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**EXCELLENT SHOWING**  
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Yesterday afternoon on the Every Day Club grounds there was a demonstration of the kindergarten work accomplished under the supervision of the playground teachers during the summer season. Over a hundred little ones were present and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. A great many of the children's parents were present while several persons

interested in the work of the kindergarten were also there. The great number of little children collected together made a pretty scene of life. Blondes with delicate and pink complexions, laughing blue or brown eyes, and chubby hands, small boys in picturesque costumes with their new-cut and best shirts and duck knee pants, all this was an eloquent and forceful tribute to the grand work accomplished during the summer season and the children's parents looked and felt the debt of gratitude which they owe to the playground teachers and to those whose interest and energetic effort made possible the work.

No special exercises were held and the children were returned to their homes about 5 o'clock.

## PROBING OF MAIN STREET PAVING WORK CONTINUED

At the session of the Main street investigating committee last evening Norman McDonald swore that the figures in the tender of McDonald & McLeod had not been submitted on the advice of Mr. Carleton, though they had been influenced by the cost of the work done by Mr. Carleton of Water street. Mr. Carleton said he had never fathered the idea that the city was only getting 50 per cent. on the whole work—that his statement only applied to the concrete foundation running from Mill to within 20 feet of the Cold Storage building. So far as Mr. Carleton's rather discursive statements could be followed, this would mean that the city was getting poor value on about \$200 worth of work. Mr. Carleton stated that any kind of work could be done by the Hassam process, good, bad or indifferent.

Ald. Potts who was present said the city fathers were making bigger fools of themselves by tearing up the street.

Ald. Holder Sworn. To the mayor he said he was on the Board of works last year. He remembered going over the specifications with the engineer in company with Ald. Sprout. He made a verbal report to the Board of Works, approving the specification. He objected to the clause permitting the use of granite from outside sources, but the Board of Works overruled this. He did not remember noting the clause permitting the engineer to allow an alternative method. He thought it was right that the engineer should be the judge. As a carpenter he knew that architects sometimes made changes in their specifications after consulting with their employers.

Norman McDonald of McLeod & McDonald, was then sworn. To the mayor he said that he was a building contractor, residing at present in St. John. With Mr. McLeod he was a tenderer for the Main street contract. Q.—Had you any discussions with Mr. Carleton over this tender?

A.—None whatever.  
Q.—Do you know Mr. Palmer?  
A.—Yes.  
Q.—Had you a conversation with Mr. Palmer in the Victoria Hotel?  
A.—Not particularly. I believe he was present.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with Mr. Palmer about the tenders?  
A.—I had no conversation with him on this matter.

Ald. Holder—Did you have any conversation with Mr. Low about the work before or after the opening of the tenders?

A.—Yes, I believe I had several conversations. Previous to the award of the tenders, I met Mr. Low on Prince William street. Mr. Low asked if I had his figures made up; I said yes. Then Mr. Low said it was useless for anybody to figure against him; that he knew his work and would bet \$500 that he would get the contract. Other tenderers were fools to go up against a company with their experience.

Ald. White—Did he say he had any pull?

A.—Oh, no.

Ald. Holder—Or that he had any aldermen at his back?

A.—No.

Influenced by Mr. Carleton's Work.

To Ald. Jones he said that at the conversation in the Victoria hotel, Mr. Clark, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Rutherford were present. He said that he had figured that the work could be done for \$3.85. Someone asked why he had put in a tender for \$4.85. He said that he had been influenced by the cost of the work done by Mr. Carleton on Water street. He did not say that he had been influenced by Mr. Carleton's advice. After some further conversation Mr. Clark had remarked: "I told you so. Mr. Carleton is in with them."

To Ald. Hayes he said he had not done much road work, though he had been with men who had done road work. At present he thought the city had evidence that he was endeavoring to be a contractor. His partnership with Mr. McLeod began a short time before they tendered for the Main street work. He had some technical and practical knowledge of concrete.

The mayor—Who done the figuring for the job?  
A.—I think I did.  
Ald. White—The only trouble was you took Mr. Carleton's figures for Water street?

A.—We didn't take Mr. Carleton's figures, but we were influenced by the cost of work done by him.

To Ald. Holder he said he had figured according to the specifications.

A. R. G. Clark Recalled.

A. R. G. Clark was recalled to the mayor he said he was present at the Victoria hotel when the street paving matter was discussed. In the course of conversation Mr. McDonald said Mr. Carleton had given him the price of \$4.85 or \$4.86 and that he would have secured the contract if he had put in for his own figures.

The mayor—You're on your oath?

A.—Mr. McDonald said he got the figures from Mr. Carleton.

