

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Consider Several Communications on the Matter of Electric Light Contracts—Fire Protection.

Water Works By-Law Passed and Will be Presented on September 11.

The City Council held its regular weekly meeting last night. His Worship the Mayor and the full aldermanic board were present. A communication was read from Secretary Renouf, of the Agricultural Association, asking the council to assist in erecting buildings for the machinery exhibits; also to provide a cover suitable for a restaurant. Referred to the mayor and finance committee with power to act.

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JUBILEE HOSPITAL BOARD.

Plans of Pemberton Maternity Ward Presented and Tenders Referred to a Committee.

Chinese Bids for Vegetable Supplies Thrown Out in Accordance With Previous Decision.

The Jubilee hospital board met on Tuesday with the president, Mr. Joshua Davies in the chair, the others present being Messrs. G. H. Brown, H. Dallas Holmbeck, J. L. Gilm, A. Wilson, Thomas Shobolt, Charles Hayward, W. H. Ellis, and J. Stuart Yates.

REASON.

Practical men are making a success of hydraulic mining by the pumping method on Salmon river. Hardman & Bab, who have two leases, 5,000 feet in all, have put in a steam plant and pump water from the river to a height of forty feet.

REASON.

There are two mines in Sloan district by the name of "The Mines." One is situated in the vicinity of the Blue Bird and the other is located in Twin Lake basin. An immense body of ore has been uncovered on the one, and a good showing is in sight on the other.

REASON.

Mr. Hayward thought that the city water might be filtered. Mr. Yates believed that the committee of the month might find out if the spring spoken of by Mr. Wilson was good to use, and the whole matter was finally referred to the committee.

REASON.

Mr. Yates moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Shobolt, that instead of awarding the tender to Erskine & Wall it would be better to have a committee go round to the various white gardeners and get tenders in that way.

REASON.

The amendment was voted for by Messrs. Brown, Yates, Wilson and Shobolt, the other four members voting against it. The amendment was carried by the casting vote of the chairman.

REASON.

Next came the opening of tenders for the new Pemberton Maternity hospital, plans for which were exhibited by Messrs. Erskine & Wall. They show a very neat building some eight feet long on the most modern, pavilion plan.

REASON.

There were eleven tenders for the building of seven tenders for the plumbing. The tenders were referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Pemberton (chairman), Holmbeck and Hayward to act, and the meeting then adjourned.

REASON.

During the year the organizer, Miss Brown, reported having formed a union at Nanaimo, of which there are twenty-seven members actively at work.

REASON.

At 12 o'clock the noon tide hour of prayer was observed. The reports on juvenile work, literature, legislation, petitions, the franchise and parkwork were unusually interesting, showing an increased acquisition of knowledge by the members in the work of the society.

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