

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

His Worship the Mayor read a letter he had received from the Prince, thanking him for the kind attention paid by His Worship in accompanying H. R. H. to all the Festivals and Concerts.

The Mayor, in a neat and appropriate speech, disclaimed any design against the Western Division of the city at the next general election, and hoped the Council would reduce the salary of his office to £300.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

COUN. G. W. STEPHENS—That water-tight coffins be presented to each of the members of Council, and that the expense thereof be paid out of the revenue derived from the Recorder's Court.

COUN. KAY—That an Inspector of Lumber Merchants' Accounts, as furnished to the Corporation by firms represented in the Council, be appointed. Also, that the by-law on sidewalks, allowing householders to retain four inches in depth of snow before their respective properties, be changed so as to allow them to keep it twelve inches in depth.

ALD. DAVID—That all future expropriations be conducted on a cash principle:

Also, that all the members of the Union St. Joseph Society be exempted from taxation:

(The worthy Alderman being President of this Society, this is looked upon as a bid for the Mayoralty.)

ALD. BERNARD—That the license law be changed so that taverns, &c., should be closed at half-past nine, or later:

Also, that Sub-Chief Hughes be granted unlimited leave of absence to visit foreign countries, and there examine the various athletic practices, Isthmian games, &c., and report at length thereon.

ALD. RODDEN—A variety of amendments, too numerous to mention.

COUN. MCSHANE—That the horses owned by the Road Committee be sold, and replaced by jackasses, or any other slow beasts of burthen, horned or otherwise, (not members of the Corporation):

That a dollar and fifty cents each, be presented to his (Coun. McShane's) constituents, as a New Year's Gift:

Also, that the Mayor be ordered to employ immediately, (and pay out of his own pocket,) four thousand day laborers, whether there is anything for them to do or not:

(This Councillor is evidently aspiring to the leadership of his people.)

COUN. JORDAN—That the Corporation lumber be purchased at the wharf as it arrives.

COUN. HENDERSON—That Nicholson pavement be adopted generally, and that the rule prohibiting Councillors from contracting, directly or indirectly, be rescinded.

COUN. MCGAUVRAN—That the Aqueduct be enlarged by building another canal, double the size of the present one:

Also, that Reports on the Water Question be prepared by all the eminent Engineers in Europe, and that each Engineer be furnished with a copy of Alderman Rodden's pamphlet on the same subject.

ALD. DEVLIN—That Commissioners for the great Central Park be appointed, with power to add to their number:

Also, that an additional steam engine be purchased immediately, on the non-condensing principle, as proposed in a late report:

Also, that the oratorical members of the Council, including Councillors Jordan, Munro, and McShane, be hereafter compelled to make their speeches on the condensing principle.

COUN. LYMAN—That new self-acting fire alarm boxes be purchased, capable of shewing which member of the Fire Brigade was at the fire before it occurred:

Also, that the present Fire Commissioners be discharged,

and their places filled by some of the Aldermen and an ex-Acting Mayor of Brooklyn celebrity,—men always ready and willing to immolate themselves upon their country's altar.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Who built the Drill Shed; how much did it cost over and above the estimates; and what did the extra work consist of?

How much money has been spent in excavating Little St. James' street, and how little in repairing Notre Dame and Great St. James' streets?

If it takes seven years to pick a little hole in the stone quarry at the base of the Mountain, at an expense of \$80,000, how long will it take to finish it? And how much will it cost? And will the Youngest Inhabitant's children drink any water flowing from this charming reservoir extension?

If Alderman Rodden were to leave the council who would take charge of our finances?

If Councillor Lyman were to give up the Fire Department what would become of us, and who would look after Perry?

If Councillor McGauvran were to resign, would the proposed extension be carried out?

Is Councillor Kay in earnest about the sidewalk question?

Is Alderman Devlin sound on the Park question, and will he vote for a small one if he can't get a large one?

Will Alderman Bastien answer the Drill Shed question?

All these questions being answered satisfactorily, Councillor McShane moved an adjournment, which was carried unanimously.

A SERIOUS PARAGRAPH.

DIOGENES was present at an entertainment given by the Working Men's Society one evening last week. The Rev. Mr. Corder delivered a sound, thoughtful and suggestive lecture on the late George Peabody,—a lecture which the intelligent portion of the audience listened to with marked attention. The Cynic felt, however, not a little "riled" at the conduct of a few lads, who were not only inattentive themselves, but the cause of inattention in others by their ill-timed and childish levity. They were not, as might be supposed, of the street-arab class, but young men becomingly attired, and from whom more decorous conduct might have been expected.

On the same evening, within the walls of McGill University, the conduct of some of the students attending a public lecture by Professor Cornish, was, it is said, so reprehensible that it brought down a cutting rebuke from the Principal.

The punishment following upon such behaviour ought to be summary and severe. Policemen should be stationed in lecture rooms, as well as in circuses and theatres, and those who are guilty of improper conduct should be forcibly removed and fined or imprisoned.

While on this subject the Cynic would also protest against the present almost universal custom of a certain noisy few in every audience, insisting on the repetition and re-repetition of songs,—*encoring* as it is called. It has become a nuisance to both performer and audience, and should be "stamped out."

ADVISABLE.

Jacques & Hay, the eminent cabinet-makers of Toronto, will be blind, dumb and deaf to their own interests if they do not immediately, and at any cost, secure the services of J. A. M., the Knight of the Jovial Countenance, who has again given indubitable proof that, although rather unsteady at times, he is unapproachable both at making and mending.

HERALDIC.—Device for a sausage-maker:—Two sausages rampant and the motto, "Cave Canem."