LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

News of the Day Selected from Friday's Evening Times.

Potter-Swanick.

George R. Porter and Miss M. H. Swanick were married yesterday afternoon at the home of R. Weir, J.P., of Metchosin. Rev. G. H. Ellison officiated, the Misses Ellison acted as bridesmaids and W. H. Porter supported his brother. Mr. and Mrs. Porter will live at South Cowichan.

A Quiet Wedding.

Stanley Phipps, of the lands and works department, and Miss Eleanor Maguire, youngest daughter of Hugh Maguire, of Tempo, County Fermanagh, Ireland, were married yesterday at St. Barnabas church, Rev. W. G. Taylor officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Phipps are spending their honeymoon at Shawnigan lake.

Light and Water Co.

W. C. Archer, J. P. Cameron, J. H. Currie, James Delaney, R. G. Henderson, R. B. Kerr, R. J. Sutherland, Wm. Tomlinson and W. R. Mills, all residents of New Denver, have given notice in the Gazette of their intention to apply to the legislature for incorporation as the New Denver Electric Light and Water Works Company, Ltd.

Calvary Church Incorporated.

Calvary Baptist church has been incorporated, according to this week's Gazette, under the Benevolent Societies' Act with the following trustees: John Sluggett, Charles Henry Tarbell, Samuel McCully Smith, James B. Clarke, Donald Grant Walker, Donald McMillan, Charles Rupert King, William Marchant and Daniel Campbell.

A New Highway.

A. Keating has given notice in the Gazette this week of application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to establish a highway along the line between sections 12 and 13, South Saanich, starting from the intersection of the west road, across ranges 1, 2 and 3, east, and so far into range four, east, to meet the east Saanich road.

Building Society Drawing.

The 34th drawing for an appropriation of the Victoria Building Society was held last evening. It resulted successfully to shares 150 A and B, 150 C and D being withdrawn. The winning shares stand in the name of Mrs. A. M. Westcott, and the drawing committee was composed of W. W. Northcott, George Brown and J. T. Fee. This makes $117,000 awarded up to date.

Everything Saved.

The steamer Maude returned this morning from Pachena Bay with a lot of the wreckage from the burned steamer Mascotte. All the machinery, anchors and old iron that had been saved from the Mascotte before she was burned were picked up along with the Mascotte's machinery. Little difficulty was experienced in doing the work, the weather being fine.

Joined in Wedlock.

Miss A. E. Newham was married to Edwin Hobbs of the Lochend Dairy this afternoon at St. John's Reformed Episcopal church. F. V. Hobbs, brother of the groom, acted as best man, and Miss Eddy was bridesmaid. The bride was given away by Dr. Richardson, and as the wedding was private only a few friends of the contracting parties were present.

Naval Notes.

The fleet leaves on a cruise to Vancouver and other places on Monday morning, and will be away ten days or two weeks.

H. M. S. Melpomene will arrive from the south on the 16th of this month.

It is expected that H. M. S. Champion will leave Behring Sea about the 8th of this month and arrive here about the 16th.

Fifteen Months.

A. M. Leitch, committed for trial on the charge of uttering a forged check for $16.50 purporting to be drawn by Simon Leiser came up to-day for election and trial before Mr. Justice Walkem. The prisoner elected a speedy trial, pleaded guilty, threw himself on the mercy of the court, and was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment. Mr. Wooten made an eloquent plea in his behalf, and the sentence is not a severe one.

Nanaimo Telegram.

W. J. Gallagher, of Vancouver, has been in the city for a few days canvassing for the Nanaimo Telegram, an eight-page daily to be started in a few weeks. Mr. Gallagher reports having met with very liberal encouragement from the business men of Nanaimo, and is fully convinced that a second daily in that city will be a success, not brilliant or phenomenal, but an undoubtedly safe business proposition. Mr. Gallagher has had many years' experience in journalism, which should count for a good deal in making a second newspaper "stick" where there would seem to be only room for one.

Passengers for California.

