The Civic Parliament

Board of Aldermen Receive the Resignation of the Imported Engineer.

Mr. Marchant's Request for Consideration Denied--Craigflower Road Question.

Without a single reason being advanced in favor of its adoption, the by-law by which it is proposed to reduce the fire dent supporters among the aldermen were compelled to recognize the diffi-culty of dealing with so important a should be done towards granting his rein the matter of plans, etc., none of matter be reconsidered. which were at hand for convenience of progress and then another recruit was sidewalk being laid anywhere else; Ald. mittee report progress, became a convert Mr. Coigdarippe wishes it; Ald. Kinsto the principle of such an amendment, man suggested making a crossing of with the measure without full information. With his casting vote the motion to rise and report was adopted, it being understood that next week plans showing the existing limits and the proposed change will be supplied by the council. Ald. Beckwith being still absent from the city, the Sunday closing by-law was again laid over for a week, again much to the disappointment of the comparatively large audience which had assembled to watch the progress of the measure.

His worship the mayor took the chair shortly after 8 o'clock, all the aldermen being present with the exception of Ald. Beckwith. City Clerk Dowler and City Solicitor C. Dubois Mason were also in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications Secretary Elworthy of the Board of Trade addressed a letter to the council enclosing another received by the board from the Agent General in London, ask ing for a supply of booklets advertising the advantages of Vancouver Island, particularly the southern portion as a resort for tourists and sportsmen. The Agent General referred to some advertising matter received by him from Van conver, which he said was of little use except for the particular locality dealt with, owing to the partisan spirit displayed therein. He urged upon the Board of Trade the desirability of investing a little capital in such adver-

tising, expressing the belief that it would extremely profitable. The public and his worship suggested that a Board of Trade had referred the matter but that committee considering the funds at their disposal had been appropriated for a special object, did not feel themselves at liberty to do anything in this Trade asked the council to take the matter in hand. The Agent General promised that if such a booklet be issued he will obtain notices of it in the London dailies and in such papers as the Field and other sporting journals and read, but got no satisfaction, and the give it free distribution. On motion of Ald. Humphrey and MacGregor the communications were referred to the finance

committee for report. . The Sorby Scheme. Dominion Engineer J. R. Roy wrote said that he had no doubt the minister | port. for public works would give his consent to his (Mr. Roy's) undertaking the work.

Referred to the joint committee on the Sorby scheme. Exit Ferguson.

The recently imported "engineer," Mr. W. B. Ferguson, addressed a letter to his worship the mayor. Mr. Ferguson. substituted a "t" for the "p" in "worship" and Ald. Hayward doubt as to whether this had been done designedly or ignorantly, either horn of the dilemma being, in Ald. Hayward's opinion, a very awkward one for Mr. Ferguson. The letter stated that "owing to circumstances and the condition of affairs in connection with my appointment as city engineer, I beg to decline the position, which I very much The writer expressed the opinthat as he had been put to considerable expense in coming here he thought the council should allow him a sum equal to the amount of a month's salary. If his services were required in an advisory capacity, said Mr. Ferguson, or for any this letter to the council? other purpose, he was willing to give

ter be received and filed and Mr. Ferguson informed that the council could not m anything

Ald. Hayward had no objection to the motion, but he thought Mr. Ferguson would thus be allowed out very easily. He called attention to the error in the spelling of the word worship and said he was inclined to think the council should take some other steps in the matter. It might have ended in Mr. Ferguson being introduced to Magistrate Hall; it cer- filed. tainly seemed too easy a way of letting "this fraud" pass. Ald. Humphrey-Oh, let him down

The motion was put and carried unan

That Fisguard Street Crossing. Mr. Coigdarippe addressed another letter to the council relative to the sidewalk which he wished to have laid op-posite the end of Telegraph street. He said he thought his last letter had created a wrong impression, because he certainly had not intended to be understood as saving that the acting city encineer had laid the crossing contrary to the instructions of the council. Mr. Coigdarippe also challenged the accuracy of Ald. Humphrey's statement to the effect that Telegraph street "led no-where." He pointed out that it leads to the electric light works, to the only wharf the city owns and is the nearest inner harbor.

