

REGULAR MEETING

Board of Aldermen Transact the Usual Routine Business Last Evening.

Property Owners Object to the Change Being Made in the Grade of Streets.

Another Letter From W. H. Braden in Respect to the City Health Department.

There was a full attendance at the regular meeting of the city council held last evening, the mayor in the chair. After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting Mayor Reidern referred to the death of Ald. J. B. Harrison and said they all recall a hard working and conscientious alderman. In view of the early approach of the general election he did not think it would be necessary to hold an election to fill the vacancy.

Ald. Hall seconded the remarks of the mayor.

A. J. Dallain, of the S.P.C.A., wrote in reference to the manner of gathering dogs followed by the pound keeper. Some less cruel means than lassoing dogs and dragging them through the streets should be adopted.

Referred to the mayor and pound committee.

Messrs. Crease & Crease, for Charles Dupont, claimed damages for the destruction of a shack on Figuard street which they contended had been pulled down by the sanitary inspector without proper authority.

Mayor Reidern thought the registered owner of the property, who is not Mr. Dupont, had had the building destroyed.

The letter was referred to the city solicitor and sanitary officer.

The city clerk of Vancouver stated that another leper had been sent from that city to Darcy Island, and asked that he be looked after under the arrangement between the two cities.

Referred to the sanitary officer.

Frank Armstrong asked for a further extension of the Michigan street sewer. Referred to the sewerage committee.

The mayor announced that he had sent a donation of \$25 each to the following institutions: St. Joseph's Hospital, Maternity Home, Rescue Home, Protestant Orphan's Home, St. Ann's Convent and B. C. Benevolent Society.

A number of applications having been received for the position of lamp trimmer several aldermen suggested that the late Mr. Jewell's son, who has been doing the work, be appointed. The superintendent of the electric light department recommended that Mr. Cummings be appointed. The appointment was deferred for a week.

The property owners on Government street between Fort and Broughton streets objected to the grade of the street being lowered. They had built their buildings a few years ago on the grade given by the city and the street was now being raised. Referred to the engineer and street committee.

The street committee recommended that A. B. Sheek be paid \$2 for work done in the street, but did not think he was entitled to the \$25 claimed for damages. Adopted.

The mayor stated that the municipal act of 1896 allowed the city to arrange for the election by resolution. Heretofore it had been necessary to pass a by-law. The resolution recommended by the mayor appointing polling places and returning officers was moved for by Ald. Vigilance and seconded by Ald. Stewart.

Objection was taken to the Vernon Block as the polling place for Centre Ward, some of the aldermen preferring the old place at the corner of Pandora and Douglas streets, it being nearer the city hall.

It was decided to name the Vernon Block, and the officials named in the mayor's resolution be appointed.

Mr. W. H. Braden wrote as follows: Victoria, B. C., Dec. 20th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen,—Yours of the 30th ult. to hand, and by it I understand that your honorable body positively refuse to grant an investigation into certain charges that I have made against your health officer. If you still refuse, after receiving this communication, I will have it investigated in a court of justice and so show the public the system of treatment they may expect to receive from your health department, as your say you have no control over same. I am not the only person that has gone through the process, as others have testified.

If you still refuse to grant me an investigation you need not take any further notice of my claim for \$75, as I will sue for being detained sixteen days from business, when there was no need of it; also for goods destroyed by fire and fumigation; also for detaining my nurse for sixteen days, who was taken away from my children without my consent, after an agreement with your health officer (that he should stay with them), who had no intention of allowing him to remain at any time, as his conduct, and I had shown that my nurse had

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no connection with the disease until Dr. Fraser ordered him to stop with them over night. As soon, however, as he got me out of the way he removed my nurse to the Chinese shacks and put him in with the suspects, who were going out three days later. Is this the way to stamp out disease?

It seems strange that my blanket can be returned to me, after being told by Dr. Fraser, Chipchase and the late caretaker (Mr. Shaw), that all clothing, blankets, bedding, etc., worn or used by the children would be destroyed by fire, but, on the contrary, I find this has not been done.

With regard to the goods destroyed by Officer Chipchase why were they burned after I had been in the room four days and have not been fumigated since returning from the hospital.

I will without further delay see this to the end, as I will stand no more humbug. I remain, yours truly, W. H. BRADEN.

The letter was received and filed. There was some discussion as to whether the ballot for street superintendent should be taken on all the applicants only on the two who received the most last week. It was decided to throw it open to all the applicants. The only difference from last week was that Andrew Wood got one vote, John Haggerty and Leonard Fussy getting five each, as before. There was one more alderman present than last week.

On the second vote Leonard Fussy received five votes to John Haggerty's one, and the latter was declared elected.

The municipal elections regulation by-law was finally passed. The council adjourned.

