

MAYOR SUSTAINED.

His Action in Suspending Officer Cantrell Endorsed by the City Council.

City Engineer Appointed to Take Charge of the Work at Beaver Lake.

At last evening's meeting of the city council, the Mayor's action in suspending Police Officer Cantrell was endorsed by the members of the council. The matter was introduced by a report from the Mayor in which he gave as the reason for the suspension misconduct on the part of Cantrell, previous to his becoming a member of the force.

Ald. Macmillan moved that the action of the Mayor be sustained and that the wish of the council that the suspension be made permanent. The appointment of Cantrell, he maintained, was an insult to the members of the force. It was anything but creditable to the chief of police that the appointment had been made. It had been said that the chief had forgotten that Cantrell was found guilty of a serious charge, but if his memory is so short, it became a question of getting someone in his place with a better memory.

Ald. Williams in seconding the resolution entirely disagreed with Ald. Macmillan's remarks. The matter was entirely in the hands of the police commissioners and could in no way be considered as a reflection on the chief of police.

Ald. Humphrey wanted to know why the matter had come before the council. He was pleased the deadlock had occurred on the board of police commissioners. When the legislative committee had reported something practicable in the matter of having a more representative board of commissioners, the Mayor deferred by his casting vote and suggested an entirely elective board which could not be obtained. He would vote against the resolution, as he considered the council had nothing to do with the appointment or dismissal of officers on the police force.

Ald. Glover presumed that the mover and seconder had been made acquainted with the charges against Cantrell. He was entirely ignorant of what these charges were. Ald. Glover thought a man should not be honorarily discharged if he had committed in the past. Without information he felt disposed to vote against the motion.

Mayor Beaven refrained from giving the particulars of the charge, as he considered the least said about it the best.

Ald. Cameron considered the Mayor was only asking for the moral support of the council and he would support the resolution. He knew the circumstances of the case and he thought the other members would support the resolution if they knew those particulars.

Ald. Macmillan informed Ald. Glover that he could find the desired information in the police court records and the records of a penal institution. He had no wish to prevent a man's rising, but such a man should do deeds meritorious for repentance. It is in the interests of the city that its laws should be enforced by men whose present and past reputation should bear the closest scrutiny.

The resolution was carried, Ald. Humphrey voting against it.

D. Murphy, solicitor for Margaret Holmes regarding a claim of \$1,000 damages for injuries received by her through a defective sidewalk on Fernwood road. The matter was referred to the city solicitor.

A. J. Dallain, secretary of the agricultural association asked that the city council grant \$1,000 for the fall exhibition and a guarantee of \$1,000 further in case the exhibition was not a financial success. Laid on the table to be considered with the estimates.

Hon. J. H. Thurmer and other city members acknowledged the receipt of the resolution passed by the council urging the members to support the building of a bridge across the Fraser at New Westminster. Received and filed.

E. Crow Baker, president of the Victoria Telephone Company, wrote as follows: Our Mr. McMicking has handed us your letter of the 10th inst. informing this company of a recommendation of the finance committee and adopted by the council to the effect that some nine phones be removed, but you gave me no instructions to remove these nor do you say when, if you intimate "immediate removal," I would politely draw attention to the fact that this company has its well known rules, viz.: "That all rentals are payable in advance monthly" (though not strictly insisted upon) and therefore in common decency of dealing and in equity, a month's notice should be given of any such intention to discontinue so material a number of phones, and more especially so when it is remembered that for many years (and still existing) the company has been in operation at a 25 per cent. reduction of ordinary rates in consideration of its large number of offices. Of course I do not question the business acumen of the finance committee and still less would I demur

at the rights of the council to act as they see fit, but a reconsideration of rates may be necessary."

Ald. Marchant moved that the communication be received and filed and that the information asked for be given, threat of increasing rates. The same rate was charged when far less phones were used than now.

Ald. Williams thought matters of this kind should be attended to in a business way and a month's notice given.

Ald. Macmillan was of opinion that Mr. Baker's letter bordered on the offensive. If he would move a resolution according to his feeling, he would move that all telephones now used by the city would be dispensed with.

Ald. Cameron wondered if Mr. Baker would want a month's notice if the city asked for some additional telephones. Ald. Marchant's motion was carried.

F. W. Wickham, secretary of the Naval League, asked for the co-operation of the council in establishing a branch here. The scheme proposed is as follows:

The branch of the Navy League proposes to attract a number of colonial officers to the chief colonial ports of training ships in which Canadian seamen may be employed and drilled, and ultimately qualified to form other members of the local defence or the Royal Navy reserve. We think the reasons expressed in the address of the establishment of such ships will have to be prepared and I am now engaged in working upon them. In the meantime, your corporation will co-operate with our branch of the League, and the timely attention of the Dominion Government.

