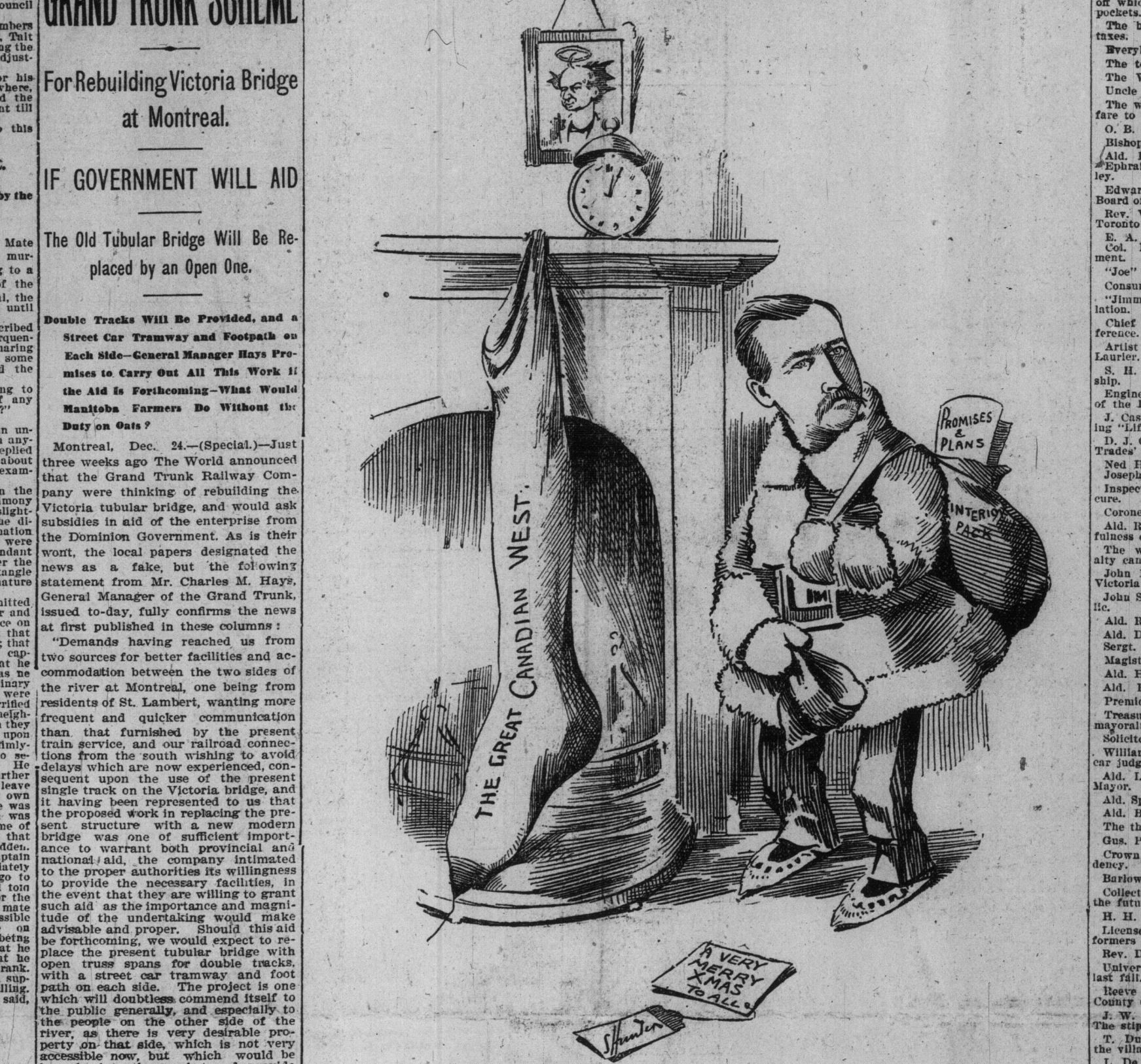


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CHRISTMAS. When promised to devote on a Christmas Eve, come in and see what a great variety of useful articles we have suitable for your purchase.

A Merry Christmas to Our Readers.

NOT THIS CHRISTMAS.



GRAND TRUNK SCHEME For Rebuilding Victoria Bridge at Montreal.

IF GOVERNMENT WILL AID The Old Tubular Bridge Will Be Replaced by an Open One.

Double Tracks Will Be Provided, and a Street Car Tramway and Footpath Each Side—General Manager Hays Promises to Carry Out All His Words.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Just three weeks ago The World announced that the Grand Trunk Railway Company were thinking of rebuilding the Victoria tubular bridge, and would ask subsidies in aid of the enterprise from the Dominion Government.

