

EXPROPRIATION BY-LAW TO GO BEFORE PEOPLE

A Sum of \$1,350,000 Will Be Asked for Acquisition of Esquimalt Waterworks Co's. Property and to Lay Pipes to Goldstream

It was decided by the city council last night to submit a by-law to the ratepayers qualified to vote on money by-laws, authorizing the council to borrow a sum of \$1,350,000 for the purpose of acquiring the undertakings of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company and laying a pipe line from Goldstream into the city.

It was after 10 o'clock before the council got to the actual business before them, which was the consideration of Mr. Taylor's letter, advising that a by-law should be put and submitted to the ratepayers before any steps were taken towards expropriation.

There was a lengthy discussion before this decision was made, with many phases of the problem being canvassed. A small minority of the council are in favor of acting upon the wishes expressed in the referendum vote at the municipal election in 1908, and going to Sooke Lake for a water supply, but they voted with their colleagues in referring the question of the expropriation of the Esquimalt property to the people.

Arthur L. Adams, the waterworks expert for the city, was present and was asked at the outset by Ald. Fullerton what he thought the undertakings were worth, whether the offer of \$900,000 by the city was a reasonable figure.

Ald. McKeown remarked that a lot had been spent on the works since Mr. Adams made his first estimate of what the property was worth.

Mr. Adams said that the question the mayor had asked him on a former occasion was whether he thought the city would be warranted in making an offer of \$700,000 to \$900,000 for the property at Goldstream and in Victoria West. He had made a short report at the time stating that it appeared to him that in lieu of improving Sooke lake the city would be warranted in offering somewhere about those figures.

HYDROGRAPHIC WORK ON COAST

W. J. STEWART TELLS OF WHAT IS DONE Chief Hydrographer of Dominion Has Been Making Inspection.

For a day or two past W. J. Stewart, of Ottawa, chief hydrographer for the Dominion government, has been in town cleaning up some departmental business before leaving for home.

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There are days when the weather is too rough for the party on the Lillooet to work in the exposed waters of Dixon Entrance. On such occasions they are content to make the soundings there. A wide difference of opinion exists as to the value of Masset Inlet. Some claim that it is no use for shipping purposes, while others say it is destined to become one of the greatest harbors in the world.

The annual meeting of the board of trade will be held on Friday at 3 o'clock. The nominations for office are unusually large and the meeting promises to be an important one.

RICHARD DWYER AT THE BARRIER

SLOW STARTS MARKED HIS FIRST DAY OUT Wamboro Was Pick Up for Stable and Some Friends.

Outside the running of the horses the principal item of discussion at the Willows yesterday was the comparison of the starting of Joe Weber as against that of Richard Dwyer, who made his appearance on the track yesterday for the first time.

The principal win of the day was made by those who were on the inside and able to get the money on quickly with Wamboro, which opened 2 to 1, and inside a few minutes was backed down to 9 to 1, first by the owners and second by the paddock, and then by the public.

Archibald got two straights with Mechin in the second race, running in the lead at the start and staying there unchallenged to the finish, beating the favorite Ben Stone, while inventive pushed a head in front of the favorite and got second money.

The work is being pushed as fast as conditions permit. There is a land party at work in addition to those working on the Lillooet. This party is in charge of H. D. Parizeau, assisted by L. R. Davies. They work in launches over the narrow channels.

McBride had an easy win on Listowel in the fourth, and the horse was made favorite at 1-2. Salesaw and Be Rieff slipped into the places. Nellie Racine suffered from a weak ride. The boy Keogh made no effort to bring his mount into the money, but looked behind him and saw two horses coming hard without plying his whip.

There is still a good deal to do on this coast, enough to wear out the new steamer Lillooet before it is finished," said Mr. Stewart in conclusion. The Canadian government was thoroughly surveyed there are all the smaller channels and inlets to be done, and this will take a long time.

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BRITISH SHIPPING

DOUBLE ALL OTHERS Returns From Suez Canal Show British Tonnage Far in Lead.

The annual meeting of the Suez Canal Company was held at Paris a short time ago. The report states that, in spite of the appreciable decrease in revenue during 1908, it is proposed to maintain the dividend at last year's figure of 15 1/2 sh.

The following table shows the number of ships and the tonnage of various nations using the canal in 1908.

Table with columns: English, French, Dutch, Japanese, Russian, Italian, Danish, Spanish, Norwegian, Swedish, Austro-Hungarian, Turkish, American, Greek, Portuguese, Brazilian, Siamese.

Princess Royal in From Skagway Man, Passengers Travelling Each Way—Prince Rupert Busy.

The Princess Royal will relieve the ferry Princess one trip each before leaving again for Skagway on Friday night.

Alex. Rowan, of Vancouver, Finishes Second, Two Miles Behind Winner. Tacoma Marathon.

Cauley, July 6.—The promise that street cars would be running by fall time was made good yesterday when the mayor and aldermen, accompanied by prominent citizens, made the initial trip.

Denver, Colo. Aug. 6.—The secretary of the Federal Reserve Board yesterday received a permit for a dwelling on Esplanade street.

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