

Trolleys and Funerals.

Complaint Made That the Former Interfere With the Latter.

Street Paving Accounts Passed at the Board of Works.

Largest Amount Passed by the Committee in Years—Engineer Says the Street Railway Is Responsible for Mr. Brown's Injuries—Other Claims Disposed of—An Anonymous Letter.

The largest accounts that have passed the Board of Works in some years came up for consideration last night, when those of the Barber Asphalt Company, for paving Dundas and Richmond streets, were dealt with. One, for \$24,063.62, was for the Dundas street portion, and the other, \$17,783.78, for the work done on Richmond street. There had been a slight haggle over the account of a bricklayer for work on a gully hole just before the amount of the first account was read.

"I suppose that is for more gully holes," remarked Ald. O'Meara, with a touch of sarcasm that brought the plea from Ald. Nutkins.

"Oh, don't be too severe on the bricklayers."

"Well, it's easier to pass accounts than to pay them," soliloquized Ald. O'Meara.

The two checks will settle for 15,793.4 square yards. The street railway company has to pay \$2,816.50 for their 8,510.6 yards. Of the city's proportion, 12,571 yards will be paid for by ratepayers and 2,222 yards at the street intersections by the corporation.

THE TROLLEY AND FUNERALS. Ald. O'Meara complained of trolley cars interfering with funerals. "I think there is a clause in their bylaw giving right of way to funeral processions," said he.

"I don't think so," said Mr. Graydon. "I give credit to the Grand Trunk for flagging trains when a funeral procession is passing," continued Ald. O'Meara.

"There was a resolution covering that point in the electric agreement," he asserted.

"Street cars should not attempt to cross a funeral," said Mr. Graydon, as he industriously turned over page after page of the bylaw.

"Well, I saw them do it twice," continued Ald. O'Meara.

"The company is strict with the motormen, and if they are not on time they are fined," said the engineer, as he still continued his search.

"If the council by resolution request the company not to operate their cars through a funeral the men would not be fined for waiting for one to pass," he added.

Then, for Ald. O'Meara's benefit, Mr. Graydon pointed out a clause giving the street railway clear right of way over all its tracks.

"Well, the clause I speak of should have been in," said Ald. O'Meara. "If it was not it was kept out. It was moved by either Ald. Dreaney or Parnell."

"I will write to the company in reference to the matter," said Mr. Graydon, "and if it is not stopped the council can pass a bylaw. I have no doubt the manager would have it stopped at once if he knew of it."

The engineer will write Mr. Carr.

HURT HIS HIP. Thomas Brown, 513 Richmond street, claimed damages for being thrown from a delivery wagon on Sept. 26. Mr. Brown appeared before the committee with a crutch and a cane. He was very pale, and said that he had been in bed for five weeks.

"My loss in business was considerable," he said in his letter, "and the suffering from pain was terrible."

Engineer Graydon almost convinced the committee that he should have been a lawyer, so freely did he ply Mr. Brown with questions relating to the accident. Mr. Brown told his story very clearly, and made a good impression on the aldermen.

"You can feel the joint," said he to Mr. Graydon. "It is much larger than the other one."

Mr. Graydon had no desire to comply, and Ald. Nutkins moved that the matter be referred to the chairman and the engineer to report. The motion carried, and Mr. Brown laboriously withdrew.

"The accident has arisen from the street railway, and not from the city," said Mr. Graydon, afterwards, to the members of the committee. "They had left out the blocking on that portion of Richmond street, or half way between Albert street and the 'V' to put in the intersection of the switch, which they are putting in now, and which they completed today."

AN ANONYMOUS LETTER. "This is an anonymous communication," said Mr. Bell, as he held up the next letter. "It is signed 'Citizen.' Should we take up letters of that kind?"

"I don't think we have any right to consider it," said the chairman. "I don't think we should take any notice of it," said Mr. John Heaman.

"Let's hear it," said Ald. O'Meara. "We are fit to take anything up."

"I think they should sign the name to it," added Ald. Wm. Heaman.

"You might listen to it," suggested Engineer Graydon; "but I don't think you should act on a letter that a man will not sign."

The letter was finally read. It contained a suggestion that each citizen be compelled to clear the sidewalk in front of his property of snow, instead of by the present method. Then, if the sidewalk was not cleared by a state time the city should put men at work and charge the same against the lax citizens.

"That would not catch me very well," said Ald. Callahan. "I have about 400 feet to clear."

"I think that the proper reference of the communication would be to the Salvation Army," said Ald. Nutkins. "They have lots of men to set to work."

