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BOARD OF WORKS DECIDES ABOUT STREET PAVING

A Greater Yardage Will Be Undertaken This Year Than in 1923.

The Board of Works on Wednesday afternoon decided upon its road paving programme for 1924. Last year over 40,000 square yards of sheet asphalt was constructed. This year the Board of Works plans to do more. The yardage in the streets it has decided to try and pave this year is 51,000, but it is not likely the engineering department will be able to complete that amount. General Manager Folger, of the public utilities commission, was present to ask for the co-operation of the board with the commission in regard to street paving, and the streets committee will endeavor to do the work to suit the convenience of the utilities. Some of the streets to be paved required a good deal of underground work, and these will be left till the last. The streets decided upon are as follows:

York street, Barrie to Division. Barrie street, York to Pine. Pine street, Division to the fair grounds. Queen street, Ontario to Montreal. King street, Princess to Queen. Sydenham street, Princess to Ordinance. Ordinance street, Sydenham to Clergy. Johnson street, Wellington to Bagot. William street, Clergy to Barrie. Rideau street, Barrack to North. Earl street from Barrie to University. Frontenac street from Union to York.

Ald. Peters pointed out that the above streets were probably the worst in the city and needed immediate attention. Upon the advice of the city solicitor, the Board of Works decided to take no action on the claim of R. G. Armstrong for damages.

In attendance at the meeting were Ald. Peters (chairman), Godwin, Sargent, Joyce, Kidd, Johnston and J. B. Holder. Mayor Angrove and Ald. Driscoll and Boyd occupied second row seats as spectators.

FRANCE'S SUICIDAL STAND.

Dr. Adam Shortt Refers to Attitude on Reparations. That Germany ought to be made pay the reparations asked for by the Allies, and that she was wholly to blame for the present economic condition of Europe, were opinions expressed by Dr. Adam Shortt in a lecture entitled "Some Aspects of International Affairs," before the Men's Club of Dominion Methodist church, Ottawa.

Dr. Shortt reviewed post-war conditions in Europe, dealing particularly with France and Germany. He pointed out that German capitalists were doing the greater part of their business out of their own country, and that Germany was going gradually down and out. Money deflation and general business conditions in Germany were keenly reviewed by the speaker.

"France was taking a suicidal stand on the reparations issue," said Dr. Shortt. "Her attitude is to be sympathized with, though." Dr. Shortt said that France had floated loans running into billions in the hope of the German government eventually paying for them through reparations. Dr. Shortt pointed out that France had benefitted somewhat through the war by the money that had poured into the country from the troops of all nations. The people of France had subscribed well to loans, which accounted for good conditions in that country, but these loans would have to be paid, and the problem asked in every country was, "Can Germany pay?"

Dr. Shortt in closing remarked that not only Great Britain was vitally interested in European conditions, but Canada and United States were both alive to the fact that conditions in France and Germany had an effect on economic conditions in America.

Anniversary Services at Westport.

The anniversary services of the Methodist church were held on Sunday, Jan. 27th, and were considered among the most successful in the history of the church. Rev. G. W. McCall, B.A., B.D., Brockville, was the special preacher for the occasion, who gripped the large congregations with his strong, stirring messages. On Monday a supper was served in the hall, after which Rev. G. W. McCall delivered a powerful lecture on "The British Empire." The large audience listened with rapt attention to a great address. It was because we were a truly Christian nation, and hated injustice and oppression, that the British people throughout the centuries, were determined to stand for right. Rev. F. Horton, the pastor presided. During the services Rev. Mr. McCall made some striking innovations on the church union question. These anniversary services will be long remembered by all who were privileged to attend them.

Remains Brought Here.

The death took place in Ottawa, on Tuesday, at the residence of her son-in-law, D. Arbuckle, 215 Argyle avenue, in her ninety-second year, of Mrs. S. J. Mabey, widow of the late Benjamin Mabey, formerly of Odessa, of U.E.L. descent. The remains were brought to Kingston on Thursday and placed in Cataragui cemetery.

The American government has announced resumption of diplomatic relations with Greece.

