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TO RECOGNIZE

Ouestion Debated by the Civic Board of Works at Meeting held Last Evening.

Engineer Jones will Investigate -Asphalt Paving Projects Discussed.

The civic Board of Works met last vening. Richard Bangham, of Windor, was present at the meeting in the interests of the Ontario Asphalt Block Paving Co. The asphalt block is made in different sizes. The blocks are made from the hardest stone to be found. It is secured at the copper mines and comes from a mile below the surface. The blocks are heavier than a solid piece of granite of the

Mr. Bangham stated that Windsor had put in this asphalt pavement and it was wearing splendidly. Windsor, however, had made a mistake in not putting in a concrete foundation. In places where the soil was such as it places where the soil was such as it was in Windsor or Chatham, no payement should be put down without a concrete foundation. Mr. Bangham has had several years experience as a pavement contractor and over fourteen years experience on the Windsor Board of Works.

The beauty of the asphalt block pavement is that it improves with age and it is practically noiseless. It has been laid in both Windsor and Detroit, and has proved very satisfactory. It stands both the winter and the heavy traffic. Mr. Bangham quoted the price of asphalt blocks at \$1.50 per square yard, just for the block, to be measured when laid. The company stands all waste. The pavement complete would cost about \$2.50 per yard.

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Mr. Bangham invited the Board of Works and City Engineer to go to Windsor and inspect the pavement.

The account of Blight & Fielder, \$5.60, was left with the City Engineer

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The City Engineer said that the sewer in front of J. M. Gardiner's residence, Queen St., was of porus tile and the roots of trees had grown and

filled up the tiles.

Mr. Mounteer stated that the people living out there deserved consideration, as they have no fire protec-

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into. Mr. Gardiner's cellar is full of water and he wants the sewer, which is blocked, opened up.

The communication from James Lagarr, secretary of the Laborers' Union, in regard to shortening the hours of labor and paying the laborers \$1.50 per day of nine hours, was considered.

in accordance with the Union scale, but it was often vitally important that work should be continued for 11 and even 12 hours. The city was already paying the wages asked for The only difference was in the number of hours.

Ald. Piggott said that he felt that a man should be paid what he was worth.

worth.

Ald. Mounteer, thought that if this communication was a request to recognize the Union, it was well worth consideration before any action was taken.

The matter was left with Mr. Jones

to look into.

The specifications for tenders for supplies, as prepared by the City Engineer, were received.

The specifications for the granolithic walks were also read, as prepared by the City Engineer.

The City Engineer said that in the specifications he had dome away with the four or five inches of gravel filling in the old specifications and ordered an inch of gravel instead. By saving five inches in this gravel filland in the old specifications and ordered an inch of gravel instead. By saving five inches in this gravel filling, the City Engineer thought that better material could be put in the granolithic part of the walks. Thus, for the same price, a batter walk would be secured. Point Edward gravel was all right, but it couldn't be secured. The Ridge gravel was no good for walks. It was too dirty.

Ald. Mounteer said that the specifications had called for Point Edward or something equally as good. Point Edward gravel had never been used and the substitute had never been equally as good.

Ald. Piggott said that in Wallaceburg they used Point Edward gravel.

There it was claimed that Point Edward ward gravel was better than any other gravel.

er gravel.

This matter was referred to the City Engineer to see if Point Edward gravel could be secured.

GREMATED HIS CAT

J. C. Northwood, Park St., is quite fond of cats and has a few around his place. They don't seem to like the cold weather very much, but ome of them found a cozy snot in an oven of the kitchen stove. When Mr. Northwood was going to bed he closed the over door, not knowing the cat was there. The unfortunate feline was cremated during the night. Mr. Northwood believes that he has perfect proof that cremated cats have not nine lives and that this popular theory is a fallacy. fond of cats and has a few around his

COURT OF APPEAL

Before Mess, C. J. O., Osler, Maclaren, J. J. A.-Township of Camden vs. Town of Dresden and Township of Chatham-M. Wilson, K. C., for plaintiff. D. L. McCarthy, for defendants Argument concluded from Tuesday. Judgment reserved.

A former allusion to this case was erroneously headed "Appeal Dis-missed." It will be seen from the foregoing that the judgment on the appeal has not yet been given.

GOVERNMENT CLERK

A MARTINEAU CHARGED WITH STEALING MILITIA FUNDS.

