

ONCE AGAIN THE RESERVE

COUNCIL WRESTLING WITH OLD PROBLEM

Request of Federal Government for Reversionary Further Considered.

The members of the city council are to give the letter of Frank Pedley, deputy superintendent of Indian affairs, further consideration at the meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee on Friday evening next.

This is the net results of the debate which occurred last evening when Mr. Pedley's letter was read. As mentioned in Monday's Times, Mr. Pedley has, at the request of the city barrister, forwarded a second letter explanatory of the aim of the government in suggesting that the city should hand over its reversionary rights in the reserve.

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The expectation that the council would assume that the Dominion government could be trusted to deal fairly with the city was shattered by the remarks of the members of the board when the letter had been read.

Ald. Bishop was of the opinion that the communication ought to be referred to the city barrister for report, as he being the matter in hand, and it was at his request that the letter had been asked for from Mr. Pedley.

Ald. Ross ventured the opinion that the government had never tried seriously to settle the question. Had it done so it would have long ago been disposed of.

Ald. Henderson (acting mayor) did not see the expediency of referring the letter to the barrister as the question for the council to decide was not a legal one so much as a matter of policy.

Ald. Turner agreed that there was no legal point involved. It was purely a question of policy. In his opinion the Dominion government was taking a wrong view of the situation. The whites were entitled to a little consideration as well as the Indians. The government appeared to be on the fence all the time. He was of the opinion that the council should get after the government "for all they were worth" and tell them that the interests of the white population should be better looked after.

Ald. Mable suggested that as the matter was an important one the letter should be referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee, so that the question could be thoroughly threshed out.

Ald. McKeown also thought this a good idea. This Sogones reserve problem had been, to his knowledge, before the people of Victoria for the past 25 years, and he had never seen any disposition on the part of any public body to take the matter up seriously. He would like to know if the city council had not "enough spunk" to go after a settlement in a vigorous manner.

Ald. Ross remarked that if the Dominion government would only turn over their reversionary rights to the city the council would settle the whole question quickly enough.

After some further debate it was finally decided to refer Mr. Pedley's letter to the streets, sewers and bridges committee.

MEXICAN GIRL TORN TO PIECES BY SHARKS

Frail Skiff Capsizes and Occupant is Carried Away Before Help Reaches Her.

Veracruz, Mex., Oct. 5.—While four men made frantic attempts to save her from the terrible jaws of a shark, Juanita Paz, a young Mexican girl, was seized and torn to pieces by the sea monsters near the mouth of the Puerto River.

The girl had ventured into the current of the river in a light skiff, although she was warned not to attempt the stream as it was shark infested. Unheeding the objections of her friends she rowed away from the shore. The waters were calm and she got further from land than was her intention.

Suddenly her skiff was surrounded by half a dozen hungry sharks. She dropped her oars and screamed for help. Four men went to her rescue, but before they could reach her one of the terrible monsters came up underneath the boat, upsetting it and throwing her into the river.

She tried desperately to hold on to the sides of the overturned boat until help arrived. The men had nearly reached the screaming girl when a large shark was seen to cut through the water and seize her from the side. The monster's powerful jaws fastened themselves upon the body of the girl and disappeared under the water.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 5.—With the resumption of the freight rates hearing before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty yesterday, Attorney Stephens, representing this city, introduced testimony for the purpose of showing that James J. Hill, owner of the Great Northern, expressed his willingness to give Spokane terminal rates but that Hill was prevented from doing so because the Harriman lines were unwilling.

Stephens' evidence was based on a remark to that effect said to have been made by Louis Hill, of the Great Northern, to W. Dolan of the Spokane Drug company. It was brought out that the elder Hill told a convention of freight traffic men at Chicago that they would break their own necks if they did not cut imposing high rates on Spokane.

Stephens declared that the city of Spokane is now paying twice the rate on carload lots paid by coast cities and that the rate on the railroads is being forced to force the Spokane jobbers to pay the high rates the jobbers would be forced to go out of business, thereby compelling consumers to buy of coast jobbers.

Stephens showed that where the rate from St. Paul to Seattle was 44 cents less a hundred pounds than from St. Paul to Spokane to support his contentions.

eruption of Mount Colima. Mexicans Living Near Base Fear Activity is Forerunner of Earthquake.

Mexico City, Oct. 5.—The continuation of the eruption of Mount Colima, which began several days ago, is causing much apprehension among the natives living at its base, as they fear that the activity of the volcano is a forerunner of an earthquake. They base this belief on the fact that the volcano last became active shortly before a seismic disturbance.

Two streams of lava have been pouring from the crater for a week. There is no danger that any towns will be damaged as the nearest settlement of importance is Colima, the capital of the province, which is fifty miles away.

