

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

IS DECIDED UPON BY THE BOARD OF WORKS

To Build a Big Sewer in College Street and Construct Roadways on Johnson, Union and Patrick Streets.

The Board of Works met on Friday afternoon and decided upon some work that could be undertaken at once in order to help the unemployed. It will recommend to the City Council, which meets on Tuesday night, that a sewer 1,000 feet long be laid in College street, under the local improvement system; that Union street be macadamized from Alfred street to the city limits under the local improvement system, and that roadways be constructed in Johnson street, above Macdonnell, and in Patrick street, and charged to general revenue account. In these two latter streets there are not even the proper foundations for macadamized roadways, and it was thought that the property owners should not be charged with local improvement until a proper foundation had been put in.

The board decided that it would be inadvisable to do anything to Montreal and Rideau streets just now in the way of rebuilding. The work laid out will keep a good many men busy for a month, and in the meantime other construction work may be arranged for.

The outlay on the above works will be: Patrick street, \$200; College street, \$1,200; Johnson street, \$1,000; Union street, \$4,800. About \$3,200 of these amounts will be for labor and the remainder for material. Quick passage of the College street drain construction is being secured by getting the Board of Health to recommend it to the City Council as a necessity.

The board discussed other works that might be undertaken. The city engineer reported that the King street breakwater could be rebuilt for \$10,000, but it would afford little labor, that is, only half a dozen men might be required, as the bulk of the money would be expended in material and in hauling.

To construct a public wharf in front of the city buildings would cost from \$100,000 to \$150,000, but expert advice would be required for this, and the sanction of the people would have to be obtained. The board decided to seek, through the member for Kings-

tion, the co-operation of the Dominion government. It was thought that a portion of the dominion grant for Kingston harbor improvements might be devoted to a large wharf that would accommodate all kinds of vessels. This matter will receive further consideration.

It is likely that the board will arrange for stone crushing in the city quarry during the winter. Ald. Litton announced that he could secure the loan of a crusher, and a number of men could be given employment.

The engineer said that if the fair grounds were to be retained by the city, he would recommend that a sewer be built up there in order to drain the grounds. Sewers, he said, gave far more work than any other kind of street construction.

In attendance at the meeting were Aids. Litton (chairman), Sutherland, Couper and O'Connor.