Victoria

The City Council Order the Removal of Craigflower Road Obstructions.

Electrician Hutcheson Explains Reason for Recent Defective Street Lighting.

For two hours and a half last night the city's representatives on the aldermanic board wrestled with a variety of sub. jects ranging from the ordinary topics of streets and sewers to the perennial one of Craigflower road. The latter subject was revived by a resolution submitted by Ald. Beckwith asking that the sidewalks recently laid across Craigflow er road should be removed and the same road, where it intersects Mary and Skinner streets, should be repaired. The latter part was struck out, though the council decided to remove the sidewalks derite protests from Ald. Humphrey and Macgregor.

Among the reports submitted was one from Eletrician Hutcheson, which among other matters explained to the service from that department.

The mayor presided and there were no absentees at the board.

The deputy minister of marine and fisheries wrote enclosing the following letter from Fell & Gregory:

Sir:-Referring to our letter of the 28th November, 1898, and your reply to same, dated 13th December, 1898, and further reply 25th January, 1899, we have the honor to advise you that the city of Victoria are again proposing to deal with this matter, acting in conjunction with the B. C. Electric Company, and propose to put additional bents of piles between each row, as the bridge is presently constructed in that portion of the bridge west of the draw, and satisfactory, also to fill the same in with slabs, and also filling the westerly half of the span over which the draw extends and making per manent the closing of the swing.

Should this be done it will seriously interfere with navigation in these waters and will cause the deposit of a large amount that the houses be moved back before of silt in that portion of Rock bay which is now open to the action of the current, which will be closed. The city of Victoria has a sewer for surface drainage opening an effect upon this portion of the bay that in the course of a few years the water will become so shallow that it will be absolutely impossible to do anything.

> Your obedient servants, FELL & GREGORY.

Ald. Humphrey, in moving that the letter be referred to the city solicitor, city engineer, and special committee on Rock Bay bridge, said that as Mr. Roy, resident Dominion engineer, was at present in the city, he also should be seen in regard to the matter.

The suggestion was adopted and the

motion carried. H. Mortimer Lamb, publisher of the B. C. Mining Record, wrote asking for a gineer prepare a plan of the street and were to be applied through all departbonus of \$100 for the Christmas number of that publication, which was to be devoted largely to a write-up of Victoria. Ald. Hayward thought the money

red to the finance committee.

Ald. Brydon wanted to know who was to look into the "nice" article to be written. If the council were to bonus the publication they ought to have some supervision of it, and Ald. Stewart even went the length of expressing the opinion that the mayor and finance committee might alter the matter of the articles.

Ald. Macgregor wanted to know how many copies were to be issued. In reply to this the mayor said 10,000 copies would be first struck off and the forms left standing in case more were required. The council would also receive 50

The motion was carried, the matter of arrangement with the publishers of the Record in regard to cuts, etc., being left in the hands of the finance commit-

Wallace Craig informed the council of injuries to his horse on November 22nd by its falling into a defective drain on Belleville street. He gave notice that he would claim damages for these inhorse's condition from Dr. Hamilton.

Humphrey was of the opinion Ald. that if the facts were as stated the workmen who left the defective work should be sharply dealt with. The matter went to the city engineer

and city solicitor for report. Mrs. S. A. Carmichael complained that she had sustained serious injuries by falling off one of the sidewalks in allowing some persons to pass in the dark. As a consequence she had lost her boarders, her only means of support. The loss to the writer was heavy and she thought a committee of the council ought to be appointed to look into the matter. Ald. Humphrey moved the reference

of the letter to the city solicitor. Ald. Stewart thought it said very little for those who crowded the old lady off the walk. It was difficult to believe there were such people in the city. Aid. Williams took advantage of the opportunity to draw attention to the

subject which was one of general complaint and which, as in this case, might result seriously.

The letter took the course suggested by Ald. Humphrey.

E. Fawcett had read the proceedings of the City Council in the press, in which whether a light had been petitioned for Humphrey, especially, had referred to "one Fawcett," an expression which the writer resented. If Ald. Humphrey were a pioneer, as he claimed to be, he would know that the writer 1859. Mr. Fawcett also complained of the general spirit of ridicule stile to replace them by new ones ordered, on the Oid Women's Home by the direc-

Ald, Humphrey denied he had used the too much to heart. Search in the clerk's ber of gentlemen in Victoria West had asked for a fence, but a light had not been petitioned for since 1895.

