STREET CARS ON THE ISLAND

Cost of Constructing Tracks and Bridge Light.

ALSO A CARRIAGE DRIVE.

Alexander Manning's Proposal to Give the City a Park.

The Offer Has Been in the Mayor's Hands for Three Months—Board of Works Winds Up the Business of the Year by a Vote of Thanks to Chairman Saunders—The Scheme for the Establishment of a Civic Labor Bureau Formulated.

The Board of Works held its final meeting prior to the elections yesterday afternoon. The absentees were Ald. Allen and Preston. A. W. Godson asked that the city take the asphalt pavement on Toronto-street off his hands on the ground that the pavement has been constructed and kept in repair by him for five years from the date of its completion. Owing to the five-year guarantee not having been given for some time after the pavement was constructed, the contractor is really being asked to guarantee it for nearly six years.

The committee will recommend Council to comply with the request.

Ald. Gowanlock moved that Bloor-street between Dundas-street and Lansdowne-avenue be graded and that ashes and cinders be spread over the roadway. The committee, however, thought it better to leave the matter for the new Council to deal with.

TAXED BUT NOT CLEANED.

Ald. Boustead brought up a complaint from a Mr. Cattle, who owns property in Cawthra-avenue, that the property-owners in that street had, for nine years, been compelled to pay $450 per annum in taxes without receiving any benefit in the way of street watering and cleaning. They asked that the street be treated the same as any other. Street Commissioner Jones reported that he could not do any work on this street, as it had never been accepted as a public street by the city.

It transpired that the street was of less width than called for by the bylaw and could not be accepted by the city, but Ald. Boustead pointed out that at least 30 streets in the East End were of less width than the regulations require.

The City Solicitor and Street Commissioner will report upon the question of formally accepting the street.

The Engineer reported that it would entail an expense of $380 to prepare a free skating rink in the Rosedale Ravine Drive at Tannery Hollow.

Ald. Crane and Hubbard protested against the city providing free rinks in competition with those which were established and maintained by private parties at heavy expense. The committee was of the opinion that the cost would be too great and will not establish a free rink at this location.

WHEELING ON SIDEWALKS.

The City Solicitor wrote in reference to the proposal to allow bicyclists to ride on the sidewalks after midnight, expressing the opinion that as the sidewalks are intended for pedestrians and have been laid for that purpose, it is not advisable to allow any species of vehicle to go thereon whether a wagon drawn by a horse or a bicycle driven by a rider thereon. He was, however of opinion that the city would not be legally liable for an accident occurring to a person by reason of a bicycle being ridden upon the sidewalk at night, and that the rider alone would be responsible if any person was injured. The city has power to allow bicycles to be ridden upon the sidewalks upon certain specified streets, but the Solicitor points out the difficulty which will be experienced in preparing a bylaw that will be effective in its provisions.

Ald. Lamb strongly supported the proposal to allow physicians to use the sidewalks after midnight, and Ald. Hubbard as strongly opposed the proposal as impracticable.

The matter will be left for the next Council to deal with.

The committee forwarded a request to Council that the City Treasurer be instructed to report funds to the amount of $10,000 for the Rosedale Ravine Drive and $20,000 for Dundas-street bridge account. The money is required to pay the award of the arbitrator for land damages, and will in each case be assessed back upon the property benefited.

A SURPRISED COMMITTEE.

The recommendation of the City Engineer that the bylaw regarding the cleaning of snow from the sidewalks be amended so that Commissioner Jones may have discretionary powers in exceptional cases as to the enforcement of the provisions was opposed by Ald. Bell.

Mr. Alexander Manning was present and urged the adoption of the report. He stated that he owned a large block of land in the northwest part of the city, where sidewalks had been put down without his knowledge and charged as a local improvement against the property. There were no houses on the block at all and still he had been charged $130 per year for cleaning off the snow. He had offered to give eight acres of the land to the city for a public park if the city would relieve him from taxation on the balance for ten years.

The whole committee opened their eyes in astonishment at this statement and declared in unison that this was the first they had heard of the matter.

Ald. J. J. Graham enquired to whom the offer was made.

Mr. Manning replied that it was made to the Mayor, and in reply to a further question added that the offer was made some three months ago.

Ald. Leslie: We never heard of it either here or at the Parks and Gardens Committee.

The committee adopted the recommendation and will introduce a bylaw in Council.

At the conclusion of the business the committee passed a resolution of thanks to Ald. Saunders for the very efficient manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of the committee, and for the unvarying courtesy which the members had received at his hands.

ISLAND LEASES.

