

GRAND TRUNK PAYS SHARE

Company Will Contribute Portion of Cost of Yonge-Street Bridge.

STREET WILL NOT BE CLOSED

Long Discussion Over Matter by Council-Contractors' Decision Supported.

At the Council meeting yesterday afternoon, the matter of the construction of a high-level bridge over the Esplanade tracks was pretty thoroughly threshed out.

The Board of Control's recommendation to the Council was as follows:

The board, having carefully considered the question of closing Yonge-street, are of the opinion that it is decidedly against the interest of the city to close the street where it crosses the railway tracks, and would, therefore, recommend that we do not consent to the closing of the street, and that the application be renewed before the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, for a bridge at the foot of Yonge-street, across the Esplanade, upon the plan submitted by our City Engineer.

"I am very sorry," said Ald. Hubbard, "that the Board of Control was not able to make as satisfactory a settlement with the railway company in this matter, as they did with the John-street crossing." Ald. Hubbard thought the board would make a mistake in applying to the Railway Committee now for authority to build the bridge. He was of the opinion that the best plan would be to go ahead and fill in the Yonge-street slip, which had to be done this year, and leave the matter of the bridge over till next season, on the ground that the bridge would not be built this year anyway. He moved to this effect.

Ald. S. W. Burns moved in amendment, that the Council authorize the board to make the application at once, and, further, that the city make an attempt to saddle at least one-half of the cost of the bridge upon the Railway Company, that the street be closed at the north side of the tracks. In speaking to his motion, Ald. Burns said there was no way to deal with this bridge question, but to close the street. If the street were left open, the danger would still remain as at present, and people would cross the tracks on the level, whether the bridge were there or not. He did not think Free-land would have a great claim for damages, and the matter had been delayed too long.

"I agree with Ald. Burns," said Ald. Sheppard, "but would go farther than he. I say, if the street is not closed, there would not be ten per cent of the people using the bridge. It is not closing Yonge-street, but it is simply placing the street in a safer condition than it is, at present. I think it would be an actual benefit to the surrounding property, instead of a detriment. What would York-street Bridge be if the street were opened? Who would use it?"

A New Order of Things. Controller Burns said it may be true that the old order of things could not prevail. The new bridge would land the citizens right on the docks, and the island boats would land their passengers at the foot of Bay-street in the future, so there would be no need of people using the street cars about half-way between Yonge and Bay, so that the danger and apprehension which the opposition cited would not exist. "We can close the bridge at any time," said Mr. Burns, "but let us wait till we see how the new structure works."

Difference in Cost Slight. Controller Oliver said the difference in cost to the city would only be \$40,000, whether the city paid the full cost or not. He thought the property

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These are the calloused places, the tired, pained, overworked surfaces.

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89 KING WEST.

would be benefited by the bridge, in

stead of damaged.

The Mayor: This is a great question.

This board had to consider the question from all sides.

Deputations, he said had appeared

before the Railway Committee of the

Privy Council, and Hon. Mr. Blair had

given it as his opinion that, if the city

built the bridge and left the street

open, they would have to pay the full

cost, but, if the street were

closed, the committee would as-

sume part of the cost upon the

Railway Companies. "We have

to look forward to a settlement of the

whole water front question, and we

close Yonge-street we are only putting

off the inevitable settlement," said the

Mayor. He favored the construction of

a railway viaduct, and the closing of

Yonge-street was only delaying that

construction.

Cost of Work.

The cost of the bridge would be

\$135,000, including land damage north

of the tracks, said His Worship. If

the street were closed there would be

on the south a large tract of land and

the closing of the street would make

this property valueless for manufac-

turing purposes. The cost of the

bridge would be \$285,000, including

land damages to the south of the

tracks. The railway would pay half of

this amount, or \$142,500. "Now,"

said His Worship, you will see by

these figures that the extra cost to

the city by leaving the street open

would only be \$47,500, a mere trifle

Ald. Sheppard: "What was the first

idea in building this bridge? Was it

not to protect people from the danger

of being killed by crossing on the

level? If this is so, why build the

bridge and still leave the death trap

as wide open as before? Suppose you

leave the street open, will not the

pedestrians cross on the level just

as before? And this lease, falling

due next year, the city could bring

build a bridge and close the street,

or else leave the situation as it is

now."

Ald. S. W. Burns took issue with

the Mayor. He said the majority of

the people would not use the bridge

if the crossing were left open, for

most of those going on the boats on

Saturdays did not take the cars, but

walked from their offices, and he knew

they would hurry down on the level

rather than dodge a car on the bridge.

Criticized the Mayor.

Ald. Noble wished the Board of

Control would take more time in

going into things, and would then

present to the Council some definite in-

formation. He cut into the Mayor

and his figures of constructing the

bridge. His Mayor, he said, had piled

up \$100,000 land damages, without

saying where he got the figures. The

Mayor had also consulted with the

owners as to the damages. "Are the

owners the people to consult," said

Ald. Noble. "What is the use of

building a bridge and leaving the level

crossing open for people to risk their

lives?"

