

THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Street Railway Northwest Route—An Unexpected Move—The Electric Light—Transfer Tickets.

The council met, at the usual hour last

night. Present the Mayor, Alds. Hallam,
Lobb, Tracy, Steiner, Lane, Elam

The street railway route along York and William streets, having again been recommended by the board of works, came up for consideration.

Ald. Blevins thought it would be advisable to let the matter stand for a time. From what he had seen on Caer Howell street, he did not think there was any room to spare for a street railway. He understood Mr. Clarke Gamble was going to open Renfrew street, which with McCaul street would make a new route. He moved that the

Ald. Baxter said that if the matter were referred back it meant simply that the route was not to be constructed this fall. As for Mr. Clarke Gamble, he had seen that gentleman, who had told him that he would not give a foot of land.

Ald. Clarke, while thinking it very unfortunate that Caer Howell street was so narrow, did not think the convenience of a whole district should be outweighed by the convenience of five or six people. As to the danger of an obstruction on the road, the cars would not be running all day, and

the whole obstruction would not amount to more than half an hour a day. The only

alternative they had was a line along McCaul street, a street only nine feet wider than Caer Howell and very much longer.

Ald. Evans spoke in support of the report. The only thing that would cause him to change his mind would be the certainty that Renfrew street was going to be opened up.

Ald. Crocker was in favor of referring the report back. He, too, had observed the extreme narrowness of the street. Afterwards on hearing from Ald. Baxter that there was no hope of Reufrew street being opened up he announced his intention of voting for the report. Ald. Blevins having heard the opinions of the members

having heard the opinions of the members for the ward also changed his opinion. An entirely new turn was given to the debate by a resolution moved by Ald. Steiner to the effect that the report be referred back with instructions to the committee to open negotiations with the company with a view to having their charter amended in certain ways before the privilege of laying the

ways before the privilege of being
route was granted. The chairman, Ald.
Baxter, ruled the resolution out of order,
because it raised the whole question of the
charter. The mayor decided that part of it
was in order, and it was amended accord-
ingly. After some further discussion Ald.
Steiner's amendment was put and lost by a
vote of 9 to 11. Ald. Espinoza moved a rider

vote of 9 to 11. Ald. Evans moved a substitute, the effect of which was to extend the line to the city hall. The clause was amended accordingly and adopted. Ald. Blevins moved that no company be allowed to begin work on any street until the engineer had furnished the proper levels and given instructions to proceed with the work. Ald. Taylor moved no company

work. Ald. Taylor moved to ~~adjourn~~ be allowed to break up a sheet until it was agreed between them and the engineer within what time it was to be completed. These motions were carried.

During these dissensions Ald. Steiner made a spirited speech, in which he told the council that the city would rue the day when they gave the street railway company

On the clause of the board of works report recommending an expenditure of \$10,000

recommending an expenditure of \$20,000 for repairs on Dundas street, Ald. Hallam said that it would be merely throwing money away, as in order to put the road in thorough repair, a much larger sum would be required. After some further discussion the clause was adopted.

On the two following clauses of the executive committee report:

In reference to the requisition for clothing for prisoners at the gaol, it is recommended that the council defer concurrence in the items, "25 pairs pants, \$68.75" and "25 coats and jackets, \$100," until the city solicitor reports as to the liability of the city to provide the same.

In regard to the account of the Andrew Mercer reformatory, for clothing for female prisoners, your committee recommend that the same be also referred to the city solicitor, to supply information as to the liability of the city and the authority for its payment.

Ald. Clarke said he had ascertained that the city were bound in law to provide the clothing mentioned. The clauses were accordingly struck out.

Ald. Hallam moved that the council take means to have the centre of the city lit up with the electric light. Carried.

Ald. Hallam moved, seconded by Ald. [unclear] that negotiations be entered with

A motion by Ald. Kent to take measures to petition the Dominion and local houses to abolish all salary exemptions over \$400 was carried.

that this council co-operate with the property owners on the Don in getting the river straightened, &c., and pay half the expense.

The council adjourned at about half-past ten.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES.

The sum of \$12 will be charged to all persons desiring to have private drain connections and water services laid to their premises from streets that are block paved. This is to pay the cost of relaying the pavement, and its object is to induce persons to have these matters attended to before the streets are laid out.

The engineer was last night instructed to report on the cost and durability of stone as compared with wooden sidewalks.

Some people are petitioning to have Yonge street watered. Do they want a sink?

A communication was received last night from the chief of police acknowledging receipt of the petition for additional police protection, and saying that it would be laid before the board at its next meeting.

An excellent photograph of the illuminated copy of the resolution of condolences on the death of President Garfield was

Ald. Baxter gave notice last night of motion instructing the property committee to confer with the authorities at Osgood hall, with a view of having the ground surrounding their buildings thrown open to the public as a park, on condition that the city enlarged them by granting the portion

for the [redacted] University street below Osgood.

