several members expressed the opinion that it would be many years before there would be a railway on the street.

Chairman Sheppard then read his report of the work of the department for the year as follows:

**Work Done During the Year.**

The expenditure has been very heavy, being nearly a million and a quarter of dollars. Nearly 17 miles of pavements were constructed during the year, only one mile and three-quarters of which was cedar block, the rest being of a permanent character, nearly seven miles being asphalt. I wish to draw special attention to the cost of asphalt pavements as compared with last year, the prices averaging this year about 32 cents less than last year, or a total saving of about $32,000 on the pavements laid. This has been a record year for concrete walks, the total length laid being about 3 5-miles, as compared with 27 1-2 miles last year. In the course of two or three more years I hope that all the wooden sidewalks will be replaced with concrete. Over three miles of sewers were laid down, as compared with one mile last year. Also there were laid five miles of private drains, as compared with four miles last year. The committee will remember that the Board of Control struck out of our estimates the money asked for the construction of permanent crossings, but after considerable persuasion I was successful in getting the board to appropriate $3500 to this service, so that the department were able to replace 83 worn out wooden crossings. As regards the bridges I have much pleasure in stating that with the exception of two of the city bridges, the rest are in first-class condition, but the Sherbourne-street and Cattle Market bridges are badly in want of paint and must be attended to next year. As regards the wharves, in the early part of the year the city wharves were handed over to the department. These wharves were found to be in a most dangerous condition, nearly $4000 having to be spent on Yonge-street wharf alone. Thoro repairs were made to the east, south and part of the west side, which is now in good condition, but inside the sheds it is absolutely dangerous, and new floors should be constructed during the winter. Regarding the Brock-street wharf, during the winter the entire dock will have to be renewed. I have taken a great deal of interest in the Edson system for disposal of garbage, and the more closely I look into the system I am convinced that the material that is now a nuisance and costly to dispose of, will, under the Edson system, become a source of revenue to the city. In fact, the profits that will be derived will go a long way towards the maintenance of that department. The amount paid for damages by the Claims Committee for accidents on old and worn-out sidewalks shows a very marked decrease this year, being only about 50 per cent. of last year. This I attribute to the large number of concrete sidewalks that have been put down this year. I may say that I have a list of all the sidewalks on which accidents occurred and for which the city was called upon to pay damages, with a view to having them thoroly inspected, and when necessary to having them replaced by new ones as early as possible next season.

On the completion of the reading of the report, the Mayor said that there had never been a stronger man or one more attentive to his duties at the head of the Works Committee. Notwithstanding the large expenditure, there had not been more than three or four complaints during the year. He moved the usual vote of thanks, which Ald. Hubbard seconded, saying he had served nine years on the committee and it had always been the subject of much criticism. While there would always be some, he was glad the chairman had lifted them beyond it. He also highly complimented Mr. Rust and his staff, especially Mr. Dill, who should have had a more adequate recompense for his services. The city servants in general were not paid enough salaries. They had some good men, but they were being taken away regularly by large companies. Ald. Spence was requested to speak, and said every member would like to bear testimony to the chairman's unfailing courtesy. He had been diligent and anxious to consider every matter and always desirous of having a full discussion of what had been brought before them.

Chairman Sheppard said he had perhaps spent a little more time than was necessary, but he had only tried to do his duty. He had had the support of the strongest committee in the Council, for it was composed of business men who had the city's interests at heart. Toronto was now becoming a pattern for other cities and he trusted the chairman next year might have a strong support in bringing about improvements.

**Fire and Light Committee.**

Ald. Bell was made the recipient of the usual honors paid to retiring chairmen at the final meeting of the Fire and Light Committee. The vote of thanks was moved by Dr. Lynd and seconded by Ald. Spence, who hoped it would be the last time he would have the opportunity of congratulating a chairman of a fire and light committee. Ald. S. W. Burns added his compliments and Ald. Fleming expressed the feeling of the members to the chairman. The Mayor came in and spoke a few pleasant words and Ald. Bell expressed his appreciation of the kindly sentiments.