Sum May Exceed \$30,000-Had Sev eral Thousand Dollars When Ar rested-Startling Affair at Ot-

Ottawa, Feb. 20. - A. Martineau, jun ior clerk in the accountants' branch of the Militia Department, was arrested yesterday, charged with theft. No particulars were given in the police blotter, but it is alleged that the prisoner has misappropriated a considerable sum of money belonging to the Government, and it is stated that the total may exced thirty thousand dol-lars. Martineau's duties in the Militia Department required him to check the vouchers for expenditures made by the department. The authori-ties will furnish no explanation as to the alleged method of procedure, but it is said that Martineau made out checks in his own favor, and got them cashed at the Sovereign Bank. For some time past Mr. Borden, the accountant of the department, suspected that something was going wrong, and se-cretly made inquiries. The result was to establish the fact that serious ir-regularities had been in progress. Mr. lice, to conduct an investigation. The Commissioner of Police, accordingly, sent for Martineau, and catechized the latter, with respect to the alleged irregularities. Martineau is said to have latter, with respect to the alleged irregularities. Martineau is said to have made statements tending to throw responsibility on the bank. Colonel Sherwood then said that Martineau had better come along to the bank and clear the thing up. The two walked down from the eastern block to the Sovereign Bank in the Russell House block on Sparks street. On reaching the entrance of the bank Col. Sherwood turned to go in: when Martineau darted away. Instantly the commissioner jumped into a sleigh, and pursued the fugitive, who was overtaken before he had gone far, hustled into the conveyance, and brought to the eastern block. There he remained until about 6.45, when he was removed to the city police station, and a charge of thefit registered against him. Martineau has been in the Government's service about twelve or eighteen months. Previous to that he is said to have worked with a commercial agency at Montreal. He was passionately fond of speeding on the bicycle and motocycle, and is said to have won a championship match at Manhattan Gardens. There are also rumors that he has been speculating in stocks. He has always been well thought of, and his friends are loth to believe that he has been guilty. Martineau is said to have had \$11,cco or \$15,000 in his possession when arrested.

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IN CENTRE BRUCE.

Prohibitionists Will Support Dr. Stewart, Liberal.

Chepstow. Ont., Feb. 20.-Dr. J. M Stewart, Liberal, and Major Hugh Clark, Conservative, were nominated here to contest Centre Bruce for the Ontario Legislature. The election will

Ontario Legislature. The election will take place on Feb. 26.

The temperance delegation submitted a number of questions to the caudidates. To these Dr. Stewart answered yes. Mr. Clark refused to give a definite answer, and in accordance with these resolutions the Prohibitionists of Centre Bruce promised their support

to Dr. Stewart.
Mr. G. P. Graham, M.P.P., was present, and delivered a strong address upon the public questions of the day.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.

Young Man Loses Both Legs Watching the Wreck.

Oshawa, Feb. 20. — The nineteen-year-old son of Mr. J. Brown of Ced-ardale, while viewing the Grand Trunk wreck at Whitby Junction yes-terday had both legs cut off by a freight train.

Walked Into a Driving-wheel.

Brandon, Feb. 19—(Special.)—While at the Brandon electric light station last night R. B. Currie of Souris, in turning to come out, walked head first into the great driving wheel which into the great driving wheel, which was revolving at a rapid rate. The engineer saw his danger, and shouted, but was too late. Mr. Currie received a serious injury to his head and a compound fracture of his leg. His condition is critical.

CHATHAM TO TRY NATURAL GAS

The Proposition of Carmen & Fairbanks Accepted by the Industrial Committee.

Matter of Location of the Lake Erie Car Shops Will be Dealt With at Once.

Whether or not Chatham will have the Lake Erie car shops here will ow, as Mr. Coburn, solicitor for the Railroad Company, will meet the Industrial committee to discuss the

A meeting of the Industrial com-

Matter.

A meeting of the Industrial committee was held yesterday aftermoon in the City Clerk's office with chairman W. T. Piggott, Mayor W. E. McKeough, and Aldermen Henry Robinson, Thos. Soullard, G. G. Martin and John Edmondson present.

