

# With Marked Dispatch

## City Council Polished Off Business Handily in Session Last Evening.

### Craigflower Road By-Law Laid Over Again—Compensation Clause to Be Inserted.

The proceedings of the city council last evening were carried on with a snap and vim which did them infinite credit. Combined with this was the spirited character of the debates, during which the city fathers had ample opportunity for a demonstration of their ability for repartee and caustic rejoinder. They are a good natured body, however, and the miniature tempets which sometimes disturb the placidity of their sessions very quickly subside. The Craigflower Road By-law was again brought forward, but a number of the aldermen expressed themselves unfavorable to passing it until a compensation clause was incorporated. It was consequently again laid over and the city solicitor instructed to draft a clause which will provide for the expropriation of land and the valuation by arbitration.

After the customary preliminaries, communications were taken up. The city solicitor, Mr. W. H. G. Brown, advised that the Hon. J. M. Cameron, deputy minister of finance, acknowledged the receipt of copies of the resolution of the city council referring to the establishment of a mint, and stated that the matter would receive their consideration. Received and filed.

P. R. Brown, manager of the Colonist P. & C. Co., informed the council that it was the intention of the Colonist to issue a special number in the early part of January, in which an article on this city would occupy a prominent portion. He asked that the council secure 5,000 copies for mailing. Referred to the finance committee for report.

S. A. Spencer asked for the continuation of a box drain on Johnson street to drain property belonging to him. Referred to the city engineer for report.

H. J. Knott drew attention to the defective electric light on Harrison street, which frequently went out and consequently increased the danger of accidents. Referred to the electric light committee for report.

James Lee & Son asked that a portion of David street between Turner and Bridge streets, be opened sufficiently to permit operations of a team. Referred to the city engineer for report.

M. L. McFicking requested permission to plant shade trees from Kingston street in front of her residence, James Bay. Permission granted subject to approval of the city engineer.

The city engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration: Communication from James Bendroit re sewer connection to house, No. 50 Quebec street—Upon examination of the system, I find it would be necessary to extend the sewer from the intersection of Menzies and Belleville streets westward, thence southerly along Oswego street, a total distance of 1,120 feet, and as there are no more funds for sewerage extension, I do not think it possible to grant the request at present.

Re Kingston street school—I may say, this building is in the pumping area and therefore, cannot be properly dealt with until that system is carried out. Communication from T. A. Le Page, re surface drainage on Moss street—I have examined the above locality, and instructed the street superintendent to make the necessary repairs to the culvert complained of, together with a short section of box drain to be renewed, which, I trust, will be satisfactory.

O. H. TOPP. The report was dealt with seriatim. The first clause passed without discussion. The second and third met with a similar reception, and the report was adopted in its entirety.

Thomas Hooper requested that Government street in front of the Gim Fook Yuen block be repaired. Referred to the city engineer for report.

Henry Thrift, general secretary of the Settlers' Association of British Columbia, was responsible for a couple of voluminous epistles regarding railway connection between this city and the Mainland. The present by-law was dealt with in a delightfully refreshing but rather vague manner, while the communications breathe with an expression in favor of connection of some sort of improved transportation facilities; the council was requested to appoint some delegates to attend a convention to be held at New Westminster on December 4th, to discuss the matter.

Ald. Williams moved that a courteous reply to the communications be sent by the mayor and the city clerk. He was sorry that there was no committee of the council which could take the question under consideration.

Ald. Yates took a contrary view, explaining that the railway committee was competent to deal with the matter. It was finally decided to refer it to the latter committee.

A lengthy document in the shape of a petition from George Jeeves et al was read regarding the railway by-law. Among other things there was incorporated the sum and substance of Ald. Williams' resolution, subsequently introduced, asking for the insertion of five certain clauses. These were enumerated in the columns of the Times last evening. The petition was referred to the railway committee for report despite the demur of Ald. Hall, who cogently pointed out that the railway committee was overburdened already.

pumping station with a lighting plant be accepted. Adopted.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$4,278.63 for the usual purposes. Adopted.

The same committee recommended a supplementary appropriation of \$1,348.75 for street work and the cost of placing the by-law before the ratepayers. Adopted.

Ald. Yates' motion asking for leave to introduce a by-law providing for the city's contribution of one-third the cost of the prolongation of Broad street was next considered and at the request of the mover it was laid over for one week.

