

# Passes the Council

## By-Law For Re-Opening of Craigflower Road Goes Through Final Reading.

### Important Clauses Added Last Night—Routine of Regular Meeting.

After long controversy the by-law for the re-opening of Craigflower road passed through the city council last night, Ald. Kinsman alone opposing it. Two important amendments were made to it, and as passed the by-law provided that:

"All that piece of land which runs diagonally through blocks N and P Victoria West, being a portion of section 31, Esquimalt district, of the full width of sixty-six (66) feet, and which said piece of land or some part thereof originally formed a portion of the Craigflower road so closed as aforesaid, is hereby declared to be a public highway, and is from the date hereof re-opened to public traffic, and any land necessary for the purpose shall be taken, entered upon, expropriated and used for such purpose; and compensation shall be paid therefor except for so much of the proposed road as may have at any time heretofore been actually used as a public highway according to measurement shown on the map or plan prepared by the city engineer, numbered 1,403, marked thereon with blue lines and described thereon as travelled road."

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on November 26th, 1899, your committee is of opinion that the city is not liable for the claim made by Mr. Godding, but would recommend that the sum of \$50 be paid to Mr. Godding as a gratuity.

W. G. CAMERON,  
R. T. WILLIAMS,  
T. BECKWITH.

The report was received and adopted. The standing committee on finance recommended the payment of \$6,578.48, current expenses.

B. W. Pearce addressed a lengthy communication on the Craigflower road controversy, showing how that thoroughfare was a public road from 1854 to the date of the inclusion of Victoria West into the corporation.

The letter, on motion of Ald. Beckwith, was received and laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the Craigflower road question.

The Home committee recommended the admittance of Thomas Shakespeare, an old colored man, into the Home for Aged and Infirm, and the recommendation was approved by the council.

Ald. Cooley's notice of motion for the widening of Menzies street to the regulation 60 feet, under the Local Improvement Act, was next brought up. The mover said that he thought it was time something should be done with this street, as in case of a young horse an accident might occur at any time from the narrow condition of the street.

The council next resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the second reading of the by-law to provide for the construction by the city of Herby Prospect road, the cost of the proposed road as may have at any time heretofore been actually used as a public highway according to measurement shown on the map or plan prepared by the city engineer, numbered 1,403, marked thereon with blue lines and described thereon as travelled road.

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# The Central Institute

## Many Subjects of Interest to Farmers Discussed at Yesterday's Meetings.

### Establishment of an Agricultural College Considered—Native Study in Schools.

At the meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute yesterday afternoon the members undertook the consideration of the rules and regulations governing farmer's institutes and necessary amendments thereto.

A long discussion took place of an amendment submitted by Secretary Hadwen, providing that the act be so amended that any agricultural organization willing to undertake institute work be entitled to the institute grant.

This proposal was opposed by the superintendent, who held that it would involve a great expense upon the government in the way of grants.

Messrs. Philip, Hutcherson, Hadwen and others also opposed it, it being held that in many districts the agricultural associations and the institutes could not exist side by side, and that the agricultural association was bound to kill the institute, owing to having a vested interest.

It was general opinion that the multiplicity of agricultural organizations was a weakness which the institute should endeavor to overcome. A committee was appointed, to consist of Messrs. Hadwen, Raymur, Hutcherson, Philip and Palmer.

It was decided to recommend the change of the name of the Osoyoos district institute to that of the Kelowna institute.

J. Metcalfe introduced a motion asking the government to amend the Education Act so as to make agriculture and nature study compulsory in the public schools. The speaker said that such a rule was in operation in the United Kingdom and in Germany where agriculture was highly emphasized, and where in consequence agriculture had reached a high standard.

Mr. Philip regarded the resolution as impractical, owing to the ignorance of teachers in agricultural matters, and that it would be a view which would not be held by the mover.

Mr. Stewart referred to the prizes which had been offered in Nanaimo and Cedar districts for a collection of insects, but that he had not been taken up, showing the lack of interest in the matter.

J. Palmer said he would support the resolution of last year, in which nature study only was recommended as a compulsory subject. To make agriculture a compulsory subject in the present crowded condition of the curriculum, would be a foolish step.

Mr. Hutcherson referred to the good effects of laying out a plot of land in his school section, the cultivation of flowers, vegetables and trees there. This came in the form of recreation, and did not interfere with the regular course of studies.

The superintendent entered a protest against the crowding of useless studies in the public school curriculum.

Mr. Shopland also opposed the proposal to teach agriculture. There were enough subjects taught already. If his boy wanted to farm he would send him to the O. A. C. at Guelph.