The steamer Walla Walla sailed for San Francisco this morning with the following cabin passengers from Victoria: William H. Mason, J. J. Mason, Miss M. Lowe, Miss M. Clausen, Mrs. C. Clougher, Mrs. J. Adams, Miss L. Horton, Miss H. McLaughlin, P. Jasmin, J. B. Adams, W. A. Earle, John A. Keating, D. Searles, J. M. Radebaugh, W. F. Hopkinson, W. J. Monroe, J. Nicholson, Louis Hartnagle, E. Hayward, S. E. Smith, W. D. Grosh, W. B. Grosh, Miss M. Osborne, Miss L. Lewis, Mrs. E. Curter, the Misses Curter, Mrs. J. B. A. Jones, Mrs. Sharp, Miss Anderson and E. A. Curtis.

Like Samson of Old.

Frank Samson, a strong man, as his name indicates, was arraigned in the police court this morning on the dual charge of damaging property and of obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duty. Constable Redgrave tried to arrest Samson for the first offence. Samson had a glass or two in him, and wanted a man named Milligan, who lives in a cabin on Store street, to let him in. Milligan refused, and Samson shook the foundations of the cabin and battered in the door. Milligan sought police protection. Redgrave found Samson too much for him, and called Sergt. Hawton and Milligan and another man to his aid. The four men managed to take Samson into custody. Magistrate Macrae fined Samson $30 and costs or two months in jail. The fine was paid in three minutes by the friends of the strong man.

To Close the Work.

Prof. King and his secretary, O. H. Warden, left for the north on the steamer City of Topeka this morning. They will be absent for some time, as Prof. King will personally close up the work of the different parties which he has out and will himself be the last to leave the field. The weather will not permit work for over a month longer. The survey will, however, be resumed early next spring and will be completed by this time next year.

Good Society Shocked.

Port Townsend is all agog. A cheap novel has been printed by an eastern publishing house in which nearly all the well-known people of the Key City are given characters not disguised by name or character, but printed just as they are. Some of the delineations of character are not very complimentary either. The good folks of the port of entry are talking of suing the publishing house. "Alice Ashland: a Romance of the World's Fair," is the title, and the author's name is given as Edith Neville. The book is supposed to have been written by Harrie Varian, a young English newspaper man, formerly of Port Townsend.

A Curious Claim.

The claims of the seamen and hunters under the award for the modus vivendi have been coming in so rapidly and in such shape that Collector Milne has been forced to limit their consideration to two afternoons weekly. They are now given consideration only on Mondays and Fridays. Some curious claims are filed, and one has come from a firm of atorneys for "the money coming" to O'Connor, the man murdered at Reid Island. Now, O'Connor was not out in 1891 but in 1892. Those who have money due them should come prepared with the proper means of identification, as unless they do they will get no money. The owner, master or mate of the schooner in which they were must certify to their claims.

Custom Returns.

The customs returns for August are as follows:

Duty collected	66,178 12
Other revenues	4,536 87
	$70,714 99

IMPORTS.

Value of free	45,981 00
Value of dutiable	155,305 00
	$201,286 00

EXPORTS.

Value of produce of Canada	486,458 00
Not produce of Canada	19,073 00
	$505,531 00

INLAND REVENUE.

Spirits	6,476 86
Malt	3,387 74
Tobacco	5,132 75
Cigars	840 00
Licenses	125 00
Inspection Petroleum	74 60
Malt Liquor	73 80
Rent of Land	22 00
	$16,132 75

BAD MEMORIES.

Aldermen Forget a Meeting Was Called This Afternoon.

Mayor Beaven had called a special meeting of the city council for 2.30 this afternoon. When the hour of meeting arrived there were present only Mayor Beaven and Aldermen McKillican and Styles. The Spring Ridge surface drain was the subject which it was intended to bring up. Ald. McKillican had a notice on the bulletin board regarding this contract, and which read:

"Resolved, That that portion of a resolution of the council passed on the 9th day of August, 1893, which awarded the Spring Ridge surface drain contract to Messrs. H. H. Macdonald & Co., at $9,784, and that portion of a resolution of the council passed on the 14th day of August, 1893, which authorized the city clerk to affix the corporate seal to the contract awarded for the above work to Messrs, H. H. Macdonald & Co., be hereby rescinded and annulled; and that the Spring Ridge surface drain be constructed in brick and the contract for the same be hereby awarded to Messrs. Coughlan & Mayo at $8,935, and that the city clerk be authorized to affix the corporate seal to the contract."

There were a number of spectators, who waited patiently for over half an hour for a quorum of the council, but the other members did not come, and the meeting was declared "off."

