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School Board Submits
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Aldermen Fullerton and Henderson at Monday night's council meeting took strong objection to the action of Ald. Turner in allowing the Vancouver-Portland Cement Company, Tod Inlet, the use of the city's rock crusher during the time the company is waiting for a part from Montreal, and the two aldermen took stronger exception to the fact that Ald. Turner had authorized the dismantling of the machine by workmen on Sunday.

When the matter came before the council, through a letter from Mr. Westcott, superintendent of the Spring Ridge Methodist church, school, in which a protest was framed against the crusher being moved on Sunday, Ald. Henderson said: "I would just like to know who gave the authority," and Ald. Fullerton remarked: "I think it is outrageous."

Ald. Turner was on his feet instantly explaining that he shouldered the entire blame, and told the two aldermen he objected to the machine being out of cement, and would be unable to get any, and would have to lay men off street work if the Tod Inlet people had not been accommodated. The company was sending to Montreal for a part of their machinery, which had broken, and mean time asked for the use of a portion of the city's crusher. He had consulted with the engineer as to the best course to follow.

Ald. Henderson said he did not like to see the rock crusher sent to Tod Creek while Simcoe street needed it. Ald. Fullerton said he was tired of things of the kind as the aldermen were blamed by the ratepayers. Mayor Hall told the council he had explained to the Sunday school superintendent over the telephone on Sunday night when that individual had rung him up. The men would have to be laid off work if a few of the Tod Inlet employees had not been allowed to come in and dismantle the crusher.

Ald. McKenna said from Ald. Turner's explanation it was apparent he was dealing in the best interests of the city. No one was to blame in the matter at all, and no one should be condemned. It had been explained that the men working on Sunday were not city employees, and several gangs of men would have had to be suspended in the city this week if the company had not been accommodated.

Ald. Henderson and Fullerton hoped the contract which the city is calling for cement would have all precautionary measures contained in it when let. Ald. Collins said he had written a pair of letters inviting the citizens of Victoria to attend the fair on a day to be set aside as Victoria Day. June 15th being named as the day desired. The matter will be referred to the committee on the invitation is accepted and a committee will later be appointed to work in conjunction with the Seattle committee. Special entertainment and ceremonies are expected to be planned.

School Estimates. The secretary of the school board wrote that the school estimates for the year would amount to \$110,200. The matter will be taken up with the estimates.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee will receive for favorable consideration the resolution of the parks board to the council that five tons of salt be purchased for weed extermination on boulevards.

The sisters of St. Joseph's hospital asked that they be exempted from water and property taxes. The request was referred to the finance committee and the water commissioner.

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council wrote enclosing a list of conditions to govern employees on municipal work. It was asked that favorable consideration be given the matter and the legislative committee will take it up later.

Rev. A. E. Roberts, secretary of the Victoria Ministerial Association, wrote asking that the city enact the Sunday closing of stores by law, and thereby carry out the wishes of the people as stated in the referendum. The latter was referred to the health and morals committee.

The B. C. Electric Company notified the council that they intend to continue the double tracking on Fort street from a point between Vancouver and Cook streets to Fernwood road. The company will be notified that the city intends to pave the causeway in sixty days, and that the company be asked to have the rails on hand. The company will also be informed of the city's intention to pave Douglas street from Yates to Piquard streets during the summer.

Paving of Belleville Street. Ald. Stewart referred to the paving of Belleville street suggesting that an experiment be made with brick as the paving material will be subject to very heavy traffic before the summer.

Ald. Mable advised that the causeway be paved before the commencement of the heavy traffic. This will be done.

Pemberton & Sons informed the council that a main on Poir, Bay road had two dead ends. He asked that connections be effected. The matter will be taken up by the water commissioners.

M. C. Frank, secretary of the W. C. T. U. Mission, asked that the council continue the monthly donation of \$25. The request will have the attention of the finance committee.

John Staples offered the council advice on the employment of day labor, the allowance for publicity purposes, and touched on schools and the Fifth Regiment "blacklegs" and gamblers. The letter was received and filed.

Elizabeth Cole complained of dairy cows on the public streets and asked for the protection of the council. She was informed, on the motion of Ald. Fullerton, that the council is consider-

ing a by-law to cope with the objection.