Electric lights were recommended for Lake-street, opposite the centre of York-street bridge, and for the Don Esplanade, between Queen-street and Eastern-avenue, and a gas lamp opposite the Jesse Ketchum school on Davenport-road. The Toronto Electric Light Co. was granted permission to erect three poles on Pearson-avenue, west of Sorauren, and three on the west side of Markham-street, on entering into the usual agreement, but the application for the erection of four on the north side of Herrick-street and four on Sussex-avenue, west of Huron-street, was refused until the property owners affected presented a petition in favor of the poles.

The Property Commissioner advised that the application of the Moss Chemical Manufacturing Co. for permission to instal a boiler in their factory at the foot of Cariaw-avenue be granted. The boiler will be used for the manufacture of ammonia.

Ald. Ramsden appeared with a complaint from the merchants of Yonge-street in regard to the low pressure of gas, which did not allow of the proper illumination of their stores. The secretary of the department was requested to look into the matter, but it is doubtful if he has any power to take action regarding the quality of gas supplied to private consumers.

## I. O. F.

**Chatham and Chicago Each Give Hundreds of New Members.**

The Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Hon. Dr. Oronhyatekha, returned yesterday from conducting a large joint initiation in Chatham, Ontario. He gave the obligation at that initiation alone to 208 new members. This makes 3332 new members initiated at six meetings. The Oddfellows' Temple was jammed by the great audience, and a banquet followed in the Supreme Chief's honor, the principal men of city and county being present. The Supreme Chief will leave to-night for Chicago, Illinois, where between three and four hundred candidates will be initiated by him, the class having been arranged thru the energy of the pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, who is High Chief Ranger of Illinois, and who is well known to the people of Toronto as the eloquent divine, who formerly was pastor of Old St. Andrew's Church of this city. A third joint initiation will take place in a few days at Mono Road, Ontario, and on the 15th January, 400 will be initiated in the City of Dayton, Ohio. The membership of the order were never so enthusiastic as they are at the present time, and never were such large additions made to the membership with so little effort. The Supreme Chief Ranger, at every point is received with great enthusiasm. In eleven days in December 2317 medical examination papers have been considered, which is 500 ahead of the same period in last month.

## BOY SHOOTS HIS FATHER.

**Resents Attack on His Mother and Murder Results.**

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 18.—August Wienke was killed yesterday morning by his 20-year-old son Emil. The elder Wienke returned home intoxicated. He awakened his wife and began to quarrel with her. He had been in bed but a short time when he exclaimed, "Well, I might as well choke you to death now as any time." With that he attacked his wife. She ran into the sitting room, where the struggle was continued. Emil, hearing the noise, ran into the sitting room, seized the shotgun, poured its contents into his father's breast. "Did you do right?" murmured the elder Wienke. Then he fell off and expired almost instantly. Emil then tried to shoot himself, but was prevented by his mother. He left home and went towards the river, but was caught and locked up.

**TOLD IN A FEW LINES.**

Berlin—The report that the Princess Charlotte of Saxe-Meiningen, sister of Emperor William, is suffering from cancer, is officially defined as "nonsense." The Princess is not even ill.

Avonmore, Pa.—One man was killed, two probably fatally injured, and two more seriously burned by a flash of flame following an attempt to open a can of powder at Edri, a small mining settlement near here. Fire followed the explosion.

Paris—Many Americans, who visited Paris during the past year, purchased water colors bearing the names of prominent artists, but which were not original, according to the testimony brought out at the trial of a picture dealer. The art world is closely following the proceedings, and is anxious to stop what is believed to be a general practice.

Chicago—Peter Van Vlissingen has received a letter from General Christian R. Dewet acknowledged the receipt of $1165, contribution to the Boers in the neighborhood of Kopjes Siding, Orange River Colony, ruined by the recent war.