and most accessible thoroughfare to the The mayor pointed out again that the sidewalk had been laid where it is on the recommendation of the city engineer, vho reported that the grade of the street endered this the only suitable place for it. He suggested the letter be received and filed. Ald. Stewart moved accordingly saying that with the crossing already laid it would be footish to build another within 200 feet of it. Ald. Humphrey seconded this, but Ald. Maclimits in the city of Victoria last even- Gregor thought a mistake had been ing passed its second reading at the City | made.. The resolution passed on Febru-Council and reached the committee ary 20th had been passed unanimously stage. True, it did not get very far in and he could recollect that it was re-committee, because even its most arthing done in Mr. Coigdarippe's behalf measure without the fullest information quest. Ald. MacGregor moved that the

Ald. Stewart reminded the council that motions were made to rise and report the grade of the street prevented the without reporting, which would have ef- be laid when they passed the recommenagainst a previous motion that the com- lay another crossing at the place where when he realized the difficulty of dealing metal, but the motion to receive and file the communication carried by 5 to 3.

> Mr. J. Gerhard Tiarks addressed a mmunication to the council relative to the city engineer embroglio. Mr. Tiarks recommended that a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers of London be asked to appoint a competent engineer at the salary the council is willing to pay. Mr. Tiarks also stated that Mr. Wilmot had always discharged the duties of the position satisfactorily and Mr. Tiarks was rather severe on the aldermen for havalso reminded the aldermen of the un-Ferguson, and Mr. Tiarks begged to remain, etc., etc.

Mr. Tiark's Advice.

letter be received and filed and Ald. Mr. Tiarks be informed that the City Council is just as well able as is Mr. Tiarks to select an engineer and that Mr. Tiarks be invited to attend to his (Mr. Tiark's) business in future. The motion carried but Ald Stewart's recommendation was not embodied therein.

Letters Must be in Early. This letter of Mr. Tiarks came as a urprise to the mayor and appeared to have found its way to the clerk's desk unbeknown to his worship. This brought from the chief magistrate the announcement that all letters should be in early.

me communications required careful

consideration before they were read in

rule be made that all letters must be in "How could they be read if they were not in before the meeting of the council?" naively asked Ald, Williams, direction. The letter from the Board of they should be in before the council meeting began, repeating the statement that some letters require careful consideration. Ald, Kinsman wanted His Worship to say if he thought this letter of Mr. Tiarks' was not fit to be

> matter dropped. Danger of Fire.

Mr. C. C. Moody threatened to sue the city as a common debtor unless he received the sum of \$4 odd paid by him some years ago to the collector and which he thought should be returned to him. Mr. Moody gave no reason why it should be returned to him, and as the mayor said the collector was prepared to make a report on the matter; it was referred to that official for that pur-

Mr. Wilmot Dislaims Responsibility. street, were exceeded, or proved too close the road would benefit the owners high, as he saw it had been decided to of the lots and nobody else. Another do the work by day labor. Mr. Wilmot route had been suggested, regret." The writer expressed the opinion that had the council confirmed his also referred to the statement that granite curbing could be laid on Fort street as cheaply as concrete, stating the street should be closed. It is the best and the nearest route, it had been that "anyone" knew the cost of the

cost of the granite would be perhaps the lots understood it was the road. It double, but in the end it would be was not as though the road had been cheaper. He would like to know how made after they had purchased their it was that Mr. Wilmot came to write property.

this letter to the council?

Ald. Kinsman contradicted the asser

differently to what he had intended. A greater or less thickness of concrete the road would belong to the governmight be used in the reservoir, for in- ment. The owners of the lots had been stance. Ald. Humphrey said that Mr. Cousins had told him that he could not do anything with the estimates for the work as there were no specifications, which brought from Ald. Brydon an expres-

The communication was received and Wants a Position. application. In this connection the an act empowering the city to close up Mayor stated that the sanitary officer the road if they wanted to? had told him that the tank will be ready Mr. Mason said he did not know of

sion of astonishment at what he con-

sidered a lax way of doing things.

tractors to continue the work Commercial Alley,

The B. C. Land & Investment Com pany drew the attention of the council to the present condition of Commercial Alley, which endangers the safety of the sewers and water pipes there. motion was made that the matter be referred to the city engineer for report but Ald. Williams moved in amendment that the city engineer be given power to act and the amendment carried.

