

# WITH THE ALDERMEN

### Dr. Helmecker Offers to Sell the McClavish Estate to the Corporation.

### Ald. Partridge Wants to Keep the Waves from Encroaching on Dallas Road.

The regular weekly meeting of the board of aldermen was held yesterday evening in the city hall. Mayor Redfern presided and all the aldermen were present.

A communication from B. W. Pearce calling attention to the bad condition of Cabero Bay road was read and referred to the streets committee and city engineer to report. Mr. Pearce said in his letter that in October, 1894, an agreement was made between him and the city council whereby he deeded some land to the city on condition that they moved back the fence and repaired the road. The fence had been removed but the road had not been repaired. Owing to the bad condition of the road he said that nine accidents have occurred during the past six years.

The following letter from the Hon. J. S. Helmecker was read and laid on the table for further consideration:

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 25, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Victoria, Gentlemen:—Before disposing of any portion of the property known as the Inveravish Nursery and Gardens, a wish to see Victoria Park extended in the possession of the citizens, and a perhaps sentimental idea of duty, induce me to offer the privilege of purchase to your honorable body. Such a favorable opportunity, as well as a return to me as cost, will never occur again.

The estate mentioned, which seems to be a portion of the park, contains a little less than five acres, filling the whole space between Humboldt street and the park—occupying indeed the entire frontage there.

On the property are two excellent dwellings, viz: the Manor house, and another; very extensive greenhouses, with necessary heating apparatus; the grounds well stocked with flowering deciduous and other shrubs; a great variety and number of ornamental and useful evergreen trees and bushes; fit for transplanting; borders and beds of all kinds of beautiful garden flowers, bulbs and plants; and likewise perennial sprays of soft, downy flowers.

The trees, shrubs and so forth can be transplanted for utility of ornamenting various portions of Victoria's naturally beautiful, health and pleasure-giving park, and so make it still more glorious, more enticing, useful, envied and instructive during all the seasons of the year.

Greenhouses are necessary portions of a public park of any pretensions, for multitudinous reasons and purposes, such as the preservation of delicate plants, and perhaps birds and small animals, from inclement weather; for storing away various ornamental shrubs, bulbs and roots; for using forward by means of artificial heat, plants for early blooming; etc.; for winter amusement, utility and instruction.

Before long the winter months will be a land for many public purposes: congress, normal schools and other institutions; perhaps a museum of a botanical garden, exhibiting all the plants of the province of the Dominion.

A remarkable opportunity for obtaining this desideratum is now afforded your honorable body.

By purchasing this estate the corporation will have a free hand to drain the public park and to carry off the storm and other water from it, Humboldt, Vancouver and other neighboring streets by the easiest, cheapest and most scientifically most approved and safe manner, as well regarding the present as the future. Furthermore, your honorable body will be purchasing an established, quickly economically and above all dutifully to get rid of me and my still unremedied grievances and injuries arising out of the aforesaid storm water being directed by the corporation and its agents, and to thus, vitiously, wantonly and injuriously on and over, the estate; its ingress favored, its egress impeded. It is to be hoped that these constantly aggravating grievances will be thus amicably buried.

Possessing this property the corporation will avoid having to make and keep in repair expensive streets, and further will prevent the erection of "skips," smokestacks or anything likely to pollute the air or degrade the people's pleasure and health giving ground. I am willing to dispose of the estate on either of the following conditions, all of which are reasonable, and all of which are promising that the corporation will remit the civic taxes due thereon:

1. Save and except the Manor house standing on a portion of the land, having a frontage of 150 feet on Heywood avenue with a depth of 240 feet. I offer to make over the rest of the estate to the corporation on its agreeing to pay me, my executors, heirs or assigns from the date of the agreement one thousand dollars per annum for sixteen

years, provided further that the land above mentioned and all buildings now thereon or that may be hereafter erected shall be free and freed from all civic taxation and imposts whatever.

2. For a cash payment of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500) combined with the privileges next mentioned, namely, that a provision be made in the transfer that the land, before mentioned and the buildings thereon or other buildings which may be erected thereon shall belong to me, my heirs or successors, and shall be free and freed from rental and all civic taxation for a period of years (say ten years). I will make over the whole of the estate to the corporation of the city of Victoria. In either case the rents received from the house, and which may be extended to other structures on the estate, must be put to the credit of the corporation. Corporations continue whilst individuals fade quickly away.

