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WORK DONE IN CITY PAST YEAR

City Engineer Owen Submits
to Council Report on Work
Done in Various Departments
During Past Twelve Months.

At the final meeting of the 1916
Council held yesterday City Engineer
Owen submitted a report of the
work done under the supervision of
his Department last year, as follows:

Owing to a general policy of re-
trenchment inaugurated at the com-
mencement of the year the amount
of work done on street repairs was
very small, and I cannot quote any
instances where the scheme of treat-
ing streets in the year 1916 was car-
ried out. The amount of money
spent on streets in 1916 was five
thousand and one hundred eighty-seven
dollars and four cents, (\$5,187.04)
this amount includes the cleaning of
the paved streets which was one
thousand three hundred thirty-three
dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$1,333.88) leaving an amount of three
thousand eight hundred fifty-three
dollars and sixty-six cents, \$3,853.66,
for street repairs. It is very evident
upon inspecting some of the streets
which were put in very good shape
in 1916, that a policy of economy in
Public Works cannot be extended to
a point where a street used by heavy
traffic can be left for any length of
time without repairs. In support of
this statement I beg to draw the
attention of your Honorable Body to
Comox Road and Bridge Street. Both
of these streets were gravelled, roll-
ed, crowned, ditched and curbed with
a wooden curb. Owing to the fact
that nothing has been done to them
since, a considerable amount of work
will have to be done on them this
spring which to a large extent would
have been obviated had a regular
street gang been employed. The
large impetus in automobile traffic
is bound to cause a big expense in
the future, and greatly emphasizes
the fact that the paved street is the
only economical solution in the end.

During the course of the year por-
tions of Nicol street, Winfield Cres-
cent and Victoria Crescent were
graded and paved with asphaltum
concrete, also Front street in the
vicinity of Dallas Square was com-
pleted according to plans prepared
last spring. The change of the wharf
approach to meet the permanent
grade on Front street necessitated
the purchase from the Provincial gov-
ernment of the property known as
the Government Reserve, such pur-
chase included all foreshore rights.
The completed work brought forth
certain comments pointing to the
fact that access to and from the
wharf was rendered more difficult
by reason of the change. I am pleased
to say that all parties interested in
expressing and draying have not
the slightest trouble with handling
traffic over the new route. The re-
taining wall and steps together with
the hand rail were adapted as far as
possible to match work done by the
Dominion Government about the Post
Office, the concrete work was done
by the Nanaimo Paving Co. and is
thoroughly satisfactory.

A feature in the paving around
Victoria Crescent was the resurfacing
of a center area and enclosing it
as a grass plot with a drinking
trough at the head for animals. The
preservation of small areas not need-
ed for traffic for beautifying pur-
poses is wholly adopted in Europe
where city planning has reached an
advanced scientific stage. On ac-
count of the general planning of Na-
naimo there will be opportunity for
several places to be so treated in
the future, the general attractive-
ness of such small areas when taste-
fully laid out and looked after is
indisputable. The elliptic enclosure
on Dallas Square was placed there
for a double purpose, in the first
place it automatically directs traffic
secondly it has been selected as a
proper site for a memorial monument
for the Nanaimo boys who make the
supreme sacrifice in the great Euro-
pean war now raging, plans for this
were prepared by me during the last
year. The cost of the paving in and
around Victoria Crescent was \$167-
18; this is \$1507.00 within the es-
timated cost.

In the month of April it was de-
cided to build a new bridge over the
Millstone River connecting Esdaile
Street with Stewart Avenue. Pre-
vious to this plans of various types
of bridges of a permanent nature
had been prepared by both my pre-
decessors and myself involving ex-
penditures ranging from twenty-six thou-
sand dollars (\$26,000) to forty-two
thousand dollars (\$42,000). I also

GERMANS LOSE THREE SUBMARINES

Rome, Jan. 15.—The capture of
two Austro-Hungarian submarines is
reported by the war office as fol-
lows:

"The enemy submarine VC-12,
which the German navy ceded to
Austria-Hungary, has fallen into our
hands and become a unit of our tor-
pedo squadrons. Another enemy
submarine, VC-13, belonging to the
Austro-Hungarian navy, also is in our
hands."