"Demands having reached us from two sources for better facilities and accommodation between the two sides of the river at Montreal, one being from residents of St. Lambert, wanting more frequent and quicker communication than that furnished by the present train service, and our railroad connections from the south wishing to avoid delays which are now experienced, we are about to take care of both sides of the river by the proposed open bridge structure with a new modern bridge of one sufficient importance to warrant both provincial and national aid, the company intended to the proper authorities its willingness to provide the necessary facilities, in the event that they are willing to grant such aid as the importance and magnitude of the undertaking would make advisable and proper.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, arrived here today. Mr. Fletcher is a son-in-law of the Secretary of State, and has been Inspector of Penitentiaries in New Brunswick.

THE PREMIER LEFT HIS VALISE DURING THE CORAWALL CAMPAIGN. Mr. Gilbert Parker has been in the matter of transportation—Inland Revenue Department.

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THEIR CHRISTMAS STOCKING. What Certain People Expected to Find When They Awoke To-Day.

Mayor Fleming—A certificate of election from John Blair.

Alderman McMurrich—That other fellow out of the Mayor's chair.

The Civic Officials—Some of that rake-off which the aldermen put into their own pockets.

The burdened taxpayer—A reduction of taxes.

Everybody—Something they don't get. The too-headed boy—A thought.

The World—Every reader satisfied. Uncle John Hevins—A cure for gout.

The whole city—Street cars and a single fare to the Island.

O. B. Sheppard—A controllership. Bishop DuMont—That cheque for \$1250.

Ald. Preston—A morality regulation. Ephraim Roden—A legal title, Don Valley.

Edward Garney—The Presidency of the Board of Trade.

Rev. W. F. Wilson—The presidency of Toronto Conference.

E. A. Wills—Another trip to England. Col. Hamilton—A letter of reinstatement.

"Joe" Pocock—A seat for Ward 6. Consumers of gas—A reduction of price.

"Commy" Haverson—Hotelkeepers' legislation. Chief Graham—Assurance of non-interference.

Aristocrat Sherwood—An order from Mr. Laurier. S. H. Jones—The Lieutenant-Governorship.

Engineer Keating and staff—The building of the new bridge.

CALLS IT A BIG BUZZ

Arrest of a Dozen Deputy Returning Officers.

IT HAS CAUSED A SENSATION

The Efforts of the Liberals to Throw Out Mr. Nat Boyd, M. P.

Stewart Tupper Denounces the Conduct of the Liberals as an Attempt at Terrorism in Connection With the Petition—Deputies Out on Heavy Bail—Tariff Commissioners Will Sit in Winnipeg and Brandon—The Petition Against Hugh John.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The arrest of more than a dozen deputy returning officers in the Macdonald Dominion election has created a great sensation.

The Chief Justice to-day made an order for delivery of writs of habeas corpus in connection with the petition to unseat Hugh John Macdonald.

COLLOQUY IN THE FIELD. Will Oppose Mr. Tuckett for the Mayoralty of Hamilton—The 19th Band Engaged for Buffalo.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Ald. E. A. Colquhoun has announced that he will oppose Mayor George E. Tuckett, who, it was expected, would have been returned to the Mayor's chair without opposition.

The promoters of a Charity ball in the Music Hall in Buffalo, to take place on New Year's night, have engaged the 13th Buff. Band of this city to play the music.

Edwards Crofton, aged 76, of 404 Westminster street, who has been for the past 45 years employed in the Great Western, and G. T. H. shops here, died this morning.

THE INDIAN FAMINE. Rainfall Has Not Been Sufficient to Lessen Danger of Starvation.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times despatch from Calcutta says: The official report of the prospects in Behar says that the rainfall has been hardly sufficient to lessen the danger of famine.

Christmas Chimes. The little town of sleeping, keeping halt awake to-night, Whistler 'twixt the southern window pane the silvery moonbeams glide.

Good Christmas Weather. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimaux, 42-46; Kamloops, 30-31; Calgary, 18-40; Edmonton, 20-34; Winnipeg, 16-38; York, 18-34; Montreal, 10-26; Toronto, 10-26; Ottawa, 10-26; Quebec, 10-26.

MEMORIAL SERVICE. Funeral on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 3 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

POOR COPY

Compliments... of McCarthy & Co.

Wishing their friends a Merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year...

McCarthy & Co. MERCHANT TAILORS

CHINESE LAUNDRIES

The City Council Will be Asked to Tax and Regulate These Ontario Legislators Requested.

A meeting of the proprietors and foremen of the principal laundries of Toronto was held at the Palmer House...

It was stated that exclusive of Chinese, there are about twenty-five regular public laundries in Toronto...

HOW THE STORY CAME OUT

The Women Claim to be the Wife of a General Hospital Patient.

The illness which brought Fred Fuller to the General Hospital...