Store Street Sidewalk, Thomas Hooper asked when the sidewalk around the new brick block on Store street was going to be laid. building is standing idle until such time as the sidewalk is laid, and on motion Ald. Humphrey it was decided to ask the city engineer for a report on the cost of laying the sidewalk in accordance with the recently passed by-law. Ald, Brydon objected to patchwork in sidewalks, and wanted to see the whole block treated alike. Ald. Humphrey agreed as far as Store street is concerned, but could not see why Fisguard street should be treated the same. The motion carried, the estimate to allow for granite curbing.

Debt Consolidation. City Solicitor Mason, in accordance with the resolution passed last week, expressed his opinion regarding the proposed consolidation of a portion of the city debt as suggested by Ald. Haythe members of the council. Ald. Mac- the recommendation of the acting city ward. In his letter Mr. Mason said Gregor and Ald. Brydon opposed the bylaw vigorously, as also did Ald. Camlaw vigorously, as also did Ald posed consolidation scheme, but he un-derstood they were issued in strict ocgained by the opposition, Ald. Hum- Humphrey said the aldermen didn't cordance with the provisions of those phrey moving that the committee rise know where the crossing was going to by laws. In that event he considered the scheme a good one and no legal difficulty presented itself in carrying the fectually killed the by-law. This was defeated, but his worship, who had voted ter so small that it would be better to plan out, provided the necessary petitions were received from a sufficient majority of the ratepayers to allow of the needful by-law being introduced.

Ald. Hayward moved that the letter be laid on the table, the council having now done all they can do in the matter until the ratepayers bestir themselves and send in the petitions required. He was quite satisfied that under the proposed re-arrangement the sum of \$3,000 a year would be saved to the city, but nothing could be done by the council until the petitions were received. Ald. Williams seconded the motion

and it carried unanimously. Craigflower Road. The letter received from Rev. W. H. Ellison last week in regard to the old Craigflower road had also been refered ing discharged Mr. Wilmot. Mr. Tiarks to the city solicitor for report, and in another letter to the council that officomfortable position of affairs re Mr. cial stated that the subject was an old one and had been dealt with by the councils of 1896 and 1897. In 1896 the council Ald. Humphrey briefly moved that the decided not to close the road. Delving into ancient history, Mr. Mason said Stewart seconded, recommending that the road was an old one. Mr. Nagle Mr. Tiarks be informed that the City had laid out the property with streets without consulting the Provincial gov ernment, the property being at that time outside of the city limits, and if Mr. Ellison had bought his property from Mr. Nagle he could possibly cover from him. The property had been bought, however, by Mrs. Ellison at a overnment tax sale, and very possibly at a low price, because they were frac-

tional lots. Ald. MacGregor didn't think the sovague. The matter had been referred

The Mayor said that it was a matter letter was laid on the table. for the council to decide. Did they wish to close the road or to keep

Ald. MacGregor wanted to know what steps the council would have to take to close the road and conform to Phillips for Neil island granite at 94 the street line.

had referred to a meeting held in 1896 fire limits at the discretion of the council ed this. Then, asked Ald. Brydon, why when it was decided not to close the cll. road. To be plain about the matter, as he must be, he would say it was nothing of the sort. Mr. Ellison was not Thomas Flewin of Humbolt street complained that his buildings are endangered by sparks falling upon the terested, and the road runs "caterroofs from the chimney in connection cornered" through the lots, and some of with the electric light plant at St. those lots at least were not bought at expressing his willingness to undertake with the electric light plant at St, those lots at least were not bought at an expert consideration of Mr. Sorby's Anne's convent. To the fire wardens a tax sale. When Mr. Beaven was in proposed harbor improvement plan, and and the chief of the fire brigade for re- the house he had a bill put through adopting the plan now in the engineer's office. The matter had to be settled but previous councils had been afraid to "tackle" it.