From Saturday's Evening Times.

Death of W. A. Steele.

William A. Steele, for many years superintendent of the Dominion government dredger, died last evening after a long illness. He was a native of Arbroath, Scotland, aged 56. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2:30 from Oddfellows' Hall, Douglas street. Deceased was also a member of Victoria lodge, A. O. U. W.

The Mogul Coming.

The Northern Pacific steamship Mogul is expected to arrive here to-morrow from Yokohama. She has aboard a very fair-sized cargo of freight, made up of a variety of commodities. She also has a fair number of cabin and steerage passengers. Pilot F. W. Gatter will arrive from the Sound this evening to take the Mogul across to the Sound cities. She will discharge considerable freight here.

Change of Management.

George Meldrum and James Wishart have taken the Clarence hotel. They have already been given possession and are rapidly effecting the changes which they planned in connection with the arrangement and management of the house. The bar has been renovated and improved, and with the rest of the house will be conducted on first-class lines. Messrs. Meldrum and Wishart are two well-known and very popular young men and are sure to prosper.

That Assault-at-Arms.

Orders have been received for the immediate completion of the new drill shed. It is now certain that the proposed assault-at-arms will be given at the opening of the building. Since the scheme was allowed to drop some excellent ideas have been advanced to make the assault-at-arms a still greater success than it would have been had everything happened as formerly arranged. The intending competitors have again thrown themselves into active training for the different events in the long and interesting programme. As the details are in charge of Mr. St. Clair there can be no doubt that a splendid exhibition of martial and athletic exercises will be given.

Two Years.

Charles Henry Wright, charged with uttering a forged check for $10, drawn on the Bank of Montreal, and puporting to be signed by P. T. Patton, proprietor of the Hotel Victoria, came up for trial before Mr. Justice Walkem. He pleaded not guilty, but the judge thought the evidence conclusive of his guilt and sentenced him to two years' imprisonment. He was undefended.

New Rates on the Columbia.

The Union Pacific will put in effect a new tariff for towing on the Columbia river, which reduces rates from $100 to $600 on each vessel. The reduction is the greatest on large vessels, such as are engaged in the grain carrying trade. Improvements have been made by the port of Portland for deepening the channel and have secured sufficient water for the largest class of ships to come and go fully loaded.

Rumored Action.

It was reported to-day, on what was considered good authority, that a ratepayer would enter an action against Ald. Baker for sitting and voting since the letting of the Adams contract for the Cook street drain. The penalty is $2,500 for each vote, and the fine goes to the corporation. The law costs have to be paid by the city. If the action should succeed the city will have enough money to buy bricks for all the surface drains now under construction.

American Chivalry.

The Port Townsend customs officials are a pretty white set of men after all. When Mrs. Stratton, alias Hastings, the smuggler, was unable to give bail, Lee Baker, the deputy United States marshal refused to place her under lock and key and took her home to his own family. There she remained while her bail was being reduced to $150 from $2,500 and her friends were getting the money. Now it is proposed to stop all proceedings against her. American law is very lenient where a woman is concerned.

Cruelty to a Horse.

Visitors to the park last evening were treated to the spectacle of a horse being brutally beaten and abused by two bluejackets and another man, a machinist or something of that sort from one of the warships. The horse was first driven through the park at a furious rate, running over the lawns and foot paths. It was then taken up on the hill and driven down at a break-neck speed. One man held the reins and another plied the whip. Once the horse was thrown down and the rig upset. The brutality was witnessed by a large number of people.

Children's Concert Co.

The directors of the Jubliee hospital have engaged the Beasey children concert company of California to give two concerts at the Victoria theatre on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8th and 9th. The company have been making a tour of the California summer resorts and have met with success everywhere. The Calafornia papers speak in the highest terms of the members of the company The cause for which the concert is to be given and the ability of the young musicians should crowd the house on both occasions.

Not to Raise the Pedro.

Regarding the report that Moran Bros. were about to try to raise the sunken steamer San Pedro, Paul Moran said yesterday that they did not do any wrecking and had no intention of trying to raise the San Pedro, says Friday's Post-Intelligencer. His brother, Robert Moran, had gone over on the tug Ranier with divers to examine the San Pedro with the idea of bidding on supplying the Southern Pacific with some machinery. He could make no definite statement regarding the matter until his brother returned from making the examination.