The motion carried unanimously. A resolution was then submitted by Mr. Philip, urging the government to establish agricultural colleges and experiment stations in the province. It was believed that if such a farm was established contiguous to any of the large cities of the province it would soon become self-sustaining. The education provided for such a farm by agriculture and veterinary science. The province was a large one, and he thought that the time was ripe for a step such as was contemplated in the resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Deane, who, with a number of others, referred to the excellent work done at the O. A. C. at Guelph, Ontario.

Mr. Hutcherson, who was formerly connected with the faculty at the University of Toronto, and who had been a member of the speakers, holding that the graduates of that institution did not follow farming after leaving the college.

A number of other speakers, while approving of the idea of the college, thought such a step a little premature at present, and a resolution was passed suggesting that land for an experimental farm be set aside for future use.

The following were elected to the advisory board: For the Island, Messrs. Hawden and Stewart; for the lower Mainland, Messrs. Balfour and Hutcherson; for the upper country, Messrs. Graham and Palmer.

The matter of fruit transportation was then taken up by Mr. Metcalfe, and satisfaction expressed with the lowering of the rates for their carriage. The opinion was however expressed that the fruit commissioner of the Dominion should pay more attention to the needs of the province.

Adjournment was then taken until 9 o'clock this morning.

This institute met at 9:30 this morning, Chairman Graham presiding. The first topic was "Contagious Diseases Act." Discussion was opened by Mr. Hutcherson, who suggested various amendments of the act, particularly in reference to cleanliness in milking cows and handling milk. After consideration it was generally thought that the act already provided ample powers in the matter.

"Noxious Weeds" formed the next theme. The topic was opened by D. Johnston, Surrey, who complained of law enforcement of Noxious Weeds act in reference to the Canada thistle particularly. It was suggested to give better authority to direct municipal councils to appoint an officer to enforce the act. Considerable discussion followed as to difficulty of dealing with the weeds. Enforcement also was urged locally by municipal councils by government officers. It was suggested to give better action by municipal councils and to urge the government to pass Mr. Kidd's

noxious weeds bill introduced last session.

Regarding Horticultural Board act Mr. Hutcherson moved a resolution to stop the arbitrary measures being taken to destroy fruit considered infected, and to modify the powers given to destroy nursery stock. He pointed out that the powers were altogether too wide.

Messrs. Stewart, Miller and Hutcherson were appointed a committee to consider the act and submit a resolution.

Mr. Anderson introduced the subject of "Song Birds and Insect Destroying Birds," and moved "that in the opinion of this institute the importation of song and insectivorous birds should be undertaken."

Mr. Anderson referred to the great services these birds rendered to the grower of the forist and the farmer. He read extensively from the remark of Mr. Dash, of Oregon, on the subject. He had personally observed how beneficial the advent of crows had been to the government grounds at the time of the ravages of the cut worm.

E. Baynes Reed, on behalf of a committee of the Natural History Society, which has the matter in hand, emphasized the remarks made by Mr. Anderson. Not only were these birds delightful and beautiful as well as useful as well as an entomologist he had been careful to recommend no birds which would be prejudicial to the interests of the agriculturist. The birds, a list of which the society submitted to the meeting, have all been tested in England, the contents of their stomachs analyzed, and it was demonstrated that they did not derive their food from the gardener or farmer's products. The present Liept-Governor was deeply interested in the subject as well as the Natural History Society. He submitted the following list of birds, which it was advisable to import to the members: Skylark, goldfinch, starling, black-bird and robin.

Some exception was taken to the black-bird, and it was suggested that this kind might be struck out of the list.

Mr. Miller sympathized with the resolution, stating that the cut worm could be most efficiently fought through the agency of the birds.

Mr. Shopland desired not only the importation of song birds, but the enforcement of the law so as to prevent boys from shooting small birds.

Mr. Hutcherson said either the fruit-growers or the Natural History Society were wrong.

The first named association had voted down a resolution similar to Mr. Anderson's. He himself had seen little benefit from birds, but had seen much harm. He warned the institute against endorsing a step they might afterwards regret.

Secretary Hadwen pointed out that birds often turned out differently when imported into the country. He hesitated about committing the institute to a list of birds of which they had no personal knowledge.

Mr. Miller referred to the beneficial effects of the crows in the Comox district.

The following resolution moved by Messrs. Philip and Miller was then adopted: "That this institute express lively sympathy with the objects of the Natural History Society in seeking to introduce more birds of a useful character to the province; they fully appreciate the great value these birds are to the farmer and the gardener, in their conflict with insect pests, and they strongly urge the government to give all necessary aid in this connection."

It was decided that a committee be appointed to draw up a list of useful birds, and the following were nominated by the chairman: Messrs. Hadwen, Oldershaw and Anderson.

Mr. Reed, in withdrawing, invited the members to visit the weather bureau, which elicited the remark from Mr. Hutcherson: "Oh, you're the man who brought this bad weather, are you?"