The Mayor wanted to know if the council wished to close the road or to keep it open, and Ald. Hayward asked what the people in the vicinity wished to do. The Mayor said they were about equally divided on the matter, and Ald. Hayward said it was a very difficulty thing to close up a road which had been in use for 40 or 50 years; the council should be careful. Ald, Hum-Ex-City Engineer E. A. Wilmot wrote phrey was afraid it might land the stating that he would not be held re- city in a lawsuit, and Mr. Mason ensponsible if his estimates for the con-creting of the slopes of the reservoir, fect that it was a matter for the counor for the permanent paving of Fort cil to say what they wished to do. To Russell

granite would be double. in use for years, ever since he came
Ald. Stewart agreed that the first to the country, and the purchasers of

The Mayor said perhaps Mr. Wilmot tion that Mr. Dunsmuir was opposed to them freely and without price until the felt that if someone else did the work the road being closed. The city solicitor had also stated that if the road weight to had also stated that the left had the road weight to had also stated that the left had the road weight to had also stated that the left had the road weight to had also stated that the left had the road weight to closed the land which is comprised in paying taxes on the land through which the road runs, as he could prove. sonally, added Ald. Kinsman, he didn't care whether the road was kept open

Ald. Brydon had two or three questions to ask. Was the land sold to Mr. Russell by the Hudson's Bay Company? Did not the Hudson's Bay Company make an arrangement with him that this road should be maintained? Did not Mr. Russell sell to Mr. Nagle? Had J. A. Salt applied for the position of Mr. Russell, not having any right to the "dump boss," and the sanitary officer land included in the road, any authority will be asked to make a report on the to sell it? Did not the legislature pass

on the 10th inst., and his worship had any express power being given to the for water meters, as advertised for, were arranged with the present garbage con- city in this connection, but they had the received as follows:

power nevertheless. Ald Stewart moved that the letter be received and filed, and it was agreed to.

Rock Bay Bridge. City Engineer Cousins reported having examined Rock Bay bridge and found

it safe for travel. Received.

Belmont Avenue Nuisance City Engineer Consins reported, submitting a plan for the drainage of the pond which has been talked about so often of late on Belmont avenue. To drain it to the north would necessitate the pipes passing through private property and the cost would be \$70, exclusive of pine, and leaving out of the question any rock that might be encounter-

On behalf of the owner, Ald, Kinsman said there was no objection to the pipe being taken through the lots referred to, but expressed a doubt as to whether, if the proposed drain were laid, the owner of the land upon which the swamp is, route it would cost several hundred dollars.

Ald. Humphrey endorsed Ald. Kinsman's statement and thought Mr. Pearse purchase of another; and that a portion said that when this by-law passes should be communicated with before the was incurred.

Ald. MacGregor said the work should be done. The swamp could not be drained on to Pembroke street. He could see no reason for going to Mr. Pearse at all. Let the drain be fixed and then if the swamp is a nuisance Mr. Pearsewill have to connect. Ald, Humphrey again said it would cost several hundred by the unfortunate accident sustained by if the swamp is a public nuisance cannot the city make the owner abate it, and was informed that it could. If the owner brings the water to the street line the city must take it away, but at the same time it would be foolish to spend the money and then the drain not be

Ald. Brydon referred to several cases of fever said to have been caused by the nuisance, and ultimately, on motion of Ald. Stewart, it was decided to refer to the sanitary inspector and health officer the question of whether it is public nuisance or not.

Sidewalks.

The city engineer reported that the carpenter informed him several sidewalks needed renewing, which caused Ald. Stewart to renew his objection to these reports coming from the carpenter before any recommendation is received from the engineer. Ald. Humphrey, could not see the necessity of every bit of sidewalk that needs renewal being examined and reported upon by the en-If the council cannot depend on the carpenter it would be better to get rid of him and hire one they can de-

The engineer will be asked to report.

Smoke Prevention. The communication from the American Stoker Co. offering to supply mechanical stokers for the furnaces at the electric light works had been referred to the city electrician and that official strongly recommended that all four boilers be equipped with them. They are the best make, the green coal being fed under the live coal with the result that the gases are consumed, and in cities where antismoke legislation exists they are large licitor's letter filled the bill; it was too ly used. The electrician also recom mended that the works be enlarged so to him for the purpose of obtaining that the dynamos can be placed on a from him some suggestion as to the solid foundation. As two stokers would best way out of the difficulty. It had cost \$1,698, his worship thought the been before successive councils and had council could hardly venture upon orderbeen repeatedly shelved. Was it ing four and enlarging the place as well, and on motion of Ald. Humphrey

Granite Curbing.

The purchasing agent and city engineer recommended that the contract for granite curbing be awarded to Mr. J. E. cents a lineal foot. Adopted, the gran-Ald. Kinsman said the city solicitor ite to be delivered anywhere within the is not liable, and Mr. Mason confirm-

A Gee Gee Wanted.

