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Rebuilding and Alteration Sale.

We want to make room for the carpenters at once. In order to do so we will start our sale on Saturday and continue it until the required space is vacant. The following are a few items we will enumerate:

Curtain Poles, complete with wood trimmings, 25c. Oil Window Shades—cut prices in every line. Brass and Zinc Oilcloth Binding at 20c and 25c per package of 6 yards with corner pieces and nails. Carpet Tacks, 2 papers for 5c. Grand Rapids Carpet Sweepers, \$1.89. Brooms of all kinds—Toy Brooms, 5c; Large Brooms, 10c. The Lightning Wringers, best in the market, prices away down. Toilet Soaps, 3 cakes for 5c. Butter milk Complexion, 10c per box of 3 cakes. Hyacinth, 10c per box. 15 bars of Electric Soap, 25c. 3 large Laundry Bars, 25c. Champion, 3 bars, 10c. Chair Seats, round or square, 10c. Chair Nails, brass headed, 10c per 100. We have a beautiful line of Hampers for holding soiled clothes, made of willow, very strong, at \$1.25. We have received a large stock of Gentlemen's Gloves, suitable for workmen, as well as best, which we will sell at a very low price. Come and examine for yourself. A special line of Spectacles just in, which we are going to sell at ridiculously low price of 10c with case.

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200 Dundas Street.

PHONE 883.

Work in the Wards.

No Money for Any Further Improvements.

Ward Four's Account Overdrawn by Nearly \$40—Carling Street Declared To Be "A Mud-hole"—Applications for New Walks Denied.

From the present outlook it is not likely that anything more will be undertaken by the board of works, as the funds are low and what remains of the appropriations will be consumed in paying outstanding accounts and for public works as yet not charged up to the wards. Aid. Cooper's account is overdrawn some \$39 already, but he still advocates expenditure in No. 4 ward.

At last night's meeting of the committee, H. Porter drew attention to the condition of Carling street, west of Ridout street, which, he said, was "a veritable mud-hole." He asked that something be done.

Aid. O'Meara moved that it be referred to the engineer to report. In his opinion it would only take a few loads of gravel.

Aid. Cooper—Till move that the matter be filed. There are no funds.

Aid. O'Meara's motion carried. Aid. Cooper and Carrothers voting against it.

H. A. Kingsmill applied for a plank walk on the west side of Clarence street, in front of his new block.

Aid. Cooper moved that the petition be filed. There was no money. The members for the ward knew an aid would have to be laid, and they should have left money for it.

Aid. O'Meara said it would not cost much, and he would favor doing it, because Mr. Kingsmill had expended a large amount of money. He moved that it be referred to the engineer.

Aid. O'Meara's amendment carried. Aid. Cooper and Carrothers opposing it.

W. B. Minihick, in a communication, said the damage to his property by the widening of High street, exceeded greatly the compensation made by the city, and asked to be exempted from payment of frontage tax, as his property did not front on High street, and he received no benefit from it.

The engineer was instructed to report on the matter.

The memo. from the council, "That out of the appropriation at present to the credit of No. 4 ward, the engineer be instructed to lay sidewalks on Waterloo street north and Helmut avenue, half-blocks, and fix the grade on Central avenue, between Colborne and Cartwright streets, as directed by No. 2 committee," was taken up.

Aid. Cooper explained to the committee that there was money enough to do this work, because the statement of ward expenditure showed that the walk on Queen's avenue, between Colborne and Maitland streets, and on King street, had been charged up at the time the work was done.

Aid. Parnell explained that it had not, and in this he was corroborated by Secretary Bell. Aid. Parnell read a statement from Treasurer Pope, as follows:

"In compliance with your request, I beg leave to advise you that the statement of expenditure submitted to your committee each week is only for the amount of actual cash paid out, and does not include any amounts contracted for, and not paid." Another part of the statement was as follows: "The amounts to be charged for plank walk on Queen's avenue, between Colborne and Maitland streets, and on King street, from Wellington to Waterloo, and Burwell, from Dundas to King, as an allowance for the asphalt walks on the streets have not been charged against the wards in which these streets are located."

