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FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, JANUARY 29. BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Many Important Matters Receive Consideration at the Usual Weekly Meeting.

Filter Bed Plans to Go East—Water Works Matters Again Discussed.

Sanitary plumbing, water improvements, ward distribution, fire protection and several other important questions were extensively discussed at last evening's meeting of the city council, the session lasting until a late hour. The Mayor presided and all members of the board were present, the order of communications being taken up at 8 o'clock.

A letter from the secretary of the B. C. Dog and Foultry Association, asking for a refund of money paid for lights at their annual exhibition, was read and the request refused. A letter from Findlay, Durham &

from England of iron pipes ordered, from there was placed on file, and a communication from C. B. Ake of Devonshire road in reference to a tree removed from in front of the premises owned by the street committee. W. Jackson & Co. asked for a share of the corporation drug patronage, the request being referred to the Old Men's Home committee; the statement of the long standing Bost claim was read in the hands of the finance committee; and M. J. Conlin, sanitary inspector, asked for an increase of his salary to \$75 per month, the application being tabled until the consideration of the estimates.

The Master Plumbers Association, through their secretary, Mr. J. H. Warner, and the Journeymen Plumbers Association directed attention to former communications on the same subject, and that the by-law with reference to sewerage connections be vigorously enforced; the early appointment of a competent plumbing inspector was also urged, and the Master Plumbers advised that a committee be named to consider working plumbers and determine as to their competency. These communications produced a brief but interesting debate and then went to the hands of the finance committee, the Mayor advising that certain alterations be made in the by-law in the direction of making it less stringent in its requirements.

The Water Commissioner, James L. Raymond, addressed the council on the communication being tabled for future reference:

"In accordance with your instructions, dated November 11, 1894, authorizing me to purchase engine hoists, and \$1,15 for the water of Elk and Beaver lakes, I beg to report that the following lands have been acquired by the city:

L. Pusey, pt. sec. 110, 99 ac. and imp. \$ 600.00  
Mrs. Pusey, pt. sec. 110, 10 ac. and imp. 280.00  
J. Pusey, pt. sec. 110, 10 ac. and imp. 618.78  
A. Griev, pt. sec. 48 and 110, 119 ac. and imp. 6371.00  
G. W. Anderson, pt. sec. 48 and 47, 81.10 ac. and imp. 10,800.25  
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All of these were settled without objection, with the exception of that belonging to Mr. Griev, which was referred to arbitration and the owner awarded a less sum than had been offered to him, thus throwing on him all the costs. The same remains the tenant of Mr. Anderson's property to be settled with, and to enable the corporation to do so Mr. Anderson has allowed \$1,000 of the price of the land. I now await your instructions as to proceeding with the purchase of the balance of the land required."

Tenders for the supply of building were opened from Spratt & Gray, \$360; E. G. Prior & Co., \$740; for 7 inch, and \$1.15 for 10 inches; F. C. Holden, \$235; Nichol & Renouf, \$234.25; and James Free, \$273.46. The bids were referred to the sanitary light committee, to award the contract to the lowest tenderer. Offers were also opened from a number of carpentering firms for some small amount of shelving in the city treasurer's vault, the work being awarded to Naakivell & Northcutt, at \$24.50.

Appropriations totalling \$15,892.83 were reported by the finance committee and passed for payment, and a report was received from the streets committee, which tenders be invited for the construction of the new sidewalks to be laid during 1895.

Ald Macmillan objected to the adoption of this report, arguing the advantages of the day labor or casual system in the water works in former years. The discussion was terminated by the presentation of a resolution in amendment, by Ald Macmillan, that the work be done by day labor.

Upon this amendment the council divided for the first time this year, the amendment being rejected and the recommendations of the report endorsed. Yeas and nays being called for by Ald Macmillan they were yeas—Ald Macmillan, Bragg, Williams and Cameron—4.

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The names were simply reversed on the motion to adopt the report of the streets committee.

The water committee reported that having paid a visit to Elk and Beaver lakes they had in preparation an alternate scheme with the object of giving Victoria a plentiful supply of good water; upon this subject the committee promised a further report at an early date. The committee advised that the caretaker be employed during his spare hours in clearing the lakes, and commented that the money recently spent at the source of the city's water supply had not in their opinion been spent to advantage. Value had not been received. The committee advised that no more watershed land be acquired at present—until the cost of the filter beds and other improvements could be ascertained.

Ald. Humphrey objected to the censure upon the previous council contained in the report, nor did he think that the chairman of the water committee, coming out of his bookbinder's, was capable of giving an expert opinion upon work of the class that he now undertook to criticize. The work in question had been carried out under the supervision of city officials who were looked upon as competent and careful men.

Ald Wilson resented the personality of Ald. Humphrey's remarks, and endorsed the comment in the report of which the complaint was made.

Ald. Williams did not desire to reply to the personality which Ald. Humphrey had inhaled in. He would say, however, that he knew the value of such work as had been referred to in the report, and was not afraid to say that he could have had the work done for fifty per cent. less.

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AN EVENING OF DELIGHT

Provided by the Members of the Pacific Club at Their Second "At Home."

The members of the Pacific club held another of their most enjoyable "At Home" in the spacious parlors of the Pacific club last evening, when nearly two hundred guests were entertained with music, dancing and all the choice edibles best known to the voracious connoisseur of the dinner table. Festoons of flags of all nations, fancy lanterns, innumerable brilliant lights, and charming music lent an indescribable charm to all the surroundings, while old and young kept the heavily danced orchestra busy far into the morning hours.

Ladies indulged in the fascinating billiards and pool, and pronounced them lovely. The card room was filled with the devotees of whist and other games of science.

Not the least attractive amongst the many and varied delights of the evening was the all-night refreshment room, which received, perhaps, the most constant attention of the guests. The programme of the concert was under the direction of Mr. W. Edgar Park, which alone was a guarantee of its sterling musical merit, encores being numerous and applause general.

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GOAT RIVER. (From the Miner.) The Alberta and British Columbia Exploration Company have completed their dyke as far as the Indian camp on the west side of Kootenay river (below Goat River landing) a distance of over ten miles from the commencement at Boundary line. The engineers and other employees of the company are expected in about the end of February, and after some alterations in machinery have been effected they will start right in to dig.

The company of Minneapolis capitalists who purchased the President group of claims on Duok creek and the Lizard and Badger adjoining are busy with a small force of men erecting buildings and making ready for extensive department in the spring. There is some talk of the company erecting a concentrator to treat the ore from the Lizard, which has an exceptionally fine showing of silver.

Other properties in the Goat River camp will be considerably developed in the spring. Several claim owners in the Sutter district (copper, silver) are doing work this winter, some of the properties showing up well.

WELSON. (From the Miner.) Average temperature for the month of December, as per D. McLaughlin's government apparatus, 48 degrees.

J. B. McArthur, of Kaslo, returned from Rossland on Tuesday, having been successful in arranging the sale of the Columbia and Kootenay claims in the Trail Creek camp.

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