

MORE CANDIDATES FOR THE COUNCIL

MESSRS. CLARKE AND BRAGG IN THE FIELD

The Public Issues Discussed at a Live Meeting in Victoria West Last Night.

Two more candidates for municipal honors announced themselves at the North ward aldermanic meeting in Semple's hall, Victoria West, last night.

These were Watson Clarke, of the Oaklands, and Ed. Bragg, who is familiar to the electors of this place, having been through many municipal campaigns.

The chair at last night's meeting was occupied by B. Boggs, who opened the meeting with a few playful remarks. He also gave the candidates food for cogitation at the outset by asking why the old Craigflower road—the family friend in the western suburb—had not been repaired.

Ald. Beckwith said one of his principal reasons for seeking re-election was his interest in the Point Ellice bridge, he having been one of the first to advocate a new bridge rather than the expenditure of large sums for repairs to the old one.

He felt pride in his three-year record, during which he had striven to carry out a policy of progress and advancement.

An effort had been made to have the city's appropriations distributed in such a manner as to do justice to the outlying districts and not alone within the fire limits. The policy of equal distribution of moneys between the three wards had been modified since his election so that the North ward received a much larger sum and more proportionate to its population and area.

All the new limits, almost, were in the North ward, and it was therefore only fair that the North should receive larger consideration, but it was not allowed without hard work.

The lighting plant also had been extended to provide more lamps. Victoria West had received additional illumination, and more had been appropriated. The water service also had been extended, and the necessity for it had been seen at Spencer's fire, which he thought could not have been controlled had the new mains not been laid on Government street.

The rapid extension of permanent paving left an additional sum yearly for the maintenance of roads in the residential portions. In this connection he paid a tribute to the efficiency of the city engineer.

The satisfactory character of the James Bay causeway was also alluded to.

Regarding the Craigflower road, he always felt that ninety per cent. of the voters favored its maintenance as a permanent roadway, and that this being the case, it would be most unwise to accede to the views of the minority. He was one of those who championed the position of Victoria West. He always felt it was most unfair that the people should be obliged to pay out of their own pockets to maintain their rights.

The new fire hall in Victoria West was another improvement for Victoria West for which he had worked.

Regarding the controversy between the city council and the school board, he thought a strained relationship with that body was most undesirable. He had suggested that the council could not enter into the appropriation of \$30,000 for a High school. They persisted, however, and a by-law had to be submitted. The board was a capable body, and quite as able to look after its interests as the council.

If a stone bridge could be built for the figure Mr. Sorby mentioned, he thought the ratepayers would petition for a by-law to raise the additional sum for its construction. The advantages of a solid steel structure in preference to steel were, he thought, so great that it would be endorsed.

The improvement of the city health could be brought about, he believed, only by the extension of the city sewerage system. He regretted the defeat of the septic tank by-law. The residents of the central portion, he thought, showed a selfish spirit by denying sewerage to the outside portions.

The Esquimalt and Craigflower roads should be improved similar to those to Clover Point and the outer wharf. The improvement of these roads was an important factor in the way of attracting tourist trade.

An appropriation of \$500 for Cadboro Bay road, \$700 for the Work Estate, and \$250 for Craigflower road were all needed, as well as a new sidewalk from Capt. Gaultin's to the city limits. He also advocated the loop line of the street car to the Gorge. The tram car people should be obliged to live up to their agreement, but the city should make it possible for the company to give the very best service.

He also advocated redistribution into four wards, and would move in that direction. He closed with predicting a bright future for the city.

W. Pedal asked why there were over two hundred houses on sewer lines unconnected with the sewer.

Ald. Beckwith said that in all cases where possible, connection should be enforced.

Watson Clarke asked if the alderman had voted to give the Tramway Com-

pany the money to lay rails on Government street.

Ald. Beckwith said he had opposed the suggestion, but on finding that the company had an agreement whereby the city was obliged to meet the expense of new rails caused by paving, he was obliged to modify his view.