Ald. Williams moved that the letter be acknowledged and that the clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Wickham that the matter will receive the support and encouragement of the council.

Ald. Macmillan opposed the resolution. The glory of this country should be other than military. A training ship was once put in commission at the expense of the country and it proved such a useless and expensive concern that it was abandoned. Ald. Williams resolution carried.

Messrs. Smith and Pemberton protested against paying taxes on streets running through the De Coombs property.

Ald. Macmillan moved and Ald. Humphrey seconded that no such exemptions should be made till the streets are decided out to the city. The resolution carried.

Alexander Vye called attention to the necessity of a water pipe on Richmond road. Referred to the water commissioners to report.

Samuel Ross wrote regarding the report of Messrs. Wilmot and Bell regarding the work at Beaver Lake. He suggested that further information could be obtained from the foreman. The communication was received and filed. A letter from Graham Campbell was treated in a similar way.

City Clerk Dowler reported having received several communications regarding streets and that the same had been referred to the street committee. The report was received and filed.

Messrs. Taylor and Mosan, city barrister and city solicitor, respectively, reported as follows:

The Sorby claim—In this matter the court having declared that Mr. Sorby was not entitled to the prize money paid for not having brought his claim with the advertisement, in two particulars—1. plans not complete; 2. cost of construction and loss of maximum prospect that it would be lawful for the corporation to pay a sum therefor equal to the prize money. However, if the corporation should deem it expedient or advisable to acquire the right to the work being proceeded with until further orders. Clause 5 of the contract provided that the engineer should give further orders for the execution of the work as may appear to him necessary. I therefore avail myself of the earliest opportunity to bring this matter before you, and advise the best course to adopt would be to have the water turned into the concrete. The concrete to be laid a week or ten days. The pressure of the weight of water would, in my opinion, sufficiently suggest the filling in at the bottom of the beds to prevent damage to the work. I am sure that you will be pleased to advise me as to whether your honorable body consents to adopt the method suggested, and have the work of laying the concrete floor proceeded with at once.

Ald. Macmillan moved that the council order in the report, provided Mr. Bell, the consulting engineer, also sign the same.

The finance committee recommended among other things that medicine, and other supplies for the isolation hospital and Old Men's Home be obtained through the purchasing agent. Report adopted.

The sewerage committee reported that Messrs. Harris and McIlwain having requested a refund of money spent by them for sewers on Government street, the request could not be entertained. Received and adopted.

Ald. Tarks moved that Mr. E. A. Wilmot, city engineer, be placed permanently in charge of the work at Beaver Lake.

Ald. Macmillan moved as an amendment to add that Mr. H. P. Bell be named by the council as a consulting engineer. The motion was amended and carried.

Ald. Marchant moved and Ald. Marchant seconded that the city clerk be instructed to advertise for applicants for the position of sewerage, plumbing and sanitary inspector. The motion was carried.

The Ross Bay cemetery by-law was reconsidered and finally passed.

The council then proceeded to ballot for a tax collector, for which seventeen applications had been received. The ballot was held, and Mr. W. P. Wines, three votes and D. Spragge, J. R. Phillip and John Creeden two each. At eleven o'clock, the regular hour for adjournment having arrived, the council decided to postpone further balloting till the next meeting.

THE RUSH TO ALASKA.

Several Hundred Passengers Coming North on the Unatilla.

Every Inch of Cargo Space on the Oriental liner Victoria Taken.

From Tuesday's Daily. The steamer Unatilla due this evening from San Francisco, has on board 263 passengers. Her capacity for accommodation was taxed to the utmost, all sorts of improvised apartments being accepted by the crowds who were eager to get away. Among the passengers were at least 100 miners with outfits, bound for the gold fields of Alaska. Many of them are going to Cook Inlet, while not a few are to brave the dangers of northern winter and attempt to cross the ice from Dyea Inlet to the Yukon.

Every inch of cargo room in the N. P. R. steamer Victoria has been taken and she will have to leave a large quantity of freight unattended for the next steamer. A drague is being made for the vessel. It will be used for keeping the vessel's nose to the wind when she is compelled to lay to in a storm or when her masts are blown down. It is made of canvas and is about 14 feet in diameter.

The City of Topeka arrived at the outer wharf at four o'clock this morning and after discharging her Victoria freight left immediately for the Sound. She will leave again for Alaska on Thursday morning. Arrangements have been made by which passengers wishing to go to Portage Bay may be transferred to the steamer Bertha at Sitka.

When the tug Lorne leaves the marine slip to-morrow she will be practically a new vessel. Her hull, boilers and engines have been thoroughly overhauled and repainted. She will have been painted black with a small white stripe. The trial trip will probably be made to-morrow afternoon, after which she will go out seeking to Cape Flattery.