Aid. Parnell then read from the engineer's statement the amounts yet to be charged to this year's appropriation. On the walk on Queen's avenue, \$29.24, with an additional \$40 to be charged for the walk in front of Mr. Spencer's place, both in No. 4 ward, on the King street walk, 72 feet on King street, and on the walk on Waterloo street, same length as on Queen's avenue, \$292.64, and on Burwell street, \$116.60. He pointed out that No. 4 ward had been charged \$49.89 for work done, and after adding the \$293.64, and then subtracting the ward appropriation of \$116.60, the balance was \$276.93.

Aid. O'Meara—You fellows had better look out.

Aid. Cooper urged that the plank walk be laid on the Burwell street, as it had been promised. The chairman had stated that some funds were left.

Aid. Parnell said that he did not know that some of these charges stood against those funds, and I said afterwards, and I say now, that no more work can be done on any of the wards without overdrawn the accounts, which I won't be a party to.

Aid. Carrothers said that work should be done. It was much needed, and he moved to that effect.

Turning to Aid. O'Meara, Aid. Cooper said: "I know you won't oppose that, Steve, after it has been promised."

Aid. O'Meara—He wouldn't let me have a couple of loads of gravel a little while ago. You told me then, Aid. Cooper, that we knew that plank walk was to be laid on the Burwell street, and we should have left funds for it. Now I tell you the same thing. You knew that had been promised, and why didn't you keep funds?

Aid. O'Meara moved that the work be not done, and this carried, on a vote of Aid. Johnston, O'Meara and Nixons.

Aid. Cooper and Carrothers opposing it.

Aid. Carrothers was greatly displeased with the way Aid. Johnston had voted. He grew red in the face, threw down his pen and exclaimed: "What did you vote to have the other walk put down for if there were no funds? Why don't you be a man?"

Mr. Keenleyside's petition for a sidewalk was filed. Aid. Parnell explained that in walks the amount of \$94.60 had been expended in 1896 and this year \$47.20 had been spent for the same purpose. Mr. Keenleyside's taxes were only \$80, and for the last two years it had all been expended in front of his property on Alma and Nelson streets.

J. P. Cook protested against being fined \$20 by the magistrate for having a streamer across the street at fair time, and asked that the money be refunded. He also asked that something be done in the matter, so as to prevent a recurrence of such action.

Engineer Graydon said he had always granted permission to those who wished it to put streamers and other decorations at fair time.

It was decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the engineer.

Aid. Cooper moved that the engineer be instructed to give the grades on Central avenue, between Cartwright and Colborne streets. New houses were going up, and the people wanted boulevards and sidewalks, but didn't know where they were going to be put. Referred to the engineer.

Aid. Carrothers moved that the sidewalk on York street, between Waterloo and Colborne streets, be torn up, to prevent any possible accident to pedestrians by which the city could be let in for damages. This carried.

The bylaw re private drain connections was read, some amendments proposed, and laid over until next meeting.

J. W. G. Winnett, in a communication, stated that he had been instructed to issue a writ against the city for \$300 damages to property at 117 and 119 Wellington street. He consented to leave the matter over until after the next meeting of the council before issuing the writ. The engineer was instructed to report upon the matter.

Following is a statement of cash paid for work on streets in each ward to date:

Ward 1 \$3,054 70
Wellington street improvement 755 89

Ward 2 2,810 59
Ward 3 4,312 55
Ward 4 3,805 65
Ward 5 2,390 88
Ward 6 4,171 56
Ward 6 3,359 94

Total \$23,851 07
Wellington street improvement 1,353 44
Paid for stone for crushing 3,185 84
Expenses of stone roller 329 41
Expenses of stone crusher 2,842 38

Grand total \$31,662 59

Those present were: Aid. Parnell (chairman), Aid. Johnston, Nixons, Carrothers, Cooper, O'Meara and the engineer.

The Great Western.

Interesting Sketch of the Pioneer Railway.

