

WORK FOR IDLE MEN

IS DESIRED BY THE BOARD OF WORKS.

Paving Question Was Taken up Again At a Special Meeting Held on Wednesday Afternoon — Petitions Received For More Paving.

The fact that everything possible must be done to give work for Kingston's unemployed, was brought to the attention of the Board of Works on Wednesday afternoon, by the chairman, Ald. Litton, and all the members agreed with the chairman.

Ald. Litton presided at the meeting, and the other members present were Aids. Couper, Fair, Hughes, Sutherland, O'Connor and Peters.

The board received a letter from the Kingston Construction company, in which the company stated that they understood that Foley & Gleason did not intend to proceed with their work on the block on Princess street, between Clergy and Barrie streets, and offering to do the work at the same price tendered by the Ottawa firm. The company stated that it was ready to go on with the work at once, and that the city could be assured that local labor would receive the preference.

Ald. Hughes stated that while he would like to see the Kingston firm secure the contract, it would not be fair under the circumstances, as the local firm was acquainted with the prices quoted by the Ottawa firm.

Ald. Sutherland said that there was a rumor to the effect that Foley & Gleason would not take the contract for the block on Princess street unless they got the contract for the extra area proposed for paving.

The chairman stated he had been assured by a representative of the company that the block would be finished, and that a start would be made in three weeks' time.

Mayor Shaw, who dropped into the meeting at this stage, stated that in view of the financial situation the board must only think of doing the paving which was absolutely necessary. He drew attention to the disgraceful condition of Princess street, between Barrie and Clergy streets, and asked that if it could not be paved, that it be given macadam.

The mayor urged that it be arranged so that local men be given the work. Work would have to be provided for a great many men this winter.

The board received petitions for sheet asphalt paving as follows: William street, between Division street and University avenue; Aberdeen street, Earl to Johnson streets; University avenue, Stuart to Princess streets; Frontenac street, Union to Mack streets.

Ald. Sutherland said he was opposed to doing any more paving outside of the one block on Princess street.

"But we must get work for the idle men," said the chairman.

Ald. Sutherland proposed that the work of putting the fair grounds in proper shape be commenced. This, he said, would provide work for unskilled labor. He also suggested starting work on the proposed city wharf. He said that all of three hundred families would have to be cared for this winter.

After a great deal of discussion, it was decided, on motion of Ald. Couper, to grant the petitions, provided they are properly signed, and that the tender of Foley & Gleason, at \$2.15 a square yard, be accepted, the understanding also being that Kingston labor must be employed on the work.