Adjournment was taken until 8 o'clock this evening, when if a night meeting of the Good Roads Association is held, a further adjournment will be taken until to-morrow.

AN EVENING SESSION. Farmer Delegates Discuss Various Subjects of Interest to Their Profession.

A session of the Central Farmers' Institute was held last evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The first report submitted was from the horticultural committee recommending alterations in the act so as to put home grown fruit and fruit trees on an equal footing with the imported varieties. The report was adopted.

Mr. Raymur mentioned the disparity existing between the sizes of the apple boxes employed in different districts. In Washington state and all along the coast 40 pound boxes were used, while in the Interior 50 pound ones were employed. The following resolution moved by him was carried: "That action be taken by the Central Farmers' Institute to bring before the proper authorities the necessity of fixing by law a standard fruit package and prohibiting the importation of fruit except in such packages as fixed by law."

Motions were also passed, endorsing the increased bounty on coyotes, and the action of the Good Roads Association in pressing for the election of road commissioners. The travelling libraries were also approved and their extension urged.

It was decided that the members of the institute meet His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and His Worship the Mayor at 8 o'clock this afternoon. The institute then adjourned until 9:30 this morning.

The Central Farmers' Institute resumed its sessions this morning with President Graham in the chair.

A large number of matters engaged the attention of the delegates, the institute meeting at 12:20 p.m.

The nature of the discussion which took place may be judged from the following resolutions:

It was moved by Mr. G. H. Hadwen, seconded by B. Balfour, and resolved, that the attention of the government be drawn to the fact that the staff in the department of agriculture is not sufficiently large to serve the interests of agriculture and the institute system."

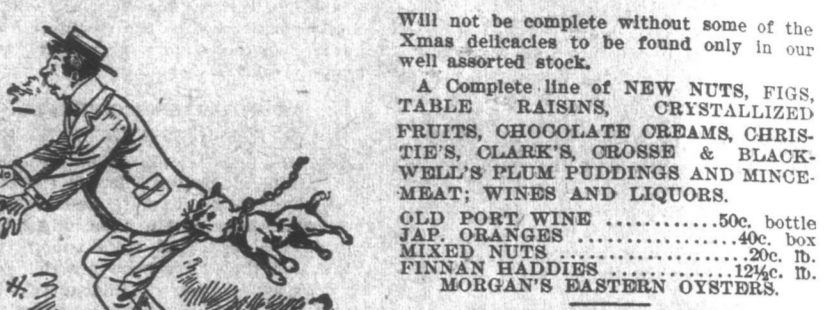
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intendent of institutes." Carried.

Moved by D. Graham, seconded by P. Philip, "That the municipal act be amended so that it will not be necessary to go through the doors of the council chamber applications for the borrowing of municipal moneys."

This motion was lost.

Moved by T. C. Oldershaw, "That if a sufficient proportion of the appropriation in aid of Farmers' Institutes at the disposal of the Central Farmers' Institute be left, it be devoted towards paying the expenses of the committee of three appointed to inquire into freight rates and matters connected with the subject."

The committee on clause 19 reported as follows: "We recommend that clause 19, the terms of agricultural society and institute should be reversed so that an agricultural society which is in several instances, the strongest body should not lose its identity in any way. We further recommend that the government, through the superintendent, endeavor to bring about such amalgamations as are thought advisable. We consider that this consolidation is in some cases absolutely necessary to retain in their districts the useful work of the institute system." This was adopted.

Moved by F. J. Deane, and seconded by E. Hutcherson, "That the executive of the institute be instructed to secure a report covering all data and information obtainable in the matter of storage of water and the subject of irrigation generally." This was carried.

Moved by E. Hutcherson, seconded by A. Philip, and carried, "That the institute should actively take up the matter of assisting to find judges for the local agricultural exhibition when required to do so, and suggests that early intimation of dates fixed should be given the superintendent, and that if necessary the local association should submit to a change of dates to suit requirements, and keep down expenses."

The question of asking aid from the government for the purchase of dynamite was laid over, owing to the opinion of a good number of the delegates, who thought the farmers should not ask for such exceptional favors.

Moved by Messrs. Metcalfe and Deane, "Whereas, it is known that for the development of the export trade in agricultural products of a perishable nature the establishment of cold storage stations in rural districts where fruit, dairy products, fowls, meats, etc., can be kept ready for shipment is necessary; therefore, be it resolved that in the opinion of the members of the Central Farmers' Institute it is important and necessary that the legislature of the province should introduce a measure to provide for the incorporation of co-operative cold storage associations, and to further provide and assist by paying in part the cost of construction and equipment of any buildings erected for cold storage purposes incorporated under the act in rural districts."

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