TRAMWAY COMPAN SUBMITS PROPOSAL

STREET SPRINKLING

Tentative Agreement Will Be Dealt With on Thursday Night-Question of Auditor.

At Monday's meeting of the city thing away without first finding out council a considerable budget of important business came up for consideration. The proposed agreement between the B. C. Electric Railway Company and the corporation for the law would be enforced. All the imsprinkling of streets during the sum- provements to his property hinged mer months was given its first reading, so to speak. Final action was defer- Laid on the table. red until Thursday night's session. A report of special interest was submit- section of Blanchard street be includted by the committee having the In- cd in the pavement work according to dian reserve question in hand. The the local improvement system. This The best interests of the city require information it contained shows that this somewhat vexed question is gradutily assuming definite shape, and it North Ward Municipal Association, may not be long before the civic au- wrote enclosing a number of resolu- upon the department.

lands will be transferred to civic con-His Worship Mayor Morley presid-

ed, and there was a full attendance of aldermen. A communication was received from

the B. C. Telephone Company in respect to cheaper rates for the city hall, the manager informing the council that the conditions in Victoria and Vancouver were very different. He explained that there was a switchboard in the Vancouver city hall from which all the offices were connected at an expense of \$1 a month per instrument. Concluding, he announced that the same thing could be done in Victoria providing the corporation undertook to install the necessary apparatus.

It was referred to the special committee appointed to deal with the mat-

A statement from A. T. Goward, lo-I manager of the B. C. Electric Raily Company, was read as follows: Victoria. March 19th, 1906.

C. H. Topp, Esq., City Engineer, Vic-

Dear Sir:-Re street sprinkling. In reference to our conversation on Saturday, when you asked our company to tender for the entire running of one electric sprinkler, I am not in a position to make any definite offer, as I am not in possession of full facts as to the hours of running. Also, you will readily understand that weather conditions, number of hydrants, and the special streets to be operated over, would materially affect the tender. A heavy car like the tank car, when running up grades would use a "made it a plank in your election platvery large quantity of current.

However, I have had an estimate made of raising noise, practically about of the approximate cost to us of running nothing." That, Ald. Stewart thought, the sprinkler for a ten-hour day, with was the situation, and he believed it two men (water free), and governed by would be best dealt with by the voters general grade of streets in Victoria, through the referendum. and find same to be \$18.31.

For the sake of argument, we will deduct from this one-quarter, which, I think, would roughly cover the proportion of street occupied by the track, and this would leave \$13.73 as the city's share. From these figures you will see that our

cence on the part of the school board. Therefore he moved that the matter be referred back to that body. The motion carried. A. T. Goward, local manager of the

B. C. Electric Light Company, asked permission to place poles upon certain streets for extending the system. Ald. Yates moved and Ald. Goodacre seconded that the matter be referred

to the streets, oridges and sewers com-BEFORE COUNCIL mittee. The former explained that this mittee. The former explained that this would allow the city to look into the respective powers of the corporation and the company. He pointed out that in Vancouver so many conditions had in Vancouver so many conditions had

a attached to privileges granted the very important nature beneficial to the been taken, and the most important B. C. Electric railway that the latter city, which should be taken in hand by work upon trunk roads had been ap-B. C. Electric railway that the facts city, which should be taken in hand by solar upon the only way to do was to my department, namely, the considerner cent. of the gross receipts to the ation whether by a joint commission city, something which amounted to a from the council and appointed repreconsiderable sum. The moral the sentatives of the sections of taxpayers, done. speaker drew was "never give any-

or in conjunction with the municipal union, of the incidence of taxation bewhether any advantages can be detween property owners and business rived therefrom. taxpayers, and the incidence of tax-The motion carried. ation between municipalities and the Thos. 1. Worthington wrote asking provincial government, with a view of when the Birdcage Walk extension byobtaining an increase of revenue to after the intended expenditure.

municipalities by taxation on a fair and equitable basis acceptable to the upon that work, and he thought it tarpaying population. should be started at an early date. "I could further instance the neces sity for a carefully thought out by-law Mrs. S. M. Tuck asked that a certain dealing with the granting of liquor licenses and regulation of the trade.

was referred to the city engineer and that the city solicitor's department shall have ample assistance, without city assessor for report. Thos, C. Sorby, secretary of the which it is impossible effectually to cope with the increased work thrown

