

KEEP CARS ON KING ST. EAST.

Ratepayers Would Hear of No Other Suggestion Last Night.

Company Would Do This If Given Same Rights as on Wilson St.

Nothing Will be Done Till Mr. MacKellan is Back in His Office.

The conference arranged last night by Mayor Biggar with reference to the request of the Cataract Power Co. for certain privileges in connection with the establishing of the proposed terminal station, was productive of nothing more serious than talk. The meeting, which was held in the Council chamber, was largely attended and the residents on the streets that would be affected, made it very plain to the Council and the officials of the company that they were vigorously opposed to a new track being laid on Catharine street and any more cars running down Main street. The suggestions of the speakers were that the company should use King street east for all its cars and abandon Main street. The argument of the company against this was that the congested traffic on King street would not permit of the successful operation of a line like the H. G. and B. or the Radial. Mr. Levy, solicitor for the company, advanced the argument too, that the rails were not heavy enough to operate cars like those which are run on the Radial. To this argument the residents quickly retorted that it was an easy matter for the company to put down heavier rails. The Mayor seemed to be satisfied with what had been accomplished at the meeting. He thought the aldermen and the ratepayers were in possession of a lot of information that could have been acquired in no other way. Nothing will be done in the matter until the City Solicitor returns to his office. J. W. Nesbitt, K. C., assured the Council that Mr. MacKellan would be on duty in the absence of Mr. Bell and J. G. Farmer spoke for residents on Catharine street.

At the outset the Mayor explained his object in calling the meeting and he was satisfied that the question could be better and more speedily dealt with in this way than in any other. The whole Council would be in a position to understand what the company wanted right from the start and could deal with it more intelligently when the recommendations of the committees by which it would be considered, came before the Council. He asked Mr. Nesbitt to explain his connection with the city's side of the case in view of a paragraph which had appeared in an evening paper reflecting on Mr. Nesbitt's connection with the legal business of the Council.

Mr. Nesbitt explained that he had been looking over some legal matters in connection with the city, chiefly the conspiracy charges against the members of last year's Council, during the absence of Mr. MacKellan. He had absolutely nothing to do with the subject under discussion. Mr. MacKellan, who had been ill for some time, was now practically recovered. Mentally he was as keen as ever and perfectly able to look after the city's interest in the present question. Mayor Biggar assured the aldermen and ratepayers that the city's interests would be absolutely protected as far as legal advice was concerned. If Mr. MacKellan was unable to handle the case then the best legal advice possible would be secured. At present they had simply met to hear just what the proposition was and what reasons might be offered against it.

Mr. Levy briefly stated that the company wanted a right of way up Catharine street from Gore to the new terminal station which would be built on the corner of Main and Catharine streets. The company asked for the privilege of putting down a number of switches into the station on Main and King streets and also to lay a track down Sanford avenue to Wilson street.

Mayor Biggar invited any of the residents to question Mr. Levy as they saw fit.

Mr. Bell said he was representing Mr. Temple, of Catharine street, more particularly. He had strong objections to the company using Catharine street, and for the life of him he would not see why the company could not use King street and Sanford avenue and leave Catharine street alone. He thought the company would find it difficult to make out that that there would be any congestion of traffic by reason of the cars going down King street. In large cities this certainly was not a difficulty. In Montreal and in Toronto, where the traffic was much heavier than in Hamilton there was no trouble. Catharine street was only 24 feet wide, from curb to curb and it surely was absurd to talk of laying a track along a thoroughfare of that width. The company had already destroyed too many streets and it was time the Council called a halt. How the company was going to get over the difficulty at the corner of King and Catharine streets, was more than he could figure out.

He would like to ask Mr. Levy what valid objection the company had to going down King street.

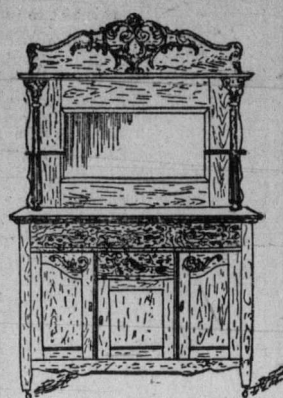
Mr. Levy replied that the chief objection was that the Radial cars could not be run on the street railway tracks.

