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## FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, September 28.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

## Ald. Ledingham Claims the Resolution Rescinding Sewer Work by Day Labor Illegal.

## Important Amendment in Regard to Sewer Connections—Discussing the Water Commissioner.

All the members of the city council were present at the meeting last evening, with the single exception of Ald. Vigelin.

Harrison & Walkley asked for \$177, which they claim as balance of their Maclure sewer contract. Referred to the committee.

G. Mesher, who explained he had not sufficient notice to be present at the last council meeting to make his complaint against the poundkeeper, was granted an opportunity to attend the next meeting, of which due notice will be sent him.

W. J. Macdonald and F. B. Pemberton called attention to men cutting down shade trees on Foul Bay road. The communication was referred to the street committee to act.

Ald. Munn thought in this connection that steps should be taken to prevent people allowing trees in their gardens to overhang the sidewalk, to the public inconvenience.

C. E. Renout, secretary of the agricultural association, acknowledged receipt of the proceeds of the \$25,000 agricultural loan by law—\$24,491.33 now being in the hands of the council. The society however were by the law to have had the sum for which the debentures were sold and did not contemplate such a large sum would be deducted for advertising, etc.

The debentures realized \$24,890, and the association considered that the whole amount should be used to pay the debts of the association. Referred to the finance committee for a report.

Joshua Davies, president of the Jubilee hospital, asked for the use of the city's infectious hospital laundry to disinfect clothing, and suggested the erection of a steam disinfectant and a laundry on the infectious diseases hospital grounds for the convenience of both hospitals. Laid on the table.

The City Engineer submitted a plan for the DeComos application for an injunction against the city on account of the telephone poles had been decided in favor of the city.

The City Auditor reported that Vancouver city had not paid their proportion for the keep of lepers at Dorey island for two quarters. A copy of the letter was ordered to be sent to the Vancouver authorities.

E. Mohan again called attention to his claim against the city for sewerage discharges. Laid on the table.

J. F. Chandler asked that immediate consideration be given his claim to have the amount of water restored to the Colquitz stream from Elk lake, taken away when the 16-inch main was laid. Received and filed.

The City Engineer estimated the cost of the extension of the Douglas street sewer to the North Ward school as follows: Excavation, \$5,500; pipe, \$1,500. Total, \$7,000.

The City Treasurer reported that the \$20,000 insurance on the exhibition building had expired, and asked for instructions. Referred to the finance committee for report.

Thomas Prees submitted plans for filters for the waterworks. Laid on the table.

Tenders for post holes were received from Coughlan & Mayo, David Van Stone, R. Schofield, John Gray, H. E. McDonald, Williams & Fuller, J. A. E. Power, Glover & Co., \$4,458.95; Robt. Mason & Co., \$4,709.45; D. McBeath and L. Peters, \$4,473.17; Elsworth & Smith, \$6,179.35; Geo. R. Snyder (figures not very distinct and will be investigated). One tender was received twenty-five minutes after the time and was ordered to be returned without opening.

Ald. Ledingham—We are proceeding illegally in this matter and are violating section 88. We passed a motion that at least a part of this work should be done by day work, and then Ald. Vigelin's resolution rescinding that was passed last Tuesday. The last resolution was passed without the notice being posted for 24 hours beforehand as provided by section 88 of the city act. Why should an alderman obstruct the work? The city as a whole wanted to see it done by day work and the best interests of the city studied better by the council. No man could carry out work cheaper than our own commission. A contractor, if he came short in his contract was not careful to leave the street in good condition. In San Francisco last winter they conceived the idea of cleaning the streets by day work, and it was found more satisfactory than upon the old contract plan. The money from day work would circulate better among the poor, and would be done cheaper. (Applause from the audience.) It had been claimed that it was illegal to do the work by day work, but no one could point to any provision that demanded the work to be done by contract. He asked for a ruling.

His Worship—It is a very important matter and requires to be looked into. I will look into it as early as possible and let the council know.

Ald. Baker, on a point of order, held that there was no notice given for the very motion in favor of day work that Ald. Ledingham was advocating.

His Worship would look into both questions and the matter was therefore laid over.

Ald. Humphrey moved that the election for school trustees be held in the market building on the 30th instant. Carried.

Ald. Humphrey moved that J. L. Raymer be appointed water commissioner. He had left the salary blank so that the council could decide.

His Worship here remarked that the clerk had informed him the notice had been tampered with on the bulletin board, some one pending in \$3 as the salary to be paid.