"I beg, therefore, with great regret, thorities reach some kind of an ar-trangement by which these valuable They recommended the appointment of to urge upon the council's attention the bodied the following tentative agreetions passed by that organization. an auditor and that all new works be additional moderate sum asked for, done on the local improvement plan. and unless this be granted to me, I

Ald. Yates thought that the question shall be reluctantly compelled to fix a of the auditor would be a matter for date, with due regard to the convenithe people to decide at the next elec- ence of the council, after which the tion by the referendum. He believed a council will have to make other argreat many wanted the official men- rangements."

them, as has been the case heretofore.

Received and laid on the table.

In a lengthy communication the city

perative necessity of this year prepar-

cipal institutions of the province form-

H. P. ORTON.

Accountant.

whole.

tioned employed by the council and not | It was referred to the finance comthe government, as was at present the mittee for report.

The sanitary inspector recommended case. He moved in accordance with that a certain piece of civic property his suggestion. Ald. Fullerton believed that the apconsisting of a small shack and a lot pointment of an outside auditor was an submerged with stagnant water be put important question, too much so to in repair. Upon motion that official warrant the delay of decisive action was instructed to ascertain the cost of until the next election. In his opinion such improvement.

the selection of an auditor should be The city engineer and city assessed left to the Lieutenant-Governor in stated that seven tenders for the haulcouncil, his appointee to inspect the age of gravel had been received, the books of all municipalities. If his pro- lowest of which was that of R. Davnosal was not adopted the people erne. It was at a sale of \$1.09 per might take the matter in their own cubic yard. They recommended its acands and submit a petition to the au- ceptance. Adopted. horities.

A largely signed petition was sub-In a brief, forceful address, Ald. mitted by residents of Mary street, Stewart expressed his detremination Victoria West, asking for a light on to support Ald. Yates' suggestion with the corner of Mary and Bay streets. respect to the referendum. It didn't Referred to the electric light commitmake any difference to him whether an ndependent auditor was appointed. He A second petition came from resi-

did not think, however, that the matdents of Ellice street for a sidewalk ter was so imperative as had been conon the north side of that thoroughfare. tended. When Mr. Helliwell, of Van-Referred to the streets, bridges and couver, had inspected the local system sewers committee. his report had not thrown the slight-F. Carne and a number of others ask-

est suspicion upon the accounts as at permission for the admittance of present kept in the city hall. All he W. F. Brown to the Old Man's Home. had to suggest was that the book-keep-Referred to the committee in charge of ing might be abridged. The importthe affairs of that institution. ance of the question had been over-rated. "You, Mr. Mayor," he went on, Tenders for the police telephone sysem were handed in by the city clerk. Mayor Morley proceeded to open form, but it was only for the purpose them, when the question of the author-

ity of the council was Introduced. Ald. Stewart, although he didn't know what power the council had in the matter, wanted to register a "kick" against the expenditure contemplated by the police commissioners.