"Italian and French hydroaero-
planes on Friday dropped bombs on
the enemy's works at Pola. Enemy
aeroplanes made a counter-attack,
but were repulsed. One of our hy-
droaeroplanes successfully fought
three enemy aeroplanes.

"Enemy aeroplanes bombed our
torpedo boats at sea without effect.
All our units returned to their base
undamaged."

London, Jan. 15.—A Flushing dis-
patch to Reuters says that a Dutch
warship brought into Flushing last
night a German submarine which had
been found in Dutch waters. The
submarine will be interned.

Auction Sale, Halliburton street
house and lot this morning at ten
o'clock.

prepared plans involving a perman-
ent bridge with temporary decking
at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars
(\$15,000). It was finally decided
to rebuild a pile driven wooden
bridge at an estimated cost of two
thousand three hundred eight dollars
(\$2,380) by day work and contracts
were signed for the delivery of the
necessary piles and timber. Before
the work was started the Vancouver
Machinery Depot Ltd., offered the
City two steel spans which had been
in use on Granville street, in Van-
couver for fifteen years for the sum
of two thousand two hundred dol-
lars (\$2,200) f. o. b. the bridge site,
these spans were respectively one
thousand twenty-four point five feet
(318.75) and one hundred twenty-

eight feet (32.91) in length built by
the Dominion Bridge Co. of Mon-
tréal. Inasmuch as the spans would
constitute a permanent bridge and
that they were offered at a very low
figure it was decided to purchase
them. It having been ascertained
that their removal from False Creek
by the City of Vancouver was for the
purpose of providing a new double
track high level bridge for growing
traffic purposes and not for any de-
fects in the old bridge. I prepared
plans involving two abutments one
heavy center pier and one light sup-
port pier for the center of the swing
span and called for tenders. The
tenders varied from thirty-three
hundred dollars (\$3,300) to thirteen
hundred forty-five dollars (\$1,345)
this (the lowest figure) being sup-
plied by Mr. A. W. Mesher, who was
accordingly awarded the contract. In
recognizing this structure as per-
manent work I established the per-
manent grade for the bridge raising
the south end 5 point eighty-nine ft.
above the old grade and making the
south span a level grade and the
north span five plus grade this leaves
the north end as it was previously.
Difficulties were encountered in find-
ing solid bottom for the abutments
and piers which were not anticipated
and the cost of the work exceeded
the estimated cost to a large extent.
The completed cost is a little above
seventy-one hundred dollars (\$7,100)
whereas the estimated cost five thou-
sand dollars (\$5,000) was considered
ample. I was more than once re-
quested by your Honorable Body to
report on the condition of the bridge
spans and on three separate occasions
examined them. I looked for de-
fects which an engineer usually does
in structures of this kind, viz: cor-
rosion, defective rivets, and any de-
formation in the members that would
appreciably weaken the bridge. Sev-
eral tension members were admitted-
ly buckled to an extent demanding
their renewal also a portion of plate
on the upper chord of the rigid span
had corroded to an extent demanding
renew, this work of replacing was
promised by the Vancouver Machin-
ery Depot Ltd., to be done thoroughly
prior to shipment to Nanaimo, as it
transpired later a portion of this was
overlooked and had to be done by
my direction at their expense. In my
many reports to the Council I have
stated that in no instance except the
one already stated could I find any
instance where corrosion had effect-
ed the strength of any section of
the metal to an extent causing anxi-
ety, all rivets selected at random
and removed were found to be ab-
solutely sound and the spans after
the repair work specified above had
been completed represented an ex-

cellent example of the work of the
Vancouver Machinery Depot Ltd.
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NEW COUNCIL IS SWORN IN

Mayor McKenzie and Council
of Six Inducted Into Office
by Mr. A. E. Planta, J. P.—
Committees Appointed.

