

ALDERMEN WERE IN CRITICAL MOOD

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR YEAR'S SUPPLIES

Many of the By-Laws Introduced by Members Laid Over Until Subsequent Meeting.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council held Thursday, a considerable discussion was provided in connection with the various by-laws introduced. All the members of the council were present.

The by-law introduced by Ald. Grahame to regulate the keeping of cows within the populated districts of the city, and then to amend the Public Health By-law and to enact new provisions, was also considered.

Ald. Grahame, in explaining the measure, said that only two parties would be affected by it. He contended that there was in connection with the keeping of a herd of cows in the city the fouling of the streets, and the annoyance from the breaking of the sidewalks.

Children were often afraid of these cows on the street. They fed alongside open drains, and it was therefore not in the interests of public health.

Ald. Goodacre wanted the consideration of the by-law left over for a time in order that the members of the board might look into it fully.

Ald. Barnard also favored this. It was far reaching in its effects. He thought there would probably be fifty people in the city who would be affected by it. He knew of parties keeping only one cow who depended upon the sale of milk as an assistance in supporting themselves.

The consideration of the by-law was therefore left over until a week from Monday.

Ald. Vincent's by-law with respect to the regulating of the system of woodcutting, so as to prohibit the cutting of wood on the streets, was brought up. He objected to the "perambulating sawmill."

Then the aldermen for a little time considered the gain or loss of the amount of wood received under the system proposed.

Ald. Stewart thought there would be a great "hubbub" if this amendment was introduced. The police ought to enforce the regulations of the present by-law and keep the street clean.

Ald. Grahame said the information of Ald. Stewart that part of the city had been covered in line with this by-law last year, as a result of "six weeks' travail."

Ald. Barnard thought the police could do little else than to keep the city clean. They had such a duty to perform. He thought it would be a benefit to the city to do away with the woodcutting on the streets.

His Worship said he was opposed to it. He would, as a member of the police commission, instruct the chief of police to enforce the by-law as it existed at present.

Ald. Yates favored the measure. He referred to the danger from these sawing machines.

Ald. Barnard asked if it could be considered a good advertisement for the city to have sawing machines on the streets and piles of wood standing around.

Then the council got down to the discussion of academic questions. The question of who owned the sawdust, the wood dealer or the resident, was brought up among these.

Ald. Cameron could not support the measure in its present form. He advised enforcing the present law.

Ald. Vincent alluded to the fact that in an attempt to make this a tourist town the residents had been asked to cut down their fences and paint their houses. He thought a pile of sawdust every sixty feet was not in keeping with this.

Ald. Dinsdale said that there were many workmen who during the winter wanted to cut their own wood. The use of a steam sawing engine was about the only modern idea in the place.

Ald. Yates thought that they might leave the matter over with a view to seeing whether it might not be considered wise to limit the measure, and not have it cover the whole city, upon the principle that a half loaf was better than none.

This was approved, and the consideration of the matter left over for a week.

Ald. Vincent's by-law concerning the submission of the question of a site for the Carnegie library to the ratepayers was introduced.

Ald. Stewart suggested fixing the maximum price at \$4,500.

Ald. Barnard also proposed allowing of the purchase of additional land alongside the site near the post office, if that was found necessary.

Ald. Yates did not favor applying current revenue to the purchase of such land. He had hoped that it might be possible to raise the rate this year.

The deficit of \$7,000 last year and the sum necessary for the exhibition finances took one mill. There was little chance of the two mills advance made last year being reduced.

A question of procedure then came up. Ald. Stewart's suggestion being allowed as an amendment, the question arose how the suggestion was received, and should be considered.

Ald. Barnard contended that the addition being agreeable to Ald. Vincent, the mover, and himself, as seconder, that it could be incorporated in the original measure.

Ald. Grahame thought this was "crooked." This had been sprung upon them.

Ald. Barnard explained that it had occurred to him after entering the room.