A question was then asked in which it was pointed out that the Esquimalt waterworks Co. charged almost double rates for the city, and asking if, in the event of the company refusing to reduce their water, the candidate would support the extension of the city system to Victoria West.

Ald. Beckwith said he would work for a more satisfactory service to Victoria West.

In reply to S. Matson, the speaker also said he would work to put the Craigflower road in good repair from Esquimalt to the city limits.

H. Graham, alluding to the three meetings being held in the one ward, said it was in itself an argument in favor of redistribution. Victoria West should have a separate representation.

It supported the purchase of the Goldenwater waterworks. The proposition was then very unpopular. Had they bought it it would have been one of the best assets of the city. It was the only water power in the vicinity of the city and had power enough to run every engine in Victoria.

Regarding a pledge for repairing Craigflower road, he would not be bound absolutely. Having in view the total appropriation, he would favor spending that money in each ward judiciously, and if Craigflower road needed it more than any place else he would support its expenditure there.

The chairman sought the suffrages of the electors as a school trustee. He regretted the falling away of male teachers from our city staff. He didn't think that female teachers could render the dissimilar service in the education of sons as men. The latter were better calculated to inculcate manly sentiments.

He also suggested a very thorough investigation into the financial question. The power taken away from the trustees by the council of public instruction was also a serious matter. He also alluded to the need of a new school building in Victoria West.

Ed. Bragg announced himself a candidate for the Centre Ward. He advocated the abrogation of the ward system. He would support a division of the city into four wards.

Dr. Lewis Hall disputed that different text books were used in the ward schools of the city. This had all been changed, and they were now uniform.

Ed. Bragg, from the school report of 1898, when the present mayor was chairman of the school board, in which he took a position on the financial relation of the council and the board entirely dissimilar from that advanced by him to-day as mayor. The schools revenue some years had exceeded the expenditure one year by \$10,000. All the board asked was fair play, but they refused to be saddled with something for which they were not responsible. In reply to a question, he said he didn't think there was any outlook for the government publishing text books.

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Sergeant Hawton made quite a haul early this morning. He was proceeding on his rounds as usual when, shortly after 4 o'clock, his suspicions were aroused by a couple of Celestials who were moving along Store street toward Chinatown. They had apparently come from one of the wharves. Each was loaded down with a sack containing some weighty objects, and their stealthy manner decided the officer to investigate.

Unobserved, he quickly drew up to them and grabbed the rear man by the shoulder. That worthy let out a yell and dropped his sack. His comrade did the same, and started to lower the record toward the Chinese quarter. The officer found that both sacks contained in all twenty five-pound full cans of lard, so he took his man and booty to the police station.

This morning it was learned that twenty cans did not represent the extent of the wily Mongolians' raids upon some consignment. Six cases of lard, seventy-two cans in all, had been stored on the wharf in the rear of Earsman & Wilson's premises on Stuart street, awaiting removal to Dixie H. Ross & Co.'s store. The police immediately started out to find the remainder.

Between 10 and 11 o'clock Detective Palmer and Thos. Burnes found the bulk of the booty under a wharf near the E. & N. rail-way bridge. This consisted of three sacks containing thirty-five full cans of lard.

The Chinese had taken the lard, cases and all, and had transferred the cans to sacks, which they intended to remove to Chinatown during the night. They were on their way with two sacks when the sergeant's eagle eye alighted on them. Seventeen cans belonging to the same consignment were also found on a dummy in Chinatown in the rear of the Chinese theatre by Sergeants Hawton, Rodgers and others who were on the look-out.

In the police-court this morning the captured Celestial, Jun, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor. Another Chinaman in the meshes of the law on suspicion, and it may be also that he is destined to share the isolation of his comrade in the commodious brick mansion on Topaz avenue.

Charles Johnson was charged with drunkenness. He did not appear, so his bail was estranged. The case of Hong, charged with the theft of a plank from a countryman, was dismissed.

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