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To the People—The Board of Works Decide Not to Go Ahead With the Present Proposal, as it Would be a Bad Deal.

On Thursday afternoon the Board of Works decided to take no action in the matter of recommending to the city council the submitting of a by-law to the ratepayers in January for laying of a new roadbed from the G. T. R. station to Division street, the area it is proposed to pave. And now it is for the board or the board appointed by the next council, to further the paving of Princess street, on both sides of the present tracks, if need be.

The street railway company submitted another draft of its proposition, but it was practically the same as before. It offered to pay \$7,000 of the cost of the new roadbed, and was prepared to give the limited ten-minute service the year round. But the clause with reference to the power remained.

Ald. Fair intimated that before turning the matter down, it might be well to let the people vote on the by-law, if it passes council.

The chairman, Ald. Elliott, stated his position. He, with the board, had gone through the matter from A to Z, and had endeavored in every way to have the power clause eliminated. He thought that it would be cowardly for an alderman to vote for it in council, in order that the people might have a voice in the matter. The chairman said: "I refuse to favor the proposition in committee and vote for it in council, because I feel that it is a bad deal for the corporation." He said he had consulted with some of the heaviest taxpayers in the city and they were opposed to the matter going to the people at the expense of \$500.

Ald. Harty said as a member of the Utilities committee he had voted against the proposition on the ground of the power clause and he could see no reason why he should change his decision. He moved the resolution, which was unanimously carried that no action be taken.

The members of the board present were Alds. Elliott (chairman), Fair, Peters, Harty and Litton.

Fritzi Scheff's New Opera.

Fritzi Scheff, the brilliant light opera prima donna, will make her first appearance this season under the management of Joseph M. Gaites, in a new light opera, "The Love Wager," at the Grand on Monday, December 16th. When the curtains rise on the attractive Fritzi in this new vehicle, the music-loving public, according to Mr. Gaites, will see a "new Fritzi Scheff." It is a well-known fact that Miss Scheff's vehicles the past two seasons have not provided her with adequate opportunities to use her voice, and now that she is under the managerial direction of Mr. Gaites, unusual efforts have been put forth to fit her with a role worthy of her talents. "The Love Wager" is based upon a Hungarian farce, which met with great favor abroad. A dramatic version of the same story was highly successful in America two years ago under the title of "The Seven Sisters."

In the large singing company supporting Miss Scheff, are George Anderson, last season leading baritone in "The Night Bird"; Harry Stone, Horace Wright, Ines Bauer, Cecil Renard, Tena Rabbano, Mildred Rogers, Florence Martin and a real singing chorus of fifty. The picturesque costumes and uniforms of Hungary will afford a pleasing atmosphere for the new opera.

CONTRACTORS GETTING READY

For Another Building Boom in City Next Spring.

Contractors in the city are getting ready for another building boom in the spring. The season now at a close has been the best in years but next year it is expected that the amount of building will be far in excess of this year.

A charter has been granted by the provincial government to the following: William McCartney, Ald. John Litton, Henry Watts, Douglas & McKinnon, and R. H. Fair, to be known as the Kingston, Sand, Gravel and Builders' Supply company.

The company has leased R. H. Fair's sand privileges and purpose delivering by motor trucks all sand and gravel. An order has been given for two seven-ton motors, to be made in England and delivered in May, and also a number of trailers. This new venture, so it is hoped, will do away with the old complaint about contractors being "held-up" for material.

THE LATEST ARRIVAL

Steamer Phelps Made Trip Over From Oswego.

The steamer Phelps is one of the latest arrivals in marine circles. The vessel arrived with the cargo Acacia in tow, loaded with coal for Wolfe Island. After the cargo is discharged the vessel will return with the Acacia for Chautauq to be laid up for the winter.

The Phelps had a good run over but just got here in time to escape a very bad storm.

Help the Other Fellow

is the Y.M.C.A. Christmas motto for 1912, so in line with this motto the association has planned an entertainment to be held Tuesday evening, December 17th, for the benefit of the Sir Oliver Mowat Tuberculosis Hospital at Port-mouth.

Miss Lottie L. Tillotson of Hawaii, a noted traveler and elocutionist, assisted by local musical talent, will be the attraction on the evening mentioned. As tickets are sold at the moderate price of 25c the public in general is expected to support this effort with its most worthy object in view.

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People To-day Live Longer Than "In the Good Old Days"—Health Conditions in Ontario are Steadily Improving.

At the Canadian Club dinner Thursday evening, the Hon. W. J. Hanna gave a pithy and forcible address on "The Progress of Public Health." The Canadian Club gathered about 100 strong around the well set tables at the Hotel Frontenac and enjoyed an address, which, although on a rather heavy subject, was nevertheless made full of interest through the speaker's convincing presentation of facts.

Mr. Hanna called to mind what is so often said by people who are dissatisfied that in the "good old days" people were stronger and healthier, lived longer and were happier. He examined this idea in the light of actual figures as shown from carefully collected data, and proved that in the present day men have less disease, they are fewer feeble old men, the death of children is lower, the average duration of life is longer and men live under more just laws and are surrounded by better opportunities in life than in the "good old days."

He took in a review of the death rate in the larger cities of the world which began in the eighteenth century, as compared with that of the present day, and found a wide difference in favor of the present day. The average duration of life at that time was from eighteen to twenty years. Now it is from thirty-eight to forty years. He also showed that an infant born to-day has much better chance of life than those born years ago. Everywhere we find sanitary conditions and the light strong against disease. National health means national efficiency. In all directions we find institutions provided for the treatment of deadly diseases and a determined and successful war waged against typhoid, smallpox and other enemies of war.