Steamer Angeles arrived at Tacoma yesterday with 500 cases of dynamite and 800 cases of black powder from the Nainaimo works for Trail Creek.

From Wednesday's Daily. News of the West Coast sailing fleet was brought down by Captain Victor Jacobson, of the schooner Minnie, who returned on the steamer Maude from the West Coast last evening. The Minnie hunted as far south as the Columbia river and secured 123 skins. During her cruise the following vessels were spoken: On the 15th instant, the Oscar and Hattie with 44 skins; Penelope with 70, Kate with 23, and Beatrice with 18, and on the 13th instant, the Supply with 3, Venture with 7 and Victoria with 8. Among the missing passengers were Mr. and Mrs. Russell, who are going east on a visit; Captain Hackett, Rev. Father Van Nevel, Rev. Father Van Goethem, P. O'Riordan, Chas. Spring, George Logan and Captain Ferguson. Nothing was heard of the schooner May Belle, and sealing men have given up all hopes of her return. The little Indian schooner Fishermaid, which sank in San Juan Harbor about two weeks ago, has been raised and beached for necessary repairs.

Baltimore, Md., March 18.—Information has reached this city through United States Consul W. C. Foster, of Port au Spain, Trinidad, which leaves no room for doubt as to the course of the schooner which sailed from here last November, has been lost, with all on board, consisting of eight men, all residents of Baltimore, and her commander, Capt. A. McCready, of New York. It had been suspected that the schooner had gone to Cuba as a filibuster, but Consul Foster says proof has been produced which leaves no doubt that she foundered at sea.

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THE GLORIOUS KOOTENAY. A Former Victorian Enlightens the People of the East.

Mr. C. E. Race, of Kootenay, B. C., a mining expert and engineer, and who for several years was on the staff of the geological department, Washington, D. C., is staying at the Rossin House for a few days, says the Toronto Mail and Empire. In an interview with a Mail and Empire reporter, Mr. Race gave some interesting information regarding the Kootenay country. In his opinion it is one of the possibilities yet undreamed of—the Slokan district is particular, would, he believed, when more fully developed, put out more silver than any other known silver mining region in the world. He sketched in brief outline the history of the opening up of the country, and the enormous strides in its development made within an incredibly short space of time.

"In almost every case," he said, "where the mines have been developed in a systematic manner, valuable properties have resulted. In reply to the question, 'Of what nationality are the men interested?'" he said: "I cannot understand the attitude of Canadians in this matter. The country has so far been developed by American enterprise and capital, and in no case where judgment has been exercised has it been any other result than enormous profit to those who have undertaken the work. The leading mining men of Montana, Colorado, California, Nevada and the southwestern states, recognizing the advantages of the Kootenay country, have come in there, invested their money,

and are now reaping a rich harvest." Continuing he said that the country was a remarkably healthy mining country, its altitude not being too high, too low. It was, he said, intersected by railroads, and this, in the past few months, had considerably cheapened the cost of living, which was little, if any, higher than in the more settled districts of British Columbia. The manual work of the mines is done by experienced men who are paid at the rate of three and a half dollars per day.

WORK IN KOOTENAY.

The Smelters' Operations—Markets for the Ores.

Kasio, B. C., March 12.—The miners' harvest is now on at full blast in the Slokan, and rawhidder, freighters, the railroads and steamships are busy with the work of transporting ore from the mines to market. The leading smelters have agents in the field and competition for the ores has been keen for many weeks. The Puget Sound reduction works at Everett and the United Smelting and Refining company, at Great Falls, Montana, have thus far been the most successful bidders, each taking about 800 tons, principally lead ore, per month. Tacoma and Onelia (Great) are also in the field, and during the past few weeks the Puebla smelter has sent an agent out, though, on account of freight rates, he has taken but little ore, but the fact of this new bidder being on hand is taken as a good indication by mining men. It is said that Puebla was forced to come to this camp by a shortage of lead ores in Colorado.

The furnace of the Kootenay Mifflin and Smelting company at Pilot Bay was temporarily closed down last week for the purpose, it was announced, of making repairs. The mill, however, is running to its full capacity, principally on ore from the Blue Bell mine, owned by the company. A. B. Hendry, manager and principal owner, has just returned after a month spent on the coast and in the east, and with his return comes the report, generally believed, that the furnace will be erected during the coming spring. During the past three months the smelter has worked almost exclusively on ore from the company's mine, and the announcement, recently made, that Pilot Bay is soon to enter the field in active competition for Slokan ores, tends to confirm the rumor that a new stack will be put up in the spring. The Blue Bell is now producing about two hundred tons of concentrating ore daily. Robert H. Hedley, late of Mexico, has recently taken charge of the smelter in the capacity of superintendent.