"The letter states that it would be better for the health of the citizens," said Ald. O'Meara. "Well, it might be; but it would not be healthy for the aldermen."

"The idea would be all right where the places are built up," said Ald. Callahan; "but it would be unsatisfactory where vacant lots occur."

In the end the anonymous letter was unceremoniously filed.

OTHER DAMAGE CLAIMS. The chairman and engineer recommended that without prejudice \$20 be awarded to Frances Graham, who was injured by tripping over a loose plank on Queen's avenue east. The claim in full amounted to \$87.

"We recommended that nothing be paid once before," said Ald. O'Meara.

"but if you think the case deserving, I will support it."

"Mrs. Graham certainly is very sick yet," replied Ald. Wm. Heaman.

"If she had been walking alone it would not have happened," said Mr. Graydon. "A companion tipped up the board."

The recommendation was adopted. J. D. LeBell's claim for damages was referred to the Queen's Avenue Church board.

OTHER BUSINESS. Engineer Graydon recommended the passing of a bylaw to compel the street railway company to clean the street of snow from curb to curb on Dundas street from Ridout to Wellington, and Burwell street to Rectory street, and on Richmond street from the G. T. R. to Pall Mall.

Bylaw 916 calls for the clearing of two miles of pavement of snow. "I understand the street railway will not do any portion of the work until the bylaw is passed," said Mr. Graydon.

At the suggestion of Ald. O'Meara, that portion of Richmond street between Pall Mall and the C. P. R. will be included.

By paying \$24.15, the actual cost, Mr. John Watson will be permitted to connect with the Bathurst street drain. He will be charged rental for the use of the sewer.

Ald. John Heaman asked how the work at the Wharmcliffe G. T. R. overhead bridge was getting on, and Mr. Graydon said that the matter now rested with the G. T. R.

The members present were: Ald. Wm. Heaman (chairman), Ald. John Heaman, Ald. Nutkins, Ald. Callahan, Ald. O'Meara, Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell.

ANOTHER MONOPOLY. The Public Interest in the New Copyright Act.

Readers To Be Debarred From Buying British Cheap Editions.

Should the proposed amendment to the Canadian Copyright Act become law, it will not be without the offering of strong objections by the retail booksellers throughout the Dominion.

The booksellers of Toronto are very much perturbed over the provisions of the proposed amendments, as submitted at a conference of Canadian publishers held in Ottawa this week, but the London dealers have given the matter very little consideration. They have very strong opinions in the matter, however, and freely expressed them to an "Advertiser" representative who called on them yesterday afternoon.

The proposed amendment which most concerns the Canadian booksellers is that which will allow a Canadian publisher to copyright the work of the British author under certain conditions, such copyright or license to publish prohibiting the importation of any British or foreign edition of the same work. This, it is considered, would be an immense benefit to the publishers, but detrimental to those of the booksellers and the general public.

There is a movement on foot to take definite action to protest against the proposed act, and the following petition is in circulation among the retail trade in Toronto, and will likely be forwarded for the signatures of the London dealers: "We, the undersigned retail booksellers of the city of Toronto, hereby protest against the exclusion of the English colonial editions and all the English cheap editions, as proposed by the Canadian Copyright Association, and further claim that our interests should be consulted before anything is definitely settled in the matter of the copyright question."

Mr. John Mills, the Richmond street bookseller, was of the same opinion as the Toronto dealers. "Before any amendments to the Copyright Act are made law," said Mr. Mills. "I most certainly think the booksellers should be consulted. I strongly object to the proposal to prohibit the importation of England of an English author's work after it has been copyrighted in Canada. It simply means that Canadian publishers would have a great monopoly, and it is generally admitted that the people have enough monopolies now."

"The enforcement of such a law would be a great drawback and cause considerable loss to the trade?" was asked.

"Yes, indeed it would," replied Mr. Mills unhesitatingly. "Canadian publishers could copyright a work, put it on the market in whatever form and whatever price they pleased, and the public could buy it or do without it, or send direct to England for it. To prevent the booksellers from handling the English product after the Canadian copyright had been taken out would be a gross injustice. Let the Toronto dealers send their petition to London and I will guarantee it will be readily signed. The proposition would benefit a few at the expense of the many."

