THE BOARD OF WORKS

WILL APPLY ASPHALT TO LAY THE DUST.

On Some of the Roads—More Asphaltic Roads May be Built—Small Increase for Corporation Laborers.

The board of works, during a two hours' session, on Thursday afternoon, discussed several important matters, including the road building system, in all its phases, and decided to experiment on an asphalt application, to take the place of the oil used for the suppression of the dust in summer, which was recently abandoned.

The board spent some time in considering the purchasing of a machine for heating the asphalt. As this will necessitate some considerable expenditure, the matter was left over. The board will also be face to face with the necessity of a new roller for rolling the asphalt, or make some arrangement for it. The present old "war horse" is too slow, and would not be suitable.

In the absence of Ald. Elliott, who was out of the city, the chair was taken by Ald. Carson, the other members present being Alds. Couper, Fair, Litton and Peters. The acting chairman welcomed Ald. Litton back to civic business, after his trip through the United States to the Pacific coast. Ald. Litton, in replying, said during his travels he had striven and had succeeded in gathering information and data, regarding street paving, as done in the places he visited, which would be very beneficial to the board of works, in its efforts along those lines.

The area for the laying of the Bermudez asphalt macadam pavement, this summer, as set forth in the by-law last year, is Wellington street, south from Johnson street, to the park, and a block on each side of Wellington, of the intersecting streets. This is about one mile in all.

Ald. Peters and others spoke strongly of starting the work on this street where the permanent pavement ends at the corner of Brock street, the block on Brock street extending from Bagot to Wellington street, as well as the post office and custom house block on Clarence street. It is altogether likely an amendment to the by-law will be made to this effect. These are the blocks where great deal of the heavy traffic is run, and this would test the new pavement. Ald. Carson, really the promoter of it, said he felt convinced that when the citizens had tried it out, they would be more than satisfied. It is likely the work on Wellington street will be commenced on June 1st, a carload of the asphaltic covering having been ordered. A foreman will come from the factory to instruct the local men in the laying of it.

The chairman explained a scheme to take the place of the oil used on the street, for the past two years, and, abandoned this spring. It is a Trinidad liquid asphalt, manufactured by the same company, which supplies the asphalt for the new roads. The chairman explained that one application of this preparation was sufficient each year, and that after three coatings had been applied a permanent road way would result. The street would have to be thoroughly cleaned beforehand, so that the liquid could grip the stones. A high crown was absolutely necessary, to prevent water lying on the surface.

Ald. Litton expressed himself as having little faith in the idea, although he would like to see it tried out. He though our limestone was too soft for this preparation to cling to, and on account of many of the city streets not being properly crowned, the water would lie there and rot the dust layer. After quite a lengthy discussion, on motion of Ald. Peters, enough of this liquid asphalt was ordered to be secured to experiment on Earl street, from Bagot to Barrie streets. These blocks were built last year, with high crowns, and are the best in the city for the experiment. The cost of the liquid will be a good deal less eventually than the oil. The agent of the company offered to forward a quantity to the city without charge to try it out with.

General Business.

A communication was read from T. J. Rigney, on behalf of A. McMahon, asking damages which his houses on Wellington street, near Earl, sustained through flooding of the cellars, from a defective drain this winter. The drainage on this block is somewhat complicated, a small sewer serving these houses. The city repaired with difficulty what, it appears, was a freeze-up, but not before Mr. McMahon was put to inconvenience. The matter was referred to the city solicitor and engineer for a report.

Growing out of this, Ald. Fair asked the engineer if the underground works were not always done before the street was paved. This block of Mr. McMahon's has no main sewer. The chairman and Ald Couper spoke strongly, urging prevention against the possibility of having to tear up the street after paving has been done, to lay a sewer or repair house connections. Ald. Fair moved that, to guard against this, the engineer be instructed to inspect all sewer connections on Wellington street and to lay a main sewer at this part, if necessary, before the paving was done, and to prepare a by-law forcing the landlords to carry out their obligations in this respect. The engineer notified all the landlords of this necessity last fall.