Burned to the Ground.

An empty house between the Cedar Hill and Mount Tolmie roads took fire last night about eleven o'clock and was burned to the ground. The house was owned by one McCoskrie, who left with his wife for Scotland a few days ago. Chief Deasy of the fire department went out to the fire, but when he arrived the fire had gone too far and nothing could be done to save the house, which was outside the city limits. It was worth $4,600; insured in the Alliance Fire Co. for $2,000 and in the Commercial Union for $1,500, policy taken out August 23rd last.

Coal Shipments.

The foreign shipments of coal by the New Vancouver Coal Co. during the month of August follow:

	Tons.
1—Str. Wanderer, Port Townsend	45
5—Str. Tacoma, Port Townsend	93
5—Str. Mogul, Port Townsend	38
8—Str. Wanderer, Port Townsed	55
8—Str. Mogul, Port Townsend	13
8—Ship Eclipse, San Francisco	2,502
8—Bark Rufus E. Wood, Wilmington	2,346
8—Str. Montserrat, San Francisco	1,841
10—Str. Grandhoim, San Francisco	1,630
12—Ship Louis Walsh, Wilmington	2,372
12—Str. Holyoke, Port Townsend	43
16—Str. Romulus, San Francisco	4,001
17—Str. Mogul, Port Townsend	50
17—Str. Sea Lion, Port Townsend	34
18—Ship L. J. Morse, San Francisco	2,300
18—Ship India, Santa Monica	2,089
19—Str. Wanderer, Port Townsend	44
19—Str. Mogul, Port Townsend	34
22—Str. Tacoma, Port Townsend	39
24—Str. Montserrat, San Francisco	1,485
25—Str. Holyoke, Port Townsend	39
25—Str. Tacoma, Port Townsend	35
25—Str. Grandhoim, San Francisco	1,639
26—Bark St. John, San Francisco	2,700
30—Ship Commodore, San Francisco	3,120
30—Str. Wanderer, Port Townsend	43
31—Str. Romulus, San Francisco	4,200
Total	32,467

He Got the Fish.

Two assault cases and two drunks comprised the docket in the police court this morning. The drunks, John Smith and George Johnson, were first offenders and were discharged. Thos. Lusse charged Jno. Stewart with assault. Both Lusse and Stewart were employed by Lawrence Goodacre, the butcher. Lusse is employed on the Goodacre farm and Stewart is a butcher. Lusse said Stewart came to the farm and used to leave the oat bin open. Lusse spoke about the matter and Stewart assaulted him. Stewart swore to the contrary and the court dismissed the case. John Vadda, Italian, was sent up for two months for assaulting Jim Lit. The Celestial was purchasing salmon from Jimmy Barclay, Sound Indian, when Vadda knocked him down and told the Indian that he would take the fish. An Indian, Joe, paid into the city exchequer $25 and costs for beig found with a bottle of whiskey in his coat pocket.

First Presbyterian Choir Concert.

The production of the cantata, "The Song of the Bell," by the choir of the First Presbyterian church on the 12th inst. promises to be a treat to lovers of that class of music. The cantata not being a lengthy one, it will be followed by a miscellaneous concert, in which some leading local musicians will take part, including Mrs. McCandless, H. Kent, Clement Rolands, Mr. Collister and Mr. Buck, the famous eastern basso cantante. The arrangements are being made as rapidly as possible under the direction of the popular vocalist and conductor, Mr. Brown, a guarantee that the comfort of those attending will be looked after and that no disagreeable hitches will take place. The concert will be given in the large lecture hall of the First Presbyterian church. When the arrangements are completed full particulars will be published in the Times' advertising columns.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Very Little Interest Taken in the Election of an Alderman.

The returning officer and his deputies had the polling booth at the city hall to themselves to-day, the ratepayers of the North ward taking very little interest in the election for alderman. The two candidates, W. A. Robertson and Caleb Bishop were around the booth, but did not do any vigorous canvassing. There was some talk of the election being illegal on account of the notices not being complete. The result was as follows:

W. A. Robertson	163
Caleb Bishop	134
Majority for Robertson	29

THE WOMAN WHO ASKS "WHY?"

She Sees no Reason Why Women Should Blush for Their Appetites.

