

WATER WORKS AGAIN

City Engineer Recommends Some Changes in the Beaver Lake Reservoir.

Council Votes a Thousand Dollars for the Queen's Birthday Celebration.

Short and Sharp Passage-at-arms Between the Mayor and Ald. Macmillan.

Before proceeding with the regular business last evening, the city council passed in silence the following resolution, moved by Ald. Partridge and seconded by Ald. Wilson: That a letter of condolence be addressed to the Honorable Chief Justice Davis, conveying to him the deep sympathy of the Mayor and council in his sad bereavement.

Thomas Thompson wrote contending that W. P. Winsty was illegally elected collector, he having the least number of votes on the sixth ballot, and should therefore have been dropped.

The Mayor explained that Mr. Wilson received no votes on the 6th ballot, and he was therefore dropped.

The letter was received and filed, the writer to be informed as explained by the Mayor.

Major F. B. Gregory asked the council to make an appropriation for five concerts by the Fifth Regiment band.

The letter was received and laid on the table to be taken up with the estimates.

J. J. Nickerson thanked the council for the resolutions endorsing the Fraser river bridge and ferry to Sidney project.

He explained that if the Victoria center wharf, freight cars could be brought over and run alongside the ocean steamers.

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Rev. C. M. Tate complained of an old man who makes a living by supplying liquor to Indians.

Referred to the Chief of Police.

D. Spencer asked what rebate would be allowed him if he replaced the sidewalk in front of the Arcade building with a concrete sidewalk.

Referred to the street committee.

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Ald. Marchant did not intend to look upon the contractors with suspicious eyes. Having the doctors (the engineers) for the water works, he did not feel like preparing his own prescription.

The council, he thought, should follow the advice of the engineers, but he did not like the idea of additional cost.

Ald. Glover could not see how the changes would give the contractors the chance to get back at the city with a law suit. The present contractors' tender could be accepted or rejected by the council. They would have to do the work for a certain amount.

When he employed an engineer he usually followed his advice.

Ald. Humphrey rather favored the report of the engineer, but he would like to have time to consider it. If the city could have the change made for \$900 it was getting off easily.

He moved in amendment that it be deferred until the special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

Ald. Wilson seconded the amendment. He did not feel inclined to break the contract, but would like to hear the engineer's explanation.

Ald. Cameron favored the amendment. The engineer's advice should be followed.

Ald. Macmillan explained that he did not find fault with the engineer, but he wanted it laid over until the contract is completed.

The amendment was adopted.

Supt. Sheppard called attention to the fact that it was time to call for tenders for summer clothing and shoes for the police. Laid on the table until the estimates came up.

The water commissioner reported in regard to the application of Alex. Yee, for the extension of the water system to his residence on Third street, that there would be but one consumer. The cost would be \$77.30 and 540 ft. of 4-inch pipe would be required.

Referred back for estimate of cost of pipe as well as for digging the trench.

The usual finance committee reports were adopted.

The committee recommended that \$1,000 be appropriated for the Queen's Birthday celebration.

Ald. Humphreys moved that the report be laid on the table until the estimates were considered.

There were many things necessary when the celebration was held.

Ald. Macmillan seconded the motion. Only a few weeks ago the council refused to give aid to a scheme to start a home for aged women.

If a vote was not made for the old women's home he would vote against an appropriation for the celebration.

Ald. Macmillan explained that he recommended the appropriation for two months were required to make the celebration a success, and those who interest themselves in the matter wished to know what the council would do.

Not to celebrate the Queen's birthday would be to give the city a black eye.

The estimates could not be brought down, because, until a few days ago, it was impossible to estimate the revenue and he was now waiting for an answer from the legislature in regard to certain financial matters.

Ald. Williams favored a vote for the celebration, but would not vote for it until the estimates were before the council.

He contended that the estimates could be considered at once.

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Ald. Glover did not think the celebration did the city a great deal of good. Funds are badly needed for streets, many of which are impassable.

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The Mayor said the first part of the report could not come up until there was a recommendation from the finance committee.

Ald. Macmillan—Why was not the recommendation made?

Mayor Beaven—Because I did not recommend it.

Ald. Macmillan—Can you bank a committee in that way? Is a municipal council a one man power concern?

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The same committee recommended that Mr. Northcott be appointed to represent the city to act with a representative of St. John's church to decide upon the compensation to be made for the removal of the fence and porch on Herald street.

The report was adopted; the amount decided upon to be in settlement of all claims.

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