A communication was read from the militia headquarters, regarding the granite quarry at Dead Man's Bay. This was the outcome of Ald. Carson's proposition in council, that if the city could secure this quarry, the granite therefrom would be vastly superior with a longer life-time than the limestone used in the building of the roads. The rock could be quarried and brought to the city by teams over the ice in the winter for this purpose. The communication stated that T. S. Kirby, of Ottawa, had held a lease of the property for some years, giving the department any granite it required at cost price. However, very little had been done there for some years. Mr. Kirby offered to sell granite to the corporation, but his figure was too high. Finally, on Ald. Litton's motion, it was resolved to ask council to petition the government to give Mr. Kirby the necessary six months' notice to the cancelling to his lease of the quarry, and to hand it over to the city to be used for municipal purposes, the corporation agreeing to supply the department with granite at cost.

With reference to Francis King's appeal to council for protection against the Bell Telephone company constructing poles and guy wires on his property on Stuart street, the solicitor's report was read. It stated that the charter which the Bell Telephone company has from the dominion government gives it the power to erect poles or any appliances necessary in the construction of its cables and wires at any spot on the sides of the streets and the community has next to nothing to say in regard to it. The board felt that the company is considerate in this regard and would not erect unnecessary guy wires, etc. It is understood anyway that all these wires will be placed underground in a few years.

James McDermott, a rather aged man, living on Johnson street, applied, through communication, for damages. He claims to have fallen on a slippery sidewalk on Brock street, in front of Brock street Methodist church, on March 10th, and broke his hip. It was referred to the solicitor for report.

The petition of Charles Moulton and others for a sewer on Ann street, between Chatham and Division streets, was granted, provided it was properly signed.

The Canadian Locomotive company asked the board, through communication, for the right to remove some trees on the east side of Ontario street, between Gore and Earl streets, in front of where they expect to erect a building and construct a fire main. The chairman and engineer were given power to act.

On motion of Ald. Peters the chairman and engineer were empowered to engage the usual assistant for the latter for the summer months.

A petition was read, signed by forty-five of the city's corporation men asking for an increase in wages, citing the high cost of living as the reason for the increase. This class of men are now receiving from 15c. to 17½c. an hour, for a nine-hour day, and they asked for 25c. an hour. The more skilled men employed on the cement sidewalk construction, wages run higher. The men petitioning are the snow shovellers and street scrapers. The men's petition was thoroughly considered but the decision of the board was that such an increase was impossible. All such increases mean permanent expenditures and many of the petitioners were only spasmodic city workers. On motion of Ald. Fair, though, the rate was made at the even cent., from 14½c. to 15c., 15 7-9c. to 17c.; and 17½c. to 18c. The waterworks pays 18c. an hour for its labor.

Tenders will be asked for a horse and rig for the foreman of streets.

The board instructed the city engineer to notify all the companies having poles on the streets, to comply with the by-law and have them painted. The city is one of the worst offenders, with its light department poles, but the fire and light committees will have to "knuckle down" with the rest.

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A Y.M.C.A. RECEPTION

WAS A FEATURE ON THURSDAY EVENING.

Bright Addresses Given to a Large Gathering of Young Men—The Work of the Association Was Extolled.

The parlors of the Y.M.C.A. were crowded on Thursday evening at a reception given to young men. The chair was occupied by H. E. Pense. George Mills, the first speaker called upon, spoke on the importance of the young men's work in the community. He referred to the great men who had been patrons of the work, calling to mind the words, of Chauncey M. Depew, who said in substance "There is no greater device on the railroad today than the vigilance and care of the Y.M.C.A." Mr. Mills also referred to the late C. M. Hays, of the Grand Trunk, who was a keen friend of Y.M.C.A. work. He brought to witness several examples of young men who had been helped by the "Y," among whom he mentioned our friend, Frank Beckwith, who is now engaged in Y.M.C.A. railroad work.

After Mr. Mills, the chairman called on Archibald Pettigrew, who sang in a very pleasing manner, "Bonnie Mary of Argyle." Rev. A. P. Mershon then gave an address on the relation of the Y.M.C.A. to the church. Mr. Mershon said that in looking over his boys he found about fifty available baseball players. "That," said he, "is a direct road to the Y.M.C.A. The 'Y' is the boys club house, and it gives the boys of the church just the care they require." He laid stress on the importance of a good gym., and good baths, etc.

The chairman called on Mr. Jones for a solo. Mr. Jones sang in his usual perfect manner, "The Rose Will Blow." The boys wanted more and Mr. Jones had no peace until he had sung again, "The Little Irish Girl."

Henry Phillips and Roy Goodearle then gave short explanatory talks on the boys' department. These were followed by a duet by W. H. Mack and Harold Angrove.