Purchasing Agent Northcott enclosed quotations received by him for a horse for street purposes, all of which were too high. He recommended that a horse now in the fire department and too light for that work be taken over by the street department and the \$150 appropriated for the purchase of another be handed over to the fire wardens to buy another horse with.

On motion of Ald. Williams the suggestion was adopted.

Market Receipts. Market Clerk reported having received luring the month of March, from all

sources, the sum of \$127.10. A Hitching Post.

Quite a little discussion took place in regard to a modest request made by Mr. McHardy, of Kingston street, that the city would gve him permission to erect a hitching post on Kingston street in front of his house. The post is already erected, Mr. McHardy not having thought the previous permission of the council necessary. Ald, Brydon had something to say about this, but the permission was granted all the same.

Wanted, the Water Cart. Residents and ratepayers near the Pandora street Methodist church wanted to see the water cart in their vicinity occasionally, and the mayor said he had instructed the officer in charge to draw up a schedule of the carts' engagements, as was done last year. The request laid over until such schedule is received. Shade Trees.

Residents on San Juan avenue wanted permission to plant shade trees on that street and some bushes cut down to allow of the trees being planted. Ald. Humphrey moved that the petition be granted, but Ald. Brydon was on his feet immediately with a vigorous protest at this promiscuous way of allowing shade trees to be planted. He wanted to see a by-law introduced regulating the matter. It was a small item, but these small things are what is disfiguring the streets. It was too small a matter, said Ald. Williams, to bother about it. Let the permission be given. Ald. Humphrey agreed, barring poplar trees. Ald. Brydon moved an amendment that the letter be laid over until a by-law is introduced, but found no seconder, the motion carrying, with Ald. Brydon sticking to his colors and voting alone against

Tenders

Victoria Machinery Depot, \$1,160 and | limits, but Ald. MacGregor enter C M. Cookson (Thompson meters),

\$1,105, Colby Brothers (Lambert meters), \$1,080. William Bowness, \$1,188, \$1,243, \$1,-

339, \$1,676, and \$1,794, according to Beckwith was absent, and this make and quality. C. G. Henshaw (Niagara meters) \$882.49, and another make \$1,183. Referred to the water commissioners

and purchasing agent. Tenders for electric arc globes accord ng to specifications were sent in by Watson, \$109.

Canadian General Electric Co., \$145. For carbons, the Canadian General Electric Company quoted \$775. To the purchasing agent and electri-

The fire wardens recommended the installation of a fire alarm box at the corner of Yates and Government, newould connect with it. The swamp could cessitated by the removal of the Yates be drained on to Pembroke street for street fire hall; that J. J. Swain be con-\$15, or thereabouts, whereas by this firmed in the position of driver and Leeman as call man; that the \$40 obtained from the sale of a horse be added of the Dominion hotel was bei to the \$300 already appropriated for the dated by the owners of the next le of the market hall fire station apart for the use of the chief. The re-

port was adopted. Mrs. Marchant's Case.

A report was received from the

finance committee relative to the claim submitted to them from Mr. William Marchant for the sum of \$226 to defray Mrs. Marchant last January. The committee recommended that the council is not responsible for the unfortunate accident and while sympathizing with Mr. Marchant declined to entertain the proposal contained in his letter. Ald. Hayward moved that the report be adopted. Ald. MacGregor thought that way of lealing with the matter would be a distinct hardship on Mr. Marchant. He understood that Mrs. Marchant is still ill and the accident had been caused by negligence on the part of the engineer, or of whoever was in charge of the by-law should pass. There was work. There was no light to mark the formation to justify the sup dangerous place and Ald. MacGregor any big buildings would be p thought Mr. Marchant was certainly en- consequence of the passing titled to some consideration at the hands law, nor that any large sum of the council. He believed that the ac- would be expended for the benefit ceptance of Mr. Marchant's offer would people. To expect the by-law meet with the approval of every rate- passed without any reason given payer in the city and he recommended fair to the council. The fire limit that the matter be referred back to the been all right hitherto and the committee for further consideration. It passed through a severe certainly seemed the duty of the council With no reasons advanced fo o do something.

