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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 on the work done under the supervision of his Department last year, as follows:

Owing to a general policy of retrenchment inaugurated at the commencement of the year the amount of work done on street repairs was very small, and I cannot quote any instances where the scheme of treating streets in the year 1916 was carried out. The amount of money spent on streets in 1916 was five thousand 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 (\$1,333.83) 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, rolled, 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 portions of Nicol street, Winfield Crescent and Victoria Crescent were graded and paved with asphaltum concrete, also Front street in the vicinity of Dallas Square was completed 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 Government of the property known as the Government Reserve, such purchase 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 retaining 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 needed for traffic for beautifying purposes is wholly adopted in Europe where city planning has reached an advanced scientific stage. On account of the general planning of Nanaimo there will be opportunity for several places to be so treated in the future, the general attractiveness of such small areas when tastefully 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 European 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 \$1167.18; this is \$1507.00 within the estimated cost.

In the month of April it was decided to build a new bridge over the Millstone River connecting Esdare Street with Stewart Avenue. Previous to this plans of various types of bridges of a permanent nature had been prepared by both my predecessors and myself involving estimates ranging from twenty-six thousand 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 follows:

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

"Italian and French hydroaeroplanes on Friday dropped bombs on the enemy's works at Pola. Enemy aeroplanes made a counter-attack, but were repulsed. One of our hydroaeroplanes 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 dispatch 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, Hallburton street house and lot this morning at ten o'clock.

prepared plans involving a permanent 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 Vancouver for fifteen years for the sum of two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200) f. o. b. the bridge site, these spans were respectively one hundred twenty-four point five feet (124.5) and one hundred twenty-eight feet (128) in length, built by the Dominion Bridge Co. of Montreal. 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 defects in the old bridge. I prepared plans involving two abutments one heavy center pier and one light support pier for the center of the swing span and called for tenders. The tenders varied from thirty-three hundred dollars (\$3,300) to nineteen hundred forty-five dollars (\$1,945) this (the lowest figure) being supplied by Mr. A. W. Mesher, who was accordingly awarded the contract. In recognizing this structure as permanent work I established the permanent grade for the bridge raising the south end 5 point eighty-nine ft. above the old grade and making the north span a level grade and the north span five plus grade this leaves the north end as it was previously. Difficulties were encountered in finding 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 thousand dollars (\$5,000) was considered ample. I was more than once requested by your Honorable Body to report on the condition of the bridge spans and on three separate occasions examined them. I looked for defects which an engineer usually does in structures of this kind, viz: corrosion, defective rivets, and any deformation in the members that would appreciably weaken the bridge. Several tension members were admittedly 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 renewal, this work of replacing was promised by the Vancouver Machinery 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 effected the strength of any section of the metal to an extent causing anxiety, all rivets selected at random and removed were found to be absolutely sound and the spans after the repair work specified above had been completed represented an excellent

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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.

Members of the Council being appointed by His Worship Mayor McKenzie as follows, the first named Alderman being chairman of the committee: FINANCE—Ald. Coburn, Morton, Sharp, Coburn.

LEGISLATIVE—Ald. Morton, Forrester, Ferguson.

STREETS—Ald. Ferguson, Harding, Forrester.

WATER—Ald. Forrester, Ferguson, Morton.

SEWERAGE—Ald. Morton, Forrester, Ferguson.

FIRE WARDENS—Ald. Harding, Ferguson, Forrester.

LIGHT—Ald. Sharp, Harding, Coburn.

CEMETERY—Ald. Harding, Coburn, Sharp.

PARKS—Ald. Forrester, Morton, Sharp.

After administering the oath of office to the new Mayor and Aldermen, 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 themselves 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. He believed that the reduction in the number of Aldermen was a good move, as experience had shown that the work was always done by a few and now each Alderman would find sufficient to do to fully occupy his time. He believed the venture would be an improvement on the past and he bespoke for the new Council a successful year.

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 prejudice 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 Council. It was advisable, remarked His Worship, that the different committees bring in their estimates as soon as possible, to study economy consistent with efficiency, and expressed the desire that any matter referred to committees receive their early consideration.

Ald. Forrester reiterated the sentiments 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 Council. He moved the thanks of the Council be extended to Mr. Planta for swearing the Mayor and Aldermen into office.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Morton and unanimously adopted by the Council by stating it was a pleasure 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 Hallburton street at ten o'clock this morning.