Nanaimo's City Council for 1917
was inducted into office last night by
Mr. A. E. Planta, J. P., the new mem-
bers of the Council being appoint-
ed by His Worship Mayor McKenzie
as follows, the first named Alderman
being chairman of the committee:

FINANCE—Ald. Coburn, Morton,
Sharp.

LEGISLATIVE—Ald. Morton,
Sharp, Coburn.

Streets—Ald. Ferguson, Harding,
Forrester.

WATER—Ald. Forrester, Fergu-
son, Morton.

SEWERAGE—Ald. Morton, For-
rester, Ferguson.

FIRE WARDENS—Ald. Harding,
Ferguson, Forrester.

LIGHT—Ald. Sharp, Harding, Co-
burn.

CEMETERY—Ald. Harding, Co-
burn, Sharp.

PARKS—Ald. Forrester, Morton,
Sharp.

After administering the oath of
office to the new Mayor and Alder-
men, Mr. Planta congratulated them
upon their election and remarked
that at the present time all sections
of the business community owing to
conditions were only marking time
and it was the wish of the electors
that the Council do not undertake
any new undertakings but practice
economy consistent with efficiency.
He was confident the electors had
entrusted the affairs of the city in
safe hands and expressed the belief
that the new Mayor would have the
support of the men in front of him,
and if the new board conducted them-
selves in the same manner as had
the Aldermen when he was Mayor,
he felt Mayor McKenzie's work, as
far as keeping order was concerned,
would be a success.

On behalf of the Council Mayor
McKenzie thanked Mr. Planta for his
expressions of approval and deemed
it an honor to be sworn into office
by Mr. Planta who had served the
city so long and well and was still
serving the city in the capacity of
School Trustee, having been recently
re-elected by such a handsome vote.
In naming his committees, Mayor
McKenzie stated he had no pre-
judice but had placed the Aldermen
where he felt they could do the most
good for the city and as the number
of Aldermen had been cut down of a
necessity more work would fall upon
each individual member of the Coun-
cil. It was advisable, remarked His
Worship, that the different commit-
tees bring in their estimates as soon
as possible, to study economy con-
sistent with efficiency, and expressed
the desire that any matter referred
to committees receive their early con-
sideration.

Ald. Forrester reiterated the senti-
ments expressed by His Worship
Mayor McKenzie, and expressed his
appreciation of the manner in which
Mr. Planta, when Mayor, had presided
over the proceedings of the Coun-
cil. He moved the thanks of the
Council be extended to Mr. Planta
for swearing the Mayor and Alder-
men into office.

The motion was seconded by Ald.
Morton and unanimously adopted by
a standing vote, Mr. Planta thanking
the Council by stating it was a plea-
sure for him to officiate for having
spent nearly 20 years of his life in
the Council Chambers, he felt he had
made a good record for a young man.

You hear that "knocking at your
door"? Why! That is Auctioneer
Good warning you not to miss that
House and Lot that is being sold on
Halliburton street at ten o'clock this
morning.

WOULD ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN CANADA

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Robt. Bicker-
dike Liberal member for St. Lawrence
division of Montreal will have the
first place on the order of the House
of Commons with his bill to provide
for the abolition of capital punish-
ment in Canada. Mr. Bickerdike has
been trying for several sessions to
induce parliament to abolish hanging
in Canada, but without success.

NEW IRISH SECRETARY



Mr. H. E. Duke, Secretary for Ireland
in the British Cabinet. There is
a feeling that the new Government
will find some means of remedying
Irish troubles.

HUN MASSED ATTACK FAILED

German Attack in Dense Formation
Repulsed by Russians in the Riga
Region.