A proposition was read from C. E. Lister, of the Maple City Creamery, for a cold storage plant. Mr. Lister's proposition states that the plant will have a storage capacity of 30,000 cubic feet, to be erected at the corner of Adelaide and King streets, with latest cooling apparatus; 20,000 cubic feet will be set aside for public use at rates no greater than charged by other cities of the same size and in proportion to business. Mr. Lister asked for a lean of \$8,000 for 20 years other cities of the same size and in proportion to business. Mr. Lister asked for a loan of \$8,000 for 20 years at a rate of four per cent. interest, free water, light and freedom from taxes with exception of school, the city to have first mortgage on his present creamery and the new cold storage plant, to aggregate \$16,000. All present seemed most favorably impressed with the proposition and expressed themselves as such, but none seemed to think that the matter, if put to the people at present, would carry, because voters could not be gotten out.

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Ald. Edmondson said—It's a good proposition—the best we are likely to get and practically means very little to the city. I myself, am in favor of it, but am sure that it would not pass at the present time.

It was decided to recommend the acceptance of Mr. Lister's proposition to the City Council, and the by-law to be put to the people any time Mr. Lister requests without expense to the city.

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A proposition was read from W. W. Brown re the matter of boring for natural gas.

The proposition of Carmen and Fairbanks was thought better than that of Mr. Brown, so it was decided to accept their proposition on condition that a satisfactory contract with the city could be made. A communication from a Lockport, N. Y., paint company was left over. They asked a bonus.

Several other matters regarding the location of several big firms here brought up by Chairman Piggott were discussed, including the matter of the Lake Eric car shops, when word was brought in by Mr. Gundy, of the firm of Wilson, Pike & Gundy, that Mr. Coburn, of the Railroad Company, would be here to-morrow or Saturday to adjust the matter.

An Orillia Board of Trade communication against the granting of bounces was set aside.

LOOKING BACKWARDS

"It seems funny now when I look at the Victoria Block," said Capt. Geo. Stringer, to The Planet this morning, "to be able to remember when a large boat was built on that same

"It was away back in the forties that Wm. Eberts built his first boat there. I remember it distinctly. She was called the Square Toes, named after the peculiar style of shows the Governor-General of that time wore. It was taken down to the river on rollers and was quite a job. I captained her for several years and had some exciting experiences.
"Before the bridges were built here we had these ferries running across. They used to be the cause of many drowning accidents. Old Capt. Harvey used to have a ferry and kept a nice little cabin with a tavern aboard."

GOOD CONCERT

of the Peninsular Band in Northwood's Hall last night was a huge present and everything passed off in grand style. It is expected that when the returns are all made a neat little sum will be put to the credit of the band. The following is the program which was given:

Part I.

Overture-Orchestra. Chorus-Old Kentucky Home, led by Mrs. Bell. Nancy Brown, Miss Annie

Solo—Nancy Brown, Miss Annie Johnston.

Male quartetts — Sweet Sixteen—
Messrs. Chas. Lynn, Geo. F. Gant, H.
Bird, Walter Hall.

Violin solo—Dr. L. C. DeCow.
Chorus—King O'er Land and Sea—
Clab.

Baritone solo—The Sea the Home for Me—H. Bird. Solo—Beyond the Gates of Paradise —C. M. Cooper.

Part II. Duet-Miss M. Howell and Mrs. B.

Bell.

Bass solo—Down in the Deep Let
Me Sleep When I Die—Geo. E. Gant.
Male quartette—(Special).

Cornet solo—Dr. L. C. DeCow.
Solo—L'Estasi—Miss Emma Law-

Solo-Annie, Let Me Hear From You

Solo—Annie, Let Me Hear From You.—Miss Belle Perry.
Comic Reading—Mr. Walter Hall.
Chorus—Club.
The committee in charge of the
entertainment were R. A. Murphy,
Chas. Lynn, Wm. Powell and Geo.

PLEASING INCIDENT AT A GALT MEETING

A pleasing incident took place at Galt last week. At the Annual Meeting of the Gore Fire Insurance Co., handsome oil portrait of the Manager, Mr. R. S. Strong, painted by Mr. J. W. L. Forster, A. R. C. A., was unveiled, and the meeting instructed the Directors to get similar portraits of the President, the Hon. James Young, and of Adam Warnock, Esq., the late Vice-President. For a quarter of a century these gentlemen seldom ever failed to attend the weekly meeting to transact the executive business of to transact the executive business of the Company, which meetings were not interrupted till Mr. Warnock's death last sammer, and the members of the company felt that the remark-able success of the Gore during that long period deserved to be signalised in some special way. Mr. Strong be-came a Director in 1863, Mr. Warnock in 1866, Mr. Young in 1868, and they were appointed together as President, Vice-President and Manager in 1877.

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