Ald. Grahame and Ald. Stewart would not move the addition of \$4,500 as a maximum cost of a site as an amendment if permission was granted to add to the measure in line with Ald. Barnard's idea. Ald. Vincent and Ald. Barnard

ard said they were agreeable to it, and would incorporate Ald. Stewart's suggestion in their motion then.

Ald. Grahame said he would then move as an amendment the original motion omitting the words added as to purchasing additional land.

Ald. Cameron contended that they had not the money to devote to such work from current revenue. He thought they should proceed slowly in this matter, and wanted it laid over.

Ald. Barnard said he wished to speak of the way Ald. Grahame had met his motion. Those opposed to the lot near the post office said it was too small. He wished to make that lot large enough.

He wanted the issue put fairly before the people. He would not be "buckled" by anyone. The people were to have the issue put very fairly before them. He repudiated any crookedness in the matter.

His Worship thought that the laying over of this matter for a week would perhaps lead to a solution. In their "cooler moments" they might settle it.

Ald. Vincent thereupon consented to withdraw his motion.

Ald. Grahame wanted the motion put.

This was accordingly done, when both the amendment of Ald. Grahame and the motion of Ald. Vincent were considered. A new measure will therefore have to be prepared.

The finance committee reported as to the consideration of tenders, with recommendations for supplies as follows:

Your finance committee, to whom (with the purchasing agent) was entrusted the duty of examining the various tenders submitted, beg to report and recommend as follows, viz:

Tenders for supplies to the Home for Aged and Infirm were received from Messrs. Fell & Co., D. Dickenson, Watson & Hall, and Messrs. W. Wallace & Co. Groceries, to Messrs. Porter & Sons and Robt. McFadden for butcher's meat; from Messrs. M. Smith & Co. for bread; and from Messrs. Smith Bros. for milk.

We recommend that the contracts be awarded as follows: Messrs. Fell & Co. (doves), for groceries; Mr. Robt. McFadden (doves), for butcher's meat; providing he will find bonds for \$500 for due fulfillment of contract; to Messrs. M. Smith & Co. (the only tenderers), for bread; and to Messrs. Smith Bros. (the only tenderers), for milk. We also recommend that the solicitor be instructed to prepare contract and bond for supply of butcher's meat.

Tenders for forage were received from Messrs. J. Baker & Sons, Messrs. McFadden & Baker, and Messrs. Peed & Co. We recommend that the contract be awarded to the Sylvester Peed Co. at the prices named.

Tenders for castings and trap doors were received from the Alford Iron Works Co., the Victoria Machinery Depot Co. and Andrew Gray.

We recommend that the contract be awarded to the Victoria Machinery Depot Co., the lowest tenderer.

Only one tender was received for cylinder and lubricating oil, viz: Mr. Andrew Gray. We recommend that the contract be awarded to him, provided the tender is offered at a satisfactory price to the city.

Only one tender was received for bricks, and we recommend that no contract be entered into at present.

One tender was received for cement, viz: from Messrs. Hithet & Co., and we recommend that they be awarded the contract at the price named.

Only one supply of lumber was received from the Shawanigan Lake Sawmill Co., the Taylor Mill Co., and the Seward Lumber Co. We recommend that the contract be awarded to the Taylor Mill Co., as it offered the lowest price, and the quality of the lumber was of a high standard, and low price of cement, as many side walks be laid in cement as possible.

Tenders for nails were received from Messrs. Prior & Co., Fraser & Co., McFadden & Baker, and the Hickman Tye Co. The tender of Messrs. Fraser & Co. being the lowest, we recommend that they receive the contract at the price named.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Yates, referring to the tenders for lumber being all the same, proposed to break the combine by awarding the contract, but by purchasing all the lumber from one firm.

Ald. Vincent pointed out that the lumber combine extended far beyond this city, and that little could be done in that way.

Ald. Yates thought it would set an example for others to follow.

Ald. Dinsdale said the lumber men would divide the profit anyway.

Ald. Vincent suggested in line with the policy in other ways that a portable sawmill be purchased and the lumber cut up right on the streets where it was needed.

Attention was called to the expenditure of the board of health.