Tenders Received.

An amusing and highly patriotic communication from H. Stadhagen on Victoria the "Beautiful and the Princess Charlotte" was, on the motion of Ald. Turner, referred to Ald. Bishop and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy amid laughter.

The sanitary inspector reported that the nuisances reported to him from the last council had been attended to. Ald. Stewart drew the attention of the council to a drain on Douglas street.

Ald. Ross told the council the city would have to face a case of damages if it were not attended to. L. J. Seymour, clerk of the police court, applied for an increase in salary. The letter was referred to the police commissioners for report.

The Victoria Publishing & Printing Company tendered \$12.28 per page for printing 150 copies of the annual municipal report. The tender was referred to the finance committee.

Tenders were received for veterinary services from C. M. Richards, \$30 per month, and from H. A. Brown, \$380 per annum, to include drugs. Dr. Hamilton, who has hitherto done the city's work, wrote the council as follows:

"Gentlemen,—I notice that you have invited tenders, as per advertisement in the Colonist and Times, for the compensation veterinary work. I regret to inform you that the code of professional etiquette of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, of which I have the honor to be a member, will not allow me to so tender my services. Such a course, I may say, would be condemned most strongly by the authorities of the college, and would also jeopardize my professional standing and expose me to the most severe censure, and very possibly result in the erasure of my name from the official register of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

"Under the circumstances, I feel sure you will excuse my committing the grave mistake of this entering into open competition. "In conclusion, I may say that my professional services will always be at the disposal of your honorable body. The fire wardens will receive the tenders for report.

FROM SECTION HAND
TO RAILWAY PRESIDENTRomance of Success in Career
of William C. Brown.

New York, Feb. 1.—William C. Brown, who began his railway career five years ago as a section hand of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at \$1 a day, to-day became president of the great system of railroads of which the New York Central is the chief line.

Mr. Brown was formerly vice-president of the New York Central and was elected to the presidency on January 6th to succeed Wm. H. Newman. He stepped into his new office to-day without inaugurating any changes affecting the personnel of the road, owing to his recent announcement that the New York Central will expend on improvement in the next twenty years a sum of money equal to the original cost of the road, and because of the presence of E. H. Harriman on the board of directors, the future course of the New York Central will be watched with interest by railroad men.

LEMOINE GETS TEN YEARS.

Paris, Feb. 1.—Henri Lemoine, the Frenchman, whose claims that he had manufactured diamonds were disproved in the courts of Paris last summer, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in default. Lemoine fled just before the final hearing of the case against him. He was being tried on charges of having secured money from English diamond mine owner on false pretenses by declaring that he was able to manufacture diamonds.

"VOICE" OF THE EARTHQUAKE.

The New York Sun's correspondent at Messina, writing after the earthquake, mentions this fact: A weekly newspaper, the Telephone, of Messina, published the report of the earthquake, four days before the quake, and in protest against the local communal fees, which were very heavy. The last few lines were in the form of a prayer to the Infant Christ on Christmas Day in this sense: "O, little Child, true man, true God, for love of Thy Cross let us hear Thy voice. Thou that knowest, to whom nothing is unknown, send us an earthquake as a sign."

FIVE TIMES RESPITED.

Herman Billik Goes to Jail to Serve "Life" Sentence. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 1.—Herman Billik, who has five times been respited from death on the gallows during his two years imprisonment in the county jail, was taken to the state penitentiary at Joliet to-day to begin a term of life imprisonment for the murder of Mary Vraz. His death sentence having been commuted by Governor Deneen. Billik expressed confidence before his departure that he would receive complete freedom soon.

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Council Meeting.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) There was a large audience in the city hall last night when the question of the tenders for sand and gravel again came up for consideration upon the reading by the clerk of a letter from J. Haggerty. The writer asked for an explanation why he had been in line with the specifications his tender could not be accepted.

Ald. Turner asked for an explanation, and also desired to know why a letter written to the council in time to be read at the last meeting was not read. The letter was that of H. B. Hicks on the gravel tenders, which appeared in the Times during last week.