At Its Initiation—A Description of the Road in 1854.

The International Journal of Jan. 28, 1854, published at Boston and New York, contains a lively account of the opening of the Great Western Railway and a detailed description of the road itself.

The Journal pronounced the Great Western Railway, which was 223 miles long, as forming one of the most important of all the routes between the Atlantic and Pacific. Its benefit to American shipping was highly recognized, and at that early date. The Journal continues:

"The road was projected eight years ago, and had to experience its full share of the difficulty usually attendant upon such an enterprise. Its cost has been about eight millions of dollars, about one million of which was subscribed in Canada, about one million in the United States, and nearly a million by the British government; the remainder has been raised by the sale of stock and bonds in Great Britain."

"The road is in some respects remarkably favorable. Ninety-five per cent of its whole distance is perfectly straight, and the curve on the remaining distance are mostly very slight."

"A distance of 183 miles is either entirely level or exhibits inclinations of less than five feet per mile; and the slopes on the remainder are mostly less than twenty feet per mile. The summit is 360 feet above the western terminus, the maximum grade on the west side of which is twenty feet per mile, and on the eastern side of the latter it is only one foot per mile, the latter of which is all confined to a distance within twelve miles of Hamilton."

The soil east of London is generally composed of sand and gravel, with a few patches of clay. For some twelve or twenty miles west of Chatham the road passes through low, wet prairies, and was built at great expense, being taken for its grading, leveling, and grading, and by the cost of the dams, or hailed, over a long distance, from the lake shore. For a mile and a half the line crosses the Niagara river, and then runs along the western shore of the lake.

"Near London, and also both east and west of Hamilton, are many heavy excavations and embankments. Over the Twenty-Mile Creek is a bridge 1,200 feet in length, and 80 ft in height, and not far distant is another 800 feet in length of the same height."

"The line is laid with a single track, but its culverts and bridges are so constructed as to admit of a double track when one shall be required. The gauge is five feet and a half, and there, I believe, exclusively Canadian. The engineers of the road are mostly American contractors, are Americans. Two or three of the directors of the company have been of the same nationality."

"The locomotive engineers are Americans and English; the conductors Scotch, as also most of the subordinates. The locomotives were built at Schenectady or Lowell; the cars, which are very spacious and elegant, were made in the province, and at Hamilton. The rails weigh from 65 to 80 pounds to the yard, and not having been subject to tariff duties, most of them like the present least than the price of similar iron in the United States. The fare on the route is 3 cents a mile, which is 1 cent more than most northern roads in our country. It is expected that the entire 223 miles from Niagara to Detroit will be run in eight hours, and the entire distance between Chicago and Albany, 387 miles, by nearly a straight line, in 29 hours."

A suspension bridge connecting the line with the Rochester and Niagara road, is in process of construction. Through it extends directly over the present suspension bridge for general travel, it is not connected with the latter at all, its heavy stone abutments being built outside, and the wire-work some fifteen feet above, being entirely independent. It will have two cables, one on each side, each of the strongest twisted wire, and nine inches in diameter. The present bridge has eight cables, four on each side, each about two inches in diameter. The bridge will be well made, I doubt not, but whether it will be well traveled is another question. Money will suffice for the former, but something more is requisite for the latter, and something which I hardly know how the company will supply. I mean plus; for the passengers; for however pleasant riding on a rail may be on terra firma, this fitting on a stick, whether a broom-stick or an iron stick, two hundred feet over an abyss blacker and fiercer than Achéron, for a good long time, or two, is a different matter."

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Mrs. E. Winkworth, Morrison street, Niagara Falls, Ont., says: "I was attacked by kidney trouble about two years ago, and steadily grew worse until November last, when I became so low that I thought I would live only a short time longer. The doctor here pronounced my case a complication of Bright's disease and dropsy, and said I could not get well. Dr. MacDonald advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, as it was my only chance to get well. I did so, and now I truly say I owe my life to following his advice, for I am strong and well today. My kidneys have been spared to my three children, and I think Doan's Pills are worth their weight in gold."

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