His Worship said this had been considered by the finance committee, and they had decided to give full consideration. He suggested a full meeting of the council to consider it first of all.

Ald. Vincent asked if any negotiations were going on for the use of the Dominion dredge.

His Worship said he did not expect it before June. It would come after an appropriation was made for harbor improvement in the city.

It was asked if there was no other dredge available. It was pointed out that the offer of S. Spratt was for 8 cents a yard. The Puget Sound dredge would be used by Mr. Spratt.

His Worship did not favor expending any money in this way, if they could get the Dominion dredge for nothing.

The council then adjourned.

MEET AGAIN FRIDAY.

Chamber of Commerce to Transact Important Business at Next Meeting.

When the newly organized Victoria Chamber of Commerce adjourned last Thursday evening, it was to meet on Friday next, when committees will be struck for the following purposes: 1, membership applications; 2, the providing of suitable quarters for meetings; 3, the collection of money for the exhibit; 4, freight and transportation matters; 5, such other business time will admit of. That the keenest interest is taken in the new organization is evidenced by the number of applications received, and nearly every firm in the city having signified their intention of supporting the new charter in their work. The elimination of side issues enables the association to concentrate its efforts upon the main object, and the association will have many months before it. Application forms may be procured from the secretary, the officers and members of the new chamber.

TAKE ONE OF DR. AGNEW'S LIVER PILLS after dinner. It will promote digestion and overcome any indigestion or flatulence. Eating, sleep, prompt, active, painless and pleasant. This effective little pill is supplied in the old school medicine stores. 40 doses, 10 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—35.

ANNUAL BANQUET HELD ON THURSDAY

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY'S YEARLY GATHERING

A Pleasant Evening Was Spent at the Royal Cafe—Song and Story.

The annual gathering of the members of the Yorkshire Society was held at the Royal Cafe Thursday, and, as usual, the excellent repast, interesting toast list and an entertaining program made the evening pass away very pleasantly. From the time the company sat down at 8 o'clock until the small hours, jollity reigned supreme.

Before the banquet was enjoyed a business meeting was held. Among matters dealt with was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Canon Beaulieu; vice-president, Col. Wolfenden; second vice-president, Jos. Peirson; secretary-treasurer, W. T. Winsby; executive, Messrs. W. T. Williams, H. J. Martin, E. J. Elliott and H. J. Henderson.

Justice was done the good things provided, after which the toast list was taken up.

J. Peirson, in proposing the toast of "Our Native Country," observed that it was thirty-five years since he had left there, and in that time he had travelled pretty well over the world. There was no country on the globe which could boast of a population more energetic and enterprising than that found in Yorkshire. That country had always done its share towards the protection of the Empire in times of war, and towards the cultivation of the nation's commercial spirit in times of peace. If we wish to find a happy, cheerful, contented lot of people they could be found in Yorkshire.

J. Peirson responded. Like Mr. Peirson, he was leaving home he had travelled a good deal, having seen most parts of the world before coming to British Columbia. One of the most worthy characteristics of the Yorkshire people was their extreme hospitality. He was pleased to meet brother Yorkshiremen in this annual social reunion.

F. Richardson proposed "The Navy, Army and Reserves." He did not desire to deal particularly with the navy and army, but would like to say a few words of the volunteer forces, to which he belonged. He eulogized the services of these corps in times of danger. In South Africa, during the war, he was a member of the volunteer forces, and he was proud to have been a member of the volunteer forces.

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To Subscribers.

As announced some months ago the Twice-a-Week Times will use sent only to paid-in-advance subscribers after this date. We have already discontinued all papers going to subscribers who are in arrears since 1900. Papers have been addressed and including this issue to subscribers who are in arrears since 1901 or 1902, as we thought it would be well to give that class of debtors a few weeks more grace in the hope that they would be induced to pay all arrears and a year in advance.

A good many have done so, but there are still several hundred who have defaulted. Every subscription unpaid since 1901 or 1902 will be discontinued after this week.

We will hereafter place on the label bearing the subscriber's name the date to which his subscription is paid and the subscriber will thus always be able to tell when he should remit another dollar to secure the continuance of the paper.