New York—Members of the so-called steel billet pool met here to-day and decided to maintain the present $2½ per ton rate for billets. A further continuance of the present rate is contingent upon trade conditions, which at this time are said to be satisfactory.

New York—Patrick Shea, after pleading guilty to manslaughter in the first degree, was sentenced to the maximum penalty, twenty years in State's Prison. Shea shot and killed "Billy" McMahon in a fight on the east side on May 5 last.

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**The Commercial Travellers' Annual Entertainment.**

The minstrel entertainment in aid of the Commercial Travelers' Relief Fund will take place this year in Massey Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 29. The chorus will consist of 100 voices, 10 end men, and the program will consist of 16 numbers of the most mirth-producing fun. If you want to spend a pleasant evening and forget your cares, be at Massey Hall on the evening of the 29th.

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## OF INTEREST TO LABOR.

A new industry has been established at Portadown, Ireland, under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture. At Cork Exhibition a canning plan was exhibited, and this has been installed at Portadown, in order to test the industry on a commercial basis. The the fruit and vegetable crop this year has been small, with high prices prevailing, a large quantity of high-class goods has been produced and successfully placed on the market. These include strawbetries, gooseberries, raspberries, apples, honey, pears, plums, blackberries, Damson peas, French beans, carrots, cauliflowers, brown beans, turnips, celery, beetroot, artichokes and purees of peas, carrots, onions, turnips and vegetable soups.

The number of natives now employed in the Transvaal, Orange River, and Cape colonies is 197,598, while the immediate need is estimated at 350,714. To supply this, the census of territories open to recruiting shows only 235,611 able-bodied males available. Even this is considered by experts to be an over-estimate. The Chamber of Mines takes the view that the importation of Chinese or coolie labor alone can relieve the situation. There are 3129 stamps idle for want of laborers, representing a loss in earning capacity of $20,000,000. The wages offered to white labor, a little over $2 a day, does not attract Europeans, while the cost of living is so high.

The Chinese government has a blast furnace at work at Hunagang. The steel works are turning out about 2500 tons of bessemer and 500 tons of open-hearth ingots per month.

A comparison of the profits made in growing wheat and sugar beets is much in favor of beets. The cost per acre for beets is figured at $32.15, which, with a return of 19 tons at $5 per ton, gives a return of 22 1-4 per cent. Wheat costs $11.30 per acre, and the average yield is 20 bushels. This at 75c gives a profit of 4 3-4 per cent.

George C. Boldt receives $500,000 per year for managing the Waldorf-Astoria of New York. Yet he failed as a chicken farmer in Texas.

The railroads of the United States killed 3554 persons and injured 45,577 during the year ending June 30. This is an increase in the killed of 735 and of the injured 6170 over the previous year.

The Coffin Trust has declared war against labor unions, and a Texas union has passed a resolution that no member of the union shall die while the fight is on, and that if any one does die he must keep out of a trust coffin.

Judge Holdom of Chicago has imposed a fine of $1000 on Franklin Union, No. 4, Press Feeders, adjudged guilty of contempt of court, for violating an injunction restraining it as an organization from interfering with the business of employes of 10 printing firms.

The tin-plate industry in South Wales, which had suffered at first under the adverse American tariffs, has more than recovered its position. The production for 1902 was the largest for this industry of any year in its history, the home consumption amounting to 4,500,000 boxes. Scores of other industries, employing thousands of persons, are dependent on cheap tin for their prosperity, and the German tin-plate bars and billets dumped on the market largely contribute to this.