COMRADES, TOUCH THE ELBOW.

Soldiers who comprise the ranks of an army are drilled to act together. This discipline gives greater courage and efficiency, as every man knows that in battle he will not be left to act alone—he will be supported by his comrades.

In civilized society the same principle is supposed to prevail to a certain extent. The weak must be assisted by those who are stronger—the very poor by those who are richer, and sick by those who are well. Otherwise what would become of us in times of trouble and failure?

We cannot always help our neighbors by gifts of money, yet it is often in our power to help them in a better way—namely, by means of knowledge which we possess and they do not.

Every day's post brings to the writer illustrations of this, which go to show how useful the weakest and the poorest of us might be to others if we were only thoughtful to ask ourselves: "Now, what do I know that might be of use to my friend?"

Of many do so, thank mercy, and render service which no money can pay for.

For example, Mrs. Redpath, whose letter I am about to introduce, probably owes the recovery of her health to the intervention and advice of a friend who acted on this theory of duty.

"In the spring of 1892," says Mrs. Redpath, "my health began to fail me. Before this I was strong and hearty. I now felt low and weak and had no energy or strength left in me. My appetite was gone and I often sat down at mealtime without being able to touch anything. After dinner I felt as if I had pain at the chest and between the shoulders; also a gnawing pain in the stomach."

"I got no proper sleep at night and felt better for going to bed. I was tired in the morning. As time passed by I got extremely weak, and although able to get about the house it was with difficulty that I did so."

"For over a year continued like this, now better and again worse, but always in pain. I took different kinds of medicines and tonics to strengthen me—still I gained no strength. In June, 1893, a friend told me of the benefit he had received by taking Mother Seigel's Syrup and urged me to try it. I got a bottle from Mr. Lawrence, the chemist at Peel, and after taking it a few days I found relief. I could eat and enjoy my food without pain. I continued with it and gradually my strength returned and I have since kept well. You can publish this statement as you like. (Signed) Mrs. Ann Jane Redpath, 69 Glenfaba road, Peel, Isle of Man, July 2nd, 1896."

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OVERDUE VESSELS

Many Ships Bound for This Coast Now Many Days Overdue—The Reinsurance Rates.

A Tri-Weekly Service to Salt Spring and Other Islands of the Gulf Inaugurated To-Day.

From Tuesday's Daily. A number of the merchantmen en route from London and Liverpool to this coast are now long overdue. The British ship Natuna, which is well known here, carrying a cargo of salmon, to England on account of Robt. Ward & Co., sailed from London for Victoria on May 21st, but has not yet arrived. The British ship with general merchandise, is 234 days out, and the British bark Craighead, which sailed from Portland via Hiogo on May 3rd is also considerably overdue. As the usual passage of sailing ships from Liverpool to this coast is about 130 days, it is obvious, it is easy to be seen that they are considerably overdue. These vessels were all reinsured at Liverpool on November 26th, at the following rates: Natuna, 20 guineas; Tagmouth, 40 guineas; Craighead, 20 to 25 guineas; and on the long-overdue steamer Pelican, which is now about 70 days from Port Townsend with lumber for Tientsin, at 25 guineas per cent, premium.

The tug Halifax, of Nanaimo, spent yesterday in this port and this morning left for the west coast. She is under charter by a Vancouver man, who is going to Clayoquot to investigate some mining properties.

Capt. Metcalf, Lloyd's survivor in San Francisco, and J. Tyson, who are representing Capt. Nelson, owner of the stranded steamer Cleveland, left for the wreck yesterday evening on the tug Cazr.

The British ship Yeoman, which sailed from Chamanis on July 23rd with lumber for Liverpool, arrived at her destination on December 13th.

From Wednesday's Daily. The steamer Corona, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., sailed early this morning for Skagway, Dyea, Juneau and Wrangell with a large number of passengers. She took up a few passengers from this port, but a large quantity of provisions, including a shipment of 14 tons of bacon for the Northwest Mounted Police. Like the other vessels sailing of late to Lynn canal, the Corona had a large amount of lumber on board for Skagway and Dyea.

The sealing schooners C. D. Hand and Ada, which have been overhauled and prepared on Turpel's ways for their spring cruise, were launched this morning. The schooner Director, and the Sancy Lass were hauled out. The whole fleet are now making preparations for their spring cruise, and the wharves of the upper harbor are lined with schooners taking on supplies.

The old steamer J. R. McDonald's was towed back to her moorings in James Bay this morning from the Esquimaut marine ways, where she has been repaired and repaired generally. It is understood the R. McDonald's, which was in the spring as a freighter between Victoria and Wrangell, Juneau, Skagway and Dyea.