Ald. Dwyer spoke in support of the motion.

Ald. Styles, though not for a moment reflecting on the auditor, thought it strange that he should be put in another position where he would be auditor of his own reports. He believed the water collector, Mr. Partridge, had been overlooked in the matter. He would fill the position well, and the alderman considering that a good officer should be supported, moved in amendment that Mr. Partridge be appointed.

Ald. Humphrey explained that as far as the auditor went, no money passed through the water commissioner's hands.

Ald. Dwyer said the auditor would do best, as the position required a man who would be at his office all the time. The collector could not, so if Mr. Partridge was appointed another collector would be needed.

Ald. Ledingham took a similar view.

Ald. Baker believed Mr. Partridge

## should be given the chance for promotion.

Some further discussion went on till Ald. Munn said he did not see how the matter could be improved by any proposition made. The commissioner had to be a practical and scientific man, who would be able to give a pure and wholesome supply of water. Unless prepared to do so, nothing better than proposed, they had better let things alone. It would be a strange thing to depose Mr. Wilmet, and yet they would have to put him in charge of the survey and mechanical part. He moved, therefore, to rescind the resolution disapproving with Mr. Wilmet as water commissioner.

Ald. Harris thought a change was necessary, as it was impossible for the engineer to collect the outstanding accounts. He would like to see the motion laid over for a week, however.

Ald. Ledingham held that in justice to Mr. Wilmet he should be relieved of the office, as he had not time to attend to it.

Ald. Keith-Wilson would oppose the motion, as he did not believe in spending the \$10,000 except under such circumstances. If Mr. Wilmet was not satisfactory let them get some one else, but he did not believe in a mere practical man handling the work. It would be all right if they made Mr. Raymer a sort of deputy to Mr. Wilmet. The matter was finally laid over.

Ald. Munn's motion, already published, to have the fences encroaching on the Craigflower road moved back was carried, as was also Ald. Ledingham's motion to have the pipes kept in the building complained of on Johnson street removed.

Ald. Munn's motion to have the tramway, the gas company and the water commissioner get their street work done in permanent shape in the event of the city wanting to pave the streets, was carried.

The finance committee's recommendation for appropriations of \$8,040.81 was adopted as also one of \$28,691 of the electric light fund.

The School Board's regulations for \$190 for an asphalt pavement at the South Ward school and \$490 for other purposes were adopted.

The sewerage committee reported re Mr. Mohan's demand for sewerage designs that Mr. Mohan had no claim. Also on the branch basement sewer extensions, as passed at the last meeting of the commissioners.

A number of letters were read from C. A. Holland, W. J. Pendray and others protesting against basement excavations for sewer connections.

Ald. Keith-Wilson moved that all cellar be connected. Where there are no cellar connections must be made to the city sewer as possible, i.e., by sloping or direct connection from the surface. Where the main sewer is laid on one side of the street, connections must be made to the city sewer as possible, i.e., by sloping or direct connection from the surface.

Where no sewer gives instructions connections must be made in as reasonable a manner as possible, i.e., by sloping or direct connection from the surface. Where the main sewer is laid on one side of the street, connections must be made to the city sewer as possible, i.e., by sloping or direct connection from the surface.

The City Barristers reported that the land in dispute on the Craigflower road at Rev. Mr. Ellison's had been in public use for over forty years and the public had acquired it by use.

Ald. Styles wanted Mr. Ellison notified to remove the fence.

Ald. Keith-Wilson called the attention of the council to the fact that they had been receiving taxes for the land for a number of years past, and therefore the city was something to say on the other side.

The matter was left over and the council adjourned.

Rev. Dr. Barton lectured last night to a crowded audience in the First Presbyterian church, young and old turning out in large numbers.

The learned professor pointed out that two sources of information are open to the inquirer as to the history and formation of the earth. These are the Book of Nature and the Book of Revelation. Taking the former, we are told that the world was created in six days, and given to man for his habitation.

He then traced the beginning of things from the formation of the great solar nebula, and showing by La Place's theory the gradual development of the earth, and in the sixth period the existence of the air-breathing animals. The lecturer described the production of coal and the varieties known to us. He referred to the fossils of the sea and the changes marked by it upon the earth, and closed with a reference to man as the head of creation, and to his future spiritual development. The lecture was illustrated by experiments and charts and was listened to with great interest by the audience.