ADAMZ ADZ

Grab Bag Sale

Early buyers will get the first grab - be among the first...

LOT 1 - 100 Rokers, ranging in price from \$2 to \$2.50.

LOT 2 - 100 Rokers, ranging in value from \$3.50 to \$4.50.

LOT 3 - 100 Rokers, ranging in value from \$4.50 to \$5.

LOT 4 - 200 Axminster Rugs, large sizes, worth from \$1.25 to \$2.50.

LOT 5 - 100 Japanese, Axminster and Wilton Rugs, ranging in value from \$2.50 to \$5.

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TRUTH CHRISTMAS FEELING

Exemplified by the Employer and Employer of Central Press Agency.

A pleasant occurrence happened in the Central Press Agency yesterday just before the break-up for the Christmas holiday.

As the employees of the Agency departed for the evening, a half-hour later, they one and all received a Christmas card...

ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE

List of Candidates Who Have Passed the Christmas Examinations.

At the Christmas examinations of the Ontario Veterinary College, the following candidates passed with successful examinations...

THE DANGEROUS GAS

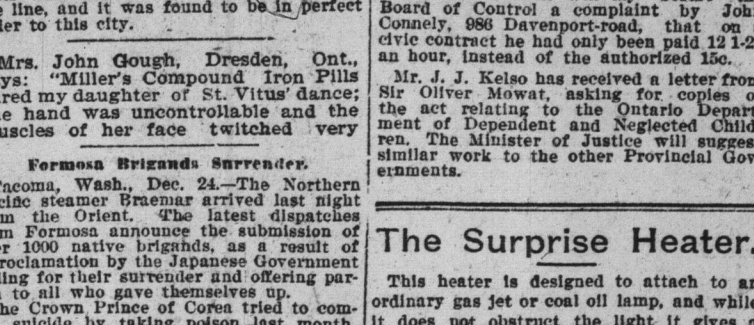
Mr. S. Duncan of Gladstone, Man., and his wife stopped at the Hotel Hotel Hotel...

THE SURPRISE HEATER

This heater is designed to attach to an ordinary gas jet or coal lamp, and while it does not obstruct the light it gives off...

HOW THEY LOOKED THIS MORNING

PARA'S HARRY'S SISTERS' TOMMY'S SAM'S AUNTIE'S BRIDGET'S



Only those who have had experience can tell the torture corns cause. Pain with corns on the feet...

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Boxing Day. The day after Christmas is generally known in England as Boxing Day...

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Strath-Miller, Mining Engineers, reports on mineral resources...

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Clarker & Irving, Barristers, Solicitors, etc., 20 King-street East.

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Money to Loan on Mortgages, Debentures, Bonds, etc.

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H. S. Mara, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, 28 Toronto-street.

LOANS ON ENDOWMENT AND TERM

Loans on Endowment and Term, W. G. Munton, Financial Broker.

BIKES STORED, INSURED AND REPAIRED

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Loss of Vitality, Night Emissions, Loss of Sleep, Drain on Brain, etc.

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Bayley's Orchestra Saturday Morning, Afternoon and Evening

BARCO DAY THIS SATURDAY

Winding up the greatest week's sales in the history of the John Eaton Store.

Housefurnishings Saturday.

6 Mattresses, only 4 feet 2 inches by 9 feet, wool one side, regular price \$1.50.

1000 Yards Black French Dress Silks, heavy quality, regular price \$2.50.

500 Remnants of Linens, in skirt and waist linings, in Silkeia, Jean's Fibre linings, etc.

2500 Yards Assorted Colored Dress Goods, in French and Scotch tweeds, jacquards, broches, Amazon cloth, etc.

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THE CASE OF THE CUBANS

Spanish Reports Have Been Wide of the Mark.

147 KILLED, 87 WOUNDED

Represents Insurgent Losses From October, 1895, to August, 1896.

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OPEN SATURDAY BACHRACK'S Special Saturday Bargains MERRY CHRISTMAS OPEN SATURDAY

Yes, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and trust a prosperous year is now ending with you and yours. 'Tis true the depression in labor circles has not yet passed; but hope there is yet a good time coming. We have already benefited. Our success is already a scale of success. Yes, we are satisfied, and when eating your Christmas dinners think of us who offer you such a grand array of bargains FOR SATURDAY ONLY.

ONLY ADDRESS: 24 Yonge-street EACH RACK & CO. STOCK MARKET STORIES. None but Professional Speculators Did Business Yesterday in Wall Street.

G. R. REEFRE & CO. 5 KING-STREET EAST, TORONTO. 35 and 37 BUADE-STREET, QUEBEC. The combination of a Bargain Saturday and a clearing sale of Christmas goods ought to set business moving.

