

GRADING YOUNG AVENUE.

June 11th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—Under the Will of the late Sir William Young an amount which now exceeds \$9,000.00, was to be expended in the grading and completing of Young Avenue from Inglis Street to the Park Gates. The money was to be laid out to the approval of the Executors.

A specification was prepared by this department, providing for the grading and completion of the whole work, but the tenders were too high for the amount available.

Subsequently the specification was modified and amended tenders taken. The lowest tender was slightly under \$9,000.00, and Mr. John Doull and Mr. George Thompson, the Executors approved of the work and the awarding of the contract to the lowest tender. The money will be paid over to the credit of the City, and I therefore recommend that the Mayor be authorized to sign a contract to carry out the work.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter from Borden Ritchie & Co., Solicitors of John Milsom, agreeing to the selection of William Woodill, by the city as one of the arbitrators to appraise value of lands of Mr. Milsom, taken by the city on the water shed of Lower Chain Lake. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the receipt of the letter be acknowledged and the matter referred to His Honor the Recorder to arrange with Messrs. Borden Ritchie & Co., to have said arbitration held. Motion passed.

Read report of City Clerk on accounts of T. C. Allen & Co., for stationery. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accouts. Motion passed.

Read report of Inspector of Licenses, *re* Wholesale Liquor Licenses. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the same be placed on Order Paper for consideration with No. 1, thereon. Motion passed.

Read letter from City Health Board, covering a letter from the City Engineer, recommending the construction of a Crematory for the destruction of garbage, etc.

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DR. N. E. MCKAY, Chairman City Health Board :

SIR,—A few weeks ago the City Health Board called the attention of this department to the offensive condition of the dump on Camp Hill, and recommend that some action be taken to abate the nuisance I was also asked to report to the Board in reference to it.

As your Honorable Board are aware all the garbage of the city is deposited at the dump on Camp Hill, and during the winter no attempt has been made to cover it except with such material as was brought to the dump with the garbage. It has now been covered over and the dump cleaned up as far as possible, but the garbage collected by the contractor is deposited there five nights of the week.

The sanitary regulations provide for the separation of ashes and garbage, and the requirements are being complied with in a manner that is fairly satisfactory. The ashes are being used for the sub-grading of streets and contain no objectionable matter. The method of disposing of the garbage, however, is decidedly objectionable. In fact the dumping or depositing of poisonous garbage and

refuse material within the city limits is a festering heap of rotteness, and the existence of the night soil pit at Rockhead is a satire upon the Health Department. There is no use in attempting to disguise the fact that not only is a disagreeable nuisance created but there is a positive danger to public health, and these portions of the city will be a menace to its future sanitary condition.

The destruction of garbage, refuse and offal in a manner conforming to sanitary law has become a matter of vital importance and should receive the attention which so important a factor in the welfare and safety of the city deserves. It is most essential to health that adequate means be provided for the efficient removal of all decomposing refuse. Its final disposal must be carefully attended to before putrefaction set in, as it is then deprived of its power to cause injury to health; care being taken of course to select a system which adapts itself best to meet particular circumstances of the case, both as regards efficiency and economy. I have already reported on this matter to the Board, and after a careful consideration of the requirements and the particular circumstances governing garbage disposal in this city, have recommended the construction a crematory.

Sanitary authorities agree that the whole destruction of garbage or complete change in its characteristics is the only solution that will satisfy sanitary requirements. Cremation promises to settle the difficulty with satisfactory results and is being adopted generally all over the world. It creates no nuisance and in economy of operation gives satisfaction to city authorities when it is in use.

The Legislature have authorized the City to construct a Crematory, and a piece of property owned by the city, near the Cotton Factory, would be a convenient location where coal could be delivered cheaply.

The separation of ashes and garbage has reduced the cost of removal. We are obliged to keep several men employed during the summer on the dumps where the garbage and night soil is deposited, and some of the employees are on the dump the year round. This work would be unnecessary if a crematory were erected, and the cost of maintenance would be very little, if any more than under the present system.

Although the matter of dollars and cents is a serious one especially at the present time, public health and safety is of more importance, and one epidemic will cost more than the Health Department could spend in a century.

I would ask the consideration of the Board on this matter, and would again recommend the construction of a Crematory for the destruction of all garbage. The estimated cost will be about \$10,000.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the recommendation contained in the report of the City Engineer be adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the same be placed on the Order Paper, and the City Engineer report on the advisability of constructing the Crematory on a site owned by the City near Africville.

Said amendment being put is passed, 8 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Foster, Musgrave,	Aldermen Ryan, Butler.
Lane, Geldert,	Hubley, McFatrige,
Mitchell, Redden,	O'Donnell.—5.
Eden, Hamilton.—8.	

Read cash statement City Treasurer, "General," Water and Balances for month of May; also read returns City Collector, Rates and Water Rates for May. Filed.