He thought Victoria was too small a place to make such a thing, as he understood was suggested, necessary. Ald. Yates recommended that the commissioners look into their power under the act before they took definite The Mayor summarily curtailed the discussion by stating that the question was not properly before the council. house the same when not in use. Tenders for the supply of hose for the augmentation of the equipment of from Peter McQuade, J. H. Warner The special committee upon the question of the acquisition of the Indian pany on the ficate of the city engineer, for the precedagreement with the provincial govern- any men so employed with others from the imported game from wanton desment involving the transfer of the their staff. 6. The corporation will supply the necesplained that the terms of settlement sary water for the effective operation of free of cost to the company, and suitable hydrants will be provided from which the The report was adopted. water can be taken into the car at such The electric lighting committee reommended the granting of Miss Van points as will not interfere with the operation of the car schedule of the com-Tassel's application for a light on Edmonton road. Other' requests were not pany. 7. The company will operate the said allowed for various reasons. This was car over its street railway tracks within The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to laying the dust on the streets-and in the operation of the car the city engineer is to have the right to define when and how \$3,588. Ald. Goodacre moved its adop-Carried. often the car shall be operated during the Another recommendation from the same committee asking for the appro- day and night, between the hours of seven made in previous reports, and which is in the morning and eleven of the night, priation of \$10,000 for sewer constructhe city engineer to put his directions in ion took the same course. writing; and such car shall be operated The streets, bridges and sewers committee submitted the appended recom-Gentlemen :-- Your streets, bridges and traffic superintendent of the companysewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to submit the employees upon the car to receive all orders through the traffic superintendent the following recommendations for adopof the company; and the said car shall be tion by the council, viz .: only used for the purpose of watering That Government street, from Fisguard the streets of the city along the street street to the Fountain, be macadamized. and surface drain laid there. Estimated railway tracks within the city of Victoria. age, \$1,027. be entered into with the B. C. Electric That Cook street, from Pandora street Railway Company. to Caledonia avenue, be macadamized. Ald. Stewart seconded it. Estimated cost. \$1,000. That Pandora avenue, north side, acceptance of the agreement without macadamized from Amelia street to Resuestion. He wanted those present to becca street. Estimated cost, \$1,800. go into the matter in detail. He asked That Fairfield road, from Cook street why it wasn't the intention of the city to St. Charles street, be macadamized. to take advantage of a certain section Estimated cost. \$2,000. forcing the company to sprinkle speci-That a section of the new combination curb and gutter be laid, providing the property owners will agree to pay twothirds of the cost, and that the city endone, with a number of property owners, to the company's proposal. His con- to the small attendance at the meeting, and report. That the sum of \$100 be expended on Burdette avenue in improving same at its western end. That Quebec street and Superior street be macadamized. Estimated cost, \$2,700. most economical. Ald. Yates moved that the report lay touncil had power to compel acquies- pass your office, and not a portion of over for a week in order that it might that the question be left in abeyance. The question of a tuberculosis Sunday for a # 31

To this Ald, Vincent objected on the be considered by the council as a ground that it was important that a decision should be reached at the Ald. Fullerton objected to the pro-

earliest possible date. posed delay. He said that laboring An amendment to the former effect men were idle in the meantime, and his solicitor asked for an increase in the suggestion was that aldermen, outside estimated expenditure for the main- the committee, should attend the latwas put and carried.

With reference to the Birdcage Walk extension, Ald. Stewart moved that tenance of his department. He con- ter's meetings. Then they could arrive Thos. I. Worthington be informed that

luded with the following statement: at a good idea of what was being done "I further desire to point out the im- and there would be no delay. As a sideration. general rule the committee's report was ing and putting before the other muni- accepted, and he didn't know why the custom should not 'be' adhered to in

> Ald. Douglas moved a vote of condolence to ex-Mayor Redfern in his recent sad hereavement through the loss of his wife, Mrs. Redfern. This carried

The importation of a new variety of game to British Columbia is now as-sured. Some days ago the officals of the Victoria and Vancouver clubs forcaillzie and black game, the number of each variety being about equally diwill reach here some time in October Later on another lot will be brought Island. The plan of securing them in separate instalments has been adopted for the purpose of lessening the risl