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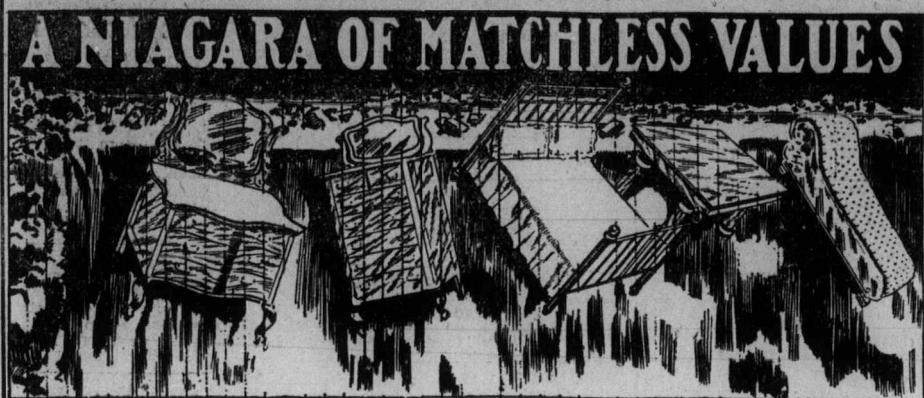
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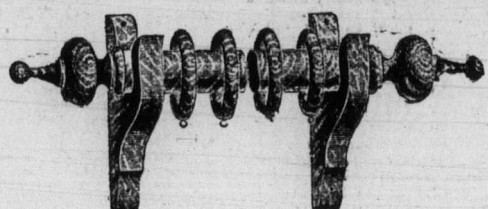
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Moreover, it would be impossible to run a fast line down King street.

S. F. Washington, for the property owners on Main street, said that had he had to state the company's request.

It looked very simple from Mr. Levy's viewpoint, but the consequences would be far-reaching if they were carried out. Hamilton was fast becoming a metropolis, and it was time for the city fathers to consider seriously some scheme whereby all electric railways should be compelled to enter on one street. There was not a solitary reason that Mr. Washington could think of why the company could not confine its cars to one street, King street east. The H. G. & B. had defied the city for years, and conditions on Main street were bad enough by reason of it at present, but these would be worse when it was turned into a fast freight line, which the present proposal meant. The moment the company was given running facilities such as it asked on Main street, there would be all manner of traffic on that street. The next thing it would be asking for would be the privilege to double track Main street and then Main street would be ruined for all purposes. When the franchise was given to the H. G. & B. it had never been contemplated that a large system should run over Main street. Mr. Washington urged the Council to compel the company to run over King street. If another line of cars was run down Main street it would injure the churches along that thoroughfare. The building of a new school was in contemplation by the people of St. Patrick's Church, and it would be a serious matter if more cars were run near the school.

Rev. Father Coty, for the people of St. Patrick's Church, emphasized what Mr. Washington had stated. He thought it would be an outrage if the company was allowed to run excursion cars on Sunday and all hours of the day and night down Main street. The one great argument he would advance why the request should not be granted was hinted at by Mr. Washington, and that was the danger it would be to the children who would attend the new school. To have them sandwiched in between two tracks,

one on King street and the other on Main, would certainly be a constant menace.

David Morton thought it was a shame that ratepayers were compelled to pay for legal advice to have their rights protected, when the City Council should be trusted to conserve their interests. The company could not run its cars down King street he thought was trashy. If the company would put down heavier rails there would be no trouble to run the Radial cars over. It was about time the city made the company put the street railway system into proper repair. No village in the country had a worse service. The racket made by the cars was fearful, and they went along like rocking horses.

John A. Clark asked the aldermen to protect the citizens' rights. If this concession was granted it certainly meant a big decrease in the value of property along the streets affected.

Hugh S. Brennan spoke in similar terms.

Mr. Carswell did not want to see the cars go down Sanford avenue. There was a track at present on Wentworth street, and why pass that? His client, Mr. Haskins, had a valuable business on Sanford avenue, and the running of heavy cars down that street would mean the loss of thousands of barrels of wine by the vibration and noise. The proposition to confine the company to King street east was a good one, if heavy rails were laid.

Mr. Bell again spoke in the interest of Mr. Temple. This was one of the largest livery businesses in the city, and had been established for fifty years. If the track were laid in the 24-foot strip that served for a road in front of Mr. Temple's place, it just meant that the business would be ruined, as the passing of cars in a lane like that would result in it being unsafe for people to drive out of the barns. Mr. Bell strongly urged the Council to compel the company to use King street. There would not be as many cars on King street in the next thirty years as were passing at the present time to and fro on Yonge street

in Toronto, and no complaints had been made there about the congestion of traffic. It would be a cruel and an unjust thing to allow the company to lay a track on a 24-foot strip on Catharine street.

J. G. Farmer, for the Catharine street people, backed up Mr. Bell's arguments.

Mr. Trenaman, of the Domestic Specialty Co., whose premises are located on Catharine street, near Rebecca, said he could scarcely believe the company was serious in its contemplation of laying a track on Catharine street between King and King William. The man who proposed it should be sent to Dr. Russell. If the track was laid it would seriously interfere with the operations of his firm.

Mr. N. D. Galbreath made a strong plea for the Main street residents. That street was one of the most valuable in the city, and the best outlet to the east end.

Being pressed for another reason why King street could not be successfully used, Mr. Levy replied that his company would have no objection to going down King street, provided it was given the same rights as it had on Gore and Wilson streets.

Ald. Macleod—Why is there such haste to press this question?

Mr. Levy explained that the writers of the bonds wanted it settled by Feb. 17, but he had written asking them to extend the time, and he thought this might possibly be done. It was not the intention of the company to carry freight over the new road.

Asked if the company would consider recompensing the residents on Catharine street for any damage that might be sustained, he said it was out of the question entirely.