It would take a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter to predict from one day to another what problem the versatile mind of the Woman-Who-Asks-Why will wrestle with. Consequently I was not surprised when, after a silence in which she knit her brows so portentously that I feared I was to be probed on the silver question, capital punishment, or some such light topic, she leaned forward and asked me:

"Why are people ashamed of eating?"

"You needn't say they aren't," she went on, without waiting, "for if you stop to think you will agree with me that most of us are more ashamed of our appetites than we are of our sins. Women are, that is—men have more sense in this direction. Watch a set of us at an afternoon tea, or at any function where light refreshments are served. It's the funniest sight. We all begin by protesting that we really don't care for a morsel; then, when our hostess forces something on us, we sit primly upright, and look at our plates as though they were beneath contempt, taking a nibble here and a sip here, as if we really only did it to oblige her. How earnestly we disclaim any wish for something more, as if those airy little china cups held more than a thimbleful, or a wafer or two could satisfy th ehunger of a healthy woman.

"It's the same thing over, only twice as amusing, in the dining room at a reception or dance. I must say I am fond of good things, and I would like to boldly say to my partner, 'Give me enough to eat; I am not a bird.' But how can I have the nerve, when on every side of me are girls wh ohad their supper five or six hours ago and have been dancing two hours out of the half-dozen, who coyly murmur, 'I really don't want a mouthful. You might bring me a morsel of salad, an ice and a lady finger.' Then when they get home they declare the are 'too faint for anything,' and make a dive for the cracker jar, or I've known them to consume bread and butter with considerable gusto."

"Men are so stupid, too," I added, "They will take your word for it that you don't want much, or they will ask you what else you will have, instead of saying anything, as they would if they had the least knowledge of human nature."

"That's so," came the indistinct reply from the woman who was not ashamed of her appetite, as she munched chocolate creams." "And did it ever occur to you how ridiculously afraid we all are of making the first move to the dining-room when meal is announced. Everybody tries to look unconscious, glances at everybbody else as if to say, 'You be the greedy one; I won't,' and in the meantime a good dinner is growing cold because people won't act sensibly. Why on earth should people be ashamed of a good appetite? It's the next best thing to a good conscience, as those who have gone without it can testify. When I hear a woman virtuously declare that for her part she is no stomach-worshiper (horrid word; only used by people who can't cook) and it makes no difference to her what is on the table, I despise her and pity her family. I believe in the gospel of good food, of high living and high thinking, and am thankful to say I am always able to eat when asked."

And the empty chocolate box yawned confirmation of her words.

Mr. Gladstone's Overcoat.

Everybody, writes a correspondent, has read the pretty story of the loss of Mr. Gladstone's topcoat at the Agricultural Hall, and how Mr. Majoribanks had been entrusted with it, and having lost it, and seeing the venerable statesman heated after his great speech, slipped out and purchased a new Inverness cape for him, and, still further, how the missing coat, after being well trampled in the throng, was at last recovered, and spent a day or two in vile custody in a police office, until a newspaper paragraph revealed the illustrious owner. Well, the coat, having become historical, is now to form one of the exhibits at the Agricultural Hall. Mr. George Shipton has hit upon the idea of adding it to the attractions of the Workmen's Exhibition. Probably the elements of beauty and utility have by this time been well trodden out of it; but why should it not become a relic and be safely stowed away in its glass case, just as much as the coat of Treves, the jerkin of Henry IV. or of William the Silent? By and bye it would be looked upon as an interesting memorial of the most distinguished Englishman of his generation.

Mrs. Norbert Lavoie, of Quebec, aged 60, was making soup when the stove upset, throwing the boiling liquid on the unfortunate woman, who was probably fatally burned.

STORMY SCENES.

Ex-Alderman Baker Makes an Attack on Mayor Beaven.

CRIMINATIONS AND RECRIMINATIONS

Meeting of the Candidates in the North Ward Last Evening Got a Long Way From Its Subject—What That District Requires.

The meeting in the North ward last night called to allow the two candidates for civic honors at to-day's election to address the voters got a long way from its purpose..

J. C. Blackett was voted to the chair. In opening the meeting he said he was sorry to see so few present. It was rather late for any candidate who was elected to do very much, but a good man could help to do something to bring order out of chaos. A change was needed anyhow. There should be retrenchment. The prospect for the future was rather gloomy. The money voted early this year should have been used early. He hoped there would not be any apathy on the morrow. He did not believe the election was sufficiently advertised.