Another Man Tells of It.

Fred Rutherford was sworn. He said he was foreman of the excavation and retaining wall work. He was present at the tea party in the Victoria hotel. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Clark were in conversation. Mr. McDonald said he figured on \$3.85 but Mr. Carleton told him his amount was too low and he had raised it to \$4.86. He gathered from the conversation that Mr. Carleton was in with McDonald and McLeod.

Ald. White—Has there been any rehearsing along the lines of Mr. Palmer's evidence?

A.—No, Mr. Palmer is in my room mate, but he said nothing about his evidence.

Geo. Palmer was recalled. He said he had had two conversations with Mr. McDonald. He had visited Mr. McDonald's room in Sydney, N. S. At this time the conversation was practically the same as that which had taken place in the Victoria hotel.

The Ex-Inspector Again.

Mr. Carleton was recalled. To Ald. White he said the city was paying \$1 for 50 cent work.

Q.—Is that an offhand estimate, or have you made any figures?

A.—Any practical man could form an opinion.

Ald. White—The papers make you say that you make a positive statement?

Mr. Carleton—I've given my opinion.

Ald. White—Can you give us some figures to verify your statement?

Mr. Carleton—I did not understand the Hassam process, but I stood there long enough to know that owing to the rolling the voids would be small and the amount of cement would be reduced. All depends on the operator. With that machine you can give any kind of work, good or bad.

Ald. White—Will you swear that the city is only getting 50 per cent. value?

Mr. Carleton—Why should I swear it?

Ald. White—Then why do you make the statement?

Mr. Carleton—It is my opinion.

To Ald. Hayes the ex-inspector said his statement that the city was only getting 50 per cent. value, only applied to the foundation of the pavement extending up to within about 20 feet of the cold storage building.

But Mr. Carleton did not know what proportion of the \$9,500 spent on the street exclusive of the retaining wall, would be affected by his statement. He said a barrel of cement should be used to 7 yards of broken stone.

To Ald. Hayes, Mr. Murdoch said the concrete here would cost about one-fifth of the street work.

Ald. Hayes—According to Mr. Carleton then the city is only getting poor value on a fifteen hundred dollars worth of work.

Mr. Garvey said that he was satisfied with Mr. Carleton's statement that a barrel of cement covered about seven yards. The Hassam company was using one barrel of cement to 6 1/2 yards.

Mr. Garvey—Mr. Carleton presents no figures to support opinion uttered in spleen and malice. The only trouble was that on the first day when the stone had been rolled before grouting one barrel of cement did eleven yards. At the same time the samples taken out will stand a good test.

Mr. Carleton—The contractors get the stone for nothing. All they have to do is to haul the stone away from the lime burners.

Mr. Carleton said he thought it a shame that some practical men had not been brought in to give an opinion. He was practically alone while the witnesses on the other side were all interested.

To the Mayor he said cement consisted of iron, lime and clay.

Mr. Low—Where do you get the iron? On the outside of the barrel?

Must Fix Responsibility.

The Mayor at this point said that it would no doubt be possible to get an engineer to give an opinion that the work was not concrete, though Mr. Dodwell had given it his opinion that it was. The question, before them was this, some samples had been taken up that were not in accordance with the specifications, or what the city was paying for. They had to fix the blame for this defective work, equally as he had no axe to grind, and was only anxious to fix the responsibility upon the right party.

Ald. Baxter Sworn.

Ald. Baxter was then sworn. To the Mayor he said a friend of his told him of a gentleman having the opinion that he had drawn an agreement that would be improper, but the fact was that he had not drawn any agreement for the contractor. Previously he had done some business for Mr. Clark, not having any connection with the city. It had been suggested to him that he should take Mr. Low's private legal business, but owing to the contract with the city, he had declined to take his business. On many other occasions he had felt obliged to refuse requests for professional service. He would think that while people might reasonably differ from his public views and actions, his public and private conduct ought to entitle him to public confidence until his guilt was proved. He believed the people personally had confidence in him.

Continuing he said the whole controversy seemed to arise from the inability of the people to keep up with the times—a portion of the community were apparently shocked by the introduction of labor saving machinery. Personally he was ready to answer any question that might affect his position.

Ald. White—Define concrete.

Ald. Baxter—"In one of the small band who are not experts."

Ald. Potts wanted Ald. Baxter's opinion as to whether the city would have to pay for replacing the strips of concrete taken out.

The Mayor—The contract, with the evidence before the committee, is in the hands of the Recorder for the time being. He will give us an opinion on that point.

Ald. Potts—I think we are making bigger fools of ourselves every day.

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