Mr. James I. Anderson, of Dundas street, was of the same mind as Mr. Mills, and principally found objection to the clause giving the Canadian publishers the privilege of copyrighting an English work and thus shutting out the foreign editions entirely. "The exclusion of the works published in Longman's and Macmillan's 'Colonial Editions' would mean a great loss to us," said Mr. Anderson, "and would prove disadvantageous to the reading public. He, Longman and Macmillan issue their books in very neat style at low prices, and if their productions were barred out, it would mean that the public would have to take what Canadian publishers wanted to put on the market. Some of the latter tried cheap works before, but the paper was poor, the printing poor, and the book unfit to put on a shelf. Then with such an act the people would be right at their mercy. The publishers are greatly interested in the passage of the act, and why shouldn't they be? I believe the act should be left as it reads at present."

"Let Us Cross Over the River" and rest in the shade of trees." Thus spoke the dying hero, Stonewall Jackson, a man whose conception of war was so heroic, so chivalric, that friends and foes praise him alike. How many dispirited women feel that they would indeed like to "cross over the river, and rest." Every day brings its measure of annoyance and pain. If only they could be made to put on the marvellous comfort and physical strength to be found in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, they would soon feel that "their ways were ways of pleasantness, their paths were paths of peace."

Mrs. S. E. Rongey, of Red Oak, Stephenson county, Ill., writes "One of my neighbors was very sick during her 'change of life.' After advising her to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, I visited her a few days ago, and she could work all day long without getting tired, and says she was greatly benefited. I know many afflicted women who have been cured by your medicine."

No legacy is so rich as honesty.—Shakespeare.

LONDON BANK ACCOUNTANT HONOURED By His Berlin Friends—A Presentation and an Address.

Says the Berlin Record: "During a residence in Berlin, off and on, of ten years, Mr. T. M. Turnbull, of the Bank of Commerce staff, now accountant in London, has won for himself an enviable name as a bank officer, business man and citizen. The severing of his business and social relations has caused a wide feeling of regret over his departure, though he will be followed by many good wishes for his success in the future."

"To give an expression to the goodwill felt toward him among the business men, a number of them, with Mr. J. M. Staebler as prime mover and spirit, arranged for a very sumptuous dinner at the Walper House on Tuesday evening, and invited Mr. Turnbull down from London to assist to discuss it, and at the same time took the opportunity of presenting him with a memento of his sojourn in Berlin, in the form of a handsome white onyx clock and a purse of gold."

Mayor Hübner presided at the banquet, and read a very complimentary address to Mr. Turnbull, congratulating him on his promotion and lauding his ability and courtesy. Many of the prominent citizens of Berlin were present, and the occasion must have been a gratifying one to Mr. Turnbull.

CANADIAN MISSIONARIES SAFE. Reassuring Letters From Formosa—Former Londoner Heard From.

The secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, the Rev. R. P. Mackay, of Toronto, has received letters from Formosa of a recent date, all stating that the missionaries and native Christians were safe, and that scarcely any damage has been done to the churches, schools and other buildings of the mission stations.

Rev. W. Gauld writes from Tamsui, stating that everything was settling down to the regularity and quiet common to places under Japanese rule. During the campaign, in which Japan drove out the Black Flags and captured the island, the Japanese soldiers frequently used the churches and schools as temporary barracks, and in most cases scarcely any inconvenience was caused. Mr. Gauld says the climate of Formosa is fatal to the Japanese, and only soldiers necessary to preserve order and officials to carry on the government of the country will be stationed on the island. No influx of Japanese immigrants is expected, and under the rule of Japan an enormous increase in trade is anticipated.

A letter has been received, stating that the Canadian missionaries, Dr. Menzies, Miss McIntosh and Miss Dow, had arrived at Yokohama and were about to sail for Shanghai on their way to Honan.

Rev. Dr. Mackay had also, the letter stated, reached Yokohama, on his way to Formosa.

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THERE is nothing that has such power to stir the emotions and thrill the hearts of those who live under Britain's Flag as the recital of the deeds of heroism by which the honor of that flag has been maintained. Canada, loyal to the core, shares with the other members of the Empire in the pride and admiration that must ever surround those deeds of devotion which stud, like bright stars, the history of the past. In Westminster Abbey, and amid the dim arches of the old cathedrals at home, stand massive and enduring monuments to the valor of those who have fought for the flag on many an arduous field, while above hang the tattered banners in defence of which many a hero has died. But the memory of the brave is not only commemorated there: it is enshrined in the hearts of the people. Besides this universal feeling there are special circumstances that tend to surround the history of battles with an enchainment interest. In many a home there are the sword of an ancestor, the medal won by a relative, the picture of another in his uniform, as he looked when he started for the war. Canada is especially rich in these reminiscent treasures, and there is scarcely a country graveyard without its inscription recording the memory of some brave man who in a past day stood up in defence of country, hearth and home. There is therefore no doubt that the announcement here made will excite general and widespread interest.

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