anada at the next session thereof ited) for an Act an pany (Limited) for an Act amendi Act 61, Victoria, Ch. 11, as amend Acts 62-63, Victoria, Ch. 120, and 63-6 toria, Ch. 110, so as to empower said pany to extend its operations and taking and use and enjoy the power privileges conferred to it by said privileges conferred to it throughout the Dominion of elsewhere, to increase etc., and for other purposes incid Dated this 8th day of January, A. D., 1906. thereto. repair and in effective working order, and to where the birds allotted to the sec-Pursuant to the by-laws of said Com-pany, notice is hereby given that the annual General Meeting of the Victoria Dated at Montreal this 21st day of tions near Victoria will be placed. February, 1906. BARNARD & DESSAULLES. 5. The corporation will pay for the They will, of course, have to be let necessary labor to operate the car, such loose somewhere among the mountains Lumber & Manufacturing Company Limited, will be held at their office, No. itors for Appli labor to be supplied by the company, put- where the conditions are as nearly Broughton street, in the city of Victoria, on Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1906, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing Di-rectors and transacting any other busi-ness that may be brought before the said measting ting upon the car from its staff of em- similar as possible to those experienced ployees not more than two capable men, in their native fastnesses of Denmark. who during the hours they are at work Some will be freed at the Summit, in A on the car will be paid the usual current all probability, and at other points wages paid by the company, payment to along the E. & N. line. But this is a neeting. E. J. PALMER. be made by the corporation to the com- matter which will have to be decided Local Secretary. GREAT March 1st, 1906. day of each and every by the majority of members of the month for the labor supplied, upon certi- club. Before the arrival of the birds the 121 ing month. The company will from time Victoria and Vancouver clubs will ap-OFFER truction. No difficulty is expected in procuring the necessary legislation. No matter how old the blemish. how lame the horse, or how many doctors have tried and failed, use · · · · · PATENT OFFICE REPORT. Fleming's Spavin and Ringbone Paste THE Alfred Taylor, of Victoria, Receives Use it under our guarantee-your money refunded if it docsn't make the horse go sound. Most cases dured by a single 45-Norwegian Patent on Automatic Regular minute application - occasionally two re-quired. Cures Bone Spavin, Ringbone and Sidebone, new and old cases alike. Write for detailed information and a free copy of London Fire Alarm. Price \$3.15 The following patents have been is-Fleming's Vest-Pocket TIMES sued to British Columbia inventors re-Veterinary Adviser cently through the agency of Rowland Ninety-six pages, durably bound, indexed and illustrated. Covers over one hundred veterinary subjects. Bead this book before you treat any kind of lameness in horses. FLEMING BROS., Chemists, 61 Church Street, Toronte, Ontaric the city of Victoria for the purpose of Brittain, patent attorney, of Van-WeeklyEdition couver: \$4.00 Alfred Taylor, of Victoria, a Norwegian patent on the automatic fire The Semi POST alarm to which reference has been at present being manufactured in Vic-FREE Weekly Regular toria for the provincial market. A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEXION to the reasonable satisfaction of the city engineer-all directions, however, are to drying device, in which a series of Price for For oid and young alike, something en \$1.00 Victoria tirely new, learn how to retain your youth, improve your personal appearance and make yourself more attractive. Send ONE clothes hanging rods are carried on your name and address to-day with brackets secured to the wall of a room TIMES YEAR cents for so that when the weather is unfavorable the clothes can be dried without BRODA unduly interfering with freedom of and Regular movement in the room. Wrinkles, Blackheads, Timples, all A trade mark was also registered by pots, etc., disappear at once-no chemi-als-you cannot afford to miss this ad-Price Pearson's the Pearson Soap Co., of New South Ald. Vincent moved that the contract Wales, Australia, on the world "San-\$1.00 dress DR. KRUSS LABORATORY CO., oper," associated with a figure and Magazine \$5 15 Toronto, Can. other devices. THOROUGHBRED EGGS FOR HATCH-ING-S. C. Buff Leghorn, \$1.25 for 13; S. C. Black Minorca, \$1.50 for 13; R. C. Silver-Laced Wyandottes, \$1.50 for 13; Ald. Fullerton did not believe In. the ARRANGING FOR CONCERT. right lung. 10.13 Anti-Tuberculosis Society Expect to Silver-Laced Wyandottes, \$1.50 for 13 Buff Orpingtons, \$2.00 for 13. Cash with orders. Box 194, Victoria. OR. Bring One On in April. The London Times Weekly FOR SALE-If you want an incubator or brooder send your name and address to Box 194, Victoria. Your own time to pay for them. We pay freight. The Anti-Tuberculosis Society held its regular quarterly meeting in the city and either one of the others fied portions of the thoroughfares. hall Monday afternoon. The president, During the period that this had not Mrs. Rocke Robertson, presided. Dr. Fagan addressed the meeting, alludbeen complied with the corporation had DOMINION HOTEL, Victoria, B. C. Maintained on the hignest standard; rates \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day. Free 'bus. Stephen Jones, Prop. For \$3.30 been dons out of approximately \$933 ing to some of the cases which had come gincer endeavor to arrange for this being annually. He did not propose to agree under his notice. He incidentally referred A great chance to obtain England 5 greatest weekly, British Columbia's tention was that the B. C. Electric which, he said, contrasted adversely with EGGS FOR HATCHING-I have the Railway Company be allowed to do the gatherings held on the Mainland. In finest flock Pekin ducks in the provgreatest paper and a world-renowned ince, eleven eggs \$1.50; Black Minorcas, their part, and the city continue to do New Westminster, Vancouver and Vermagazine at a bargain. Annuai subits by the present method. The latter non there had been active steps taken to Euff Rocks, Black Langshans, White Wyandottes, by the setting or Marge scriptions only, payable in advance, to system, he thought, would prove the aid in the work by raising funds. In the last city the Council of Women had quantities. Write for prices. South Salt Spring Poultry Yards: R. P. Ed. F. S. Wright, Canadian Agent, the Ald. Hall and Ald. Yates suggested taken the initiative. wards, proprietor Times, Ottawa, Ontario.