The proceeds of the lecture are to be devoted to defraying an indebtedness of about \$1,000, which is needed to make up the current annual expenses of the theological department of the Manitoba College. Prof. Bryce lectured last night at St. Andrew's church, "The Literature and History of Scotland," and being familiar with this subject sought to secure a large attendance of Scotchmen.

Just to the door was as far as many got who went to the entertainment and sold in the Victoria West Methodist church last evening. The affair proved attractive beyond all expectations and the building was totally inadequate for the occasion. Elaborate and extensive preparations had been made for the event, and very satisfactorily and pleasantly were they carried out. Comment on the musical and literary part of the programme would only mean praise individually for the participants; all did their best and did well. Belonging to the instrumental trio, Messrs. Francis and Miss Leigh; vocal trio, "Ye Shepherds Tell Me," Messrs. Firth, Watson and J. G. Brown; solo, "Wonders of the Deep," Mrs. J. G. Brown; duet, "Flow Gently, Dears," Messrs. Firth and Brown; solo, "Tell Me, Beautiful Maiden," Mrs. Francis; recitation, Miss Nellie Dunnigan; solo, Miss Marie Francis; instrumental trio, Messrs. Francis and Miss Leigh; solo, Mr. Watson; recitation, Mr. Temple; solo, "Angels Serenade," Mrs. Francis; and instrumental trio, Messrs. Francis and Miss Leigh. Following, a supper was given, which fully 150 young and old folk enjoyed, and before the church doors were closed for the night \$200 were voluntarily subscribed for liquidating a debt of that amount on the building. Present at the entertainment were Revs. Solomon Cleaver, Joseph Hall, James Turner and J. Wilkinson, of Nanaimo. Rev. Mr. Turner, pastor of the church, presided during the evening.

Save dollars in doctor's bills. Eschley's Liver Lozenges, 25 cts. at drugists.

Some people laugh to show their petty treachery. The use of Ivory White Tooth Powder makes people laugh more than ever. It's so nice, Price 25c. Sold by drugists.

Relief in Six Hours. Disagreeing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the Great South American Kidney Cure. This is the greatest surprise and delight on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, back and over the head, and urinary passages in male or female. It relieves itching of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. Sold in Victoria by D. M. Campbell.

Seal Hunters Admit That It Possesses Numerous Advantages Over the Shotgun.

The "Triumph" is Top-Liner of the Fleet—Reported Wreck Off the Pribyloffs.

Now that the sealing fleet has begun to return from Behring sea, it is seen that the use of the spear instead of firearms has not made a failure by any means of the catch of fur seals. The disuse of firearms has resulted, of course, in more Indians being employed as hunters, they being expert at spearing, while the white hunters hitherto have confined themselves to the shotgun.

However, some few whites have gone on the sealers as spearmen, and several are now quite as skillful with that weapon as the Indians to whom its use may be said to "come naturally."

It takes a lot of practice to handle a spear properly, says one of the returned sealers, "but in two or three seasons you will see plenty of white men just as good spear-hunters as the Indians. I think on the whole that the spear is really better than the gun in Behring sea. For one thing it does not frighten the seal, and the absence of noise is a great advantage. Take for instance the capture of the seal on the Pribyloffs. No vessels were allowed in Behring sea till August 1st, and yet in a month the Walter L. Rich picked up 1,750 seals, the Borealis 1,140, and the Triumph is now credited with no less than 2,400—all caught in the one month. The favorite seal, 1,247 when her cruise was cut short by her being ordered home; if she had been allowed to stay her catch, too, would almost certainly have been a big one. Just after a spell of rough weather, when the sun comes out again and warm things out comfortably, is the best time for hunting. Then the seals like to lie asleep on the water, basking in the sun, sometimes two or three in a bunch, but usually pretty well scattered. Then the boats are sent away from the schooner in pursuit. In the bow stands the hunter with his spear. The handle is about twelve or fourteen feet long; at one end it is pronged so as to give two points for thrusting. The shaft is a sort of off set thrust under his chin and a good blow on the head with a stout club settles it before it is hauled aboard. Should other seal be close round, however, the attempt is not made to haul in the first seal, but for a few boats are sent away from the schooner in pursuit. In the bow stands the hunter with his spear. The handle is about twelve or fourteen feet long; at one end it is pronged so as to give two points for thrusting. The shaft is a sort of off set thrust under his chin and a good blow on the head with a stout club settles it before it is hauled aboard. 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