Ald. Findlay suggested that special legal advice be secured. There were times when valuable franchises were granted and the best interests of the city were not conserved.

Mayor Biggar said he was assured that Mr. MacKellan would be in his office in a day or two, and would be perfectly capable of handling the question.

Ald. Howard thought nothing should be done until Mr. MacKellan returned.

The Mayor asked that the question of securing legal advice be left to him and Ald. Main.

Ald. Main suggested that as the company was in a position to know the mind of the people interested on the subject that the matter be laid over for a while to give the company a chance of arriving at another solution.

The meeting then adjourned, it being understood that the question will be threshed out, on the return of the City Solicitor, by the Finance Committee and Board of Works.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION WORK.

The Y. M. C. A. Social and Reception Committee met last evening, and decided upon another monthly reception for March 6. A small committee was appointed to open correspondence with some of the church Young People's Societies with a view to securing their co-operation in entertaining the employees and employees of one of the large manufacturing industries. Votes of thanks were passed to the Zion Tabernacle Young People's Society for the splendid reception given on Jan. 30, also to the gentlemen from the Westinghouse Company, who assisted so materially with the musical programme, with a splendid gramophone. Members of the committee were delegated to reception work in the building each evening of the week.

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MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Mr. Wills Pleased.

A large audience at the Grand last night was very much amused with the clever work of a comedian, who is a stranger to local theatre-goers. Nat M. Wills has a reputation of being one of the best monologue artists in the profession and his work last night demonstrated that this was true. His talk and parodies were exceptionally clever. At the prices the show is a good one, the scenic effects and costuming being of a high class. A number of song hits were introduced.

At Grand To-night.

"Peggy From Paris" will be at the Grand to-night. Much has been said of this musical play and all in praise. It ran four months in New York five months in Boston and three in Chicago. It must of necessity be of the right sort else it would not have been sufficiently popular to attain those records. George Ade is the author of the book and lyrics. No further assurance is needed of the wit, satire and humor in the play. It compels laughter and is constant in brightness, movement and gaiety. The music is decidedly tuneful and catchy. It was written by William Lorraine and J. A. Raynes.

Seats for Uncle Tom.

The most favored play on the American stage to-day is Uncle Tom's Cabin, which will be seen at the Grand on Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee. It will be presented by Al. Martin's large company and celebrated scenic equipment. Seats are now on sale.

Lawrence D'Orsay.

Daniel Frohman will present Lawrence D'Orsay in Augustus Thomas' latest play "The Embassy Ball," at the Grand on Wednesday of next week. Mr. Thomas has for the past six or seven years been giving to theatregoers one new play every year; "The Embassy Ball" is his latest. The scenes of this play are located at Washington, D. C. Politics and fashionable society are the predominant features of the comedy. Mr. D'Orsay plays the part of the military attaché at the British Embassy. He is engaged to two American girls at the same time. There are three love stories running through the play from beginning to end. It is said to be one of the most pleasing comedies Mr. Thomas has ever written.

A Wonderful Act.

The Eight Cornellas, who are appearing at the Star Theatre this week give about the best acrobatic act in America. They perform the most difficult stunts, with wonderful ease. The little lady of the act seems to be made of air. The way she does half and full twisters and double somersaults from one man's shoulder to another standing two and three high is simply marvelous. No one should miss seeing this act. There will be a matinee for ladies to-morrow afternoon, when 10c will admit to best seats.

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HANNAH STREET METHODIST LADIES ARE PROGRESSIVE.

A very successful missionary gathering was held by the Women's Missionary Society of Hannah Street Methodist Church, at the residence of A. W. Semmens, 30 Stanley avenue, last night. The husbands of the members were present, and the audience was large. Mrs. Thomas Allan, President, was in the chair. Interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Strachan, field corresponding secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada, who spoke of her recent visit to Japan, and by Mrs. Crawford, district organizer.

Following was the musical programme: Piano solo, Mrs. W. B. Caswell, Brantford; quartette, Miss McNicol, Miss Nellie Tope, J. E. Woodell and David Tope; chorists, Glory Song, led by Rev. H. G. Livingston; duet, Miss Nellie Tope and David Tope; solo, Rev. H. G. Livingston; solo, Mrs. Bobb; solo, Rev. Mr. Livingston; solo, Mrs. Cameron Beggs; A. J. Stone was the accompanist.

A "self-restraint box," instituted a year ago, when the late Mrs. Semmens entertained the ladies of the society at her home, was opened. In this connection the president made feeling reference to the death of Mrs. Semmens. In addition to the contents of the box, there was a generous individual gift and a liberal collection, the total being \$60.

Refreshments were served. Dr. Gillrie, the recording steward, announced that the pastor, Rev. The Rev. J. Parr, who is very ill, had sent his best wishes for the success of the gathering. Mrs. Allan expressed the thanks of the ladies to Mr. Semmens and Mrs. E. E. Peacock for so kindly entertaining them and the gentlemen.

It was agreed that a mission band should be organized and a committee promised to assist the ladies in connection therewith.

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