RADIO BROADCASTING

The following is a list of radio broadcasting stations and their programmes which may be heard locally on Friday:

- 326—KDKA—Pittsburgh, Pa. 6.15 p.m.—Organ recital by Lucile Hale from the Cameo Motion Picture Theatre.
- 7.15—Radio Boy Scout meeting conducted by the scouts.
- 7.45—Children's period.
- 8.30 p.m.—Concert by the St. Andrew's Lutheran quartette.
- 380—WGY—Schenectady, N.Y. 6.30 p.m.—Children's programme.
- 7.35 p.m.—Health talk, New York State Department of Health.
- 7.45 p.m.—Nevin programme.
- 10.30 p.m.—Late programme WGY Light opera company.
- 535—KYW—Chicago, Ill. 6.50 p.m.—Children's bed time story.
- 2 a.m.—Midnight revue.
- 337—WBZ—Springfield, Mass. 6 p.m.—Dinner concert by WBZ quintette.
- 11 p.m.—Programme of Chamber music by the WBZ quintette.
- 447—WMAQ—Chicago, Ill. 7.30 p.m.—Music memory contest.
- 8.30 p.m.—WMAQ orchestra.
- 9.15 p.m.—Programme from Cosmopolitan School of Music.
- 517—WWJ—Detroit. 8.30 p.m.—Detroit News orchestra.
- 360—WGI—Medford Hillside, Mass. 7.30 p.m.—Selected programme.
- 7.45 p.m.—Concert.
- 8.15 p.m.—Concert.
- 448—WJAZ—Chicago, Ill. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.—Musical programme.
- 360—KOV—Pittsburgh, P.A. 9 to 10 p.m.—Evening artists' concert.
- 9 p.m.—Programme of arts, songs and arias.
- 405—WJY—New York City. 8.15 p.m.—Recital by Rebecca Team.
- 10.30 p.m.—A popular programme by Breaud and Tobias.
- 455—WJZ—New York City. 8.30 p.m.—Musical programme.
- 10.30 p.m.—Dance programme.
- 484—WOC—Davenport. 7.20 p.m.—Sunday school lesson International.
- 8 p.m.—Musical programme for one hour.
- 476—WBAP—Fort Worth, Texas. 7.30 till 8.30 p.m.—Concert by the choral club.
- 9.30 till 10.45 p.m.—Concert by the Texas Christian University.
- 492—KGW—Portland, Oregon. 8 p.m.—Soleo by John Sylvester.
- 8.15 p.m.—Dance music.
- 9 p.m.—University of Oregon extension trolle.
- 10.30 p.m.—Hoot owls with Pantages-Frolle.

SAID ON THE SIDE

Despatch states that bricklayers at Guelph will be paid \$1.25 per hour. There should be a big rush for work on the scaffold.

Latest matrimonial news: Woman in Indiana aged 73, has just been married for the eighth time.

That cold spell certainly made a big hole in the coal pile. January just had to make a record for something.

It is stated that during last year the women smoked seven billion cigarettes. At this rate the men will have to stand by with their pipes.

The dry leaders are in session in Toronto, but their thirst does not help the business of the bootleggers.

Report of public library states that the detective story is suffering an eclipse. Nick Carter will have to look after his laurels.

And by the way, the library report states that during last year there were 9,187 more novels read this year than last, which shows that there are a number of people who do not depend altogether on the "movies" for their entertainment.

It is certainly tough luck when curling matches have to be postponed in January on account of soft ice.

"Educated people keep too aloof," says a Queen's University professor. They should mix with the general public more and through their knowledge help others and thereby build up the community.

A visitor to Kingston this week stated that he had been married twenty-one years and that during that time not one cross word had passed between him and his wife. This chap must be suffering from lack of memory.

The wife of a Toronto policeman hit a robber on the head with a rolling pin. Evidently hubby had been giving her a few lessons with his baton.

Perhaps the Toronto lady had faith in the weapon used by Maggie on Jiggs.

The great war is over, but it looks as if the fight over church union is just nicely started.