Mr. W. A. Robertson was the first speaker. He said the last time he was before the ratepayers of the North ward he had suffered a severe defeat. What he would meet with to-morrow he could not say. It was useless to make a long harangue about what he would do; he could sum that all up by saying he would do his best to represent his constituents. He knew, of course, that a man could only act as the majority willed and could vote on expenditures as provided by law. The North ward, with nearly half of the population of the city, had only three aldermen against six. He had tried when in the council to have the ward better represented, but the majority against him was too great. He believed the taxes had been levied too early this year and that they were too heavy. Passing to the sewerage question he said he believed the Pickering system as first proposed was a first-class one. As to water matters, he believed the Goldstream waters should belor properly to the city of Victoria, out some of the city's representatives had betrayed her in the legislature. However, the present supply would do for 50 years to come, and then those present would not need water. The time was not a proper one for any expenditure. The council should have retrenched. The salaries of the city official staff should have been reduced. It would have to come. He did not favor cutting them below where a man could live, but still within reason. The city should live within its income. The city lighting should be improved. Over in Victoria West on the preceding evening he had to scramble among rocks in the darkness. Victoria West had been taken into the city, and when it wanted needed improvements the people were referred to the local improvement by-law. The measure was unjust. He regarded the assessments on property as too high. However, it was easy to find fault and criticize. Were he in the same place as the aldermen the aspect might change. He was only speaking on things he believed were true. He thought all contracts should be awarded to the lowest bidder, and in a manner strictly conforming with the law. He did not see how, if the vote on the contract let to H. H. McDonald & Co. was illegal the vote on the Coughlan & Mayo contract was not the same. They were let on the same vote. The interests of the city demanded that all money expended on public work should be paid out to people who would use it here. If that could not be gotten at by contract labor, then get it by day labor. He was of the opinion that the water works could be made to pay and that something could be done with the public market. He had given every part of the North ward before and would promise to do the same. He did not have any axe to grind. (Applause.)

Mr. Bishop said he did not have much to say. The situation had been pretty well gone over last night. The ward needed sidewalks and lighting, and in Victoria West fire protection. They all knew that whoever was chosen by the ward to fill the vacancy could do but little and would have little influence over matters already put through. It was unfortunate that sewers put down in certain parts of the city were lying idle, and then with money and labor scarce it was hard to force people to connect. However, the law was there, and he believed the mayor and council were not doing their duty in not putting it in force. Justice should be done to all, and in matters affecting the city's interests all should work in harmony. The council should always obey the law. They were servants of the people and should be law obeyers and not law breakers. He had noted, too, when connections were made that the street was never put back in the same shape. He did not think that the small holders and working people were given the proper amount of consideration. The down town streets were not kept in proper order. They were encumbered with the stock of the large manufacturers and others, while in the residence portion of the city a man readily got notice for a little pile of wood or coal. If elected he would do his duty without fear or favor. Economy seemed to be the present watchword. Money must be forthcoming or the work could not be don.e It would take half a million dollars to put the city in shape. Its condition was a disgrace. Victoria West had paid two years' taxes and had nothing in return. Over there a if a house took fire it would burn down; they could do nothing. There was no light even to guide pedestrians. But how were things in James Bay district? It was just the opposite. The improvements there came out of the revenue. The financial situation would have to be faced fairly and squarely. The debts would have to be paid. On the subject of lighting he said the Victoria West district would have to have light; it was so dark you could feel it almost. They would have to have light and fire protection if they had to pay for it themselves. He believed Elk lake should receive more care. It should be fenced in and something done to purify the water. He believed the ward should be divided. It was too large and needed more representation. (Cheers.)

