In the Matter of Opposing Laying of Pipe for Bertram.

ersons Free, He Claims - East Toronto Doesn't Want Big Toronto to Lay Its Mains-They May Do Away With East End Crematory

Ald. Dunn writes a letter to The World, complaining that he was unfairly criticized for his action in opposing the laying of the water main for the protection of the Bertram ship yards, lately destroyed by fire. The facts, he claims, are these:

"In the latter part of last year Ald. Hubbard, then chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, introduced to the committee a communication from Bertram & Co., asking that a water main be laid on the property of the Grand Trunk Railway from a point on Bathurst-street, distant some trifle over 1000 yards, and at a cost to the city of \$1011. I took objection to the money of the tarpayer being spent for such purposes, believing I was justified in doing so. There is in existence a bylaw governing the laying of water mains in the city, which only applies to the laying of mains on the streets of the city of Toronto, and no provision has ever been made for the laying of water mains on private property other than where the owner or owners desire to contribute the full cost thereof, but on the contrary the private citizen building a house on a street that has not already been supplied with a water main, before he can get water service put in, has to give the city a guarantee of 10 per cent revenue for the laying of such water main, and also has to pay the usual cost of water in addition."

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In support of his position he cites the case of the Massey-Harris Company, who were refused aid by the city in laying \$230 worth of pipe to protect their own works in 1896. He recalls how his opposition to the Bertram grant was largely prompted by the refusal of this company, as well as of the N'agara Navigation Company and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, who would derive protection equally as much, to bear a share of the cost.

tram Company has any greater rights upon the taxpayers of Toronto than the Massey-Harris Company, or any private house-holder. The inference to be drawn from your report of same would be that I was indifferent to the manufacturing or labor interests of this city, which, I am pleased to say is not the case as we active in the

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