

Board of Aldermen

Board of Trade's Request for Appropriation for Harbor Borings Not Granted.

Building Inspectors Appointed—Increase Shown by the Assessment Roll.

When the council met last night the papers in connection with the order restraining the city from pulling down the old Point Ellice bridge together with the invitation to appear before the Supreme Court on Thursday, were presented and on the motion of Ald. Macgregor received and referred to the city's legal advisors.

A letter from H. S. Fairall, complaining of the cows of Mr. Kirk and others of Victoria West trespassing on his premises, and that the poundkeeper instead of taking them off to the pound returned them to the owner. This was referred to the Mayor for report.

Nicholson & Renouf asked for the return of certified cheques which had not been returned when the pumping station contracts were awarded. The cheques, together with others, will be ordered to be returned.

J. Manton asked for the extension of the water service for three hundred feet on Lansdown street. Referred to the water commissioner.

W. E. Losee, who was awarded the contract for the removal of old Point Ellice bridge, wrote saying that since the contract was awarded, through unforeseen circumstances he found himself unable to make arrangements to fulfill his contract. Received and filed.

W. Finlay complained of the bad state of repair of the sidewalk in front of his house, 52 David street. Referred to city engineer for report.

D. Russell, of Victoria West, wrote in regard to the complaint that had been made of silt water from his sink running on to neighbor's lot. Unless a drain was constructed to carry off this water he was unable to prevent this. Referred to the sanitary officer and city engineer.

Margaret Moore wrote asking for assistance from the council to get her school mate, a young girl of thirteen years, who was stranded in Newfoundland, back to Victoria, where she could obtain work. This was referred to the Mayor.

The city engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen—I have the honor to present the following report for your consideration. Petition from W. J. Peckay and many others asking for a curb, etc., on the south side of Belleville street, easterly from St. John street. On going over the locality, I find that everything is most favorable for the proposed improvement, and as this class of work will greatly benefit the residential streets, and be a saving in maintenance afterwards, I would therefore recommend the work be done at once.

The tenders received for electrical lights were referred to the electric light committee and purchased agent. The following application was received for the position of inspector of the buildings to be erected at the pumping station: William Bragg, Wm. Humphrey, George Jeeves, Wm. Luney, Geo. Mesher, Wm. Murray and George Noot.

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nothing more done than refer them to the streets and bridges committee. The city assessor reported that the assessment roll had been completed. It showed a total assessment of \$10,850,798 on land and \$6,355,970 on improvements, a total of \$17,206,768.

The sanitary officer and building inspector reported recommending the destruction of several buildings and shacks on Cormorant street, which were a nuisance and the building inspector reported that unless a building at 123 View street, and outside the fire limits was put in order, it should be removed.

A petition from the special committee of the Board of Trade on harbor improvements, consisting of Messrs. J. W. Vincent, F. C. Davidge and Capt. J. D. Warren and J. G. Cox, then created considerable discussion. The petition asked the council to make an appropriation for a limited number of borings on the bar near the harbor mouth and in the harbor.

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also for the position of inspector of the work of installing boilers and pumps, in connection with the proposed new pumping station, at North Dale Farm.

The report was adopted, and the council adjourned at 11 p. m., the unfinished business being left over until next Monday evening.

Conviction Affirmed

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Court Equally Divided and Company Will Have to Pay the Fine.

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Bayoneted Burghers

How the Holders of Poisoned Bullets Fared on Spion Kop.

Buller "A Fine Old Fellow," and Men Ready to Go Anywhere With Him.

Mr. Armstrong, of 43 Stanley avenue, received the following letter from a nephew, who was wounded in the Ladysmith operations. He is serving in the 2nd Royal Lancaster Regiment:

"Field Hospital, "Pietermaritzburg, Natal, "March 18, 1900.

"Dear Aunt and Uncle,—Just a few lines, hoping they may find you both well. I was very glad to get your letter yesterday. I have not got the parcel and papers yet; I expect they have been sent on to Ladysmith, but I suppose they will be sent back to me soon.

We have had an awful cutting up here, the casualties in my regiment are over 500. I was wounded on the 22nd of February in the Ladysmith relief operations. We belong to Sir Charles Warren's division, and were the unfortunate regiment on Spion Kop, and were supported by the Lancashire Fusiliers and two companies of the South Lancashire Regiment.

We lost 204 men that day (January 24). I suppose you have seen the account of it before now. We had a warm time of it up there, but we did not mind that so much as we did having to come down again.

"I am going to bring a Boer rifle home if I can get hold of one, but I am afraid my fighting is over for this war, as the doctor says I will not be able to go to the front again. I had two rifles, but when I was wounded I lost everything I had, including my Queen's chocolate box. I got shot through the right shoulder, and my right arm is almost useless at present.

I think I can say I am improving a little. I am going down to Durban on one of the hospital ships in a few days. "We have had a rough time of it since we arrived in South Africa, but I think it is nearly over now. I think we have upheld the honor of the British army all right. The last scuffle that we were in we had two officers left to lead the regiment. We were given two positions to take, and almost as soon as we commenced to move both officers fell, and we took it into our heads to go by ourselves, and instead of taking two positions we took five.

"It would have done you good to see the gallant 4th King's clearing the Boers out of their trenches. We took over fifty prisoners. There were more, but we found some poisoned bullets on them and they had to suffer for it. There were about twenty bayoneted before you could say 'Jack Robinson.' After the party took the remaining prisoners back we saw some of the Irish brigade being driven back, and that was enough for the 2nd Lancasters, so off we went again and gave them a hand to stop the Boers. They stood the steel.

