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PAVING THE MAIN STREETS: There has been a sudden and somewhat surprising change of base on the part of the works department.

Wood block had been so much extolled that no one expected anything but it, especially as the Street Railway company had pronounced in its favour.

The committee has its reasons for this recommendation, and the Council readily accepted them, and yet the Whig believes that the sheet asphalt is not only very noisy, under traffic, but, on the slope of Princess street, will be found very slippery and unsuitable.

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posal of the city, at the option of \$800 per acre, and had these plots been included in the transaction there would have been no advantage whatever to the sellers.

The theory that the city should not hold land, but look it up and buy it when needed, is not a rational or reasonable one. Better to have an area to which men, seeking industrial sites, may be referred, and with some hope of impressing them, and the plots on which the Council has centred attention are the choicest available.

The righteousness of the city's proceeding is illustrated by what other places are doing. In Stratford, last week, the ratepayers voted on the proposition to give sites, valued at \$6,000, and a portion of a street allowance, (value not named), and a fixed assessment of \$7,500, for a period of ten years, for three establishments.

The Beacon, in referring to the sites, remarks: "The effect of the passing of these by-laws will mean much to the city. In addition to the acquiring of two new factories (furniture and upholstery), and the material enlargement of one of the present factories, (manufacturing swings, settees, ladders, etc.), the way is opened for other furniture concerns seeking a desirable place to locate."

Kingston cannot compete with the western cities unless it can go as far, and do as much, for the captains of industry.

DISBANDING THE ARMY

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If unfortunately there is to be a new premier of Ontario, caused by the breakdown of Sir James Whitney's health, then let us also have several new conservative ministers. Some of the present provincial are awful. With the characteristics of most elevated political domestics, some of them are actually taking themselves seriously.

The Parliament Act, was suggested by the undue interference of the Lords with the work of the Commons, and the work that exclusively belongs to it. It has been a necessity through the attempts of these same leaders to obstruct the reforms of the day.

The people of the old land will not tolerate baseball, even from the best of clubs. Why? Is it too fast or too slow for the people? Is golf and curling their limit? One wonders when they leave a game, before it is half finished.

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PUBLIC OPINION

Stand Up Colonel! Toronto Globe. The minister of militia cannot afford to show the white feather.

Awaiting the End. London Advertiser. Already the members at Ottawa, between yawns, are counting the days and figuring out that prorogation will come in May.

What's in a Name. Montreal Mail. St. George, Manitoba, liberals have nominations as their candidate one, Skull Sigfusson.

Political Conscience. Hamilton Herald. The time is coming when Canada will evolve a political conscience, and there are signs to-day that the time is not so far ahead as pessimistic observers usually declare.

Pathetic Experience. Ottawa Free Press. The wish of Sir James Whitney, who at one time appeared so much worse than Sir George Ross, to pay a visit to his old opponent, and the necessity for declining it, were pathetic.

The Ontario Cabinet. United Canada. If unfortunately there is to be a new premier of Ontario, caused by the breakdown of Sir James Whitney's health, then let us also have several new conservative ministers.

Kingston Event 25 YEARS AGO. P. McLaughlin will run his horse, "Le Caron," against any horse in the city for \$100 to \$500 a side.

John Smith, printer, has two aunts and two uncles living whose total ages make 323 years. The aunts are eighty-four and seventy-seven years respectively while the uncles are eighty-six and eighty-one years.

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Wise and :. :. Otherwise

Don't expect to become the owner of a mansion in the skies if you are an earthly tax dodger.

You can spank more sense into some children in a minute than you can reason into them in half a day.

Women don't mean it when they kiss each other in public—they do it merely to show the men what they are missing.

There isn't much in writing poetry. Big pay for clever rhyming is a myth. A very lucky bard, indeed, is he whose Ode to Keats pays what he owed to Smith.

What is your idea of graft? "Graft," replied the boss, "is any scheme for landing big money that I ain't in on."—Washington Star.

His Good Luck. "Phew! I put the lighted end of that cigar in my mouth." "How lucky you were, dear, to discover it immediately."—Life.

Just That. Jones says there is only one thing that keeps him from retiring to a farm. And what is that? He hasn't a farm.

Actual Test Desired. Gibbs—There's one thing I'd like very much to find out about myself. Gibbs—What is that? Gibbs—Whether or not I could stand prosperity.

Oh, G'ness! "What's become of that old feather-duster man who used to come around?" "Oh, he was arrested." "Arrested! What for?" "Selling cocktails without a license."

Was She Jolting Him? Captain—We ran into a dense fog last night. Miss Torriet—Strange the shock didn't wake me up; I'm a very light sleeper.

Worldly Wisdom. "In choosing a wife one should never judge by appearances." "That's right. Often the prettiest girls have the least money."

The Immortals. The Mrs. Partingtons and Mrs. Malaprops are still with us in the flesh. Recently a woman at the opera in Chicago complained that her seat was too far back. She said she could hear the music all right, but the performers on the stage "looked like minonettes."

No Cause for Alarm. His Rivener—Dear, dear, O'Brien, surely you had more sense than to go looking for an escape of gas with a match. O'Brien—Sure, yer honor, 'twas a safety match.—London Opinion.

Not His Fault. Poet—Good gracious! Here is your servant asleep. Hostess—Silly fool! He must have been eavesdropping while you were reading your new poem to me.—Tele Mele.

Two Games at Once. Disgusted Spectator (to bandy-legged half-back, who has let the ball slip through his legs)—Na, then, stupid! Don't let them play croquet wiv yer.—London Opinion.

Quaker Guise. Many a man has a poorer eye for business than the blind beggar. Old friends may be dearest, but even young ones are not always cheap. The skater is steel shod, especially if he happens to have stolen his skates. Some people can never find anything when they want it, except fault. When a fellow has a dark brown taste he may look pale, but he feels blue. It tickles the henpecked husband to death to see his wife in the hands of her dressmaker.—Philadelphia Ledger.

LOVE NOT ME FOR COMELY GRACE. Love not me for comely grace, For my pleasing eye or face, Nor for any outward part, No, nor for my constant heart; For those may fail or turn to ill, So thou and I shall sever. Keep therefore a true woman's eye, And love me still, but know not why. So hast thou the same reason still To dote upon me ever. —Anonymous.

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