The lengthy resolution of Ald. Williams, published in these columns last evening, was next taken up. The mayor remarked that he was constrained to rule the motion out of order, inasmuch as twenty-four hours' notice was required, and the present motion was posted Sunday evening, which he understood was not legal.

Ald. Williams, however, was not to be disconcerted. He had come armed with a precedent. In support of his contention he read from the case of Hollins vs. West Derby, to show that Sunday did count in matters of this sort.

Ald. Hall sounded a trumpet note of warning at this juncture by remarking "that the council would have the wrath of the clergy for desecrating the Sabbath by posting notices of motion on Sunday."

The city solicitor being referred to, destroyed the potency of Ald. Williams' precedent by reading from the Municipal Clauses act, showing that Sunday did not count in the estimation of time as regards the notice of motion. The motion was thereupon ruled out of order.

The father of it, with great celerity, then wanted a meeting Tuesday evening to consider it.

Ald. Cameron at this point asked whether such a motion was legal after the by-law had been dealt with and passed. The mayor explained that it would have to be referred back to the city council by himself.

Then Ald. Stewart provoked an incontinent explosion by saying that Ald. Williams' remarkable activity on this matter was only for the purpose of completing another printed aldermanic record for the next elections. Ald. Stewart waved a copy of last year's dodger to illustrate his remarks.

This nettled Ald. Williams, who called upon the mayor to rule Ald. Stewart out of order. He stated that he was doing his duty to his constituents and he did not propose to submit to this sort of thing. Ald. Stewart might think it very funny, but there was no sense in it.

Ald. Stewart retorted that Ald. Williams should have known better than to wait until Sunday night to post up a notice of motion. He (Ald. Williams) had been compelled to hunt up the janitor and unlock the door of the city hall in order that it might be placed on the bulletin board, where on Sunday it could not have been seen.

Finally serenity was restored and the motion of Ald. Williams that a meeting be held to-night was put and lost.

The by-law concerning the qualifications of voters for the next municipal elections was reconsidered and finally passed.

The Craigflower Road by-law next came up for consideration. The first clause passed but the second, providing for the declaration of the road as a public highway, provoked much discussion. Ald. Stewart could not vote for this clause unless a compensation clause was provided, and Ald. Beckwith said that this would be forthcoming.

Ald. Kinsman asked why it was that the committee appointed to interview the owners of property affected regarding compensation, had not reported so that the council could ascertain where they stood. Suppose a price was agreed upon. Who was to pay it? The citizens, or should the matter be dealt with on the local improvement plan? The men who wanted the road opened should pay for it. The people who favored this latter view were only a few in number and they lived outside the city. He would vote against the whole of it.

Ald. Beckwith explained that the committee had done all it could but some of the owners were away and it was impossible to interview them.

Ald. Hall wanted light on the subject. He would like to know whether the committee had endeavored to the best of their ability to see all the owners.

Ald. Beckwith favored passing the clause. He gave his word that a compensation clause would be introduced. His proposal was that the land be expropriated and valued by arbitration.

The question was discussed for some time further, the mayor's suggestion that the city solicitor be instructed to draft a clause to provide for compensation being finally adopted.

The council then adjourned.

# Boy Makes Discovery

## While Searching for Box Last Evening He Found a Skull.

### Was Lying in the Rubbish Depository in a Corner of the Lot.

A rather weird find was made last evening in a vacant lot in the rear of the Burns block, Bastion square, and the provincial police have now on hand in consequence, the skull of an adult, whether white or Indian anatomists will have to ascertain, if it is deemed necessary.

It appears that just about dusk, Cecil, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. Emery, was asked by his father to go into the yard and procure a box of some sort. The lad searched around, and ultimately thought he had found what he wanted in the shape of an old box, which was lying in the corner. It was filled with rot and decayed wood, and on emptying it of the undesirable contents the youngster's astonished eyes fell upon a skull, with the frontal portion turned upwards as though its owner in life had lain down for repose, and never awaked.

Naturally the lad was somewhat disconcerted, and as he did not pry any further at that time, he probably came to the conclusion that there was complete skeleton in the box. He hurried into the house with the startling intelligence that he had found a dead man. The father at first was under the impression that some one under the intoxication of liquor had retired to the seclusion of the yard to sleep off his stupor. Investigation, however, showed that there was at least a modicum of ground for the boy's perturbation, and the skull was drawn from its environment of rubbish and examined.

