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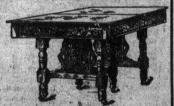
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## ST. CLAIR ST. RESIDENTS RIPPED ALD. EDMONDSON

Ald. Marshall and Emma St. Representative also have a Set-to-Archie McCoig in the Role of Peace Maker—Old Time Festivities at the Council Meeting

"I feel like moving a vote of centhe vehement utterance of Ald. Marshall at last night's meeting of 'the street, who filled the auditorium, ap-plauded uproariously.

"Do it, then," challenged Ald. Ed-

Fire was beginning to fly, and trouble was in sight, when Archie McCoig bled waters and greased the wheels of harmony, so that they revolved with the least degree of friction, and all was merry once again in the happy Not since the old days, when ex-

Ald. Henry Weaver and Mr. Holden were in the Council, nor since Capt Patteson was going to whip the edia row in Council. It took those present back to the anti-Sulman days smoothly at the Council and aldermen called each other hard names. The trouble all arose over the St. Clair street pavement. The public bench-es were well filled, mostly with residents of St. Clair street, and they gave forcible expression to their approval or disapproval.

Ald. McCoig reported that the petition for vitrified brick on St. Clair street had been examined by the Clerk and found to be insufficiently signed. The petition was sufficiently signed at the last Council meeting.

signed. The petrion was sufficiently signed at the last Council meeting. There were present a number of ratepayers from St. Clair street, and he moved that they be heard.

Feter Blonde was the first speaker,—I for one would like to know by the petition was not handled Monday night the same as the Victoria Avepetition was. The Council postponed dealing with the petition till tonight. We had no notice that the time was closed. One of the aldermen, who hasn't a snap of the fingers' interest on the street, was running around from house to house on Tuesday morning getting signers to take their names off the petition, while we who are paying for the pavement didn't know the matter was not closed, and are thrown out. If we can't have what we ask for I don't want anything on the street.

Ald. Marshall—You made an assertion that some alderman was running around setting signarprass withdrawn.

around setting signatures withdrawn, Will you kindly name the man? Mr. Blonde—Yes, sir; Ald. Edmond-

Ald. Marshall-What did be do? Ald. Marshall—What did he do: Mr. Blonde—He went around can vassing for asphalt block and he has not a cent's interest on the street. Ald. Marshall—Did you say that he

not a cent's interest on the street.

Ald. Marshall—Did you say that he wasn't a ratepayer?

Ald. Edmondson—I'll admit that I am not, but I did go up to Mr. Frank Blonde's with Caliste Bechard. Mr. Bechard was going up and he asked me to go with him. The initiative for an asphalt block pavement was carried and it is the duty of the Council to carry it out. The initiatory proceedings were published in the papers, every citizen was notified and everything was done fair and above board. I didn't go from house to house. The only place I went was to Frank Blonde's with Mr. Bechard. I am interested at least indirectly, being a business man on the street. Had the initiative been killed and a gavement been laid on Victoria Ave. It would have killed our business, The rights, too, of those who have not eigned the petition for brick should not be ignored.

"WE have beaten you. WE have taken nine names off your petition." He was certainly overstepping the bounds of prudence and good judgment. It is certainly a crying shame that an alderman, above all other men, should not represent the people who elected him. That he should represent himself and not the rate-bayers on the street. He also said to me, "You heard what Mayor Mc-Keough said, that he was sorry the St. Clair street residents had selected an inferior pavement." He actu-St Clair street residents had selected an inferior pavement." He actually came to me with a smile and af
grasp of the hand. For me, I neither want a traitor's smile nor a
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the reople of this fair city should do.
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## JOB DISTANCED

The Toronto News prints the following Osgoode Hall anecdote, which, runor has it, figures Mr. Jestice Ferguson and a Maple City barrister in the stellar roles:

A learned Judge of the High Court appreciates humor. He is on friendly terms with an eminent counfriendly terms with an eminent coun-sel, who was arguing in a dult, tedi-ous case. The argument was long and dry. The counsel was tired. The Court was very tired. After a long, long time, his Lordship sent the following perciled memorandum to the counsel:

First Prize-Mr. Justice So and

betrayed the trust the people have reposed in him.

