

The Marine Drive

Round the Castle Foot

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF VOTERS.

Can the Drive be safely constructed without risk of damage from the sea?

YES. —In his report to the Corporation Sir John Coode says ;—

" The proposal presents no insuperable difficulties in the way of its execution, and it may be stated at the outset that the question will have to be determined more on financial than on engineering grounds. I am of opinion that if the works are properly executed on the lines and to the sections above described, and shown on the accompanying drawings, they will Fully answer the requirements of the case, and would not be damaged by the sea."

Can the works be completed without a large addition to the rates? Yes.—

The amount which can be borrowed for the purpose under the

Local Improvement Act is	£70,000
the repayment of which in 50 years (including interest) would involve an annual charge of	£2,676 0 10
Allowing £10,000 for the approach from the Foreshore Road the annual charge for repayment of which with interest would be	£382 5 10

and adding the rents of warehouses, etc which would be lost by the Corporation, a further annual sum of	£211 17 9
would be required, making a total of	£3,270 4 5

Estimating the receipts from tolls (which can only be levied if

<u>the road is made before August 1899</u> at -	£2000 0 0
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the balance of	-	£1270 4 5
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would be more than covered by a two-penny rate; but before

March, 1899 charges on the rates for old loans amounting to £3,366 3 6

will expire. This sum alone would cover the cost of the road without a single penny from tolls.

Is the number of Visitors sufficient to realise a large amount from tolls?

Yes.—Last year 275,896 Excursion and 433,245 other tickets were collected at the Railway Station. From Whit-Sunday to September 11th, **254,280** persons visited the Aquarium, the admission to which is considerably more than the toll over the New Drive. If the same number of persons who visited the Aquarium in four months passed over the road only once in a year, and half of them came back again their tolls would amount to **£1,589 5s- Od.** This only leaves £410 15s 0d to be made up by carriages and other persons using the Drive to realise the **£2,000** named above

Do not be misled by the statement that a Town's Vote in favour of The road compels the Council to carry out the scheme, unconditionally. It will only give the Town 'Council power to borrow if it decides to proceed with the construction of the road; and the Ratepayers may rest assured that their Representatives will not do so until they are satisfied that the estimates are reliable, and that the road will not be rendered useless by restrictions on the part of the War Office; and until the **Board of Trade** is satisfied with the proposals so far as they may affect the safety of the lives of our fishermen.

Vote for the Road, which will provide work for hundreds of men during its construction, and ensure the future Prosperity of Scarborough.