

PARK SCHEME TAKING SHAPE.

Options Secured on Much Land on Mountain Front.

Engineer Barrow Will Have Suggestions to Make.

Estimate of \$362,847 For New Road Work.

The representatives appointed by those behind the scheme for a greater park system, to get options on land along the mountain face from below the East End Incline to west of Garth street, will report this afternoon at a meeting to be held in the Board of Trade rooms. The scheme is in concise shape now, and, it is expected, will be carried to a successful issue. The city, by purchasing the five acres in Chedoke ravine and accepting W. D. Platt's offer, settled the question of securing the land beyond Garth street. From Garth to Queen streets options have been secured on nearly all the lots along the brow and slope of the mountain. Members of the committee say that the owners with one or two exceptions were most generous in their dealings. It is hoped that the Brantford & Hamilton Railway will donate the lots in its possession. One owner who has a big house and grounds wanted \$15,000. The committee thought this was too steep. The members say they can do without this place if necessary. From Queen to James streets will be a matter for the city to take up with the Government at any time. The idea in closing the deal for the western property at once is to save it from being built on or destroyed.

Although he will make no recommendations for any radical changes, City Engineer Barrow, has some suggestions as to a better distribution of the work, which he will make to the committee appointed to investigate his department with a view to reorganization. "They have proven nothing against the department," Mr. Barrow said this morning. "The things that have been brought up I can and will answer." The engineer says he does not intend doing anything in a rush. The scheme he has in view he will think out carefully, and will not make it public until it goes before the committee.

Ald. Farrar, who made a move at the meeting of the Fire Department Committee the other night to dismis Miles Hunting, caretaker of the filtering basins, is seriously considering asking for City Engineer Barrow's resignation. It is said on pretty good authority that there is not an alderman in the Council who would second such a motion. "Miles Hunting did not deceive me," said the engineer this morning, referring to the remark made by Ald. Farrar, and on which the latter moved for Hunting's dismissal. "I made my report on what I saw, and take all the responsibility for it myself," Mr. Barrow added.

Chief TenEyck, of the Fire Department, said this morning that the wiring of many of the electric signs on the principal streets is imperfect, and in danger of causing fire or loss of life. This is a question that the Fire Underwriters in Toronto have insisted on the authorities taking up, and it is likely that something will be done here.

The Hamilton Radial Railway has abandoned its attempt to force entrance into Toronto, says a despatch from there, and has agreed to insert a clause in the bill which is to come before Parliament at its next session. The City Solicitor wrote the Board of Control today that Hon. J. M. Gibson has agreed to add to the bill the words: "but shall not construct or operate its railway without first obtaining the consent of the municipalities and upon terms to be agreed on with such municipality." He explained that if the company's railway is a street railway it must get the consent of the municipality. This new clause is to safeguard the city in case it is a "railway and not a street railway." The city will offer no opposition to the bill.

The members of the special committee which was to have considered some scheme yesterday afternoon for permanent roads, decided to take copies of the estimates away with them and look them over carefully before tackling the question. Secretary Brennan submitted a statement showing that \$362,847 was needed to pave the streets of which amount \$246,214 was for permanent asphalt and brick pavement and \$116,633 for other roadwork.

A deputation from the Trades and Labor Council will appear before the Fire and Water Committee at its meeting to-night, it is said, and ask for permission to inspect the filtering basins on its own behalf. Mayor Stewart said if he was asked he would refuse to grant the permission. "I have no objection," he said today, "to the Trades and Labor people or anyone else looking at the basins, but I do object to the Council delegating its authority to any one for that purpose."

It was reported at the City Hall today that F. J. Lyne, the contractor, who was to do the carpenter work on the sewerage, had thrown up the job. Chairman Clark did not admit this. He said he stopped the work for half a day himself because he did not understand a certain thing. He told the engineer to instruct Mr. Lyne to proceed with the work then. The contractor, he said, is rather sensitive to the row that was being stirred up over the sewer. If he did not go on with the work, Ald. Clark said, he would be obliged to get another contractor. The job is not to cost more than \$1,400. The Mayor says he would like to see the work done at once, now that it has been begun.

The city officials say Ald. Nicholson is talking through his hat when he complains about being over charged for the work done at the patrol station and cement walks laid on the market. The lowest tender for the sewer work at the patrol station was \$64 for the sewer, receiving basins and iron tops. The city did this for \$41.37. The cost of the cement walks on the market they say was not excessive when it is considered the way the work was hampered on market days.

