

CAN OIL BE USED ON CITY STREETS?

INFORMATION SOUGHT BY ENGINEER TOPP

At Request of a Number of Aldermen, He Has Written Away for Data.

The dust laying problem of Victoria is one that has given citizens no small concern for many years. There have been several suggestions advanced for simplifying this question, but the city seems to get beyond the old system, which is the one that seems to work so clumsily and insufficiently and so expensively.

It is true that the aldermen are now considering a proposition made by the management of the tramway company for faster methods of sprinkling the streets by means of water-cars, but this is a matter that has not been before the council for some time, and it is not directly at least indirectly, and it would appear that it will yet be considered time before an improvement is effected.

It is claimed that with the use of one or two cars, the tram company can accomplish as much in a few hours as all the water wagons which the city now operates during a week.

Various citizens have from time to time recommended the use of oil. They have been desirous that experiments be made for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it is better than water for the purpose of cleaning the streets.

Engineer Topp has written to several places in California, and hopes to be able ere long to present a comprehensive report incorporating all the data obtained from his own views.

The use of oil for road purposes in California is becoming greater every year, and it is believed that it is a better method than water for the purpose of cleaning the streets.

Mr. Ebery, commissioner of the department of highways, California, who recently published a report bearing on the question, is of the opinion that it will furnish information which not a few Victorians have endeavored to obtain.

Mr. Ebery shows that there are 2,224 miles of oiled roads and 1,392 miles of oiled streets in use in the forty counties, and 1,000 miles of oiled railway beds in California.

In Kern county the roads very from road to heavy traffic. In applying the oil use was made of an ordinary wagon tank with a sprinkler or distributor made of 4-inch gas pipe with one-half inch holes drilled every two inches.

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appreciative of Dr. Fagan's address, and praising the work of the association under whose auspices the lecture had been given. He was followed by Trustee Dr. Hall, who made quite a lengthy and very interesting speech. In opening he explained that while differing from Dr. Fagan in many matters, he was in complete sympathy with the proposition towards enlightening the public regarding the danger of tuberculosis and the measures necessary to check it. He was very much interested in this matter, and promised to give Dr. Fagan all the assistance in his power in the work he has undertaken. The address was listened to with interest by the gentlemen present, however, had not been of the disease itself, but of hygiene, and he intended to confine his remarks as much as possible to that subject. In his opinion the public school teacher of the present day devoted too much time to the mental development of the children and too little to their physical well-being.

The Lieutenant-Governor then invited Dr. Fagan to say a few words on tuberculosis in order not to disappoint some of those who had attended expecting to hear an address on that subject. Dr. Fagan responded, paying particular attention to the bad habits of children among school pupils. He explained that the germs of the disease may be in the system for four years before becoming evident so that the possibility of the disease being spread in this way were very apparent.

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