GANANOQUE

Jan. 31.—Rev. Father A. J. Hanley will take a six weeks' holiday in the south before taking permanent charge of his pastoral duties here.

Mrs. Harold Valteau is having a little dinner party this evening in honor of Mrs. S. Spellen, Toronto, who is spending a few weeks in town with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wing.

Harold Bell returned from the General Hospital last evening, and is having a speedy convalescence after his operation for appendicitis a few weeks ago.

Misses Tucker and Hagerty of St. John's presbytery are returning to Kingston today.

Mrs. Ryan, Wolfe Island, will spend the next few weeks with Father Ryan at the presbytery.

W. J. Wing is severing his connection with Bennett & Son on the 18th of February to accept a position with the Parmenter & Bulloch Company. Mr. Wing has been with Bennett & Son for twenty-five years, going there when he was a little chap. During that time he has made many warm friends among their patrons who will miss his smiling countenance, but whose good wishes will follow him in his new field of labor.

It will not be the fault of the house committee of the golf club if the Valentine ball is not the big event of the season. A large number is expected from Kingston, Brockville, Napanee and the surrounding country.

Elected Councillors.

Bath, Jan. 29.—Mrs. H. C. Johnson and son, Laurence, have returned to their home in Rochester, N.Y., after visiting friends here. Clarence McGuin, Kingston, spent a few days recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McGuin, J. N. Osborne and Clarence Mott were elected, by acclamation, to fill the vacancies in the council, caused by the resignation of J. A. Tompkins and Fred Lloyd.

The eucyre drive held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, in aid of the public library, was a very successful affair. Mrs. Charles Young attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Bowman, in Kingston, on Monday. Reeve Mellow attended the meeting of the county council at Napanee last week. Mrs. Angus Davy, Alberta, is visiting friends here. Mrs. Roy Allison and children, Adolpustown are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Forester. Miss Mary Davy spent a few days this week with her sister, Mrs. Frank Meelow, Napanee.

Mrs. Florence R. Vincent, wife of William Vincent, Belleville, died on Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, after an illness extending over many years. The late Mrs. Vincent was born in Belleville in 1876.

Mrs. J. D. Hughes was elected president of the Council of Women at St. Thomas.

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FORMER PRINCIPAL BECAME AFFLUENT

Served in the Fenian Raid at Kingston and Held Medal.

Brockville Recorder and Times. Word has reached Athens of the death recently in Los Angeles, Cal., of Allen Bowerman, wealthy Saskatchewan, Sask., land owner and builder of some of that city's largest business blocks, who was principal of the Athens High School from 1877 to 1882. Mr. Bowerman had been in failing health for some time and his death was not unexpected.

Born on a farm near Picton, in 1844, the deceased received his preliminary education in the schools of the vicinity and matriculated into Victoria College, Cobourg, from which he graduated as a Bachelor of Arts and also received a gold medal.

As a young man he served at Kingston at the time of the Fenian Raid of 1866 and held the Queen's Medal with clasp for his services at that time.

In 1877 Mr. Bowerman succeeded J. A. Carman, B.A., as principal of the Athens High School and after leaving the institution in 1882 became interested in real estate—in Winnipeg and Brandon, finally settling at Saskatoon. Here he enjoyed a phenomenal rise to affluence and purchased land upon which the Canada Building now stands for \$100. In later years he refused the sum of \$1,500 per foot for the same tract.

A Saskatchewan newspaper says that Mr. Bowerman rose to prominence in that city through his steadfast, straightforward business methods. An old resident of Saskatoon said that he would never forget Mr. Bowerman's plucky pony, which he frequently offered him on the way to town. "He was a good old soul and very entertaining. Among his possessions his collection of rare books used to fill him with pride. Mr. Bowerman had an eye for beauty and even in the days when the wheels of his quaint buggy sank into mud on second Avenue and threw up the dust on Twentieth street west, the grounds surrounding his pretty house on the river bank were kept orderly and with the years took on added beauty. He was patriotic, too. On holidays the flag on the mast by the house could be seen on both sides of the river. I feel that in Mr. Bowerman's death Saskatchewan has lost one of its founders and I one of

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