Some New Information.

Ald. Woods drew some information

not intended for publication just at

present. He asked the Mayor what

was done at the conferences between

the board and the railway officials.

"We have certain matters to be set

off," said the Mayor. "Yes," said

Ald. Woods, "but have you any reason

to suppose the company will contrib-

ute to the cost of the bridge if the

street is left open?"

Ald. Richardson here jumped up

and answered on behalf of the board.

He said the G.T.R. had offered to pay

a portion of the cost, but the street

was to be closed before. He suppo-

sed that the company had a lease

of some property where the old north-

ern sheds are, and this lease, falling

due next year, the city could bring

to bear in settling the Yonge-street

bridge matter.

The Report Carries.

Ald. Burns' motion being voted upon,

it was lost, and the board's recommen-

dation was then carried.

CRITICIZED THE CONTROLLERS.

Citizens Will Be Asked to Decorate

Their Places in Old Home Week.

The City Council meeting yesterday

proved most interesting. Some strong

speeches were made, and two very im-

portant matters were dealt with, re-

ports of which will be seen in other

columns of this issue.

The Board of Control had rather a

severe session, several of their acts

coming in for a deal of rather caustic

criticism.

Ald. Bell criticized the board's ac-

tion in presenting a long report regard-

ing the expenditure of \$85,000 for

more school yards, without giving suf-

ficient information respecting the val-

ues of the proposed lots. Ald. Hub-

bard supported Ald. Bell, but he also

thought it a most unwise policy to

buy properties, open them up for

school children, and to allow the gen-

eral public to use them as recreation

grounds. He thought no caretaker

could look after the buildings and

protect the windows of the City of

Toronto.

The clause was referred back for

further information.

King-Street Pavement.

The Engineer's recommendation, to

pave a portion of West King-street, be-

tween Dufferin and Dowling-avenue,

view car line along Danforth - road

to the east city limits.

Home Camera Festival.

Ald. William Burns moved that the

Mayor issue a proclamation, inviting

all former residents of Canada, and

particularly of Toronto, to visit the

city during the week of the Home

Camera Festival, and calling upon the

citizens to decorate their homes and

business places, and to otherwise as-

sist in carrying out the program ar-

ranged by the Board of Trade Com-

mittee.

Ald. Ramsden moved that the city

dedicate the lot, now known as Har-

bor-square, to be a public park, and

to be known as the "Home Park."

Will Not Spoil Room.

The large committee-room on the

ground floor of the City Hall was

divided and given to the police, as

was decided upon at the last meeting.

Ald. Hubbard said he is having the

former action rescinded, and some

other arrangement will be made for

the police.

Drowned in a Well.

Kingston, May 18. - Robert, the

five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

son Smith, Lansdowne - street, was

drowned on Saturday night. Parents

and child visited relatives at Millars

Corner, at the evening, they found

the boy missing; his hat was picked

up outside, and investigation showed

he had fallen into a deep well.

The father recovered the body, but

there was no sign of life.

Citizens Warned.

Kingston, May 18. - In the Kingston

churches yesterday, notices were read,

warning the citizens against law break-

ing on the day before Victoria Day

holiday.

Smallpox at Ripley.

Ripley has a case of smallpox, which

has been traced to Pittsburgh. The

Provincial Board of Health has been

notified.

C.P.R. Earnings.

Montreal, May 18. - The C.P.R. earn-

ings for the traffic week ending May

15 were \$264,000; for the same week

last year they were \$730,000.



Jim Dumps' great aunt, infirm with gout,
Had worn a good digestion out—
Could take no food—or sour or sweet.
Jim sent her "Force," which she could eat!
So grateful was his aunt to him,
She left her all to "Sunny Jim."

"Force"

The Ready-to-Serve Cereal

will postpone the will.

Sweet, crisp flakes of wheat and malt

Take it to School with Them.

It is the food of all others. Some time ago I heard a lady say

that she did not know what to get for breakfast any more. I told her to try

"Force." She says her children like it so much they take it to school with

them. T. R. Baxter.



CONDEMNS SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

Vacation of Ministers Causes De-

crease in Congregations.

The last meeting of the season of

the Ministerial Association yesterday

considered evangelistic work. A paper

on this subject was read by Rev. A. B.

Winchester, who suggested the use of

Gospel tents and wagons, to reach

those who were habitual non-church-

goers, and those who were un-

clothed.

In the general discussion following

the paper, Rev. J. A. Macdonald sug-

gested that down-town churches should

invite the guests of down-town hotels

to attend their services. He also con-

demned the taking of holidays in the

summer by ministers, as it caused a

falling-off of the congregation.

J. A. Rankin has been named as

president of the next conference, to

meet in the Elm-street Methodist

Church next month.

Rev. H. C. and Mrs. Priest, formerly

of Sheridan-avenue Baptist Church,

are home on furlough, after seven

years' work in the Telugu District of

India. They go back to their labors

after a year's vacation.