Towards the end of January a new steamer, owned by the New England Fish Company, will arrive here from Philadelphia, where she was built, to engage in the halibut fishing in connection with the steamer Oquigama and Caplano in Northern British Columbia waters.

The British steamer Amaraopora, which sailed from Moodyville in November with lumber for Yokohama, has arrived at the latter port very much disabled. Her screw was broken, and in her long voyage of 22 days she had received quite a buffeting by rough weather.

The British ship Senator, Capt. Harrison, has been chartered to load lumber at the Hastings mills. Her destination has as yet not been fixed, but it will be a choice between Plymouth, England, and Sydney, Australia.

The bark Wrestler, Captain Nielson, which is lying at the wharf for the purpose of refitting for departure, has a cargo of her cargo of nitrate. She has 500 tons for the Hamilton Powder Works at that port.

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Hunston—I'd like to go shooting to-morrow. If I could only get a dog that was well trained.

Ethel—Oh, I'll let you take Dottie then! She can stand on her head, and shake hands, and play dead, and say her prayers, and do lots of things—puck.

I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house if I cost \$5 per bottle. It does all you recommend it to do and more. R. Wallace, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world, and invaluable for rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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MR. KELLIE EXPLAINS

Revelstoke Citizens Hear Why He Refused to Support the Turner Government.

Resolution Passed Condemning the Government's Action in Appointing the Gold Commissioner.

Revelstoke, B. C., Dec. 22. (Special)—A large and enthusiastic meeting assembled in Peterson's Hall, Revelstoke, yesterday evening, to hear Mr. J. M. Kellie's explanation of why he refused to longer support the Turner government. The hall was packed, about three hundred persons being present, and Mr. Kellie's speech, in which he explained the many causes of friction that led him to take this decisive step, evoked considerable applause.

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NEWS OF STEVESTON.

The Richmond Farmers' Institute—A Burglar at Work.

Steveston, Dec. 20.—The first meeting of the Richmond Farmers' Institute was held at the municipal hall on Saturday. Mr. Thos. Kidd, M.P.P., presided, and Mr. Robert McBride acted as secretary.

Mr. McBride was elected to act on the election of officers, on the understanding that they would only hold office till the first annual meeting, which will be held next month.

The following were duly appointed: President, Capt. W. F. Stewart, Esquire; Vice-president, Mr. Thos. New, Central Park; Secretary-treasurer, Mr. Robert McBride, Esquire; Directors, Messrs. John Dinsmore and James Thomson.

Capt. Stewart in accepting office said that although the institute seemed but a small organization to-day, he looked for great results from it. If the farmers once combine they will speedily realize the good they can do to their own interests by their union. He hoped that by the date of the annual meeting they would have a large membership enrolled. He would personally do all he could to further the interests of the institute.

Mr. New said it was no easy matter to bring farmers together. He thought it of great importance that they should unite and stand shoulder to shoulder. He said, there were many things they could do. He thought it would not be long before the institute became a large and useful organization. The farmers in South Vancouver and Burnaby were deeply interested in it, and he believed many of them would join as members.

Secretary McBride said one of the first questions the institute should tackle was that of "Cheap Money for the Farmer." He believed that by a united and earnest effort they could have something substantial done in this direction. The credit of the province stood high. Charter mongers were not slow to see this and they were at the moment making every effort to get something substantial done in this direction. The credit of the province stood high. Charter mongers were not slow to see this and they were at the moment making every effort to get something substantial done in this direction.

Mr. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, and Mr. Thos. Cunningham, both gentlemen hoped to be present at the annual meeting next month.

After some other gentlemen had briefly spoken a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman and the meeting separated.

The burglar has been getting in his work in a quiet place. A store on the docks near the Brunswick Cannery, which had been locked up for a few days, was found on Saturday to have been broken into and practically cleared out. The stock was valued at considerable value. Diligent search is being made for the miscreants, but as yet without any good results.

The Lebs has now completed loading her cargo of salmon and will sail from here to-morrow. The loading of the Adelaide is well advanced, but work has been stopped, awaiting part of the cargo which is coming from another cannery.

SPREAD OF LA GRIPPE. Distressing Nature of the Influenza Phase of the Disease—Immediate Help From Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder—Fifty Members of Parliament Bear Testimony.

Grippe, this season, attacks the head and throat with great severity. The remarkable remedy, Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, gives instant relief. W. H. Bennett, M.P., for East Simcoe, and fifty other members of parliament have borne testimony over their own signatures to the virtues of this remedy. It is known the continent over. C. G. Archer, Brevet, Major, says: "I had catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose day after day. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder was the only remedy that gave substantial relief, and since using it I have not had an attack."

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HALF-MILE RECORD. Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—Walter Ser yesterday afternoon broke world's indoor record for half a pace, riding the distance in 1.12.