

**CALL SPECIAL MEETING
OF STREET'S COMMITTEE**

Mayor Morley Makes Explanation of His Action Re City Barrister's Report

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

At a special meeting of the streets committee which will be held to-morrow evening, the city barrister, W. J. Taylor, K. C., will be asked to be present and advise the board as to the best method of unravelling the tangle which has developed in connection with the execution of the various works of

At the same meeting it is hoped that some action will be taken in respect to project for the widening of Fort street and the alterations to the foot of the cement sidewalks on the Douglas street side. Mr. Taylor reached at the meeting of the city council last evening, when reports on the progress of the various construction were to be heard from Mr. Taylor. Before taking up the regular business of the session, however, Mayor Morley directed the city engineer to make an entirely unwarrantable attack on himself appearing in the Times that evening. The article suggested that His Honor had been deceived by members of the board as to the fact that a report from the city barrister had reached him when it really had not. It was further intimated that the report was entirely false. The newspapers seemed to have entered into a conspiracy against the Mayor, and the Mayor stands it. The article he complained of had mentioned an alleged conversation between himself and a member of the board, and the Mayor's explanation is quoted as admitting that he knew that the report had been received. He asked the Times reporter if he would

The reporter informed the mayor that he did not feel called upon to make an explanation. If His Worship wished any information he should seek it from his (the reporter's) superior officer. He would say, however, that he had been in the city clerk's office when Mr. Taylor brought the report in question in and handed it to the city clerk.

Mayor Morley then appealed to the city clerk to say at what time he had shown it to him (the mayor).

City Clerk Dowler—On Saturday morning.

Mayor Morley—You showed it to me on Saturday morning for the first time.

Mr. Dowler—I showed it to you on Saturday morning.

Mayor Morley invited any alderman who felt inclined to say something on the matter to do so, but the members of the board were all silent, and the incident closed.

The report of the special committee of the council which had considered the Fort street widening problem and obtained the report from Mr. Taylor criticized the action of the city solicitor in failing to keep the board informed as to how to avoid legal tangles.

It was a lengthy document. It recited the various steps taken up to date to carry out the proposed scheme, and sums up the committee's findings by saying that the city engineer and assessor should have gone fully into the question of the manner of assessing

the owners for the work, and the council should have adopted a mode of procedure prior to the report of the engineer and assessor on the amounts to be assessed. Also, that if the city solicitor had tendered advice when matters were about to be wrongly un-

dertaken by the council a lot of trouble would have been avoided. The by-law, too, drafted by the solicitor according to the petition submitted by the owners was wrongly prepared, inasmuch as the petition called for a complete work of widening and improving the thoroughfare.

oughfare from Douglas street to Cook street, to which no effective counter-petition was presented, whereas the by-law prepared provided for possible breaks in the widening from block to block.

the methods adopted, the committee advised that the whole matter be referred to the legislative committee, which should be authorized to employ, if necessary, special legal talent to assist in the consideration and possible amendment of the system of local

Acting City Solicitor Mann explained to the board that he had never been consulted as to the details of the scheme for the widening of Fort street. He had been astounded when he saw

what proposals were made as to assessment, when he read the notices in the press.

Ald. Bannerman was curious to know what the city solicitor considered his duties to be.

Mr. Mann—Well, I am not expected

Ald. Bannerman thought this was a most extraordinary statement. The city solicitor should, in his opinion, when he saw the board about to make a mistake, utter a warning which would

Mayor Morley was of the opinion that many of the blunders of the past were due to the fact that aldermen new to the board had not yet assimilated the system for carrying on works of local improvement. There should be

The report of the city barrister on the widening of the Douglas street sidewalks was next taken up. Mr. Taylor advises that as not a word has been said in the by-law authorizing the

work of general improvement as to sidewalk work, the money authorized under the measure already passed must be spent on the roadway improvement and the sidewalks left untouched. I was decided to again discuss the question of what to do at the council

When excited or frightened, an elephant can attain a speed of twenty miles an hour, and can keep it up for half a day.

It is estimated that there are quite 13,000 different kinds of postage stamps in the world.