At Nelson the Silver King smelter, one hundred tons capacity, recently built by the Hall Mines, Limited, is operating on Silver King ore. Last fall a tramway, connecting the mine with the smelter, covering a distance of 4½ miles, was built by a San Francisco firm under the Hallidie patents, and proved, upon trial, to be a failure, due, it is claimed, to its extreme length. The tram is a continuous wire cable mine, makes its slaves miserable specimens of breathing humanity. This is, perhaps, the worst season of the year for the victims of dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach troubles. The great nerve system requires strengthening; the blood, now charged with impurities, may be made pure, so that it will course healthily and in abundance; the stomach, weak and unreliable, must be toned up. Paine's Celery Compound will accomplish all these grand objects for the dyspeptic, and fit him for proper performance of all of life's duties. Mr. Joseph Garrott, of Garretton, Ont., writes thus:

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The Further Conferences on British Pacific Railway Scheme Bear Little Results.

English Capitalists Offer to Increase the Cash Guarantee to \$500,000.

An announcement in the Times of Saturday last, "my government" have under consideration the advisability of re-opening negotiations with Mr. Rithter re the British Pacific railway scheme.

At a government caucus last evening the situation was fully discussed, and it was intimated that the request for an increased land grant would meet with favorable consideration. The idea of conceding a cash bonus was stubbornly combated by certain well known opponents of the scheme.

A cablegram from London states that the capitalists interested in the project offer to increase the amount of the cash guarantee from \$200,000 to \$500,000. It is learned that the government does not look upon this new phase of the proposition with increased favor.

As there is very little likelihood of the government granting anything save land in any event, the possibility of a successful termination to the present negotiations is very remote, as it is learned from an authoritative source that the success of the scheme depends very largely upon the securing of substantial monetary assistance from the government.

A HOME FIEND!

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Paine's Celery Compound Releases All From Its Bondage.

MR. GARROTT IS MADE A NEW MAN.

A well known writer declares that dyspepsia is a "home fiend." It is truly a cruel and torturing monster, and makes its slaves miserable specimens of breathing humanity. This is, perhaps, the worst season of the year for the victims of dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach troubles. The great nerve system requires strengthening; the blood, now charged with impurities, may be made pure, so that it will course healthily and in abundance; the stomach, weak and unreliable, must be toned up. Paine's Celery Compound will accomplish all these grand objects for the dyspeptic, and fit him for proper performance of all of life's duties. Mr. Joseph Garrott, of Garretton, Ont., writes thus:

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THE SMOKE IS SUBSIDING.

Spainiards Beginning to Recognize the Jingismo Creating the War Scare.

New York, March 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says:

All the Spanish newspapers are unanimously recognizing the reaction against Jingismo, which has taken place in the United States senate. It is felt now that all danger of hostilities is over, unless something unforeseen should happen. The recent war scare has given a striking impetus to the war and marine departments. It is generally recognized that the recent disturbances were to a large extent fanned by the discontented Republican party. The feeling in Barcelona was stronger simply because the Catalans are republicans, and therefore opposed to the present government.

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LAWS INTELLIGENCE.

County Justice Davis is sitting to-day, with Chief Justice Dale presiding. The first case tried was that brought by Peter Oakes against Michael Hara, owner of the steamer Mary Hara, which was burned on 9th February last. At Reed Island. Plaintiff sued for \$410 and interest secured by a mortgage on forty-two shares in the steamer. By the terms of the mortgage the mortgagee was to have the plaintiff could sue on the original debt. The bill was dismissed. Mr. Thornton fell for the defendant.

CHEROKEE BILL WILL HANG.

The Only Man Who Ever Had Two Appeals from Death Sentence.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 17.—Saturday's dispatches from Washington City settled the fate of Cherokee Bill, the most noted outlaw of the territory. The President's refusal to interfere removed his last chance and the State of North Carolina, Ernest Meiton. Bill was arrested and locked up at Fort Smith, and in due time was convicted and sentenced to death. While he was confined there he killed a man named J. H. Barnard for the murder of a woman. He is now in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., and is expected to be sent to the United States supreme court at the same time.

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Plenty of Conservators Without a Defect

British Columbia Moves to Oppress Provinces

Ottawa, March 20.—scores of the debate on the remedial Clarke Wallace took task for having said other day that he ag Thompson to abide the judicial committee. There was no as Sir John Thomas that it would ever equal question. His were well known. O last he showed his intended delivering mier Bovell, at the him that if there was that was inconsistent in the government. Premier Bovell said would come before from Tupper, Wallac ment of McGillivray Sheppard was not a North Ontario, and e livray knew she had had told him during election that he w against remedial law. Several times be the government was because the official continuously on dut This poster refused determined to force his will. He had speec his anxious to deliver the count of the official Hughes, and great announce that his post he would vote month's hoist. He separate schools, b for the amendment, defeat the bill. It was the remarks and desks, but he held ters of an hour.

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