W. H. Dawson, an authority on German affairs, states that while Germany has low rates on the state-owned railways, and the system of canals is magnificent; while royalties on minerals are comparatively small, and in most states a reformed land system is in force; and while there is a splendid system of both general and technical education; yet Germany remains a poor country. Each family pays a tax on bread of $8.75 a year. The average weekly consumption of meat is only one-third what it is in English working families. The German workman is engaged from 15 per cent to 20 per cent. longer hours than in Britain, and Sunday work is not uncommon. At the Krupp works the weekly wage is $6.94, while Glasgow turners receive $8.72, Newcastle fitters $9.82, and Leeds iron founders $9.21. Money has a small purchasing power in Germany.

The authorities of the London School Board have decided that John James Trumley, aged five years and one month, weighing 144 pounds, cannot occupy an ordinary place in an elementary school, on account of his bulk, and because his physical prowess might inconvenience the other infants. He is four feet in height, is mentally precocious in some ways, and his weight is due, not only to fat, but to muscular development. He can lift 56 pounds with one hand. His parents are working people.

George Bernard Shaw remarks that to John Bunyan courage is the virtue of virtues. "Put your Shakesperian hero and coward Henry V. and Pistol or Parolles beside Mr. Valiant and Mr. Fearing, and you have a sudden revelation of the abyss that lies between the fashionable author who could see nothing in the world but personal aims and the tragedy of disappointment, or the comedy of their incongruity, and the field preacher who achieved virtue and courage by identifying himself with the purpose of the world as he understood it. The contrast is enormous. Bunyan's coward stirs your blood more than Shakespeare's hero, who actually leaves you cold and secretly hostile. You suddenly see that Shakespeare, with all his flashes and divinations, never understood virtue and courage."

The Edinburgh city lighting authorities have decided to use a German incandescent gas lamp. The lamp, which was submitted by a Cologne house, was cheaper, more substantial, and gave better light, than any of those submitted by British manufacturers. About 10,000 will be required.

Women are more than ever taking the place of men in the industrial, commercial, artistic and scientific worlds. In the German factories 5,500,000 are employed; in Great Britain, 5,000,000; in France, 3,775,000, and in Italy and Austria 3,500,000 each.

On the afternoon of Saturday, the 10th inst., Mrs. Tilly Kloessel, at St. Louis, Mo., for inability to pay her rent, was evicted during the blizzard, and sat in the freezing cold on the street for several hours until an officer took pity upon her, and conducted her to the shelter of the police station.

The man who wrote "Home, Sweet Home," never owned a home. All his pretty sentiments about home he learned to feel and to express while living in garrets, inns and boarding-houses in England, France and America. He was a widower, divorced man, a reveller and roamer, but wherever he went he carried with him his longings for a home, but whenever he assumed the domestic relation he was a miserable failure.—Toledo Blade.

In the reign of Charles II. the growing of tobacco in England and Ireland was prohibited in order to encourage the industry in what was then the royal colony of Virginia. About eighty years ago tobacco growing was again permitted in Ireland and for nearly twenty years an average profit of $300 per acre was made from it. The English government stepped in and forbad the further growth of tobacco about the beginning of the last reign, giving fiscal reasons, and the difficulty of collecting revenue on tobacco. King Edward is credited with taking an active part in securing the revival of the tobacco-growing industry in Ireland, and all restrictions are now about to be removed which might tend to impede its development.

No man interested in ward politics and labor problems should neglect to read "The Boss," Alfred Henry Lewis' great picture of Tammany rule in New York.

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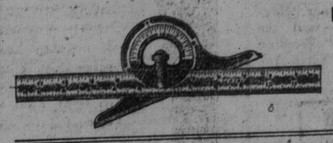

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Two acquaintances of the writer were run down and killed by the cars in one year. Both had catarrh of the head, which had extended up the eustachian tubes, leading from the throat to the middle ear, and were quite hard of hearing. In both cases the coroner's jury decided that they came to their death because of inability to hear and heed signals that were intended for them. What happened to them as of frequent occurrence and in three cases out of four might have been prevented by the use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets. These tablets cure all kinds of catarrh. They can be bought at any drug store for 50 cents a box.

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