

INVESTIGATION UNDER OATH INTO MAIN STREET PAVING JOB WAS COMMENCED LAST NIGHT

Ex-Inspector Carleton and City Engineer Murdoch Examined--Mr. Carleton Severely Questioned by Members of the Investigating Committee--Apparently He Had Little Supervision Over Work

The investigation into the Main street paving question was commenced last evening when ex-inspector Carleton and City Engineer Murdoch were sworn and examined at length. Mr. Carleton swore that he had no connection with the firm of McDonald and McDonald and declared that after the Hassam method had been authorized by the engineer the specifications became null and void, and he had nothing to guide him as to whether the work was being done properly or not.

Ald. Jones tried to show that a change in the methods did not relieve him of the responsibility of seeing that the results were according to the specifications; but the ex-inspector repeatedly claimed that he could not be expected to interfere with the work performed by a patent process.

Mr. Murdoch swore that there had been no agreement of any kind between him and the contractors prior to the letting of the contract by which the Hassam Co. was to have the privilege of employing their method. He declared that the defect in the portion of the street torn up on Monday was due to the rolling of the crushed stone before the grout was applied, and that he had given orders that the stone was not to be rolled before grouting.

The members of the investigating committee present were the mayor who presided, and Ald. Jones, Holder and White. Miss Bessie Wetmore, stenographer in the common clerk's office, was present and made a record of the evidence.

The mayor read the minutes of the common council ordering an investigation under oath, and the section of the act empowering committees of the council to hold such investigations.

Mr. Carleton Sworn.
Mr. Carleton was then sworn. In reply to the mayor he said he assumed the office of inspector on July 2. He resigned his position on the 19th. On the morning he left he had an altercation with one of the foremen in regard to one of the footings of the retaining wall, which was not down to depth.

Mr. Carleton then stated that he was not sure he resigned on the 19th. He was under the impression it was on a Friday when reference to the almanac showed that the 19th was on Tuesday.

The mayor--Before you went to work did you see Mr. Murdoch and get instructions from him?
Ans.--Yes, called on Mr. Murdoch and received this copy of the specifications.

Q--Did you have a general talk with Mr. Murdoch in regard to the work you were to inspect?
Ans.--Nothing whatever, except a friendly talk, not bearing on the work.

Q--You simply took the specifications and went over to the work?
A.--Yes.

Continuing, Mr. Carleton said that the contractors had a portion of the retaining wall up, and stones spread on Main street at the corner of Mill, ready for rolling, when he went there. That portion of the street was fairly well graded upon which he found they had dumped several loads of broken stone before rolling it. He notified Mr. Low in writing to remove the stone, and to roll the sub-foundation. He went directly to the engineer's office, and told him what he had done; and the engineer told him to make them roll the earth itself. Mr. Low did not comply with this demand and the next day witness told Mr. Clarke that the stone must be removed. Assistant Engineer Hatfield spoke up and said: "I tell you that they can remain, and you shall have an order from the city engineer permitting the stone to remain."

The Engineer's Notice.
Witness received a notice through the post, from the city engineer, stating that he had approved of the Hassam method of concreting the foundation and authorizing him to permit this method to be used. This notice was produced, and placed on exhibit. On receipt of that notice the contractors began to spread the stones

to a depth of 6 inches or so. Witness objected to some of the large stones. Mr. Low informed him that he did not understand the Hassam method, and that any deficiencies would be covered by the guarantee. The stone was rolled after it was spread but not by his order. Witness did not think it was rolled very much as the men did not seem to understand the roller. From the time he received the notice from the engineer till he left he did not open his mouth except to object to the large stones. He had no means of knowing whether the work was properly done, as he was not acquainted with the process, but he thought they were wrong in rolling the stone before grouting it. He expressed an opinion on this to the engineer. All the stone was rolled in this way during his tenure, with the exception of a small piece in front of the cold storage building.

He Took No Measurements.
Mayor Frink--"Did you take any measurements to see whether the concrete was the right depth?"
Mr. Carleton--None whatever. I had nothing to guide me. It was my duty to obey the instructions of the engineers and see that specifications were carried out.

Mayor Frink--But did not the specifications call for six inches of concrete?
Mr. Carleton--I was told I was meddling and did not understand this patent process.