British Columbia, one of the best countries in the world, in its position, climate, healthfulness and glorious scenery; abounding in a profusion of gold, silver, copper, iron and coal mines; salmon and other fisheries; lumber and other profitable industries; and in the most desirable burial of my grievances, and the purchase of the estate by your honorable body is advisable, and that the present small cost thereof will be amply repaid by the profits and manifold benefits accruing to the citizens of Victoria, their heirs and successors.

The above offer remains open for six weeks from the 1st day of January, but subject to any alterations that may be agreed on.

I remain, gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. S. HELMECKER.

N.B.—The purchaser to pay the usual expenses of sale, etc.

Lee and Fraser wrote making the same offer as they have made in previous communications to see three acres of land adjoining the Anglican cemetery for \$2500. Referred to the cemetery committee.

Ald. Partridge in moving that the letter be referred to the streets committee said it was absolutely necessary to get more land for cemetery purposes as there was hardly room now to inter another body.

Partridge and Co. requested that the electric light post in front of their door on Wharf street be removed. Referred to the electric light committee with power to act.

A letter was received from the secretary of the Trades and Labor Council asking that the city printing be given only to establishments where at least one journeyman printer besides the proprietor is employed. Referred to the printing committee for their consideration.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. A report was received from City Engineer Wilnot which, besides stating that the cost of replacing sidewalks, recommended that Mr. Humble be paid the \$35 claimed as damages arising out of the flooding of the cellar in the new Leiser building on Yates street. The report was adopted.

The finance committee reported recommending an appropriation being made of \$6852.50. An appropriation was made for that amount.

A letter was received from the committee recommending that the crossing on Government street, between Yates and Johnson streets, be granted, was adopted.

The finance committee's report recommending the exemption of the militia from the payment of the revenue tax was also adopted. The report read: That a presentation be made to the provincial government recommending that the revenue tax be amended as to exempt the militiamen of this city from the payment of the revenue tax and that power be given to the municipality to exempt them from the necessity of paying road taxes.

Ald. Partridge's motion requesting that the city engineer be asked to report on the best means and the cost of staying the encroachments upon the foreshore of Dallas road and on the shore fronting the cemetery, and that the city engineer enquire as to the ownership of that land and report to the council was carried.

Ald. Partridge in moving his resolution said that he had moved that same resolution two years ago and since then the report has been made and nothing has been done. Unless something is done it is his opinion that the beautiful drive along Dallas road would be destroyed.

Ald. Stewart said he seconded the resolution and the report from the city engineer would not cost anything. And it was very necessary that something be done to stop the encroachments of the sea on the shore fronting the cemetery, where part of the fence has been washed away.

Ald. Harrison said the city had nothing to do with the Dallas road, as it was the property of the Dominion government.

Ald. Partridge said he had inquired into the matter and found that the city had everything to do with it, as it was their property.

Ald. McCandless could not see what was the good of a report on the matter if the Dallas road was government property. He was, however, in favor of the report as far as the cemetery was concerned.

Mayor Redfern said he had been advised by the city solicitor that the Dominion government was not responsible for the Dallas road; it was the property of the city.

Ald. McGregor's motion that the telephone be placed at the residence of the chief of police and pound keeper was carried without discussion, as was the motion of Ald. Kinman recommending that tenders be called for supplies to the Old Men's Home.

Ald. McCandless' resolution that tenders be called for the purchasing material for repaving and widening the main thoroughfare of the city to Broadway from Monday, February 1, at 4 o'clock was also carried.

Ald. Partridge moved that leave be granted him to introduce a by-law authorizing the city to borrow money in anticipation of its revenue for 1897.

The resolution was carried and the by-law read a first and second time.

The council then went into a committee of the whole with the mayor as chairman on the by-law and reported it to be carried. It will be read a third time at the next meeting of the council.

Ald. Partridge suggested to the council that the crossing on Government street be taken up and re-laid with blocks or stone.

The street committee said they would attend to that matter.

The council then adjourned.

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### THE CONDITION OF MR. GEORGE SENY OF MOUNT PLEASANT.

Doctors Were Unable to Agree as to His Trouble—He Was Almost a Physical Wreck When Relief Came.

From the Millbrook Reporter.

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