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### Information for the Electors

The Local Improvement Bylaw to be Voted Upon on

Wednesday, April 18th, 1888.

The Special Committee appointed by the City Council on Monday, April 9th, 1888, to obtain and publish information as to the effect of the proposed change in the Local Improvement Bylaw, have obtained the following opinion from the City Solicitor:

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,  
Toronto, April 13th, 1888.

His Worship the Mayor of Toronto:

Dear Mr. Mayor:—In reply to your inquiry as to the effect of the Bylaw, which is to be voted upon by the ratepayers in the 18th instant, I beg to say:

Bylaw No. 120 provides that "all future expenditure in Toronto for the improvements and services for which the ratepayers are liable shall be made in (what are now) Sections 612 and 613 of the Municipal Act, shall be by special assessment on the property benefited." In other words, the expense of these improvements and services is to be repaid by means of a special rate on the property benefited, according to the frontage thereof (proportionate of value).

The improvements and services for which special provision is made in the above sections are the following:

SECTION 612.  
1. Deepening any stream, etc., and draining any locality;  
2. Making, enlarging, or prolonging any common sewer;  
3. Opening, widening, prolonging, or altering any macadamized, graded, leveling, paving or flagging any street, etc., or any sidewalk or any bridge forming part of a highway;  
4. Curbing, sodding, or planting any street, etc.;  
5. Reconstructing any of the above works (as distinguished from new works).

SECTION 613.  
6. Street sweeping;  
7. Street watering;  
8. Street lighting;  
9. Cutting grass and weeds on any street;  
10. Pruning trees and shrubbery thereon;  
11. Otherwise cleaning the street.

The amendment now proposed is not to do away with the "Local Improvement System," but simply to limit its operation to the improvements and services mentioned in Section 612.

The result of adopting the Bylaw "to be submitted on the 18th instant" is that while the expenditure on the improvements mentioned in Section 612, including curbing, sodding and planting, continues to be payable by special assessment upon the property specially benefited thereby, such services as street cleaning, street sweeping, street watering, street lighting, cutting grass and weeds and pruning trees and shrubbery, will hereafter be paid out of the general rates. The expense of maintenance and repairs of sewers, sidewalks, gutters, and also the expense of the City Engineer's Department, will continue to be as they have always been, payable out of the general rates, and not by a special local assessment.

I have the honor to be,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Sgd.) J. W. CLARK,  
City Solicitor.

Those who are in favor of limiting the application of the Local Improvement System, as above proposed, will therefore VOTE FOR THE BYLAW, and those who are opposed to it will VOTE AGAINST THE BYLAW.

WILLIAM F. CLARK,  
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