Mayor Frink--Then you took no measurements to assure yourself whether the concrete was being laid to the depth called for by the specifications?
Mr. Carleton--No. There was no change in the method of working while I was there except that near the cold storage building where the grouting machine could not be worked the material was tamped. Since then there has been a natural change. Last week I was on the street and saw the crushed stone was grouted before being rolled, and that the grout was mixed in better shape. Formerly I considered the grout was diluted with water too much.

Had No Faith in the Method.
Mr. Carleton said he had no prejudice against the Hassam Company, but before the Board of Works he said he had no faith in the process. He did not report to the engineer daily, and had no books or memoes. He considered that the specifications gave him all the instructions he required. He paid three visits to the engineer. He received no instructions to have the stones rolled before grouting and did not report to the engineer that it was being so rolled.

Mayor Frink--"Were you on the work with Ald. Likely, Mr. Low and the city engineer on a certain date?"
Mr. Carleton--"Yes."

Mayor Frink--"Did you tell the engineer the work was defective?"
Mr. Carleton--"Yes. I tapped it, and showed him that it had a hollow sound. A little later Mr. Low took a pick and made a hole, revealing a core of black earth standing up. This was close to the railway track and near the cold storage depot."

Mayor Frink--"You did not call Mr. Murdoch's attention to this core of black earth?"
Mr. Carleton--"No, I don't think I did directly."

Thinks it is All Defective.
Mayor Frink--"Can you indicate several places similar to that found yesterday?"
Mr. Carleton--"I think it is all defective."

Mayor Frink--"You selected this place yesterday because you thought it was specially defective?"
Mr. Carleton--"I would sooner have selected four or five places than this one and taken smaller strips out instead of one ten foot strip."

Mayor Frink--"After your first protest you made no other protests--that is after Mr. Murdoch notified you that the Hassam process was permitted, and you took little interest, and rather let everything go?"
Mr. Carleton--"I had certain duties

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to perform under the specifications. I had to look after the retaining wall. As regards the Hassam process of laying the foundation, I do not know enough about the process to say whether it was being done right or not."

To Ald. Jones Mr. Carleton explained at length that as he had been told that he did not understand the process he felt he had no right to interfere. Ald. Jones did not seem to consider this satisfactory and asked: "Did you object to the stone being rolled before the grout was applied?"

To this Mr. Carleton replied: "I think when you are told that you do not understand the process, you would not care to complain."

Ald. Jones--"The only protest you made was in reference to the rolling of the earth. You did not protest against the rolling of the crushed stone, or when the grout was applied?"

Mr. Carleton--"No, I made no other protest: I had been told that I did not understand the method."

Ald. Jones--"Then you thought your duty was confined to the work on the retaining wall, and the rolling of the sub-surface?"

Mr. Carleton--"Having received the order to permit the Hassam process I could not assume responsibility for something out of my knowledge. If I had received instructions about the Hassam process, I might have known what to do."

Ald. Jones then made a valiant effort to find out what occurred when Mr. Carleton received the specifications. So far as the ex-inspector remembered, he had not discussed the work with the engineer, but he did remember that his wages were to be \$4 per day.

Some Interesting Questions.
Ald. Jones--"Did Mr. Hatfield call your attention to the rolling of the crushed stone before grouting?"
Ans.--"Not to my knowledge."

Q--"Did Mr. Hatfield say the roller had been run over the stone too many times, and did you reply that the specifications called for it?"
Ans.--"Not to my knowledge."

Q--"You're on your oath. Will you swear that Mr. Hatfield never said anything to you in this connection?"
Ans.--"Not to my knowledge."

Q--"Why did you quit the job?"
Ans.--"Every decision I asked from the engineer had gone against me. On the morning I resigned the footing of the retaining wall was found to be mud beneath it, which I had ordered taken out. Mr. McManus, the foreman, said he would be damned if he took it out. He (the inspector) had formed a precedent, and they would keep him up to it. As there was no specifications to guide me on the wall, and seeing things were so loose with the Hassam method and getting this rebuttal, I decided to quit."

Q--"Wasn't the foreman under your orders? Couldn't you have stopped the work?"
Ans.--"I wouldn't want to do that."