"I was taken prisoner after being wounded, and when they were taking me off I must have fainted from loss of blood, and they most likely thought I was dead and dropped me. How long I lay on the hill I don't know. I remember nothing after they got hold of me till I awoke in the field hospital.

"We had just finished the fourth charge that afternoon, and just got laid down for a rest when I stopped my bullet. There are some awful cases in the hospital here. The Boers are using poisoned, and two kinds of explosive and smokeless bullets on us here. We destroyed thousand of rounds which we captured in the trenches at Colenso.

"Our men say it was a pleasant sight to see Sir R. Buller when the first of the troops entered Ladysmith. He almost jumped from his saddle with excitement. He is a fine old fellow and all the men are ready to go anywhere with him. The positions which he has had to take are awful, nothing else but death traps, and if any other country had undertaken the job I think they would have fared worse than we did. Buller, with his column could have held that position against any odds. Fifteen miles of entrenchments and each hill commands the other for about five miles, besides the Tugela running along the bottom, which was full of wire entanglements. That was the cause of the disaster to the Irish brigade on December 15th.

"I think this is all I have to tell you at present, will write again soon, and let you know how I get along. With kind regards to aunt and yourself, I remain, your affectionate nephew, "W. ARMSTRONG."

Major Williams presided last night at a meeting of the finance celebration committee called for the purpose of making appropriations for the different events during the demonstration.

The sub-committee submitted their reports indicating that \$4,600 had been collected, and that the total receipts would reach \$5,000.

A small sum was set apart for the purpose of providing luncheon for the Boys' Brigade of Vancouver, which will run an excursion from the Terminal City. The massed Boys' Brigades of this city will receive them on the 24th and will escort them to the refreshment tent.

A grant of \$25 was also made for the Indian band, which is coming down with the Indians from the Cowichan rancherie.

Col. Gregory, in a letter to the Mayor, submitted an invitation which had been received from Nanaimo by the Vancouver rifle team to go to that place on the 29th, and asking what inducements Victoria would offer. The secretary of the Victoria Rifle Association also asked for \$100 appropriation for a cup to be competed for during the celebration. The general feeling was in favor of such an appropriation.

Correspondence between Capt. Startin and the Mayor was also read, in which the former assured the Mayor of the intention of the navy to co-operate in the sham fight. A steambot would be required to bring the men around to the outer wharf.

A communication was also read from the secretary of the Grand Lodge of the F.O.E., which meets in Vancouver on the 22nd, in which, in response to an invitation from the Mayor, the secretary states that he expects a large number of delegates will come over to Victoria at the conclusion of the meeting.

The following appropriations were approved:

Baseball, \$90; football, \$100; yacht races, \$300; rifle association, \$100 50 Bands and drum corps, \$100 40 Regatta and illuminated boats and canoes, \$100 1,000 Receptions, \$100 400 Naval and military display, \$100 20 Sundries, \$100 200 Total, \$4,750

Corticelli SKIRT PROTECTOR advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman in a long dress and hat, with text describing the product's benefits for protecting shoes.

Warming Up to Work advertisement for Dixie H. Ross & Co., featuring an illustration of a steam boiler and text promoting Australian Creamery Butter, Excelsior Cream Soda, and Bock Beer.

J. PIERCY & CO. WHOLESALE DRY GOODS. WE MANUFACTURE BY WHITE LABOR. Negligee Top Shirts, Tweed Pants, and other clothing items.

VITALLETS advertisement for men and women, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the health benefits of the product.

FIVE THOUSAND ASSURED advertisement listing Liberal Contributions to the Queen's Birthday Celebration Fund by the Citizens of Victoria, with a list of names and amounts.

Don't Guess At Results advertisement for KENDALL'S SPAIN CURE, featuring an illustration of a man and text describing the cure for various ailments.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including names like 'Lord', 'BOE', 'French', 'London', 'Roberts', 'Orange', 'The', 'made', 'north', 'Boer', 'Brabant', 'who', 'reti', 'Brabant', 'hill', 'which', 'were', 'a', 'fe', 'The', 'Boe', 'More', 'fig', 'The', 'S', 'that', 'a', 'Cape', 'Co', 'shoot', 'St', 'high', 'com', 'Attorney', 'the', 'arres', 'cribed', 'at', 'Piquette', 'RO', 'London', 'Roberts', 'Riet', 'Spr', 'ed', 'infam', 'menten's', 'in', 'a', 'no', 'chappy', 'The', 'enem', 'Pole', 'cavalry', 'by', 'Henry', 'crossed', 'railway', 'panied', 'tion.', 'The', 'cav', 'at', 'Vente', 'er's', 'divis', 'wood's', 'k', 'the', 'cross', 'I', 'last', 'be', '"Hami', 'resistance', 'was', 'engag', 'the', 'h', 'The', 'c', 'ent', 'ar', 'wounded', '"No', 're', 'cavalry', 'in', 'Cape', 'to', 'his', 'con', 'is', 'making', 'THE', 'C', 'London', 'in', 'its', 'see', 'dispatch', 'morn', 'Zand', 'Ri', '"The', 'p', 'their', 'gun', 'mounted', "pom-pom", 'third', 'cav', 'before', 'th', 'was', 'on', 'the', 'right', 'the', 'bridge', '"It', 'is', 'but', 'they', 'of', 'the', 'advan', 'A', 'disapp', 'May', '10th', 'day's', 'suc', 'Hamilton', 'days', 'ase', 'strength', 'Osheshie', 'trashed', 'hold', 'the', 'lowing', 'th