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—A further
withdrawal of the Russian forces
along the Sereth river, southwest of
Galatz, was reported in an official
communication issued last night. At-
tacks by German forces in the region
of Riga and at several points in Ro-
mania were repulsed. The text of
the communication follows:

"Western (Russian front).—In
the region of Riga, south of Lake
Babitz, German forces launched an at-
tack in dense formation against our
position seven versts east of Kal-
nem. The attack was repulsed by our
fire and a counter-attack.

Roumanian front.—Austrian troops
attempted to attack east of Putna,
but were repulsed by our fire. Their
attacks north of Putna, east of
south of the Putna river were repulsed.
Enemy forces attacked the Rou-
manians six versts west of Braila and
eighteen versts south of the conflu-
ence of the Slatina and Trotus rivers
but were repulsed by our fire. En-
emy detachments which attempted to
assume the offensive in the region
of Pokshani, were driven back to
their trenches by our fire.

"Enemy forces, three regiments
strong and supported by artillery,
launched an attack against our ad-
vanced guards from Kotumkhal, on
the Sereth, as far as Vadeni, 10
versts southwest of Ballov. After
repelling several attacks, our ad-
vanced detachments abandoned the
village of Katumkhal under pres-
sure of superior enemy forces.

"Caucasus front.—On the night of
Jan. 12, Russian detachments attacked
the Turks south of the village of
Telme, 20 versts northwest of Kal-
kit. The Turks were put to flight.
We captured prisoners and munitions
and destroyed their defences."

ADVISES MEN TO CONTINUE WORKING

Fernie, B. C., Jan. 15.—Vice Pres-
ident Biggs has returned from Ot-
tawa. Notices posted here and at
the mines say his report is that the
Government has agreed to enforce
the findings of Commissioner Harri-
son, which provides for an all around
increase in wage rates of nine and
one half per cent to be applicable
from November 16 last. In accord-
ance with Mr. Biggs report the men
are requested to continue working
in order that this arrangement may
be carried into effect.

ENEMY AIRPLANE BROUGHT DOWN

London, Jan. 15.—The following
official British communication was
issued this evening:

"We bombarded in co-operation
with the navy, Noohart and brought
down and captured an undamaged
enemy aeroplane with its German
pilot and observer near Tachina. On
the Dorian front our raiders entered
the village of Ainsjell, inflicting
considerable damage on enemy detachments."

ENTERED HUN LINES NORTH OF LOOS

British Troops Inflicted Loss
Upon Germans and Captured
Prisoners.—Made Further
Progress in Mesopotamia.

London, Jan. 17.—Tonight's offi-
cial statement says:

"During the day our troops entered the Hun lines north of Loos. Loss was inflicted on the enemy and his dug-outs were bomb-
arded and some prisoners taken. North
of the Ancre an enemy transport was
successfully engaged by our artill-
ery. In addition to the usual artill-
ery activity along our front the
enemy's position was effectively bom-
barded southeast of Loos and op-
posite Grenier wood."

London, Jan. 15.—An official com-
munication says:

"Operations on the Tigris front
have been hampered by the water-
logged condition of the country. Our
cavalry on January 10 occupied the
town of Shatt El Hai. Our artillery
sank enemy boats in the Tigris, one
of which contained troops. During
Jan. 11, 12 and 13 we made further
progress on the right bank, east and
west of Kut-el-Amara and captured
two trench mortars, two machine
guns and other material. With the
exception of a small strip of ground
in a bend of the river northeast of
Kut-el-Amara, where the enemy still
holds out, the whole right bank east
of Shatt El Hai now is clear of the
enemy troops."

SMUTZ TO ATTEND BIG CONFERENCE

London, Jan. 15.—The war office
says the Imperial Government has ac-
cused the South African govern-
ment's request that Lieut.-Gen. Smuts
commander of the British expedition
against German East Africa, repre-
sent South Africa at the coming Im-
perial war conference in London in-
stead of Gen. Louis Botha, the South
African Premier, whose presence is
urgently required at the coming ses-
sion of the South African parliament.
Accordingly General Smuts will be
replaced in military command in East
Africa where the situation is now so
well in hand that the necessary re-
organization in command will be a
comparatively simple matter.

