

put your foot, your right foot, gentlemen, on this hydr-headed Railway scheme. But, gentlemen, do not let us forget that there is two sides to every question. Do not let us forget, gentlemen, that though the promoters of this scheme may err, that to err is human. Although some may think otherwise, of which you have a good example at present, still, gentlemen, let us at present remember it. That by the way. Granting that a Railway is necessary, and that it would pay, I would ask why it should be laid in a street that endangers posterity? Are you prepared, gentlemen, to look upon the immense sacrifice that might follow the adoption of this scheme? I think, gentlemen, that upon reflection you will emphatically say no. When you endanger life, gentlemen, you do great harm; but when you endanger young lives, lives that may be of great value to the future of this great Empire, then I say, gentlemen, you do great and irreparable injury to posterity. But, as I said, gentlemen, if a Railway is necessary, then take this danger away, and it becomes more feasible. And can we not do so, gentlemen, by taking it up Wellington Street? There is not, gentlemen, I dare to say, a tenth part of the traffic there, except in meal hours. But you need not run your engine in meal hours. But why lay rails at all, gentlemen? you have the road locomotive which you could hire

at any time. No fear of contracts failing there, and you have a safer and cheaper transit, with no liability. But, putting that at its value, my contention is, gentlemen, that there is no necessity for it. I would not, and shall not give my consent to a Railway being laid in our streets until I see more cause for it. The present method seems sufficient, and I unhesitatingly throw my services in along with those who oppose this scheme. It may be the last time, gentlemen, that I can address you as one in authority, but if it should be so, I hope you will bear in mind that if the responsibility of office had been thrown on me, I would have endeavoured so to do my duties that the working men of this city could say, and say with truth, that I had done my best to alleviate their troubles, and to remove the yoke from their necks."

18. Now was the above speech greatly applauded by the assembled citizens, but none knew the owner thereof, so it was laid aside until it should be claimed.

19. The ruler also of the Foot-of-the-Dee made a speech against the proposed plan, urging the annoyances which would be caused by the passing to and fro of trains, and also of the dangers thereof.

20. Nevertheless, many of the citizens were afraid that their meeting to protest against it, would only be a goad to the promoters to hurry on with their plans.