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Montreal and LaSalle Squabble Over Paving of Nobody's Street

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Nobody's child is a little street in Ville LaSalle. It is owned by the City of Montreal, but LaSalle collects the taxes because it is within its limits. Both municipalities yesterday passed the buck as to which should pay for paving.

A delegation headed by Mayor Armand Brosseau, of Ville LaSalle, came before the Executive Committee at City Hall, asking that the City of Montreal pave the street, as it belongs to Montreal. It was explained the street, named Latour, used to be the site of the city's old intake, and when the present intake was built, the old site was filled in and it is now an unpaved thoroughfare.

"You collect taxes on it from owners of property on both sides of the street," asked Ald. Ovide Taillefer, chairman of the Executive Committee.

"Yes," answered Mayor Brosseau. "Then pave it," invited the chairman.

Ville LaSalle didn't think much of the invitation.

"Suppose we give you the street," offered Ald. Edouard Jeannotte generously.

"Well," said Mayor Brosseau hesitantly, "if you don't want to repave it, we'll take it."

"Have you gone before the Metropolitan Commission?" asked Ald. Jeannotte.

Mayor Brosseau: "If you are out to abolish the Metropolitan Commission, we'll back you." He added that the street was not expensive to repair.

"Ask Hon. William Tremblay (provincial Minister of Labor) to repair the street with relief funds," suggested Ald. Taillefer.

"The street belongs to you," reminded Mayor Brosseau.

"Maybe we ought to have Montreal annexed to Ville LaSalle," observed Ald. Jeannotte thoughtfully.

"The street gives access to the aqueduct boulevard," prompted Ville LaSalle's mayor. Repairing it would bring increased traffic.

"If an accident should happen on the street," asked Ald. Jeannotte, "who would be responsible for damages?"

Mayor Brosseau shook his head. "You always ask questions," he said sadly.

The delegation had another request. They wanted the City of Montreal to draw a contract with Ville LaSalle to sell water to the corporation, so LaSalle could in turn sell it to manufacturers. At present, the City of Montreal supplies water direct.

"Go ahead and buy our aqueduct," finished Ald. Alfred Filion.

It was agreed LaSalle would submit a written factum of their case for consideration by the Executive.