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Notice is hereby given that an appion will be made to the Parliamen

pinion, and ruled accordingly. The reports laid over at the opening Repr of the proceedings were then considered. The first was that of the commitand embroidery work. tee upon street sprinkling, which emment with the tramway company: While it is generally This agreement, made and entered into great deal of work is bei day of March, A. D., 1996, beshipyard of the Briti this the city of Victoria (hereinafter warded an order for six dozen capertween Marine Railway Compa called "the corporation") of the one part, will perhaps be news and the British Columbia Electric Railearn that the magnitude way Company, Limited (hereinafter with vided, and it is expected that the birds represented in a mo its successors called "the company") of over half a million dolla the other part: the industry will bear Witnesseth that the corporation and the out and distributed with the first on ment. The company's company hereby mutually promise and the lower mainland and Vancouver grown to such an exte agree the one with the other in manner past year or so that it following, that is to say: supplanted the old Albi 1. The company shall acquire, purchase it is now the principal was considered, and Dr. Fagan was apor construct as soon as possible a car of mortality. Immediately the first place, in fact there is suitable for sprinkling water on the shipment is taken from the train at pointed to wait upon the Ministerial Assame description of its streets of the city of Victoria upon which sociation with the object in view of try-Vancouver it will be divided between Columbia. Hundreds of the car tracks of the company are laid the Mainland and the Island, and as ing to arrange for the setting apart of a ting constant employi and over which the car system at present little time as possible lost in freeing money that it circulates Sunday in the near future, when all the operates, and over such further tracks the birds in the wilderness, which they clergymen of the city should give attencomes, not as a drain may be constructed and operated in are expected to make their future tion to this movement. source of revenue, bu the future, for the purpose of laying the ho The arrangements for the annual tubertracted to the city by n dust, such car with sprinkling apparatus It may be of interest to local sportsulosis concert were reported by the cor cellent facilities provide to be of sufficient capacity to water the men to know that the game for which mittee in charge to be progressing. Man There are now building whole width of the roadway of the said they have been asked to contribute is ager Ricketts had kindly offered the at the yard some half d streets: Provided that where the roadway coming from Norway, the original Victoria theatre for the purpose, and it more, each of which re of the streets exceeds 50 (fifty) feet in home of the capercaillzie, from whence was expected that the concert would be large expenditure. The width, that any excess over the said they have been exported to all parts brought on about the latter part of April. width shall not be required to be watered of the world. The British Columbia In the hope of awakening greater interof course, to be spent Royal, the new steam by the said sprinkler. lots are being handled by a Denmark est in the meetings of the society it was the C. P. R. Company, 2. The company' before completing the decided that meetings should be held fancier, who makes a specialty of such ture was recently pul purchase of the shid car with sprinkling transactions. He recently sent 75 pairs monthly until June 1st. The dates for Times. This vessel is her construction is h to the state of Michigan, out of which these meetings were fixed as the third apparatus, or before commencing the onstruction of the same, shall obtain the large consignment only three were lost. Monday of each month. with all possible dispa approval of the city engineer as to the It is needless to say that the project Mrs. Stuart Robertson was appointed costing to build is now under way is an exceedingly exsuitability of the car and sprinkling apto represent the society on the Women's but shipwrights say tha Council paratus. pensive one to carry out in a proper completed for less than 3. The corporation shall pay to the commanner. At the present time the fund Another craft under pany one-half of the cost of acquiring, collected in this province totals some Traine, but while woo MINERAL ACT. purchasing or constructing such car-but \$675. Of this amount \$275 has been not to exceed in cost \$3,500 (three thousubscribed by Victorians and \$400 by material used in the (FORM F.) sand five hundred dollars)-the corporaresidents of Vancouver, New Westminthe new C. P. R. ship, ed in this craft. Her li CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. tion to pay not more than \$1,750 (one thouster and points in that vicinity. An sand seven hundred and fifty dollars)-Old Country sportsman, unselfishly ina smart and tidy stear Edison Mineral Claim, situate in the Mining Division of Rupert Dis cost to be calculated on the total cost terested in the encouragement of sport. than any which has operated in the service has guaranteed \$750, the money availlaid down upon the tracks of the comtrict. Where located: West side of Southeast company constructs the car, the cost shall be factory cost, with freight and transportation charges only to be added. And the car to be acquired, purchased or constructed shall be and remain the joint property of the parties hereto. 4. The company will supply the neces-sary electrical motive power free of charge, to operate the car over its street railway tracks, and will also, free of charge, keep the car in a proper state of charge state car in a proper state of charge state car in a proper state of charge state car in a prop But one of the most tracts on hand is that May. She has been con in appearance. As pre-the ship's sides have be fording double the which the ship had f as other features, for alterations were mad room. When the stea vice the ship will be ing" as many as th toria. Many of the feat ter steamer, which ma favorite with the trav being incorporated in are, for instance, the o CONSTABLE SH GANG OF WERE FOUND DRILL HOLE I Robbers Made Their Eso Have Been Place Trail. Rochester, N. Y., Ma Pullman, a constable an man, at Sedus. was mu day by burglars who by him while in the a Knapp bank of that The burglars first v Watertown & Ogdens pot, where they blew safe, stole a small saf the express packages. only a small amount of Then they went to They were engaged in the safe when disc man. Although five n in the job Constable ly entered the building tle. A fusilade of sho ing which the consta killed by a bullet pas After the shooting leaving the drill in th Previous to the crim A horse and cutter in Wm. Wellburn, who treme end of West Ma other horse from the Boyd, on Smith street When Constable Freach home at the morning the family and a search was mad until two hours later Field, a bank emplo body. The corner ned. and office the trail of the murd Constable Puliman and three children,



