

be when this city numbers 100,000 inhabitants? Provision should therefore be made for drainage conjointly with the construction of the Esplanade.

In my communication in February last, this subject was also discussed, and I recommended "that a covered channel 10 feet wide and 6 feet in depth, should be constructed in the centre and beneath the intended Esplanade, from the river Don to the Queen's Wharf. The drains of the city to be extended to this channel, and a portion of the current of the River to be turned into it by draining the present channel, and allowing the surplus water to flow into the marsh as at present, over a waste weir one foot in height above the present level of the water."

I have not altered my opinion since that time, and if the plan should not be thoroughly successful, it would be the most effectual method of preserving the purity of the water of the Bay, and getting rid of an increasing source of unhealthiness to the city.

The importance of these subjects to the citizens generally, and the advantage to be desired by the adoption of a general plan, combining the Railway and Public interest, with a due regard for general improvement—is, I think a sufficient reason for having again, gratuitously expressed my opinions on matters, on which a free discussion has been invited.

DOCTOR.—There is the plan—now, what do you think of it?

MAJOR.—Really, I think it a very judicious combination of the best points of the plans discussed at our last sederunt. Eh! Laird?

LAIRD.—It's a maist sappy amalgamation o' conflicting interests, but what say ye, yoursels, Doctor?

DOCTOR.—Well, if you have patience, I will just recapitulate, under heads, what I consider the main advantages to be derived by the adoption of this plan—but before I begin, I think one point worthy of note, viz: the dilatoriness of the Council in not having adopted some plan before the present time; passing this over, however—the first advantage is, that this plan does not interfere with any other existing right, and it would be, therefore, unnecessary to apply again to Parliament, the original line remaining unaltered; this would be a saving of much valuable time.

A second benefit is, that of preserving an insulated line along the front, with a thoroughfare running parallel to it. Thirdly,—I like the suggestion of dropping the word Esplanade, which I think particularly suggestive of nursery-maids and squalling children, who, I opine, can have no business in what must eventually be the most business part of the city. Again, it obviates the folly of compelling owners of water-lots to construct cutstone breast-works, a very important con-

struction, as there would be a chance of all this work being hereafter shut in, for we must not forget that the power exists to carry the line of frontage out to the wind-mill line.

Fourthly,—It meets the necessity of having stone-ships and landings at the foot of each street, a thing as essential to health as convenience.

Fifthly,—I consider the importance of having a public, permanent, wharf for landing passengers, so as to do away with the present odious tribute now exacted, much to the disgust of every new arrival, who is exposed moreover, to the chance of tumbling through the rickety apologies for wharves. This would certainly be accomplished, as the Harbour Commissioners have offered to build such a wharf, if the Corporation give the building-site; so that the citizens would not be directly taxed for this improvement. Another serious consideration is the health and comfort of the citizens, which must be always seriously affected so long as the drains continue to be emptied at the foot of each wharf. This disadvantage is well met by the proposal contained in Mr. Tully's plan, in reference to the tunnel drain.

Another point is that, in the dry arches underneath the bridges could be constructed public baths, wash-houses, and other conveniences for the poorer classes. These may not be absolutely required now, but the day is not far distant when they will be imperatively called for.

I think, however, we have had enough of the Esplanade for the present. Laird ring the bell, or as you would say, cry ben Mrs. Grundy. I wish to know what she has done in the way of "gatherings" for the month.

(Enter Mrs. Grundy.)

Good evening, Mrs. Grundy, I am anxious to know the state of your budget before I inform the Laird of the fate of that pile of facts which I see before him.

MRS. GRUNDY.—Are you ready so soon for me? I was in hopes we were to have had something more from the Major touching his trip to Barrie.

MAJOR.—All in good time; I intend ere long to take a trip up to the Sault Ste. Marie, so I will reserve the rest of my observations till I can add to them and amend them, but in the mean time I vote as it is yet early, that we have a chat before the "facts" or the "fashions."

DOCTOR.—"I'm agreeable," as a modern and elegant phrase has it. I had a letter yesterday from our friend the Squireen, and he commissioned me to present you with his best regards.

LAIRD.—And whaur may the auld bo -trotter