NATIVE DAUGHTER PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY

The death occurred in Ladysmith
on Saturday last of a native daugh-
ter of Nanaimo in the person of Eli-
zabeth, wife of Mr. W. Rafter, at the
age of 49 years.

The funeral, the arrangements for
which are in the hands of Mr. D. J.
Jenkins, will take place from the
family residence, Ladysmith, today
at 3:30 o'clock. All friends are re-
spectfully invited to attend.

The deceased was an old-time resi-
dent of Wellington, being the daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beau-
champ. She leaves to mourn her loss
a sorrowing husband, two daughters,
Mrs. Storey of Victoria; Mrs. Thomas
of Colorado, and four sons, Robert
of Extension; Samuel, George and
William of Ladysmith. Also three
sisters, Mrs. Bicknell of Comox;
Mrs. Fred Marshall of Extension, and
Mrs. Wm. Ellis of Victoria, and four
brothers, Edward and Robert of
Wales; William of Victoria, and John
now with the Canadian Expedition-
ary forces in France.

The deceased was a member of the
Pythian Sisters of Ladysmith, under
whose auspices the funeral will take
place.

Mrs. Evans Lawrence of Vancouver
formerly Mrs. Ross of Extension, is
with the family during their sad be-
reavement.

CIVIC DEBT WAS REDUCED \$18,000

City Council of 1916 Wound
Up Business Yesterday After-
noon—Made Good Showing
During Year of Depression.

A reduction of from fifteen to eigh-
teen thousand dollars in the debt
of the City was the record made by

the City Council of 1916 which held
its final meeting yesterday afternoon.
His Worship Mayor Busby presiding
for the last time, the full Board be-
ing present with the exception of
Ald. Coburn.

The financial statement for the
year showed total gross receipts for
the past twelve months of \$253,273,
the principal items of receipts being
General Taxes \$46,435.90, Debenture
Rates and interest on Sinking Funds
\$34,503.48, License Fees \$10,563.
The principal items of expenditure
during the year were Streets \$8,770;
Waterworks \$8,680; Schools \$38,
797; Coupon interest \$53,312; Local
Improvement \$4,382; City Offices,
\$6,136; Police Dept. \$6,145; Sewer-
age \$1,712 and Fire Dept. \$4,591.
Total cash in bank at end of year
amounted to \$6,678 and Sinking
Funds in hand totalled \$98,890.

The annual report of Chief of Po-
lice Neen was submitted as follows:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to
present my report on the work done
by the Nanaimo Police Department
for the year ending December 31st,
1916.

During the year there has been
166 cases disposed of in the Police
Court, and Fines and Costs collected
amounting to \$1,119.00, as per list
attached.

There has been 7 persons com-
mitted to prison, of which 4 were sent
to the Saanich Prison Farm, Provin-
cial Goal, Victoria, B. C., and three
committed for trial.

Three patients have been sent to
the Hospital for the Insane at New
Westminster, and one boy taken to
the Children's Aid Society's Home,
at Victoria.

I have the honor to remain,
Your obedient servant,
JACOB NEEN,
Chief of Police.

Fire Chief Parkin submitted his
yearly report as follows:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit a
report of fires responded to during
the year 1916.

The Department received forty-
four alarms and laid ten thousand
three hundred feet of hose (10,300).
The Department was called out to
drills 15 times.

A gasoline storage tank and pump
was installed at the Fire Hall during
the past year, capable of storing 150
gallons at a total cost of seventy-five
dollars.

One new hydrant was placed in
position on Gillespie street.