There is now only one condition on which the Twice-a-Week Times can be secured—that is by payment in advance. No paper will be sent after the time for which it has been paid has expired.

PROVINCE ORGANIZING.

Duncans Appoints Delegates to Convention of Mining Association—Rossland Taking Steps Also.

Literature is still being forwarded from the office of the Mining Association of British Columbia in the board of trade building to every part of the province. Already in answer to the call sent out comes reports that some of the districts are taking the preliminary steps towards calling meetings for the appointment of delegates to the convention to be held here February 25th.

Duncans has already taken the initiative in this matter, and have named their representatives. A meeting was held last evening in the council chamber at that place presided over by the reeve. E. J. Heard was appointed secretary, and speeches were delivered by many of those present. A motion was made representative of the mining interests of that part of the country, and readily acquiesced with the idea of affiliating with the Mining Association. Delegates to the convention will therefore be appointed as follows: C. Livingston, H. Smith and F. A. Wood.

Rossland the association's proposals are being most favorably received. The Mining Association of British Columbia, and the unanimous verdict was that such an organization would promote the interests of the mining industry to a substantial degree, and that Rossland should take steps to organize a strong auxiliary to the provincial association and send delegates to the central meeting on February 25th.

Mayor Dean has been approached on the subject to convene a public meeting to consider the matter, and has indicated his willingness to do so and to co-operate in the movement. His Worship believes that the proposed association will be a valuable aid toward promoting British Columbia's great mining industry, and thinks Rossland should, as the premier mining camp of the province, take an active share of the association's work in this district. He has not decided on the date for the public meeting, but this will be announced in the course of a day or two.

President Johnson and other members of the board of trade are in accord with the proposed movement, and the matter will be brought up at the meeting of the board.

The question of sending delegates to the convention is a difficult one to meet to some extent by the difficulty of meeting the expenses of delegates. The proposal now in view is that a branch or auxiliary association should be formed locally, and with the aid of the local membership fees and subscriptions representative members should be sent to the coast meeting.

J. B. Hobson, the chairman of the provincial association, intends visiting Rossland and assisting in the work of organization.

IF BABY COULD TALK.

"I am sure if baby could only talk," says Mrs. B. Gaffney, L'Amable, Ont., "she would praise Baby's Own Tablets too. They have given better results than any other medicine I have ever used for my little one." This is the verdict of all mothers who have used Baby's Own Tablets, and it is the very best proof that no other medicine can equal them for the speedy relief and cure of the common ailments of little ones. These Tablets cure colic, constipation, fever, stomach, diarrhoea and simple fevers; they break up colds, prevent croup, and allay the irritation accompanying the cutting of teeth, and are positively guaranteed to contain no opiate. All children take them readily, and for very young infants they can be crushed to a powder. You can get Baby's Own Tablets from any druggist at 25c a box, or they will be mailed, postage paid, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y. Send for our book on the care of infants and young children. Every mother should have it.

It is said that cut flowers will keep very fresh and sweet when placed in water, or common saltwater, is put in the water in which they stand. The ends of the stems should be cut off a little every day to keep open the absorbing pores.

CHAIRMAN DEFENDS ACTION OF BOARD

AND WARMLY RESENTS ATTACK OF COLONIST

Regarding Recent Conference With Principals Paul and Teachers of High School—Explains Matter.

The Colonist on Saturday delivers itself of a warm roast on the school board for inviting Principal Paul and the staff of the Victoria High school to the conference which was held last Thursday evening to discuss the matter of adding a seventh teacher to the staff. In this connection a Times representative approached Mr. Drury, chairman of the board and obtained from him an interview giving the latter's side of the question. Mr. Drury drew attention to the opening paragraph of the editorial which reads as follows:

"We hope for the sake of the dignity of the school board that the performance of having the principal and staff of a school up before the board to lecture it on the necessity of appointing a teacher is one which will not be repeated, and we are quite in accord with the criticism applied by Trustee Jay to such an unwelcome idea