The Property Committee met yesterday afternoon and considered the report of Solicitor Drayton respecting Island leases. The various properties for which renewal leases are still under negotiations were discussed separately, the members of the committee being materially assisted in their deliberations by a plan of the Island, showing the sub-division of the property. The committee decided upon a general policy of renewing the leases with a modification of the restrictive clauses formerly inserted by the city. If the lessees refuse to accept the city will arbitrate.

At a meeting of the committee some time since, the members waxed indignant at the continued occupation of the old Parkdale pumping station by Mr. John Laxton, as a place of storage for the machinery and plant which he purchased from the city some years ago. The City Solicitor was then instructed to peremptorily notify Mr. Laxton to remove the material at once, which he did. At the last meeting of the committee Mr. Laxton asked permission to continue the use of the building for storage until the spring, which was granted. Yesterday Solicitor Caswell wrote protesting against the action of the committee in the matter. He expressed the hope that if he received orders from the committee in the future to carry out any particular work, the members of the committee would be loyal in assisting him and other officials in obeying the committee's orders.

CIVIC LABOR BUREAU.

Ald. Preston, Spence and Leslie, who compose a sub-committee to act in conjunction with the Board of Control, held a secret session yesterday morning to work out the details of a scheme for establishing a civic labor bureau. The secretary afterwards informed the members of the press that the sub-committee had arrived at the following conclusions: 1. That a recommendation is made to establish the bureau. 2. That a room in the Public Library building, Church and Adelaide-streets, be secured for the bureau. 3. That an officer, with good judgment and discretion, be required to attend there at certain hours of the day for the purpose of registering all applicants for work. The Board of Control will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon to appoint an officer to take charge of the

STREET CARS ON THE ISLAND.

The special committee on Sunday cars will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock to receive the report of the City Engineer upon the cost of the Island car service. They will discuss also the terms of the proposed agreement in accordance with the understanding arrived at between the Mayor and the Toronto Railway Company. The report of the City Engineer was not completed last night, but it is understood that the result of the survey has been to show that the cost of the work will not be nearly as heavy as anticipated by some members of the Council. The report will show that the cost of constructing a double track from the cribwork opposite Queen's Wharf to the east end of the Island, along the route recently described in The World, will be $35,000. If it is deemed necessary to construct it on a concrete foundation the same as on the main land the figures quoted above will be increased by $15,000. The above estimate is for a roadway constructed at an elevation of some three feet above high water mark, the filling being of sand. The swing bridge across the channel at the Queen's Wharf, with the approaches, will cost about $60,000. The Engineer has also prepared an estimate of the cost of constructing a substantial roadway 80 feet wide from the south end of the swing bridge around the Island to the Eastern Gap. It will be in the neighborhood of $80,000.

NOTES.

The proclamation has been issued to hold a special election for the vacancy on the Public School Board in No. 6 Ward, caused by the resignation of Dr. Awde. The election will be held on the same day as the general municipal elections.

Dr. Noble will not run for a seat in the City Council for Ward No. 2, but will stick to the Public School Board.

The Parks and Gardens Committee and Local Board of Health will hold their final meetings to-day.

The construction of an asphalt pavement on York-street has been petitioned against.

AT OSGOODE HALL.

In Jenkins v. Colton, Chief Justice Armour dismissed the plaintiff's appeal from Mr. Cartwright in Chambers. The action is against a physician for alleged negligent treatment of plaintiff, and the order appealed from was made under sec. 129 Judicature Act, 1895, for the examination of the plaintiff by a duly qualified medical practitioner. It was held that the action was one for damages for bodily injury within the meaning of the section.

In Place v. Langmuir, the plaintiff's appeal from another order of Mr. Cartwright was also dismissed with costs. The order perpetually stayed the second action brought for an alleged trespass to real property. The Chief Justice held the second action unnecessary, because the plaintiff can recover for continuing damage for trespass in the first action. The second action, however, should not be perpetually stayed, but only until the first action is concluded.

Judgment was reserved in re Curry upon the application of executors for payment out of court of proceeds of a policy upon testator's life in a benefit society. The deceased became a lunatic before he died, and the money was paid into court to his credit before his death. The question is whether, under the rules of the society, the money is to be considered as paid on a "total disability" claim, or as a death loss. If the former, the money is part of the estate; if the latter, it goes to the beneficiary named in the certificate.

The deposit in court in the East Northumberland election petition was ordered to be paid out to respondent upon filing of petitioner's consent.

The Chief Justice also granted, at the instance of the plaintiff in Foster v. Village of Hintonberg, an injunction restraining for seven days the corporation of this thriving village from levying taxes upon an assessment exceeding the two cents allowed by law.