The communication was received and filed and Mr. Fawcett will be informed that Ald. Humphrey denies using the expression and that no such petition had been received since 1895. John W. Coburn asked leave to plant

shade trees on Pioneer street and to move the sidewalk up to the line. Ald. Stewart warned the council that this street was very narrow and that

The mayor thought the council should

trees in front of their premises to keep the street free from leaves. Ald. Macgregor alone lifted his voice in protest against acting arbitrarily with

those who wished to improve their premises. Tree planting should be encouraged, rather than discouraged. The matter was referred to the city engineer.

The city engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen:-I have the honor to report on the following communications referred

Mr. Lewis Hall, re improvement on Catherine street, between the old Esquimalt road and the present one. Upon examination of same, it is found to be in a very bad condition, but before recommending satisfaction of all the recent defective any permanent improvement on tue road way in question, I would ask that all the fences now projecting on the street be moved to their proper line. I may say about \$25 could be spent on the southerly portion of ditching, etc., which no doubt would be a benefit to the residents there-

> Communication from J. H. Frank re Chestnut avenue improvement. The street in question has never been graded, and I could not properly recommend surfacing same with stone or gravel until such time as the weather is favorable for this class of work; besides there are several other streets more travelled, and these should have first attention. Hoping this will be

I have the honor to be, gentlemen. Your obedient servant, C. H. TOPP.

City Engineer. In regard to the improvement of Catherine street, Ald. Humphrey suggested any grading was done.

Ald. Beckwith thought it was only former speaker said the main building into that portion of Rock bay, and it is of the old Globe hotel was on the road. inevitable that this sewer will have such Ald. Beckwith thought also that a good sidewalk should be laid as the present two-plank walk had been laid by the management of the churches without

Ald. Kinsman suggested some way of croached on streets to adopt the proper

In reply to a question, the city solicitor fences off the street, in regard to houses on the street, the powers of the council depended very much upon what circumstances attended the erection of these

improving the road. In regard to Chestnut avenue, Ald.

Macgregor thought that even a piow possible there were just as good men as would be well spent, and so did Ald. ditch would relieve some of the property stewart. They moved that it be referefected from being flooded. The section effected from being flooded. The section of the report was adopted.

The water commissioner reported: Regarding the petition of D. H. Bate and others for an extension of the water main to Baronet street. The estimated cost of a three-inch pipe if taken from Richmond avenue by way of Leighton road is \$440; from Oak Bay avenue via Hulton street, \$435.

Some of the aldermen thought there was not sufficient money on hand to do the work this fall. The report was referred back to the water commissioner for further report as to revenue derivable from this source.

The city assessor reported that an examination of the Chilliwack railway petition proved that it contained 216 signatures, representing \$2,506,168 considerably in excess of the tenth required by the law.

The medical health officer urged more accommodation at the Old Men's Home as absolutely essential to the comfort of the inmates. He suggested that a vajuries and enclosed a report on the be rented to relieve the congestion. Recant cottage in the neighborhood could ferred to the Old Man's Home commit-

> The city engineer and city assessor reported upon the cost of paving Yates street from Broad to Douglas streets. The cost of the work would be \$6,209. The report was received and filed and the work ordered to be advertised in the

usual way. The same officials reported upon the cost of paving Broad street between Yates and Fort streets as being \$8,640. This report took the same course. City Electrician Hutcheson reported as

Dear Sir:-With reference to vacancy in the staff of the lighting station, viz., the position of fireman, I would respectfully draw attention to the fact that the position is an important one and that in selectng a man there is a good deal to be con sidered. It is important that the fireman should not only be fully capable of taking care of the boilers and attachments, but he poor lighting of the streets recently, a should be able to assist in engine or dynamo room in cases of emergency. The man at present engaged temporarily (Mr. Ed. Vipond), is a good man for the position, and I would be pleased to have him appointed permanently, as his past experience in running electric light engines, etc., may prove a great convenience in case of abdoubt still appeared to exist in regard to sence of other members of the staff. I also desire to point out that owing to bad ring the matter to the city engineer to opposite Mr. Dusmuir's gate. Ald, weather encountered for some weeks back lay the walk on whichever side of the necessitated an almost continuous run of road he thought most desirable. plant. The fireman has in consequence been unable to give the usual amount of general desire of the people should be time to lamp repairs. We are short of more apparent before the council should spare lamps, and although I am aware that alter their plans. was E. Fawcett, who had been here some lamps on the circuits are not in good cherative condition. I fully expected to be that the application for relief from taxes