take up the improvements systemati-

cally, and that was what was being

Considerable informal debate ensued

Ald. Vincent dryly remarked at this

juncture that the committee would soon "dwindle down," because there

wouldn't be much money left to spend

Ald: Hall, rising to a point of order,

objected to Thursday evening meet-

ings. He said there were too many sessions. He said that gatherings held

during the week were special, and

notice of motion for all business dealt

His Worship did not concur in that

The resolution carried.

with was necessary.

Ald. Yates insisting upon the delay.

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company's offer to supply the motive necessitated a rearrangement of the
power and keep the car in repair as our civic departments.
                                                                            action.
   portion of the expense, is a very lib-
                                      Ald. Yates' motion finally carried.
eral one. The figures given merely cover
                                       A report was received from the pur-
the actual daily cost of operating as near
                                      chasing agent and city electrician, an-
as we can get it. If a contract were en-
                                      nouncing that tenders had been re-
tered into, allowance would have to be
                                      ceived for the supply of carbons and
                                     other electric supplies. It was recom- the local department were received
made for contingencies, viz., possible ac-
cident to other cars or passengers, burn
                                      mended that the tender of the Cana-
                                      dian General Electric Company, be- and the Canadian Rubber Company.
out of electric motors, etc., etc.
           ARTHUR T. GOWARD.
                                      ing the lowest, be accepted. Adopted. They were referred to the purchasing
                                       The sanitary inspector and city as- agent and Chief Watson for consider-
                     Local Manager.
 The Mayor explained that a tenta-
                                      sessor reported that the following ation.
tive agreement was appended.
                                      buildings were in an unsanitary condi-
 Ald. Fullerton objected to the ac-
                                      tion, and should be destroyed: Three
ceptance on consideration of the pro-
                                      wooden sheds near the city hall, two reserve reported that all information
position forwarded by the tramway wooden buildings rear of 32 Store on the subject had been considered. It
                                      street, belonging to L. G. Quaglotti; was recommended that His Worship
 company. He said it had never come
before the committee, or, at least, he, No. 45 Store street and store in rear, the Mayor and members of the com- to time on the request of the city en- proach the provincial government and
as a member, had never been consider- belonging to J. Craigdarippe; shed in mittee be empowered to come to an gineer, for good cause shown, replace ask for an order in council protecting
ed. He didn't know whether Ald. rear of No.
                                                    Store street, owned by
Stewart had been taken into the con- the Leng H Wong Company.
fidence of the chairman. It was not
                                      Upon mot of Ald. Stewart it was Songhees reserve property. It was ex-
his intention to be a figurehead, and he
                                      resolved the the occupants or owners
thought he had a right to have been of these structures be asked to give should be subjected to the ratification the car and the sprinkling of the streets
informed when the report was sub- reasons which ey should not be des- of the ratepayers by by-law.
mitted, and to have been given an op- troyed.
portunity to express his opinion with
                                       The building inspector submitted
                                      plans and specifications of the new B.
reference to the agreement.
 His Worship, addressing Ald, Vin- C. Electric Railway Company's head-
 cent, asked whether the tramway com- quarters to be erected on Fort street.
pany's communication was in the form It was recommended that they be ap-
of a report or a letter.
                                     proved. Adopted.