To His Worship Mr. Carleton said he did not know Mr. Keirland and had not resigned at his suggestion.

Q--"Were you a silent member of the firm of McDonald & McLeod?"
A.--"I can positively swear that I never discussed the question of partnership with one or the other, and had no connection of any kind with them."

Ald. Jones--When you thought the job was not being done right, and remained as inspector, don't you think you should have secured a written document from the engineer authorizing the work to be done in the way it was being done?

A.--"I had it. The document allowing the Hassam method was sufficient. When the Hassam pavement was taken in place of the concrete, the specifications became null and void. It was the same with the concrete wall which had been substituted for dry stone."

Ald. White Takes a Hand.
Ald. White then proceeded with the examination.

Q--"You did not read the specifications before going on the work?"
A.--"No."

Q--"When the Hassam method was allowed, and the machinery appeared, you were at sea?"
A.--"Yes."

Q--"Was the right proportion of cement and sand used?"
A.--"I should think so. If you put water into cement, you can get all colors."

Q--"What is the difference between concrete and grout?"
A.--"In one you mix cement and stones together; in the other you put the stones in place, and pour your solution of cement over them. In the latter process you add water, and reduce the strength of the cement."

Q--"When the Hassam method was introduced, you say you had nothing to guide you as to the depth of the concrete?"
To this Mr. Carleton said the way to measure was from the curb down; if you deducted the depth of the paving stone, and that cushion of sand, you could tell how deep the concrete foundation was.

Ald. White--Then you contradict yourself, and say you had a way of telling whether the concrete was laid to the right depth?
A.--"It was my duty to see that the paving stones came within 6 inches of the top of the curb."

Q--"Then it was the trouble in connection with the wall, and pour your resignation, rather than on the street?"
A.--"I was irritated by many things; I cannot say that the work in any place was conscientiously done."

Ald. White--Did you make the remark that everything was going all right, the day before you resigned?
A.--"The engineer came to me and I said 'All was well.'"

This concluded Mr. Carleton's examination.

Mr. Murdoch Sworn.
Wm. Murdoch was then sworn. To the mayor he said he was prepared the specifications for Main street and submitted them to the board of works, which had approved them. He engaged Mr. Carleton as inspector on his own initiative for

the reason that he considered him a man of experience.

At the time of making the appointment, he handed Mr. Carleton a copy of the specifications, telling him that they detailed his duty. It was on Saturday morning and he was very busy.

He had received only three verbal reports from the inspector, whom he had given no papers to make reports on and had not asked him to make daily reports. The assistant engineer's duty was to make surveys and give proper street lines. The inspector first complained that the subgrade had not been rolled.

The engineer said he had not ordered the crushed stone rolled before the grouting and had not been informed by the inspector that it was being so rolled. He had told either Mr. Carleton or the assistant engineer, that the stone was not to be rolled before grouting--he thought he had told this to Mr. Carleton. He had no recollection that Mr. Carleton had reported that the stone had been so rolled.

Excessive rolling was the cause of the defect in the portion taken up. The work would have been good, if the stone had not been rolled before. He had not received any complaints from the inspector in regard to the retaining wall.

Mayor--Were you on the works with Ald. Likely when Mr. Low is said to have struck a pick into the foundation and revealed a core of black earth?

A.--"I never saw any black cone, or opening. Mr. Carleton tapped the foundation and claimed it had a hollow sound. This was close to the railway tracks and was not new work at all but the concrete laid by the street roller."

Q--"You witnessed the grouting process?"
A.--"Yes."

Q--"Have you any fault to find with it?"
A.--"No."

Q--"Do you believe the Hassam method makes a true concrete within the meaning of the specifications?"
A.--"Yes."

Q--"Did you have any conversation with the contractors before the contracts were given in which you said you would allow the Hassam method?"
A.--"None whatever."

Q--"Do you deny that there was any collusion between you and the contractors?"
A.--"Absolutely. I had no understanding of any kind with them."

In reply to Ald. Holder the engineer said he had assented to the contractor allowing the old concrete to remain under the railway tracks before Mr. Carleton came on the job.

The committee then adjourned till 3 o'clock this afternoon when they will assemble in the mayor's office to continue the investigation.

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