WEDDED IN PARIS. Paris, Oct. 4.—Miss Fernandina Wanamaker, daughter of Rodman Wanamaker and the granddaughter of John Wanamaker, the millionaire merchant of Philadelphia, was married yesterday to Count Arthur Hennon, a member of the Spanish nobility. The wedding took place at the French Catholic church of St. Philippe de Roule, shortly before noon, and was witnessed by a small but brilliant assemblage.

HARVEST ENTERTAINMENT AT DUNCAN TOMORROW

Committee Endeavoring to Add New Books and Magazines to Library.

Duncan, Oct. 4.—On Wednesday evening next, the annual harvest entertainment followed by a dance, will take place in the Agricultural hall.

The library committee is at work on ways and means to raise a fund to provide new books and magazines for the library. The library has a fair supply of standard works, but is very deficient in its stock of modern novels.

Members and friends of the library are being asked to give the most interesting novel they have read during the last year. One or two entertainments will be given shortly to add to the fund for new books.

The quantity of game shot during the past three days has been fair. The best individual bags run to about twenty birds. In the neighborhood of Sahlam the number of grouse exceed that of the pheasants. In other parts the numbers are more even. Last evening a number of extra cars were put on to take the crowds back to Victoria.

There is a good showing of birds going on the train. The new by-law for the municipality seems to work very well and is an advantage to the visitor as well as to the local sportsman.

Rumor has it that the Lakeside hotel, Cowichan lake, both building and business, was sold at the end of last week. A short time ago the Riverside hotel on Cowichan river, near the lake, was sold. Mr. Geiger, of Victoria, being the buyer. It is the intention to tear down the Riverside and put up a new hotel.

A new government road bridge a short distance from the lake, is being built on the Cowichan river. Progress is being made on the work on the embankment on the Cowichan river near Duncan.

COST OF PAVING UPPER FORT STREET. City Engineer Submits Figures to City Council—Other Business.

At Monday night's meeting of the city council a report was received from the city engineer on the proposed cost of the work of laying a pavement on Fort street between Yates street and Oak Bay avenue, whether with wooden blocks or vitrified brick. The total cost was put at \$27,000—this being \$9,000; the B. C. Electric Railway Company, \$8,750; and the balance, \$15,750, by the owners.

Ald. Turner favored referring the report back to the engineer so that he might confer with the property owners and report definitely what kind of pavement was wanted.

Ald. Fullerton suggested leaving the matter entirely in the hands of the engineer. He should be the sole judge of what kind of pavement was required. The citizens should not be allowed to have too much to say in the matter.

It was decided to ask the engineer to interview the owners on the matter and make a recommendation to the council.

Merchants on Wharf street complained against the delay being experienced in going on with the work of paving that thoroughfare.

SEARCH FOR PLATINUM IN THE TULAMEEN

Dominion Geologist Investigates Conditions in Mineral Belt.

Princeton, Oct. 4.—Charles Camshell, Dominion geologist, arrived in town. He has a larger amount of specimens this year than he has ever taken out before and will be engaged all winter in study of them.

Mr. Camshell finds the work very interesting in the Tulameen or Otter Flat section, the geologic conditions being rarely met with in any mineral country. His investigations are more particularly for the determination of the origin and source of platinum found in the Tulameen river and tributaries.

Difficulty has been found in establishing correlative ages owing to the absence of certain fossiliferous deposits. This was the statement made by Alfred Crozier, of Wilmington, Del., author and one of the best versed students of finance in this country, when asked for an explanation based on the announcement that a member of the national monetary commission, Wall street will control the bank or there will be no such institution.

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ALL RECORDS FOR LOG-SCALING BROKEN

Approximately 56,000,000 Feet Scaled During Month of September.

Vancouver, Oct. 4.—September broke all monthly records for the quantity of logs scaled on the British Columbia coast, according to a statement made by Andrew Haslam, supervisor of log scales, who reported that his deputies had scaled approximately 56,000,000 feet of logs during the month. The returns are not all in yet, but Mr. Haslam cited the figures mentioned as being a conservative estimate of what the total would be. The previous record for scaling during any one month was held by April, 1909, when 53,000,000 feet passed through the scalers' hands.

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PROPOSED CENTRAL BANK OF ISSUE IN U. S.

Wilmington Man Declares it Will Be Under Control of Wall Street.

New York, Oct. 5.—"The plan for a great central bank of issue had its origin in Wall street and not with the national monetary commission. Wall street will control the bank or there will be no such institution."

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ORPHANS WELL LOOKED AFTER

ENCOURAGING RESULTS AS REPORTED

Regular Meeting of the Women's Department—Donations From Show.

The ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home met in monthly session at the home Monday. The president, Mrs. McTavish, presided, and the following were present: Mediam McCollough, Higgins, Munie, Picard, Sherwood, J. Teague, J. Andrews, E. Few, Toller, C. F. Todd, D. Miller, W. Scowcroft, the Misses Tolmie and Brink. It was announced that \$2.10 had been raised as the much appreciated result of the concert given by the Victoria Male Voice Choir. Votes of thanks were passed to the agricultural committee for free passes and entertainment to the children at the recent exhibition, to the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church for so kindly supplying refreshments to them on that occasion, to Mrs. Richards for her kind management by donating such a beautiful supply of fruit and vegetables, thereby tending to the good health of the little inmates. The resignation of the efficient and much valued matron Mrs. Kay was received by the committee with deep regret. It health makes this step absolutely necessary on her part. The assistant matron also handed in her resignation, congratulations being extended to her for her happy future prospects.

Much sympathy was expressed for Mrs. Sprague in the great sorrow sustained by her in the loss of her son. The annual chrysanthemum show was held on Monday evening, when it was decided to hold the same next month, when it is hoped that all who so kindly assisted in former years, will lend a helping hand to render it a success.

Mrs. D. Miller and Mrs. Scowcroft were appointed visitors for October. Bills were paid amounting to \$155.80. After reading the appended report and donation list the meeting closed with prayer.

The visiting committee's report was as follows: "Madam President and Ladies: We beg to report that we have visited the home during the month of September and have found the institution in splendid condition. We are thankful in being able to report a clean bill of health. Twenty-five of the children were entertained at the agricultural grounds on children's day and enjoyed themselves immensely."

"We must congratulate our matron on the bright and cheerful appearance of the home and its inmates, but we regret to state that she is not looking in the best of health herself."

"E. A. PICKARD, "JOSEPH C. TOLMIE," Donations for September were as follows: Mr. Tony Silveo, 12 pounds butter, 4 hams; Mrs. R. Porter, Burnside road, 4 large boxes of plums, 1 sack pears and apples; Mrs. Olson, Oaklands, 3 baskets of pears; H. W. Evans, Cadboro Bay, 1 box of apples; Cowichan Agricultural Association, per Mrs. E. Whidden, 4 sacks potatoes, 4 boxes fruit and vegetables; Miss Clendinning, Cedar Hill, 1 sack of pears, 1 box plums; Edwin Johnson, 5 sacks potatoes; Mrs. Shorbot, 30 pounds plums; Mrs. Pearl McIntyre, Ganges Harbor, 3 boxes pears; Mrs. Sherwood, cabbage and beets; Mrs. Higgins, clothing; Mr. Curtis, box of apples; Mrs. Richards, car fare and lunch for 25 children at fete, exhibition grounds; Ladies' Aid Congregational church, basket of sandwiches, cake, tea, cream and sugar; Frank Brandon, per Johns Bros, box of plums; Colman and Times, dolls toys, fancy goods.

After the exhibition, passes to 2 children and matron to the exhibition; Mrs. A. McLennan, 6 pounds butter; apples, plums, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, corn, squash, pumpkins, beets turned and cabbage from potato; G. T. Davis, A. H. Fell, J. A. Gent, R. Boggs, A. Wood, R. H. Munn, D. T. Thomas, Mrs. J. Smith, H. Hughes G. Heatherbell, A. Angus, T. H. King, cote, E. Bantwell, W. J. Hutchison, W. Grimmer.

ATTEMPT MADE TO MURDER DUKE IN ROME. Attack Result of Fight He Has Waged on the Order of the Mafia.

Rome, Oct. 5.—Angered at the relentless fight which he had conducted against the order of the Mafia, an unidentified man, supposed to be a member of the society, stabbed the Duke of Bonaito, Sicilian member of the Italian parliament, as he was leaving his capital yesterday. Although his condition is serious, it is stated that the duke will recover.

The duke had just stepped from the capital when a man, with an oast sprang from behind a pillar and plunged the dagger into the lawmaker's body. The assailant had escaped. Bonaito has been usually active in his fight against the Mafia and it is believed that the man was commissioned by the order to put an end to him.

LEACAMP MURDER CASE. Kamloops, Oct. 4.—The preliminary hearing of the charge against Johnny McLean, of complicity in the alleged murder of Michel Leacamp, before Sheriff Wood, closed yesterday with the discharge of the prisoner on this case. Johnny McLean has still to answer to a charge of horse stealing.

Toronto, Oct. 5.—Stanley Howard Merritt, the young "barber" clerk charged with presenting worthless cheques for payment at the "Bank" was allowed to go on parole on the condition that his father care for him. A Saskatchewan man appeared in court.

POLICE OFFER

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"I disapprove of getting police officers arrested by arriving Tuesday course of the charge on a charge. Detective J. Lawrence is asked by D Maclean as to the management made by lordship expressed strongly.

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