                                                                              adopted.
                                        The appended report was submitted
  Replying, the latter stated that as
far as he was concerned it was a re- by the city engineer upon the system
      The council had asked for fig- in vogue in his department:
port.
ures that they had them. It was now
                                                  Victoria, March 15th, 1906.
 In their hands to consider them or C. H. Topp. Esq., City Engineer:
                                        Dear Sir :- Referring to our conversa-
  The Mayor then laid the question
                                      tion in connection with your report to the
aside for discussion with other re- Mayor and board of aldermen, and in an-
                                       swer to their request for suggesuons in
ports.
  The reply of the school board in re- regard to the simplification and manner
gard to the council's request for a re- of keeping the accounts of expenditures
                                                                              mendations:
fuction of their estimates was next incurred in the different departments un-
       It embodied the resolution der your supervision-I may state that
read.
                                       on my own behalf I see no cause for
moved by Trustee Jay, and carried,
agreeing to reduceing the proposed ex- alterations in the system I have for
penses by $1,000, instead of $2,000 as keeping the several details, notwithstand-
                                       ing Mr. - Helliwell in his report to the
 proposed by the city fathers.
  Ald. Hall wanted to make an ex- Mayor remarked that he saw no less than
 planation in this connection. He said 19 books in my office, which, if he had
that he noticed that Trustee Lewis had made a closer inspection, would have
                                       shown several of these 19 to consist of cost for macadamizing, $4,000; for drain-
remarked that he was surprised at the
                                       account books not at present in daily use.
 attitude assumed by the speaker in
 regard to the question of school ex- but kept in the case for reference at
 penditures. He contended that he was
                                       various times, when questions concerning
 by no means inconsistent. The city, expenditures for years past are asked
 he said, found itself facing a deficit
                                       for. At the same time he himself, also
 amounting to about $29,000. His argu- his assistant, complimented me on the
 ment was that all departments should manner of keeping the several books ex-
 share as nearly alike as possible in the amined, and on finding that I had no as-
 economy that would necessarily have sistance, remarked that I had too much
 to be exercised in order to reduce the to do; which fact I have not been ignor-
 sum mentioned. He acknowledged the ant of for several years past, in proof of
 magnaminity of the trustees in cutting which, I may call your attention to the
  nown their estimates to the extent of annual expenditures from pay rolls and
 $1,000, but he believed that the amount
                                        vcuchers passing through my books from
                                        the year 1901 to 1904 having increased
  first fixed by the council, namely, $2,-
 100, should be insisted upon. He knew
                                       from $126,000 to $363,000. Therefore, if a
                                       controller is appointed I should be pleased
 that the former sum could be saved if
  a proposed extra teacher in Rock Bay to be relieved of my share in connection
  school was not appointed. In his opin- with the waterworks accounts.
  ion the pupils attending that institu-
                                        I might suggest also, as a portion of my
                                        work consists in keeping details of all
  tion could be so graded as to make
  more than two instructors unneces- expenditures in the several departments.
                                       all accounts portaining to same should
  ary. Furthermore, he believed the
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Ald. Hall moved that the clause of

the communication dealing with the

The suggestion was seconded by Ald.

Davey. The latter pointed out that if Ald. Fullerton's resolution carried it

appointment of an auditor be laid on

the table.