AMUSEMENTS. GRAND TWO NIGHTS ONLY MONDAY AND TUESDAY DEC. 28 and 30. GRAND OPERATIC PERFORMANCES MNE ALBA. PRINCESS THEATRE ONE WEEK. BEGINNING MONDAY, DEC. 28. ASSEY MUSIC HALL. KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES CHRISTMAS CONCERTS. THE MANDARIN. AN EXCELLENT CAST, INCLUDING MANY OF THE MOST PROMINENT COMIC OPERA ARTISTS AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SINGERS EVER SEEN IN COMIC OPERA.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS. Chess, Baseball and Boxing—An Ice Yacht Challenge From Kingston.

Stedals won the twelfth game, played Wednesday in Moscow, against Lasker, in 30 moves. It was a Bay Lopez, opened by Lasker. Present score: Lasker 7, Stedals 1; drawn 4.

John Montgomery Ward will accept the offer to manage the next meeting of the contract calls for a salary not lower than \$5000 a year.

THE BOSTON CLUB has two games booked for Kansas City, April 6 and 7, and will open the Bennett Park, Detroit, April 12 and 13.

GRIM OUTSHOOTS DR. CALVER. Chicago, Dec. 24.—Charles H. Grim of Clear Lake, Iowa, won the famous chess tournament of the live birds.

THE CURLING ANNUAL. The annual of the Ontario Curling Association, carefully compiled by Secretary S. Russell, made its welcome appearance yesterday.

BASEBALL LEAGUES GALORE. Local ambitious baseball men will have plenty of places to look for trials in leagues across the line of the coming season.

DAILY RACING ROUND. Big Crowd See Only Two Favorites Finish in Front at New Orleans—Old Logan Also Ran.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Fine weather, a hot track and a people making the racing here today. The favorites were...

CARD POOL TO-DAY. First race, 3 mile—Benard, twelve fifty. Stier, Florence, John B. Ewing, Rapala, etc.

OAKLAND RESULTS. First race, 3 furlongs—Cadenza, 107 (Benard), 7 to 5; 1, Isabella, 9 (Perry), 2; 2, Henry Granton, 107 (Benard), 6 to 1; 3, Time 1:15.

And This in This City. Catharine Reynolds, a woman who was deserted by her husband four months ago, was discovered yesterday in a terrible state of mind.

They Don't Want War. Mobile, Ala., Dec. 24.—The Chamber of Commerce has passed resolutions deprecating any action on the part of the government which would lead to a war with Spain.

RESULTS AT ST. LOUIS. St. Louis, Dec. 24.—First race, 4 1/2 furlongs—Frank B. von, 1; Isabella, 6 to 2; 2, Glen S. Time 57.

Married Men Get Turkeys. All of the married men employed by the Street Railway Company are going to be invited to a turkey dinner on Friday.

The Jarvis Bicycle Handle, anatomical, ball-bearing and self-adjusting. Sold by leading dealers. Head office 141 Water St., Toronto. Sold for circulars.

We wish You a Merry Christmas

For a Reduction in the Price of Gas to Citizens, SAY THE CONTROLLERS.

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THE BOTHWELL OIL WELLS.

Mr. Blue Reports That They Will Afford a Permanent and Profitable Supply of Petroleum.

Mr. Archibald Blue, the Ontario Mine Director, has returned from the Bothwell oil fields and Western Ontario generally, where he had gone to report on the prospects of success in the drilling operations.

He also inspected the Hamilton blast furnace, and learned that the past year had been a very successful one. There are some 15,000 tons of pig iron now awaiting shipment.

The work of exploring the oil fields of Bothwell, he said, has been carried on much more intelligently than it was 20 years ago. Pumping operations were then carried on only on the six days of the week, while on Sunday the work was stopped.

The first oil he reports to be found at the top of the great limestone, and wells from this horizon yield upwards of 100 barrels a day.

The regular meeting of the Board of Control was held yesterday morning. The Mayor was not on deck at the hour appointed, and the other members of the Board proceeded with the business in his absence.

A letter was read from the St. Lawrence Foundry Co., explaining that under the existing commercial conditions they had determined to reduce their price from \$48.50 to \$44 per length for 24-inch pipe, rather than let the work go out of the city.

Ald. Lamb admitted that there was no doubt strict principle would demand that the lowest tender be accepted, but this was an exceptional case.

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It was decided to convey to the Medical Health Officer an intimation that it should refuse to grant permits to cut any lot to any firm who would not enter into an agreement to pay their employees at least 15 cents per hour.

Ald. Lamb suggested that in view of the importance of the interests involved in the suit of Johnston v. Consumers' Gas Co. it would be advisable to call in an expert accountant who was entirely free from bias, to go over the books done by Mr. Hughes, and advise the council whether the city was justified in going on with the case.

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