The provincial police were notified, and the object was removed to their office. It appears to have been the skull of an ordinary sized head, and the general indications are that it has been buried for an inconsiderable time. It is greatly discolored, due probably to contact with wet dirt and debris. There are five teeth in the mouth cavity, and these are larger than the average. They are somewhat ground down at the ends, and from this it might be assumed that the party of whose existence the find is the index, was a native of this coast. The grizzly food of the aborigines is likely to cause the worn appearance of the edge of the teeth.

But the most peculiar feature of the find is the adhesion to the frontal portion, of a substance resembling sacking, and not unlike decomposed leaves. It is very soft, and separates easily at the touch. An analysis could ascertain whether it is a portion of the scalp or rot, although it is hardly possible that such is the case. Hair is also visible in this substance, and as far as can be seen is of a dark, almost ebony hue. It might have been that the skull had been placed in a sack for a long period, the interior of which had decomposed, or adhered to the frontal part. There are no other points about the discovery of any peculiar import except that the skull is very unclean, and is quite damp, while the eye cavities are filled with a stratum of mud.

How long it has been in the place where it was found, how it came there, in whose existence it was an essential factor, are questions that must probably remain unanswered. There are no apparent indications of foul play, and there is no reason why the provincial police should exert themselves to any extraordinary extent because of its discovery.

It is improbable that it was the property of an eccentric collector of such objects for a gruesome family curiosity box, for in that case it would be maintained in better condition. The antiquarian is usually sensitive in matters of this kind, and his property is generally in an excellent state of preservation.

It is probable that the find was the historic locality of an Indian. Just about this spot, according to the annals of Victoria, this solid old municipality was founded. There is no information regarding the length of time that the receptacle in which the skull was found had been in that lot, and it might have remained there many years longer, but for the efforts of the lad in carrying out his parent's request.

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# horticulture in B. C.

## Varieties of Fruit Most Profitable to Be Grown in Respective Districts.

Since Friday last the Provincial Board of Horticulture has been in session, and much valuable work has been accomplished. Among the matters brought up was a report from Messrs. Palmer and Cunningham, the committee on brown plum rot, which is now being printed for distribution. The regulations of the board have been amended so as to more strictly guard against bad fruit being brought into the city, and it was decided that Mr. Cunningham and Inspector Palmer should spend the winter in enlightening the farmers of the lower mainland on the value of spraying and other horticultural matters. Lists were made out showing the most profitable fruit to be grown for commercial purposes in the different districts as follows:

- No. 1 District—Vancouver Island and Other Islands.
  - Apples.—Yellow Transparent, Duchess Oldenburg, Wealthy, Blenheim Orange, King of Tompkins, Canada Reimette, Lemon Pippin, Salome, Blenheim, Crabs—Hyslop, Hyslop, Pears.—Bartlett, Buere Boussock, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Buere Clairgean.
  - Plums.—Peach Plum, Black Diamond, Monarch, Ponds Seedling, Yellow Egg, Coe's Golden Drop.
  - Cherries.—Black Tartarian, Royal Anne, English Morello, Belle Magnifique, Olivet, Late Duke.
  - Peaches.—Alexander, Hales, Early Crawford, Early Charlotte.
- No. 2 District—Lower Mainland.
  - Apples.—Yellow Transparent, Duchess Oldenburg, Wealthy, Blenheim Orange, Ripstone Pippin, Salome, Maiden's Blush, Canada Reinette.
  - Crabs.—Hyslop, Martha.
  - Pears.—Bartlett, Buere Boussock, Dr. Jules Guyot, Buere Clairgean, Buere Hardy.
  - Plums.—Clyman, German Prune Italian, Giant, Grand Duke, Monarch.
  - Peaches.—Alexander, Hales, Early Crawford, Early Charlotte.
  - Cherries.—May Duke, Black Tartarian, Royal Anne, Windsor, English Mor-duke.
- No. 3 District—Upper Country.
  - Apples.—Early California, Astrachan, Duchess Oldenburg, Gravenstein, Snow, Blenheim Orange, Ripstone Pippin, Fall Pippin, Vancouver, Blue Pear, main, King of Tompkins, Canada Reinette, Red Cheek Pippin, Golden Russet.
  - Crabs.—Hyslop, Transcendent.
  - Pears.—Bartlett, Buere Boussock, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Buere Clairgean, Winter Nelis, Flemish Beauty.
  - Plums.—Peach Plum, Black Diamond, Monarch, Ponds Seedling, Yellow Egg, Coe's Golden Drop.
  - Peaches.—Italian.
  - Grapes.—Concord, Niagara, Sweet Water, Moore's Diamond, Chasselas Nenechato.
  - Cherries.—Black Tartarian, Royal Ann, English Morello, Belle Magnifique, Olivet, Late Duke.
  - Peaches.—Alexander, Hales Early, Early Crawford, Early Charlotte.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Opening Meeting Will Be Held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church This Evening.