Mayor Stewart will not be present at

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The two latter branches open on Saturday evenings.

At the meeting of the North End Improvement Society to-morrow night as he has to go out of the city on business in the morning. Some of the other civic chairmen are debating as to whether they will attend or not.

As Mr. Sam Weaver has to vacate his living quarters in Dundurn Castle before December 1, and Harry Marshall does not assume his duties until January 1, the Parks Board has placed the curator, Mrs. Sellery, in charge at Dundurn to look after the Board's property there in the meantime. She has taken up her residence at the castle, and will remain there until Mr. Marshall goes in.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Rev. H. B. Christie, of this city, will preach anniversary services in Caledonia on Sunday, December 15th.

—Rev. R. H. Bell, B. A., of this city, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hallman, Waterlo, over Sunday.

—Mrs. Geo. Brown, of this city, formerly of Waterloo, paid a visit to Mrs. Kumpf and Mrs. McBride, there, on Monday.

—Mr. W. J. Booth, of the Spectator, was called to St. Catharines this afternoon, to the bedside of his mother, who is not expected to live.

—The full 91st band will be the extra-credit attraction at the Alexandra for ladies' night to-night. Balceny warm and comfortable all the time.

—Mrs. Radezyk, widow of the murdered Andrew Radezyk, got Magistrate Jelfs to sign the death certificate of her husband to enable her to draw the \$8000 insurance on his life.

—At Britannia Rink last evening Mr. James Barry, Mr. J. Tester and Mr. G. Beamer, judges, selected L. Young and B. Dayman as the most graceful roller skaters, to skate in the finals on Friday evening.

—In Cairns vs. Westinghouse, an appeal from the order of a local judge adding one Woodhall as a party to the action was dismissed yesterday, at Osgoode Hall. W. J. O'Neill made and T. H. Crear opposed the motion.

—Mr. J. A. Kneale and Mr. W. J. Robinson, secretaries in the Y. M. C. A., left on an early train this morning for Washington, where they will attend the international Y. M. C. A. convention.

—Sam Welch, Kingston, arrested yesterday in Boston on 25 charges of burglary is now well in Ontario as an expert burglar, and is said to have operated in this city, although the local police have never had their hands on him.

—At noon today the local brewers made a cut of 50 cents a barrel on lager beer and 25 cents a barrel on ale. No change was made in the prices of bottled goods, however. Lager is now \$7.50 a barrel, and it was \$7 prior to the raise a short time ago.

—Rev. A. A. Miller, returned missionary from Africa, will give an address of his travels in the fever district, Portuguese East Africa, on Thursday evening, and on Friday evening he will give a stereopticon talk of the field at Olive Branch Mission, 33 King William street.

—When your fingers begin to feel the cold weather get around to waugh's, post office opposite. A big shipment of English make gloves arrived this morning. Specials with fur wrist one fifty; fur-lined two dollars.

—Don't forget the hat sale now on at waugh's; twenty per cent. off the latest hats.

—The public are cordially invited to spend a social evening with the young people's association of Unity Church beginning at 8.15 to-night. Miss Alice May Magly, of Cincinnati, O., and Miss Cora Rand Maguire, of Norwood, O., have kindly consented to give readings and piano solos, which will be a treat to all who hear them. Admission free.

—After eight years as editor and manager of the Tweed Weekly News, Mr. D. B. Taylor has given up that position to go to Woodstock, where he will enter the office of The Sentinel-Review. Mr. Redfern Brown, an old Hamilton boy, formerly of The Belleville Sun and Hamilton Spectator, will take the place vacated by Mr. Taylor. Mr. W. J. Taylor, of Woodstock, still retains the control of the paper, which he obtained fifteen years ago.

Two Wholesale Clothing Firms

Offered us 50c a suit profit to take the whole lot. We said, "No, we want these bargains for our customers, who will surely take advantage of this tremendous sale." We have one line of 103 suits, that are sure worth \$15, which we will sell at \$8.98; another bargain is a pant at \$2.50, well worth \$4. You don't need to be a clothing man to see the big savings. Sale starts Saturday morning—Fralk & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

A Misapprehension. (Toronto Telegram.)

When R. J. Fleming refuses to lay rails to the suburbs, does he realize that he is dooming residents in Hamilton and other outlying districts to keep right on walking into the city?

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.—Strong easterly winds; rain to-night. Thursday, mild and showery.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries:

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