I beg to draw your attention again
to the urgent need of more hydrants
being installed in the vicinity of
Fitzwilliam street, also beg to re-
commend that five hundred feet of
hose be purchased and more fire
alarm boxes be installed. In con-
clusion I beg to thank the Fire
Wardens for their kind assistance
during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN PARKIN,
Chief Fire Department

The financial statement, together
with the reports of the Chief of Po-
lice and Fire Chief were on motion
of Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. For-
rester, received and filed and the
City Clerk instructed to have them
published in the annual yearly state-
ment.

Ald. McKenzie moved, seconded by
Ald. Ferguson that the thanks of the
Council be extended to the Western
Fuel Company for blowing the Cur-
few whistle, to the Press and to all
who assisted the work of the Council
during the past year. The motion
was unanimously adopted.

LASTING PEACE IS KIND WANTED

London, Jan. 15.—Arthur Hender-
son, member without portfolio in the
British cabinet, speaking at Croyden
of the necessity of the whole allied
nations standing behind the men on
the battlefield having consecrated
themselves, all they had to "bring
about a great victory, said: "There
is too much of a feeling that this war
can be won on the battlefield alone.

But it will consecrate themselves
for the ideals for which we entered
the war as expressed in the Allies'
note to President Wilson, I confident-
ly believe this year will inaugurate
an era of peace. That peace can only
be satisfactory and permanent if it
is founded upon the defeat of unre-
strained militarism accompanied by a
league of nations sufficiently strong
to keep existing armies in their pro-
per places and prevent the inflation
of armaments and secure interna-
tional law.

FRENCH REPULSED HUN ATTACKS

Paris, Jan. 15.—The war office
says: "Reciprocal bombardments took
place on both banks of the Somme,
on the right bank of the Meuse and in
Lorraine. After a battle last night
between the Aisne and Argonne the
Germans attacked our advanced
posts. They were driven back in a
spirited combat with grenades. On
our side we carried out several sur-
prise attacks on the enemy lines, tak-
ing material and prisoners."

Mayor Busby remarked as all busi-
ness of the Council had been trans-
acted, he would take advantage of
the occasion to thank the Aldermen
for their individual support during
the year and while he knew they had
noticed mistakes on his part he had
noticed them ten-fold. The Council
had got along harmoniously and had
made a good showing as was evi-
denced by the fact that the civic debt
had been reduced some \$18,000. The
year had been one of marking time,
the only big job being the erection
of the Millstream bridge. All had
done their best and it was gratifying
to him that he had had so many citi-
zens come to him and express their
confidence not only in him but in
the Board in general, and it was also
gratifying to him to know that the
small services he had rendered had
been appreciated. He could not have
wished for better treatment than he
had received and he wished to thank
the Aldermen and the City Hall staff.
In regard to the City Clerk, Nanai-
mo's official was the lowest paid in
the Province and he hoped the new
Council would see its way clear to
grant him a well merited increase.
The Council had had an uphill climb
last year, continued Mayor Busby,
and was forced to reduce wages, prob-
ably the meanest piece of work the
Council had to do, but all were
agreed a reduction was necessary.

City Clerk Rattray thanked Mayor
Busby and the Aldermen for their
expression of confidence and expres-
sed the hope that himself and the City
Hall staff would merit the same ex-
pression of approval at the end of
1917.

Ald. Shaw remarked the financial
statement showed a most gratifying
result, the civic debt having been
reduced from \$78,000 to \$60,000.
Only the strictest promise of economy
on the part of the Council had in-
duced the Bank to come to the aid of
the city at the commencement of
1916 and today the city stood \$18,000
in better shape than last year. The
work of Mayor Busby, continued Ald
Shaw, had been commendable all the
way through, and while all were not
Solomons and being human were sure
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Half Holiday

The Half-Holiday will be observed by Nanaimo Stores during the present month on Thursday as heretofore.

The Wednesday Half Holiday will come into effect on Wednesday, February 7th.

(SIGNED:)

Retail Merchants Assn.