

Mr. Crease. Mr. Crease. Mr. T. W. Paterson said if the people wanted the bridge kept then they should say so emphatically. The James Bay bridge had not been removed in this way, and Rock Bay bridge was as im-portant as the James Bay bridge the way, and nock Bay bridge was as un-portant as the James Bay bridge. It did not say much for the city if it could not maintain its bridge. The residents in in that district of the city should bring Bay their influence to bear against the clos-ing of the bridge. Mr. Pauline, although no engineer, at thought that if the action of the coun-be cil were interfered with it might com-unit the city to a wooden structure at Rock Bay instead of a permanent high-way. way. Mr. Crease moved that this Board of Mr. Crease moved that this Board in general meeting emphatically protest against the contemplated closing of the Rock Bay bridge, and in the opinion of the board the industries of the city along Store street and in the vicinity of the bridge demand that a highway across Rock Bay be maintained. Re-solved that the president appoint a com-mittee to confer with the city council on the subject, and to get a declaration from the individual members of the ta from the individual members of the council whether or not they favor the maintenance of a high way across Rock Bay. Carried. The committee as outlined in the fore-going was altered to include Mr. T. W. Paterson and Mr. Joseph A. Sayward and was then carried. Mr. C. H. Lugrin had nothing to re-port on the Songhees Indian reserve, ex-bot on the Songhees Indian reserve, ex-cept that the city council had directed him to interview Messrs. James Duns-muir, George Riley and Senator Tem-pleman, but found it impossible to carry out the instruction owing to the absence for some of the gentlemen mentioned. Continuing he said the matter at present stood thus: The government stood ready to join with the city in any action taken. The government was will-the dispersion of the reserve for the Indians. The government had specified that the nimeteen acres of the re-serve should be ceeded to the city, that the dity provide a new reserve for the Indians. The government had specified that the nimeteen acres of the re-serve should be ceeded to the city, that the dity provide a new reserve for the indians. The government had specified that the nimeteen acres of the re-serve should be ceeded to the city, that the dity provide a new reserve for the indians. The government had specified that the nimeteen acres were to be used to for the purpose agreed, upon. There was no agreement existing between the pro-vincial and Dominion governments, and con the reserve above the bridge should be granted to the E. & N. railway. Mr. Lugrin then exhaustively explained the is position of the various parties regarding the board from Mr. H. D. Helmcken as council whether or not they fay The president read a letter received by the board from Mr. H. D. Helmcken concerning the removal of the Indians. He hoped that Mr. Lugrin would be ready at an early date to give more defi-nite information about the reserve.

Following is Mr. Helmcken's letter: Victoria, Nov. 10, 1904. S J. Pitts, Esq., President Board of Trade, Victoria

Victoria, Nov. 10, 1994. Victoria. Dear Sir-Acting on your request of this muir with reference to the Songhees re-serve, I beg to say that I had an inter-vice with Mr. Dunsmuir this afternoon. The proposal which was made by him whilst premier of the provincial govern-ment is as follows: (1) "The Dominion of Canada to sur-render, absolutely, to the province all their rights to the nineteen acres set for the use of the Esquimait & Nanaimo railway as a right of way; and to so much of that part of the Songhees reserve as lies north of the present traveled Esquimait road and east of the Craigflower road. (2) "The Dominion of Canada to be au-thorized to sell the residue of the reserve and apply the proceeds, together with such moneys as they have in hand attached to this reserve, to the rehabilitation of the songhees Indians upon another reserve satisfactory to the Dominion, to be pro-wided for by the province to have the reversion in any surplus available over and above the cost of such re-habilita-tion." Mr. Dunsmuir expressed his willingness

over and above the cost of such re-hability tion." Mr. Dunsmuir expressed his willingness to co-operate with the provincial govern-ment in every way in obtaining a new re-reserve to which the Songhees Indians could be removed, provided they are agreeable, and also in making their habitation on the new reserve as comfortable as they are on po