Mayor Beaven was called on. He said that the two candidates had covered nearly every point in municipal matters. As to sewerage matters, the question was what should be done. He had no doubt that the old councils had done what they thought best. They had no ulterior motives. He could not tell the reason why the surface drain in the Work estate had not been begun. He understood, however, that the right of way matter had retarded it very much, but that had been settled. Now another puestion had arisen. The people who granted the right of way stipulated that it should be used only for surface water. He wanted a full meeting in the ward to get a full expression and to have the question understood. He was not an engineer and could not give an opinion on what a surface drain was. The city engineer was of the opinion that there would be no danger or harm in running sewerage matter proper through the Cook street drain, as it would have its outlet at Clover Point, but had said it would not answer to run sewerage through the surface drain in the Work estate, as the sewerage would run into the harbor. In the event of the property owners refusing to permit the drain to cross their land if it were made a sewer proper, he said that could be avoided by running the drain through the streets, but he understood the people believed it should go through the natural ravine. He wanted the matter to be fully understood. As to financial matters, he said money had been borrowed in the past, and the day of reckoning was at hand. It was one of the questions the present council had to cope with. This year they had to provide for $29,000 more for interest and sinking fund, and next year it would be $9,000 of $10,000 more. It was the first money that had to be provided for, too. One additional expense this year was the creation of a board of health fund. Before there had been no provision for an epidemic. Now, guided by experience, they were gradually preparing themselves to meet such an emergency. He reminded them that there was a change in the manner of paying for the maintenance of the public schools.

Asked by Mr. Hogarth for his opinion on the carrying of the drain down King's road or in the ravine, he said the former would be more expensive. He was not sufficiently acquainted with the grade to say which would be best. He repeated the conditions imposed by the property owners, from whom the right of way had ben obtained, saying that they might object to sewerage going through it.

This statement was denied by someone in the crowd, but the mayor said he only spoke for what was in the agreement.

Asked if he would sign the agreement he said if he thought best he would. He wanted to know just what the people in Work estate wanted.

Ald. Baker was called for to throw some light on the Work estate surface drain, but began by referring to his case. He reviewed the stand he made in court and announced that he intended to resign and come before the ratepayers again.

The speaker then related the circumstances attending the letting of the two contracts. He called the tender of Coughlan & Mayo a curio and said that two men in the council said it should have been sent to the museum. The aldermen could not make it out at all and should have rejected it. He accused the mayor of acting unfairly in putting Ald. Styles' motion before he put that of Ald. Bragg on the night the latter made such a protest. He then charged that Ald. Styles had houses rented to four employees of the street department, two of the latter being foremen. He asserted that Ald. McKillican had furnished material for the Old Folks' Home and had passed the bill himself as chairman of the finance committee. He wanted to know if he had gone that far in selling a few bricks. He charged the mayor with expending $400 to build a sewer to connect with W. C. Ward's home, simply because his son worked in the bank of British Columbia. The street committee had not even authorized the expenditure.

This assertion brought the word "rubbish" from Mayor Beaven.

Continuing, Mr. Baker said if the people were satisfied to run sewerage into their drains they could do so and the mayor had no right to object. He then paid a glowing tribute to what he had done himself to give the Work estate its drain, and said the mayor, his staff of officials and the council had all failed in their duty. The mayor was a trickster who resorted to every device to carry his point. He suppressed communications and resolutions at the council board. They never saw the light if he had any object in keeping them buried. He was there only for the salary he was paid. (Cries of "shame!"). He had called a meeting that very day for Coughlan, but the interests of the Work estate were neglected for months. He paid $114 in taxes, all in James Bay, and the North ward never would get its rights. The man they elected must not be afraid of the South and Centre wards and Mayor Beaven. They would have to fight. Sometimes it seemed as if the mayor and Ald. McKillican ran the city and no council was needed.

Mayor Beaven said in reply that Mr. Baker had made many misstatements, most of which were so childish and silly as to need no attention. He then showed that it did not matter whether Ald. Bragg's motion or Ald. Styles' was put first. They were both voted on. As to the Coughlan & Mayo tender, he said Ald. Baker had moved himself that they be awarded James Bay No. 1. This was the tender he would have rejected as terribly defective. He then asserted that Ald. Baker had voted to add the six mills to the tax. He could, however, sympathize with Ald. Baker. He was embittered. All men felt so when caught in wrong doing.

Cries of "That was a hard shot."

Mr. Baker resumed the platform to tell how the other day the mayor had said to him, "Baker, you think you are a h—l of a fellow, don't you?"

Ald. Bragg closed the meeting. He said what Ald. Baker had stated was just about right. The mayor was a great politician who could give a peculiar twist to things and who abused his knowledge of parliamentary usage. He then related the facts connected with his motion to have the corporation seal attached to the contracts, which Mayor Beaven did not put first.

The meeting voted unanimously in favor of the Work estate drain down the ravine.

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