The first meeting of the provincial branch of the inter-denominational Sunday school association will be held this evening in the lecture room of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Devotional services will be held by Horace Knott, at 7 o'clock sharp, after which the opening exercises will be conducted by the president, N. Shakespear. An address of welcome will be delivered by the Rev. Leslie Clay and replied to by the Rev. J. G. Hastings. The next item on the programme is the reading of "Written Reports of School," after which an appointment of committees will take place. It is the intention of the convention to nominate a committee this evening whose business will be to submit the names of those regarded as competent to occupy the position of officers in the district branch of the inter-denominational association, which is to be organized.

The names to be submitted to the convention on Wednesday evening in the Metropolitan Methodist church and voted upon.

# CANCER OF THE BREAST

## One of the Commonest and Most Fatal Diseases Among the Women of Canada—A New and Painless Treatment That is Saving Many Lives.

Cancer of the breast is one of the diseases that has of late years been on the rapid increase in this country. In many cases, it may be of hereditary origin, while in others it may result from a blow, bruise or wound. There is the hard lump, enlargement of the glands in the armpit, retraction of the nipple, puckering of the skin, discharge of a glary, white fluid which is often blood tinged, sometimes pain that shoots into the armpit and down the arm. As soon as the ordinary physician sees the growth, he says: "Operate, remove the breast." Most women shrink from the surgeon's knife with its pain, danger and mutilation, especially when they know that in by far the greater number of cases operated on, the growth returns with a vengeance. The new treatment for cancer, does away with the necessity of dangerous operations. It is a constitutional remedy that can be taken by the most delicate lady as its constituents are purely vegetable. It operates by neutralizing and destroying the cancer poison in the system, and building up the health. By its use, the lump gradually disappears till a trace remains. Even after operations failed, we have cases on record where our constitutional remedy effected permanent cures. Some of these are given in our new book, "Cancer, the Cause and Cure." Sent to anyone in plain sealed wrapper, on receipt of two stamps. Scott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont. All correspondence regarded as strictly confidential.

# PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Employee of J. W. Mellor Receives Injuries to Face Through Stove Explosion.

Harry Fox, a painter in the employ of J. W. Mellor, is at the Jubilee hospital suffering from injuries to his face, sustained this morning. It appears that shortly before ten o'clock he attempted to light a fire in a stove at Mellor's warehouse on Main street, and had just touched the match to the gas when an explosion resulted, blowing the lid from the stove directly in the unfortunate man's face. He was removed to the house opposite, and Dr. Lewellyn Jones was summoned, who immediately had the sufferer taken to the Jubilee hospital. Mr. Fox's injuries are very painful, and at present he is too dazed to explain intelligently exactly how the accident occurred. His hearing has gone and his face is considerably bruised. Even what can be learned, however, there must have been a quantity of gas saturated with benzine or some other chemical in the stove, which, when brought in contact with the flame, caused the explosion. He is resting as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

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# Big Fire at Aberdeen

## Manager's House and Two Other Buildings Destroyed and Store Partially Burned.

### Monte Cristo Knocks Her Steam Out Coming Down the Skeena River.

One of the most disastrous fires which the North has seen in many months occurred on the 10th inst., when the little cannery station of Aberdeen, three miles across the Skeena river from Essington, had a narrow escape from being completely obliterated.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz, which arrived here from the North yesterday afternoon, and which brings the news of the fire was within six miles of the conflagration on her up trip, but even at this distance was too far away to render assistance. The fire started in some unknown manner while an Indian woman living in one of the houses was out getting a pail of water. When she returned to the house the place was all ablaze. It was a one story frame building in which she lived, and in it the flames made rapid headway. In a few minutes the fire spread to the adjoining buildings, and before checked had partially destroyed the stores at the cannery, after laying in ruins the manager's residence, occupied in the absence of Mr. Harris on the Fraser by the caretaker, and two other smaller buildings. The manager's residence involved, perhaps, the biggest loss. It was a story and a half frame residence, and its destruction is understood to include the furnishings. Had the store been burned, officers of the Boscowitz state that it would have been impossible to save the cannery. This, with the buildings destroyed, are owned by Findlay, Durham & Brodie, of this city, and their loss is understood to be fully covered by insurance. The exact extent of the damage done by the fire was not learned.