with which the matter had been treated. long ere this. With reference to the work tors of the Royal Jubilee Hospital be of the foreman, he has more work than he complied with by making a grant of \$10 "one Fawcest," as he had can do properly, and I would recommend monthly to the board, dating from the known the gentleman for years. He that he be relieved of the work of taking thought his friend had taken the matter 30th of June last. Their report also recommended the expenditure of \$4. statement of his day's work shows the ne-381.46 for the month. office had revealed the fact that a numlowing 8 minutes to each, 8 hours; 1/2 hour at stable in morning, 1 hour at noon, 1 hour at stable in evening; making in all 101/2 hours per day. The difficulty now is that at this time of year there is only about ten hours elapse between shut down of plant in morning and start up in evening, so that if a lamp becomes defective there is no time to bring it in and make a change, as all available time is taken up. This, to my mind, accounts for defective lamps in some cases remaining unchanged for a time. Re trouble experienced on circuits from storm on Saturday evening last, falling leaves made a great deal of rub- I am of the opinion that the facts of the case should be communicated to the council board, as some one has seen fit to air pass a by-law compelling those with themselves in the press in a manner most misleading and unreasonable. The facts are simple. Dynamos operating east section of city started flashing at 6:45 p. m.; at 7 p. m. flashing became severe, endangering new dynamos. It was switched off to avoid damage as a case of necessity. I yesterday nspected lines in east section and found a number of glass insulators had been malic oasly broken, also that falling branches of rees had fouled the lines, thus grounding the lines. I am of the opinion that trouble will be experienced from slack in lines alowing them to swing in contact with each other. At 8 p. m. line operating centre section broke. I searched for break until 11 p. m., but was unsuccessful in locating

> I remain yours obediently, M. HUTCHESON. Ald. Williams hoped the letter would e published as complaint had been general in regard to the defective light. The trouble was evidently with the elements and with neither the committee nor the

ame owing to darkness.

electrician.

Ald. Humphrey thought the criticism he had seen was decidedly "out." The city light station was cunning more cheaply than those of most of the American cities.

Ald. Cameron complained that the station was run too cheaply. He didn't believe in running lights on a moonlight schedule. The lights were not lighted at dark. He would like to see them lighted at 4 o'clock. If it was a matter of a few more tons of coal it was worth that from the standpoint of appearance and of the safety and comfort of the citizens. He didn't like so much talk about a cheap plant. It was worth, from appearances alone, a little more expense to have a good thing.

Ald. Beckwith hoped that the rule of the council in regard to asking for aplean-to's which were referred to, but the plications for all positions in the gift of the city would be adhered to. He had no fault to find with the man recommended, but he objected to trangressing this rule.

While agreeing with this as a general proposition, Ald. Humphrey thought exceptions might sometimes be made in a case such as the present, when the head compelling people whose property en- of the department recommended a man as suitable for the place.

Ald. Brydon also stamped Ald. Beckwith's argument as fallacious," It seemgave it as his opinion that while people ed to him absurd that the council should war might be compelled to remove their disregard the recommendation of the man charged with the care of a valuable plant and put in a man who might not be suitable simply for the sake of following a rule.

Ald. Cameron said the argument Ald. Williams moved that the city en- Ald. Brydon looked all right, and if it that in the meantime \$25 be expended in | ments he would support it. But it was unwise, in his opinion, to make an isolated case of one department. It was

The mayor urged that the whole report go back to the electric light com- of the motion should be withdrawn. The mittee for report. There was no emergency calling for a departure from the usual course in regard to reports going to the respective committees for consideration.

Ald. Williams hoped the committee would take into consideration the light on Douglas street near the Fountain. which had been intermittent of late, but this view of the matter. it was pointed out that the electrician had given a reasonable explanation of this in his report.