An address was given by Secretary Meserve, of the Y.M.C.A., in which he gave an outline of the summer programme and all the good things that it contained, among which he mentioned bath houses at Lake Ontario Park, the summer camp, a canoe club, and other things which go to make the "Y" what it is to the boys.

Mr. Jones, of Dublin, Ireland, is a short talk, spoke in the warmest terms of the welcome he had received in the Y.M.C.A. upon his arrival here, and called attention to that department of the work—the meeting of the strange boy or young man and providing him with safe associations and friends when he comes to the city.

The remainder of the evening was passed with refreshments and songs, in which everyone joined heartily. The evening was brought to a close about eleven o'clock by the singing of "God Save the King."

GOT IN WRONG HOUSE.

Drunk Caused Trouble at a House on Division Street.

When a man is under the influence of liquor, he is liable to do almost anything. A citizen who had indulged too freely caused some trouble the other evening, when he walked into a house on Division street, believing that it was his own home. Members of the household and a couple of police constables, who were called to the scene, succeeded in convincing the man, after a time, that he was in the wrong house, and placed him on the right track. The unfortunate fellow tried to make himself right at home in the strange place, but he certainly did not find any "welcome" sign on the door mat for him.

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A PARLOR MUSICALE

By Miss Jessica Reid and Mr. Beecroft on Thursday Afternoon.

Some of Kingston's most ardent lovers of music gathered in the parlors of the Y.M.C.A., on Thursday afternoon, to the musicale given by Miss Jessica Reid, who was assisted by Archibald Beecroft, bass, and Miss Mabel Meek, at the piano.

The work of Miss Reid and Mr. Beecroft, although performed before some of the city's best musical taste, received the warmest applause. In their selection of a programme they did not evade some of the most difficult selections. Miss Reid proved herself a most capable artist in the rendering of "The Farewell to the Hills," from Jean d'Arc, a piece which demands not only flexibility and strength of voice, but also dramatic ability. The works of Hayden, Liszt, Wagner, Schubert and Mendelssohn were among those provided and these favorites received ample justice.

It may be said with justice to the singers that the faultless support they received from Miss Meek at the piano was largely responsible for their success.

Mr. Beecroft, in his rendering of "The Evening Star," from Tanhausser, won a well-earned applause. The selection was one calculated to test his abilities to the utmost, and he proved equal to the performance of it.

The opening and closing of the programme were very appropriately supplied by duets. The opening one was "What Have I To Do With Thee," from "The Elijah," and at the close that very pleasing duet, "Oh Moment That I Bless," was exquisitely rendered.

After the programme was finished the appreciation of the audience was warmly expressed by John McIntyre, K.C., and the singers and accompanist were congratulated upon the success of their efforts.

SEEKING NEW QUARTERS.

Cheese Board is Looking for More Accommodation.

The members of the Frontenac cheese board, are looking for new quarters, for the holding of their weekly meetings. They have been holding their meetings, in the general committee rooms at the city hall, but have been cramped for room, and would like to secure more room. A request has been made to the board of trade in regard to the matter and the board may secure the use of one of the rooms in the quarters of the board of trade. The cheese board has appointed a committee to take up the matter with the council of the board of trade.

Made a Good Trip.

The steamer Pierrepont arrived in Cape Vincent, on Thursday afternoon, and did not have much trouble with ice. The steamer Newsboy also made the trip to Clayton, N.Y. A despatch from Clayton says that the first vessel to navigate the St. Lawrence in that district was the tug Alice R., belonging to the Picton Island Red Granite company. She made her regular trip between the quarries and Clayton on Monday. The tug was in winter quarters in the bay of Calumet Island, and to release her it was necessary to saw through solid ice sixteen inches thick.

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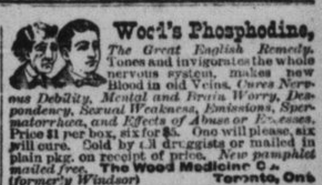

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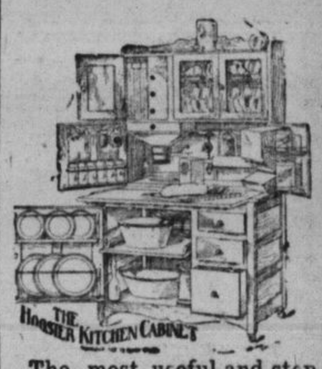

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