Ald. Hayward thought some instructions should be given by the council to the committee as to what they wished to progress he did not believe in the them to do. There are at least a thousand places in the city equally as dangerons as the one at which Mrs. Marchant met with the accident and if this precedent were set the council would soon expend the whole of the city's revenue in paying people the amounts they claimed as compensation for falling down. People should look after themselves. The advice received from the city's solicitors was very definite, to the effect that the council is not liable and to allow this claim would encourage cases of this

Ald. MacGregor stuck to his guns. If the city is not liable he would like to know how it is that the barrier has now been erected which, if erected earlier, would have saved Mrs. Marchant. He thought there was a very good case for damages.

Ald. Cameron was inclined to agree th Ald, MacGregor. The case has been explained to him; the barrier is now there, which indicated that a mistake had been made by not having it there before and if the city could avoid litigation by paying \$200 or \$300 it would be a good thing to do so.

Ald. Brydon maintained that the solidid not claim to be versed in law, but it seemed to him that to do some ex-

tent the city is liable. The mayor said the case must be looked at from the legal standpoint, for however much they might sympathize with Mr. Marchant, the council was not a benevolent institution, but was appointed to handle the city's funds in the best interest of the ratepayers. If the city tion would kill the by-law. Ald. were to be held responsible for this accident it would simply amount to this; the sidewalks throughout the city would Stewart, Kinsman and Williams aga have to be laid on a dead level, for The mayor gave his casting vote as wherever there is a drop of a few inches the motion, and then the section someone would be falling down. Ald. Stewart sympathized very much 10:45 and as it became apparent to

liable it would not do to open the door stage and the aldermen were han for every one to come in with claims. pod by the want of plans, his wo He was very sorry for Mr. Marchant. Ald. Brydon did not think the council was a benevolent institution, but it was a fact that the council had to pay damages in similar cases. Mr. Mason said that in every case of that description judgment had been given in favor of the

More discussion followed, during which Ald. Hayward explained that there seemed to be some misunderstanding in regard to the matter. The work was completed on December 27th, and the accident occurred on January 15th, so that the work was not going on when Mrs. Marchant fell down. Mr. Bradburn, Mr. Mason's partner, had carefully examined the place and advised that the city was not liable. People must look after themselves, no one had a right to go down a new street in the dark, after 11 o'clock at night, without taking the precaution of a lantern.

Ald. Cameron didn't want to reflect on the solicitor, but it seemed a very hard

The mayor proceeded to put the motion adopting the report when Ald. Mac-Gregor called attention to his amendment. He wished to add to it that the committee be instructed to consider the ease more favorably, but Ald. Hayward protested against this idea of making an automatic committee which would move which ever way the string was pulled. The solicitor's advice must govern the committee. The motion carried, Ald. Cameron, Hayward, Stewart, Kinsman and Williams voting for it. The finance committee further recommended the expenditure of \$4,070.06 for enrrent revenue. Report adopted.

The Fire Limits. Alderman Stewart moved the second reading of the by-law which contemplates the reduction of the existing fire

vigirous protest. He considered i most important by-law introduced council during his term of office should not be considered except presence of a full board. An law had been laid over beca be treated the same. The plained that the Sunday closing was laid over because Mr. B. was the introducer of it. The not parallel.

Ald. MacGregor again urged by-law should be laid over fo and the mayor said it seemed able request, but Ald. Stewart ed. It had already been laid enough and the aldermen had to thresh the matter out themsel was not a long by-law, and while no desire to rush it through, he ed the council that three weeks had already been lost.

Ald. Brydon supported Gregor. He believed this by-law retrograde step and most iniquite an instance of the bad effect have he mentioned that the pr would erect such a shack upon it would be glad to buy it to get rid shack. Ald. Stewart rose to con this. The attempts of the owners lot referred to, to compel the Dom Hotel proprietor to buy, had been on for some time, long before this bywas introduced.

The mayor pointed out that to add the second reading did not prevent by-law being amended in committee Ald. Brydon maintained the trut the assertion. The information ha given him by Mr. Jones himself. city had just got bravely over a of depression and he did not believe taking this retrograde setp.