A petition was presented asking for the extension of the sewer on Douglas street from King's road to Hillside avenue. Referred to the city engineer for report. Other petitioners complained of the in-

justice of the law, which requires a building to be worth \$800 before it can be removed from one place to another. This prevented proprietors from removing inferior buildings to make room for larger ones, which would otherwise be erected. They drew attention to the fact that a contractor's deposit of \$20 was returned to him on the completion of his work, while the \$10 fee for a permit to remove a building was retained by the

Ald. Brydon thought the latter part of the complaint called for redress. In reply to this the mayor said that in asked for, which was to remove the moving buildings iron spikes were driven sidewalk. When the council first took without good results, and now have their without good results, and now have their sidewalk. into the road, and these holes, even when filled, resulted in depressions in the road. For this reason if a building were moved any considerable distance along the street, \$10 for a permit was not ex-

Ald. Macgregor recommended the revision of the whole by-law. The petition went to the city solicitor and engineer for report.

A petition was also presented from Capt. Gaudin and a number of others in Victoria West asking that the sidewalk proposed to be laid on the south side of Craigflower road from Capt. Gaudin's house westerly, should be laid on the north side.

The mayor thought that if the desire for the walk on the north side was general it would be wise to have it placed there, but if so he thought the petition should be more largely signed. Ald. Humphrey and Beckwith thought that this end would be served by refer-

Ald. Kinsman also thought that the

The finance committee recommended

Ald. Beckwith's resolution instructing the city engineer to remove the sidewalks across Craigflower road and to fill the holes in the road at the intersec tion of Skinner and Mary streets, next came up for consideration. The mayor,

in presenting the resolution, said the council, while they had agreed to remove the walks, had said nothing about repairing the road. If this clause were pressed he would oppose the motion. Ald. Beckwith insisted that the repairs were for Skinner and Mary streets.

not for Craigflower road. Ald. Humphrey wanted to know what was the object of making these repairs. Was it to enable people to travel on Mary street? There had never been a pick or shovel put in the street named. If Ald. Beckwith would bring in a motion to grade Skinner street from Russel to Catherine he would support it; otherwise he would oppose the motion The Mayor-Oh, that's another ques-

Ald. Humphrey, continuing, said that while he did not question the power of the mayor to order the sidewalk laid, yet he had been against laying the walk. The sidewalk having been laid, he now opposed taking it up.

The mayor would like the solicitor's opinion on Ald. Beckwith's motion. Ald. Humphrey said that a great deal of nonsense had been talked by members of the council when waited upon by a deputation from Victoria West in re gard to new features having developed during the trial regarding ownership of the road. The council had never considered the matter of ownership of the road. Misstatements in plenty had also been made by members of the deputation in regard to the Beaven by-law dealing with the same question.

The solicitor here expressed the opinion that the motion in regard to repairing Craigflower road was irregular. The road had been closed and the city had now no right to make repairs on it. Ald. Beckwith Are Mary and Skinner streets recognized city streets?

The Mayor-Yes. Ald. Beckwith observed that such being the case he could not see the force of the solicitor's statement. He had nam- the ed the streets he wished repaired. Sure- the clause involving repairs to the road ly the council didn't mean to say that a road might be improved up to where council to approve of the petition of Craigflower road crossed it; but that there the improvement must cease. He contended that his motion was perfectly regular. When he moved that these two incoming council, was then submitted streets be repaired he meant exactly and passed, although Ald. Stewart what he said. Mary and Skinner were regular streets, and crossed Craigflower to the well known need of such improve- a man whose body was found in the road. It was simply a matter of repair- ment. road. It was simply a matter of repair. Method adjourning, Ald, Brydon wanting two city streets. Neither did he Before adjourning, Ald, Brydon want Frenchman, Julian Aguer, about 35 think it fair for Ald Humphrey to raise ed to know what was being done toward years of age, who owns a ranch in the think it fair for Ald. Humphrey to raise a question by saying new matter had been introduced by the statment that the road was Crown property.