Before the steamer reached Essington the little sternwheeler Monte Cristo had arrived down the Skeena from Hazelton, and had been put in winter quarters. She had been long overdue, and the cause of her delay was attributed to striking the rocks on coming down stream and knocking off her stern. This had to be replaced before the steamer proceeded on her course, and the work detained her some time. The water in the river was extremely low, and in the shallowest places the steamer had to be hauled along, being unable to make progress under her own steam. Ten of her passengers, miners from the Omiceca country, came down on the Boscowitz, debarking at Nanaimo yesterday, and after being vaccinated with others there landed, proceeded to Vancouver. They report that the weather in Omiceca is now pretty cold, and that in August snow had fallen. This same climatic condition also prevailed on the Northern coast, where recent storms have been severely felt. A few days before the fire at Aberdeen, the big warehouse on Cunningham's wharf was blown down, the same cause of wind being also responsible for several similar wrecks at different points along the coast.

Mr. Lord, manager for Bell-Irving & Co., was a passenger North on the Boscowitz, and was landed at a point near the Naas, where he went to locate a new site for a cannery.

A passenger on the down trip was J. Hamilton, who has been North prospecting and examining some coal properties. Other arrivals were: F. Brochen, Mr. Scott, J. H. Jones, W. Huson, B. Cliff, W. Mowatt, J. Edwards, J. Meade and B. Kelly, J. M. Hay, Mrs. Read, J. McMillan, F. Moffatt, W. H. Dempster, A. Pool, H. Davis, J. Kepner, H. Breckenleht, W. Lord, Miss Bird and E. Hunt. The Boscowitz brought down some small shipments of salmon, and reports that the steamer Nell is on her way here with a full cargo. The steamer will now be laid up for a general overhauling, during which she will be placed on the ways.

Those wishing to stay and enjoy the concert in the evening were provided with an excellent supper, which was served at 5.30. Before the commencement of the programme in the evening, Rev. Mr. Miller read a letter of apology from F. Finch-Saunders, expressing his regret at not being able to attend. The programme of the concert was then commenced by a song, "Heart of Oak," rendered by Rev. Mr. Miller. The other features of the programme were a dance given by the following young ladies: The Misses Moss, B. Mansie, P. Garren, L. Mowat, M. Sweet, B. Cameron, B. Hall and I. White. A fancy drilling exercise by twenty men of the Fifth Regiment and the cavalry and lance exercises given by R. O. Clark. J. G. Brown rendered a solo, and the choir of the church and the orchestra gave some selections during the evening, which were well received.

At the close of the entertainment Mr. Miller announced that there was still \$200 debt on the church, which he hoped would be disposed of by the beginning of the new year.

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# ST. BARNABAS BAZAAR.

Sale of Work and Concert Held Yesterday in A. O. U. W. Hall.

The A. O. U. W. hall presented a very attractive appearance yesterday afternoon and evening on the occasion of the bazaar and concert given by the young people of the St. Barnabas church. The sale of work commenced at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the hall was handsomely decorated with bunting for the occasion.

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# A MANIA FOR OPERATIONS.

Most physicians are anxious to try the surgeon's knife and recommend an operation for piles. A less cruel, less expensive and less risky method is the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment, a preparation that has never yet been known to fail to cure piles no matter of what form or of however long standing. Don't think of risking an operation when you can be cured in your own home by the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment. The best physicians use it in their practice.

# A Meeting in the Interests of the GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

Will be held at Victoria Board of Trade Rooms, December 8th, at 8 o'clock.

WANTED—We will pay \$1200 a week salary to either a man or woman to represent the Midland Monthly Magazine as an subscription solicitor. The Midland is the same name as McClure's or the Cosmopolitan. It is now in its sixth year and is the only Magazine of this kind published in the great Central West. A handsome remuneration given to each subscriber. Send 10 cents for a copy of the Midland and premium list to the Twentieth Century, Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

FOR SALE—"Oak Farm." Lake District, 6 miles from Victoria, on West Saanich road, comprising 51 acres, nearly all cultivated, and good buildings, each of further particulars apply to John Black on premises.

WANTED—To buy 1,000 lbs. good feather. Sanitary Steam Feather Renovator, corner Post and Blanchard streets.