In re Hooper, settled estates, Mr. Justice Meredith gave judgment authorizing the sale of vacant land on St. George-street, Toronto, for $2400.

TO-DAY'S LIST.

Single Court at 10 a.m.: Re Solicitor, Montgomery v. Greecy, Hurdman v. Whyte, re Solicitor (two cases), Spera v. Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Railway Company, re Abbey and Village of Preston, Merchants' Bank v. Black, Wright v. Cameron, re Cockburn and Imperial Lumber Company, Hortin v. Water Commissioners for Windsor, Franklin v. Pearson, Reesor v. Shields, Petley v. Gormally, re Mooney & We tern Assurance Company, Morphy v. Bulbury, Fraser v. Elliott.

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During Christmas vacation, which consists of the period from Dec. 24 to Jan. 6, inclusive, Master's Chambers will be held on Thursday, Dec. 24, and on Mondays and Wednesdays thereafter at 11 a.m.

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Fred Victor Mission.

The workers of this mission intend giving their annual Christmas supper in the lower part of the Massey Music Hall Tuesday evening, 29th inst., when they expect to give a substantial meal to about 500 poor people. In addition to this, they desire to distribute a number of baskets, with Christmas dinners among deserving families. As no portion of the money donated for carrying on the work can be devoted to these objects, the workers are entirely dependent on contributions from friends of the cause to defray these expenses. Money may be sent to J. M. Treble, treasurer, or provisions to the Massey Music Hall on the 29th instant.

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"Verney's Bankers' List."

The Christmas number of Verner's Monthly Bankers' List is to hand. This publication, which is issued by T. Herbert Chesnut, is in neat, handy form, and contains a mass of information of especial use to banks and the wholesale trade. In it are given in alphabetical order the names of every banking town in Canada, with the different chartered banks and private bankers therein; also the names of the most prominent non-banking towns, with their nearest banking points. It is issued monthly, and is already in great demand.

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Editor World: A good deal has been written of late about the burdensome cost of education, of higher education particularly. If I understand it aright, this needless expense comes from the higher forms. There are few students in the honor classes, the number of their subjects are almost multiplied, and their total class fees are small. How can this be remedied? To me the solution seems to be this: The principal honor classes are mathematics, classics and moderns. There are five specialist teachers in each institute, 15 in all. Why not confine, say, all those taking honor mathematics to one institute? If students wish to take more than one honor course, and, by the way, the fees should be increased in proportion, it cannot be much of a task to divide all the possible combinations of the honor subjects among these 15 specialists. And all the institutes are easy of access from any part of the city. Again, of the other forms, three could easily be made into two. If teachers in our Public Schools have to manage classes of 50 or 60, so should teachers in our High Schools. I suppose there are about 800 in attendance in our institutes. With 50 or less in a class, 18 classes, that is, six to each institute, should be sufficient, and we have almost twice as many teachers. Toronto pays dearly for its higher education. I believe if our High School Board considered this matter judiciously they could save to the city at least $10,000 a year, and with just as good results. As a humble ratepayer, I would suggest that they do so. One head master should be quite sufficient for the three institutes—a man with good executive ability, systematic and thorough. There are plenty of good men who possess these qualities, and who would willingly assume the responsibility for $2000 a year. Our High School Board, curbing their expenses, would do much to mitigate the growing antipathy of our citizens towards state supported higher education.

Pro Bono Publico.

Result of a Bicycle Collision.

In Magistrate Miller's Court yesterday afternoon the charge of assault brought by F. H. B. Lyon against Joseph Brown, Wellington-street west, was heard. It was stated that Brown, while riding his bicycle on Bay-street, had run into Lyon, who was also riding, smashing Lyon's bicycle, and when asked for his name committed the assault and then laid a charge of immoderate riding against Lyon, which was dismissed. Lyon, in his turn, brought the assault charge, in which there was a direct contradiction between him and Brown. Brown was fined $2 and costs or 20 days.

Ministers Foregather.

The various ministerial associations met yesterday morning. At the meeting of the Baptists, Rev. J. B. Kennedy occupied the chair. Rev. John Craig, returned missionary from India, read a paper on "Some Phases of Hinduism." That name, he said, is not that of a single religion, but rather a convenient term used to represent a conglomeration of the various religious beliefs of the people of India, excluding only Mohammedanism and a few other distinct religions. The leading doctrine is that there is but one being, the three phases of which are Vedantism, caste and sacredness of the kiw.

At the Methodist meeting Rev. James Allen, M.A., gave a short study of "New Testament Socialism," which was considered such a clever paper that it will be published later on.

Professor Robinson of Knox College read a paper on the "Authorship of Isaiah," at the Presbyterian Ministerial Association.

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