Mayor Hall replied to Ald. Turner showing that a clerical error had been the cause of the letter having been laid aside and not read. The error was not intentional, but entirely accidental. The question of Mr. Hicks being a "straw man" was then gone over again, and a long discussion followed.

Ald. Henderson thought it decidedly unfair that Mr. Hicks should have been called a "straw man" while his letter was in the hands of the city. He declared Hicks' tender was the lowest, but Ald. Stewart rose to his feet and pointed out that Ald. Henderson would find on a close comparison of the figures that the Hicks' tender would cost the city \$5,000 more than one of the others.

The mayor and the city engineer will take the matter up and report back to the council again. Report of Street Committee. The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee was adopted as follows: Communication of Major C. T. Dupont, calling attention to the condition of Fort street, between Stanley avenue and Oak Bay street.

Recommended that Major Dupont be informed that the work of constructing the proposed new cement sidewalk will be commenced at once, and that the council have under consideration a proposition for the paving of the street from the junction of Yates and Fort street to Mount Toimie road.

Communication of Crease & Crease and Messrs. Beaven Bros et al. re road lot on Davis street, and also requesting that the roadway be improved. Recommended that the writers be informed that the street is to be made as a work of improvement, and that the work will be undertaken as soon as the weather is favorable to allow of the work being carried on in the most economical manner.

Communication of A. F. Preston, asking that the cement sidewalk which is to be laid on Fort street be continued on to his lot which fronts on Mount Toimie road. Recommended that the request be granted provided the owner of said lot pays to the city, in cash, the total amount cost of the work.

Communications of Hon. Mr. Justice Irving and James McArthur, complaining of the condition of the crossing of Cook street from Fort street southward. Recommended that the writers be informed that the city engineer has received instructions to have the crossing cleaned off.

Petition of E. M. Haynes for the extension of the sewer on Linden avenue between Fairfield road and Richardson street. Recommended that the writer be informed that the sewer is to be constructed before the improvement of the portion of said avenue referred to is commenced.

Thomas J. Ross re surface water Richardson street, between Vancouver and Cook streets. Recommended that a surface water pipe drain be laid on said street at an estimated cost of \$650.

C. J. Brayshaw re condition of Fairfield road. Recommended that the writer be informed that the matter of his complaint will receive attention. Communication of J. Kennedy re piling of sand and gravel close to his fence on Lanford street, and asking that a sidewalk be constructed.

Recommended that the writer be informed that the material complained of will be removed in the near future, and that his request for the sidewalk has been granted. Estimated cost \$42.

Communication of D. Zarelli asking for a plank walk on the west side of Chambers street from Johnson street northward. Recommended that this walk be laid. Estimated cost \$14.

Communication of Mrs. Frances A. Walker re condition of Delta street. Recommended that Mrs. Walker be informed that the improvement of this street is included in a local improvement proposition, and that so far the foundation has only been laid, but that as soon as the rock crusher is available the work will be completed.

Communication of R. Carmichael, clerk of Saanich municipality, re surface water on Alpha and Toimie avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that this district is included in the main surface drainage scheme of the city, for which funds are available, and that the work will be proceeded with as soon as weather conditions are favorable for carrying on the work.

Communication of A. C. McCallum et al. complaining of the impassable state of Foul Bay road, between Fairfield road and Crescent road. Recommended that the petitioners be informed that the council will undertake the improvement of this road as a work of local improvement, on condition that the owners of property interested assume 4-5ths of the total cost of the work.

Communication of S. Perry Mills, complain-

ing of rock belonging to the corporation being piled up front of his property on Belmont avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the rock in question will be removed as speedily as possible.

Communications of H. T. Knott and W. J. Callum, re condition of Caledonia avenue. Recommended that the street be improved between Cook and Chambers streets at a cost not to exceed \$50.

Communication of J. G. Elliott, requesting that the sewer be extended to his residence on Lee avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the council regret that owing to his house being outside the sewer area of the city, it is not practicable to construct the same, but that the surface drainage of this locality will receive attention.

Communication of Lee & Fraser requesting that a crossing be constructed over the boulevard in front of lot 1033 Meares street. Recommended that the request be granted, provided the owners of the lot pay the entire cost of same, the work to be done by the city front of the street.