The municipality that permits its people to drink poisoned water is not faithful. Dr. Hanna here gave the typhoid death rate in Ontario as compared with that of Germany where the fight has been well waged against this disease. The ratio was one out of sixty in Ontario as compared with one out of 50,000 in Germany.

He showed how the public health act was endeavoring to give assistance by compelling registration of certain deadly diseases. Through various means knowledge about these diseases was being diffused among the people, and the result was such institutions as our tuberculosis hospital which is the tenth of its kind in Ontario. Mr. Hanna said that when the house in Toronto dealt with the subject of public health both parties were united for the public weal. He cited the various precautions being taken along other lines such as infantile paralysis and the way the fight had succeeded, showing great results. He said, in closing, that it was the hope of the government that there will be no province anywhere that will be doing more for the promotion and preservation of its public health.

A cordial vote of thanks, moved by Elmer Davis and seconded by Dr. Edward Ryan, was tendered to Mr. Hanna for his masterly address.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Business Was Quite Brisk in the Stores Thursday.

Although the real rush has not commenced, things have commenced to get busy in the stores. Thursday the merchants had a fairly good day, the crowd coming in over the Kingston and Pembroke railway, making a tour of the stores, for Christmas gifts. Late Thursday afternoon, the waiting room, at the Kingston and Pembroke railway station looked like the parcel room of some big departmental store. Parcels of all sizes and shapes, were piled all over the room. It certainly did look like Christmas to see the display.

Sons of England Officers

On Monday evening at a large meeting of the Sons of England, the following officers were elected:—Past president, William Dumbistoun; worthy president, J. J. Gigg; vice president, H. Scott; chaplain, G. C. Truener; treasurer, C. Selby; secretary, E. Leach; 1st Guide, F. E. Elmer; 2nd Guide, G. A. Carter; 3rd Guide, G. A. Loper; 4th Guide, G. Eastwell; 5th Guide, G. E. Francis; 6th Guide, C. G. Dumbleton; 7th Guide, J. S. Dale; physician, Dr. S. J. Keyes; pianist, J. Funstall; auditors, Bros. J. Parker and J. Andrew; trustees, Bros. J. J. Marsh, H. M. Hawley and J. Tunstall; district deputy, Bro. George Bonny.

Debate on Navy Policy

The Anglican Young People's Association met on Wednesday evening and spent a very instructive and interesting time debating the Borden naval policy. The subject of debate was: "Resolved that the Borden naval policy is in the best interests of Canada." The affirmative was taken by G. Williamson and Irwin Connolly, and the negative by Joseph Adams and H. Stinson. Both sides made a strong case but it was decided that the affirmative had a little the better of the argument.

To Join British News Staff

Miss Mildred Macmorine, Clergy street, will shortly join the staff of the Canadian and British News, Toronto, as an assistant to the Canadian woman, to whose care several pages of the paper are assigned. Miss Macmorine, clever, resourceful and industrious, will undoubtedly succeed in her new field.

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AN EDITOR'S TRIBUTE

TO SIMCOE LEE, THE AGED ACTOR, JUST DECEASED.

C. W. Young, Proprietor of the Cornwall Freeholder, Tells How He Met Mr. Lee in 1870 at Jackson, Mississippi.

C. W. Young, proprietor of the Cornwall Freeholder, writes the following to the Whig in appreciation of his old friend, the late Simcoe Lee, the aged actor, who died in Kingston this week:

"Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him, Horatio! A fellow of infinite jest; of most excellent fancy."

So poor old Simcoe Lee is dead. This recalls to me the last time I saw him. I was at the time a jour printer, and was doing the local work as well on the Daily Clarion, at Jackson, capital of the state of Mississippi—it would be about this time of year, 1870.

The Pierce hotel, where I was boarding at the time, had been a plantation house, and all around it were the old negro one-roomed cabins, relics of slavery days, but now utilized as bedrooms by the boarders, who took their meals in the hotel. Mine was a double-bedded cabin. I remember distinctly that it was near the Christmas season and for several days the weather had been as "ornery" as it often gets in the southern winter time. I was sitting in my room, feeling blue and not a little homesick, when the proprietor of the hotel came in and asked me if I would have any objection to sharing my room with a member of a dramatic company, that was to appear in the music hall for a week to come. I had no objection, and a few minutes after there came in an elderly actor, decidedly the worse for wear, after a series of one-night barnstorms through Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. He was asked with a paroxysm of coughing, and lay down on the bed exhausted. A nig of Bourbon brought him around, and in a little while he got up and we sat before an open fire of pine knots, which lighted up the dark interior, and

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made it cosy and comfortable in spite of the sleek storm outside. And this was Lee, as I soon found out. I had known him in Canada, when a member of the old Royal Lyceum company in Toronto, and we sat till late in the night talking about up-north and routing up mutual friends from the recesses of our memory. He was a good actor in his day, was Sim, and at the time I speak of, was the mainstay of the company he was with. The repertoire was varied, and included among other things, as my scrap book tells me, John Brougham's burlesque of "Pocahontas," with Katie Putnam, "the witching elfin star," in the title role, and Simcoe Lee as John Smith. I can hear old Powhatan saying in stern accents: "Smith, John Smith, it strikes me I have heard that name before."

And again: "Come, Smith; no longer prate; You must die early, so you can't die late." By the time the week's engagement was over, by good care and

regular meals and beds, and the pleasure of meeting a friend in a strange land, old Sim was a new man, and I regretted to see him go, for he was a jolly companion. But so runs the world away. And now he is dead. Peace to his ashes!

To be Labor Candidate.

The labor men of Kingston are considering the bringing forward of a candidate for mayor. They will contest at least three chairs in the city council, who will be nominated at the mass meeting this evening by the Trades and Labor Council. The general feeling in labor circles is that there ought to be a labor man in the field.

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