Ald. Edmondson—I have a perfect right to take an interest in the kind of pavement put down. It is in the interests of the whole city to have the best pavement, and I believe that asphalt block is the best. As far as circulating a petition is concerned, I never did so. I give you my word of honor that I didn't. I simply went with Mr. Bechard to Mr. Blonde. If I have done anything wrong, I am

with Mr. Bechard to Mr. Blonde. If I have done anything wrong, I am willing to make an apology.

Ald. McCoig—It is unfortunate a misunderstanding has arisen. Two-d thirds of the ratepayers should certainly have their say as to what kind of pavement should be put down and we aldermen should try and cater to the wishes of the majority. I would favor leaving the matter over till the next meeting night and give the ratepayers an opportunity to appeal to the judge.—Applause from the gallery.

gallery.

Ald. McCoia moved, seconded by Ald. Marshall, that the matter be laid over till next Tuesday night, when a special meeting of the Council will be called. Carried.

Aid. Marshall—I am very much surprised to hear that any Alderman belonging to this Council would interest himself in any particular pavement. Certhinly Ald. Edmondson has overstepped the bounds of prudence, I did feel like moving a voice of sensure—Applause.

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Mr. Blonde-Ald. Edmondson and Mr. Bechard told my brother Frank that they had a majority and he might as well go with them.

Ald. Edmondson—I want to ask and my stand that they had a majority and he might as well go with them.

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most unfortunate if such an impression of distrust should prevail. I am glad Ald. Marshall didn't take the dare. I don't think that Ald. Edmondson intended to do anything

mondson intended to do anything wrong.

Ald. Piggott There are a good many things the consider. If the St. Olair street matter is laid over, Victoria avenue should also be laid over. Personally, I think that the matter should be closed at ones. I think the remarks of Mr. Ward uncalled for. There was a time when he was in favor of asphalt block.

Ald. Edmondson—I agree with Ald. Piggott that action should be taken at once. If the Council had a little more backbone they would have less trouble. The injustive has been taken and has been published in the press and each ratepayer has been furnished with a written notice. It is the duty of the Council to have a little backbone and not play to the gallery.

a little backbone and not play to the gullery.

Mayor McKeough—Victoria avenue is satisfied with virtified brick and they should have at.

Ald. Piggott—A heavy tratepayer on the street asked me only to-day if anything could be done to change the pavement on Victoria avenue. I told him no. He would have been here to-night had I not assured him that it would be no use. 

Ex-Mayor Hugh Malcolmson, who was in the audience, asked the name of the ratepayer. Mr. Piggott said that it was E. T. Martin.

Mr. Matcolmson—Monday night the ratepayers on Victoria avenue presented a puttion signed by all the residents except four or five of the disaffected ones. Personally, I will pay as much of the max as E. M. Martin, P. D. McKellar and Mr. Burrows all put together.

Ald. McCoir—It is not a question

Martin, P. D. McKellar and Mr. Burrows all put together.
Ald. McCoig—It is not a question of backbone with the council merely because there is some disastisfaction, but a majority of the ratepayers are disastisfied. It would be much better to have the matter amicably settled. As far as Victoria avenue is concerned we should give them what the majority have asked for. Ald Piggott was just overstepping the bounds when he spoke to Mr. Martin. He went a little too far.—Applause. Ald. Edmondson—You can't please all and the council are the arbitratall and the council are the arbitrat-

City Clerk Merritt-I am un about City Clerk Merritt—I am in about the worst position of all men in Chatham just now. There are withdrawals from withdrawals in connection with these petitions, and then they go to the judge and withdraw again. The minute I find out when a petition is sufficiently signed, I signit, and then no names can be added to it. The St. Clair street petition came up last Monday night at the council meeting where I saw it for the first time. I wouldn't dare to pass upon it without examining it carefully. I started Tuesday morn-

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'Soo" Guarantee Arouses Opposition Among Ross' Followers

He Will be Forced to Resign if Measure is not Abandoned---Liquor Bill Shelved

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