WOULD ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN CANADA

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Robt. Bickersdike 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 punishment in Canada. Mr. Bickersdike 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. Attacks by German forces in the region of Riga and at several points in Rumania were repulsed. The text of the communication follows:

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

Roumanian front.—Austrian troops attempted to attack east of Patina, but were repelled by our fire. Their attacks north of the Dniester and south of the Dniester river were repulsed. Enemy forces attacked the Roumanians six versts west of Braila and eighteen versts south of the confluence of the Slatina and Trotus rivers but were repulsed by our fire. Enemy detachments which attempted to assume the offensive in the region of Pokshani, were driven back by our trenches by our fire.

"Enemy forces, three regiments strong and supported by artillery, launched an attack against our advanced guards from Kotumkhal, on the Sereth, as far as Vadeni, 10 versts southwest of Ballov. After repelling several attacks, our advanced detachments abandoned the village of Katumkhal under pressure 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 Kalkit. 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 President Biggs has returned from Ottawa. Notices posted here and at the mines say his report is that the Government has agreed to enforce the findings of Commissioner Harrison, 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 accordance 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, Noohari and brought down and captured an undamaged enemy aeroplane with its German pilot and observer near Tachino. On the Dairan front our raiders entered the village of Ashinelli, inflicting considerable loss 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 official statement says: "During the night of the 16th our troops entered the German lines north of Loos. Loss was inflicted on the enemy and his dug-outs were bombed and some prisoners taken. North of the Ancre an enemy transport was successfully engaged by our artillery. In addition to the usual artillery activity along our front the enemy's position was effectively bombarded southeast of Loos and opposite Grenier wood."

London, Jan. 15.—An official communication 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 acceded to the South African Government's request that Lieut.-Gen. Smutz commander of the British expedition against German East Africa, represent South Africa at the coming Imperial war conference in London instead of Gen. Louis Botha, the South African Premier, whose presence is urgently required at the coming session of the South African parliament. Accordingly General Smutz will be replaced in military command in East Africa where the situation is now so well in hand that the necessary reorganization 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 daughter of Nanaimo in the person of Elizabeth, 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 respectfully invited to attend.

The deceased was an old-time resident of Wellington, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beauchamp. 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. Bickensell 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 Expeditionary 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 bereavement.

Want to get nice locality and your own land, attend the Auction Sale this morning, Hallburton Street property at sharp 10 o'clock. Fine house and all paved walks. It

NEW MACE IS ON ITS WAY TO CANADA

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The new mace given by the Lord Mayor and Council of London to the House to replace the one destroyed in the Parliament Buildings fire of last year, is on the Atlantic en route to Canada, according to latest advices by Sir George Perley. However it will hardly reach Ottawa in time for the opening of parliament on Thursday. It is due to arrive a few days later.

CIVIC DEBT WAS REDUCED \$18,000

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

A reduction of from fifteen to eighteen 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 being 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 \$3,680; Schools \$38,797; Coupon Interest \$53,312; Local Improvement \$4,382; City Offices, \$6,138; Police Dept. \$6,145; Sewerage \$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 Police 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 committed to prison, of which 4 were sent to the Saanich Prison Farm, Provincial 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 recommend that five hundred feet of hose be purchased and more fire alarm boxes be installed. In conclusion 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 Police and Fire Chief were on motion of Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Forrester, received and filed and the City Clerk instructed to have them published in the annual yearly statement.

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

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LASTING PEACE IS KIND WANTED

London, Jan. 15.—Arthur Henderson, member without portfolio in the British cabinet, speaking at Croayden of the necessity of the whole allied nations standing behind the men of 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 if all will consecrate themselves for the ideals for which we entered the war as expressed in the Allies' note to President Wilson, I confidently 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 unrestrained militarism accompanied by a league of nations sufficiently strong to keep existing armies in their proper places and prevent the inflation of armaments and secure international law.

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 surprise attacks on the enemy lines, taking material and prisoners."

FRENCH REPULSED HUN ATTACKS

Mayor Busby remarked as all business of the Council had been transacted, 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 evidenced 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 citizens 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, Nanaimo'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, probably 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 expressed the hope that himself and the City Hall staff would merit the same expression 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 induced 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

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.