Ald. Humphrey-I said it was never entertained by the council. Ald Beckwith-It was never entertain-

as the majority of the council seemed to was very great these dark nights. few loads of gravel onto the streets. It | might save the necks, of some very worthy citizens, as for instance the city

The Mayor Then these repairs are use the old Craigflower road? Ald. Cameron thought the latter part council had decided that while the question of ownership still remained open they might remove the sidewalk without compromising their position, and thus oblige the people in the neighborhood. They had decided to close the road in dispute in order to avoid liability

for accidents. Ald. Brydon agreed with The Mayor said he had assured the deputation that if a majority of the council passed a resolution ordering the removal of the sidewalks he would not oppose it, but if the last clause of Ald. Beckwith's motion was pressed he would

oppose the motion. Ald. Macgregor wanted the council to adhere to their original position. "It does seem queer," he commented, "how people seem to weaken at this time of year." (Laughter.) Such action would make the council ridiculous. By raising the sidewalk, they might render themselves liable. He, at least, would not support the motion. The residents had a good road and sidewalk by the regular streets and the council should adhere to their position in the matter. Ald. Humphrey-How often has the

sidewalk been put down and removed? The Mayor-I don't know. Ald. Hayward said the resolution as it

stood went further than the petitioners are throwing aside medicines and action it was presumed that those who claimed ownership in the road would fence it in. Now it appeared probable that the Crown would gazette Craigflower as a road. He thought that the sidewalk should be removed and a gravel or cinder walk substituted. The Mayor-That would be acknowledging the Craigflower road to be a

Ald. Beckwith said that Mr. Ramsay alone of the deputation had suggested that the council might lay a gravel walk. The solicitor recommended laying the matter over as the whole question was before the Attorney-General. Ald. Macgregor, too, urged a little de-

lay as indications were not wanting that the whole matter would soon be The vote on an amendment to lay the

matter on the table for one week was then taken, Ald. Kinsman hurriedly asking for sufficient delay to allow him to York Central, has taken the controlling get away as he did not intend voting. The amendment was lost.
A.d. Hayward then moved in amend-

"substitute therefor crossings of gravel or cinders." The Mayor-Well, I shall oppose that. It will be placing ourselves in a very foolish position to take up the wooden

crossings and substitute gravel. The amendment was not seconded, and trol of the Baltimore & Ohio.

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main motion carried, minus Ald. Beckwith's motion asking the Victoria West resident for improved fire protection and recommending a new fire hall and chemical for the suburb to the characterized it as unnecessary owing the circumstances attending the death of

compelling the Street Railway Company district. to prolong their line on Douglas street? A coroner's jury was empanelled yes-The solicitor said a case would be terday afternoon at Metchosin, at which

ed by a portion of the council, but it Ald. Brydon said a while ago it was was thoroughly threshed out in commits explain that the company's solicitors were ready to go on, but the city was Continuing, Ald. Beckwith said that not ready. The need of the extension

be opposed to the latter part of the motion he would withdraw it, although be heard before Christmas, while a he thought it most advisable to draw a facetious alderman suggested referring the matter to the council of 1901. Then

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AMERICAN RAILWAY

New York, Nov. 29.-The Pennsylrania company has acquired control of the Baltimore & Obio railway, and W. K. Vanderbilt, in the interest of New holdings of J. P. Morgan in the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis road, and the Chesapeak & Ohio, says ment to add the words after sidewalk. the Times to-day.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 29 .- At the gove ra! offices of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, in this city, it was said to-day that nothing was known concerning the alleged deal by which the Pensylvania Company is said to have obtained conFOUND DEAD AT SOOKE,

Julian Aguer, a Sooke ranchman, Died While Hunting in the Metchosin Woods. Officer Murray of the provincial force

returned last night from Sooke whither he went in the morning to investigate

stated to the court. They were waiting Dr. Herman Robertson gave evidence as the convenience of the company's solici- to the cause of death. A close examination of the body failed to reveal any marks of violence and all the organs also were found to be normal. Death from

natural causes was the verdict. Deceased, with his brother-in-law, and a man named Burrows, had been out to dinner that day, at a neighbor's, and when returning deceased took his gun and went into the woods in the hope of shooting a grouse. The others went home, and after several hours became uneasy and set out in search of him; they heard his dog bark and found Aguer lying on his face in a pool of water, where he had apparently fallen in a fainting fit. His rifle was beneath him, while his dog watched beside him. Ag-He was unmarried.

DR. IRELAND STILL ALIVE.

Montreal, Nov. 29 .- Dr. Ireland, whose mysterious disappearance from this city caused much excitement both in Canada and the United States about a year ago, is, according to information received here to-day, practising in the Western States under the name of Dr. Gray. It will be remembered Ireland was thought to have been drowned by falling off the

VANCOUVER'S SEPTIC TANKS. (Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Nov. 29 .- Plans were re ceived from England this morning for the septic tanks for the city's sewer ex-

tension. Almost all the parts will be



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