Ald. Hayward proposed to vote for the second reading, which would compel the council to acceptance of by-law without amendment Ald. Cameron pointed out that single reason had been given wh law he could not see any reason

law being passed without any explan tion being given. Ald. Stewart said one of the for the by-law was to afford Mr. Pen dray the relief he sought.

the limits less. No petition had

Ald. Cameron-This does not include Mr. Pendray's place. Ald. Stewart explained that the law as put before the council was no the by-law he wanted passed at all. He had amendments prepared which would

altogether alter it Ald. Kinsman explained that the great reason the by-law was needed wa that in the district now covered by limits no one would think of inve noney in building brick blocks, might erect good buildings not of the bishop, for instance, wished to a certain kind of a house, which we be a good one, but was prevented by

existing fire limits. Ald. Humphrey said the second reading although he did not agree with the by-law.

The division was then taken econd reading, it carrying by 5 to Ald, Cameron, Brydon and MacGregor voting nay, and Ald. Kinsman. liams, Humphrey, Stewart and Hayward

tThe council then went into commi tee of the whole and section 1 passed without demur. The mayor began read section 2 when Ald. MacGrego moved that the committee rise re progress and ask leave to sit again. T notion was defeated on the same Section 2 was again tackled, when ecame apparent that the consider would be a farce without maps and I and Ald. Humphrey moved that committee rise without reporting. worship explained that to carry th Gregor, Brydon, Cameron and H phrey voted for it, and Ald. Haywa again taken up. It was now with Mr. Marchant, but if the city is not law would be opposed strongly at suggested that the committee rise report. This was moved, a tie agai corded, and his worship voted for it. committee then rose and the counci mediately afterwards adjourned. Concentration is the secret of strength

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Twelve Lives Lost York Fire Morning.

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Four Persons Are M

New York, April 8: known to be lost by a fire the homes of Wallace C. Alfred Adams on East 69t morning. Seven others were injured

vonts are missing, whose nam to be added to the dead. Wallace C. Andrews, pro New York Steam Heating Co Mrs. W. C. Andrews, wife

Mrs. Camaliel C. St. John to Mrs. Andrews and wife John, treasurer of the Steam Austin St. John, seven year Wallace St. John, three yea

Frank St. John, 13 months foregoing were children of M Eva Peters, servant. Nellie Boland, servant. Mary Flanagan, servant. Annie Neary, servant. (Alı occurred in the house of Mr. Mary Loughlin, servant, in

Albert J. Adams. Kate Downing and Mary R in the Andrews' household. Injured: Jennie Burns, se drews' house, not expected t White, cook in Andrews' ho serious; and Nellie Quinn, Adams' house, condition ser

were slightly injured. New York, April 7.-Before over it may be found that th will be swelled to 14, for dur morning four persons were missing, and two so badly they may die.

Later: Four bodies, supposes of servants, were found on th Andrews' house, making the The damage to Adams' hor at \$10,000. Adams is one owners of flats in this city.

Another Body Re New York, April 7.-11:20 pefore noon another body w the Andrews' House. It is p of Kate Downing or Mary Re This brings the total of known It is almost certain that ther other body in the Andrews h will bring the total dead to 1 Jennie Burns, so seriously inju-

cannot live. Great Destruction of Pro It is estimated that the And was worth \$175,000. The value tents are not known, but the fine furniture. A conservat places the value of contents a Dr. Coo, the Andrews' fam was unable to identify the Andrews. While he was exbody in the police station a v and said she was a cousin of When told of the wiping out she shrieked and fainted.

give her name. W. Allstone Brown said seen Mr. Andrews alight from night, and had talked with hi firms the belief that Mr. A. was one of those recovered. It was estimated by the damage in the Adams' h bout \$10,000, and possibly fourth floor was gutted by the of the lower floor The body of Mr. Andrews ha

tively !dentified. Details of the Fre, New York, April 7. - A fi death and destruction visited iest section of this city during morning hours to-day, and it that thirteen persons per'shed ten persons were injured, one of

A whole family, with the the father, who was absent from are utterly destroyed, the mothe children being burned to death ity and fierceness the fire can only to the Windsor hote amount of damage to property at about \$220,000. The house the time, about 2 a.m., fourt asleep, and how the fire origin mystery. It seems certain plosion of some kind occurred escaped the flames, a servan fatal injuries. When the gutted Andrews'

searched the corpses were so c be almost beyond positive The names of the dead were more from certain knowledge were in the house over night races of the living image ti Twelve bodies were taken from rews' residence up till 1 o'cloc

theAdams' house, and one so e cannot live. Rumors of Incendiari New York, April 7.-There lors of incendiarism about the Andrew's house. It was police that there had been a