Recommended that the sum of \$64,300 be set aside of general revenue for street maintenance for the current year, said sum to be expended approximately as follows: Cleaning 2,000 Drains 5,000 Sprinkling 2,000 Horse and cart maintenance 2,800 Bridge repairs 2,000 Trolley maintenance 1,000 Tools maintenance 2,000 Car fares 100 New sprinkling 1,500 Trolley application, to board on Douglas 1,000 Surfacing streets 20,000 Plank sidewalks maintenance 4,900 Mantingues 5,000 Moving large cars 2,500 Not including land 2,500

Total \$64,300 All expenditures contemplated in the foregoing to be subject to favorable report of the committee on the subject and adoption of said report by the council. Report on Legislation.

The report from the committee on legislation was adopted as follows: Gentlemen:—We, your legislation committee, beg to report that we have taken into consideration the two bills introduced to-day the following matters: The receipt of report from city solicitor to the board on the proposed railway crossing for vehicular crossing on Old Esquimalt road. We recommend that special attention be given to the proposition for the same before the board on the 27th of February.

Re Bullock's claim against the city. We recommend that this claim be resisted. The individual has the other side of the street brought against the Victoria & Sidney railway. We recommend that the legal advisers of the corporation be asked to bring this litigation to a speedy termination so that the position of the city as regards the market building be made clear.

We have approved the outline of an agreement with the B. C. Electric Company as to the crossing of the sidewalk at Foul Bay road. We further received from city solicitors as to the private waterworks bill having passed the standing orders committee of the legislative assembly. We gave consideration to the following by-law legislation required and have approved a form of by-law regulating the driving of dairy cows and cattle through the streets and recommended that same be introduced next meeting of the council.

We recommend to the council the by-law required by the petitioners. Your committee heard certain recommendations from the pound keeper and have referred same to the city solicitors for a report. By-law dealing with sub-divisions and certain buildings in the residential quarter to be dealt with at the next meeting by this committee.

Civic Pay Days. The finance committee report was adopted as read. Four finance committee having considered the various matters referred to them beg to report as follows: First.—Communication from B. C. Building News. We recommend that the city does not at present take advantage of their offer.

Second.—We recommend that a grant of \$100 be made to the Ladies' Guild of the Seamen's Institute. Third.—That the date for payment of wages be fixed on the 5th and 20th of each month, or as nearly as possible to this date.

Fourth.—Re communication of Mr. H. Sword regarding an illustrated book entitled "Victoria, the City Beautiful." We recommend that the city do not assist this enterprise at present.

HERO OF REAL LIFE.

Wireless Operator Binns Refuses to Appear on New York Stage. New York, Feb. 1.—Refusing a tempting offer of \$1,000 a week to appear on the vaudeville stage, "Jack" Binns, the wireless operator who proved himself a hero in the recent collision between the Atlantic liners Republic and Florida, sailed for his home in England on Saturday on the steamer Baltic.

"I am no tin god."

Binns told the theatrical agents, "and the stage is no place for me." FEET AMPUTATED. Kelowna, Feb. 1.—J. Lister, a young man who was badly frozen recently, has lost both his feet by amputation. He stood the operation well. It was his only chance of saving his life.

HENRY'S

Now Ready For the Fall Trade 90,000 Peach, Apricot, Nectarines, Cherry, Plum, Prune, Pear and Apple in all leading varieties. 10,000 Ornamental Trees Select varieties suitable for B.C. Strictly home grown and not subject to damage from fumigation. STOCK OF BULBS on hand from JAPAN, FRANCE and HOLLAND. Bee Supplies, Spray Pumps, Seeds. CATALOGUE FREE Office, Greenhouse & Seedhouse 3010 Westminister Road VANCOUVER, B. C. Branch Nurseries, Majuba Hill and South Vancouver.

STREET PAVING
AROUND EMPRESSPLANS PASSED UPON
BY CITY COUNCILEngineer Estimates Cost of
Improvement at
\$52,740.

"The people do not mind the higher taxation if they get the roads in good shape. Now, gentlemen, for fifteen years you have been putting off the evil day. The thing is in front of you and you have got to face it. It is time you got to work and put the streets in good shape, and I'm going to stand up and fight for it."

The foregoing was the statement