

WATER QUESTION PUBLICLY DEBATED

CITIZENS ADDRESSED BY CIVIC FATHERS

Members of Water Committee Explain By-Law Coming Before Ratepayers To-Morrow—Mayor's Views.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The council chamber of the city hall was well filled last evening, the occasion being the public meeting called by His Worship Mayor Morley for the purpose of discussing the water question. Addressed by members of the water committee and the Mayor, enabled those present to obtain a clear idea of the two proposals which have been advanced by sections of the council ever since a solution to the problem has been sought. They were marked by some warmth, the remarks of some of the aldermen betraying a personal antagonism to the Mayor, the latter did not fail to resent. The result was heated repartee and an outline of some of the business proceedings of the council in connection with the plan for the improvement of the Victoria water works system. Among those in attendance were the following: E. P. Elford, R. Porter, L. J. Quaglott, L. Cresce, R. B. McMicking, Col. Prior, E. B. Erskine, R. Hall, M.P.P., L. P. Lutton, G. Grant, W. A. Gleason, W. P. Marchant, R. L. Drury, M.P.P., J. Kingham, W. J. Wilson, T. Lubbe, J. Sayward, and C. H. Lugin.

Senator Macdonald was elected to the chair. He called upon Mayor Morley to explain the purpose of the gathering. The latter stated in response, that it was to discuss water works improvements. There were present members of the council who had introduced the by-law now before the ratepayers. Probably they could say something upon the matter at issue.

Ald. Stewart, chairman of the water committee, disclaimed the intention to speak before His Worship, the instigator of the meeting. The latter, he said, had arranged for a public session for the purpose of carrying out a threat to slate the committee's by-law. He wanted the Mayor to speak first and then he would have something to say. (Applause.)

Responding, the Mayor spoke warmly. The meeting had been called simply for the purpose of discussing the water question in an unbiased manner. He was sorry that Ald. Stewart had introduced the same tactics as had marked the water committee's attitude throughout. With these words the Mayor retired amid applause.

Ald. Stewart then consented to deliver his address. He began by stating, he thought, to go into all the details. But that would take a long time and he simply wished to enter into that scheme now in the form of a by-law before the people. The Mayor said that his proposal had been supported by the officials. That was very questionable. If it was necessary he had documentary evidence to prove different.

The speaker went on to refer to Expert Adams, whose advice had been taken in the formation of the completed scheme. He was the Pacific coast authority upon water matters, and therefore it would have been foolish not to have accepted his recommendations even if such a thing necessitated a change in their preconceived plans.

At this juncture Ald. Stewart read an extract from Expert Adams' report, which, he contended, proved that the committee's proposal was embodied in the by-law was the "easiest, best and cheapest" way to improve the system.

Taking up the scheme in detail Ald. Stewart mentioned the Smith Hill reservoir. The cost was \$400,000, and included the cost of the site. Then there was the connection at a cost of \$200,000. Thirdly came the union of the reservoirs and the distribution system. This, he pointed out, provided for two large pipes which would give the ample protection in case of emergencies. The pump on the twelve-inch main was the next in order. The latter would deliver 700,000 gallons more water daily and entail an expenditure of \$15,000. It had been suggested that the money should not be borrowed for that purpose. Perhaps that was right, but he wished to say that the \$200,000 involved in the carrying out of the proposed scheme was a definitely necessary expenditure in any other scheme. Therefore whatever was done in the future the committee's recommended improvements would be needed in completing Victoria's system permanently.

Elk lake, Ald. Stewart went on to state, had a total capacity of 2,400,000 gallons daily. Victoria was constantly growing, and the consumption having almost reached the limit of supply, it was imperative that another source should be sought.

In reference to meters, he thought they should be purchased, if considered necessary, from the general revenue. Ald. Stewart retired with the remark that there was so much to say upon the matter that he would give others an opportunity to express their views. (Applause.)

When called upon Ald. Hall wanted to bring particular attention to two points. If an expert were employed he thought surely his opinion should be considered. The committee's report was based entirely upon expert advice. The second point he wished to touch upon was the fact that Victoria West was not supplied from Goldstream but from Thelus lake. He was totally opposed to purchasing from anyone. His stand was not personal animosity towards the Esquimalt Water Works Company. Why did he oppose the buying of water by the method mentioned? Because, he said, it practically meant the payment of four per cent. interest or half a million dollars annually. And then, he added, the city would have nothing to show for their investment. He did not think it expedient to make any large expenditure on the water system at the present time. There were water matters pending. Finally there was the Highland district proposal. This

water measurements would be made to ascertain the capacity of the watershed in order to learn whether the scheme was practicable. Secondly, the lawsuit was pending between the city and the Esquimalt Water Works Company. For these reasons he did not believe that the corporation should become too heavily involved immediately.

Ald. Hall went on to deal with the committee's by-law in detail. He referred particularly to the proposed installation of a 12-inch pump, pointing out its advantage. It was his belief that if the citizens wanted more water next summer than was available this year they would have to have such a machine in operation.

In reply to the chairman, Ald. Hall said that the supply of water provided by a pump and 12-inch main could not be exhausted by the available fire fighting apparatus.

Concluding, the speaker thought all were of the opinion that the city was growing, and that a new source of water supply would have to be found. Under the circumstances he did not support the expenditure of a large sum of money on Elk lake. He did not want it understood, however, that he proposed to abandon the present system. He was heartily in favor of the by-law that would be voted upon on Thursday.

Sensor Macdonald—"If it would cost \$1,200,000 to purchase the Goldstream supply, how much would it take to lay the pipes?"

Ald. Hall answered that it would cost between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

Mayor Morley, at the outset, claimed that he had taken no unfair advantage of the water committee in forcing them to speak first. It was always the privilege of those favoring a measure under consideration to open the proceedings. He did not wish to prejudice the electorate, but there were some points in the by-law which did not meet with his approval. In view of that he considered it his duty to define his position. He did not like to say that the by-law was not absolutely based on the recommendations of Expert Adams, but he would show that such a statement was not correct.

Ald. Stewart—"I did not make such a statement."

The Mayor asked for the intervention of the chair upon the ground that he had allowed the previous speakers to proceed uninterrupted.

Continuing he outlined the communications between the council and Expert Adams. He went on to state that what had been reported upon by the latter was not contained in the by-law to be laid before the ratepayers.

It had been stated that the committee was not in favor of abandoning Elk lake. They took Mr. Adams as their guide, but he all through recommended that the water be taken from Elk lake. Elk lake was a much abused body of water. Personally he favored the use of that body of water to its full capacity. To-day it was eleven feet ahead of the game, despite the fact that it had been taxed heavily and much maligned. He did not wish to contend, however, that no other source should be looked for. The trouble of the present water supply was the deplorable way it had been neglected. While it had been cleaned regularly and proper attention given the filter beds there had been no bad taste to the liquid, in fact no fault was found with it then in any respect.

The proposition to be put before the citizens provided for a pump and system. He pointed out how the expense entailed in this respect could be reduced materially by reversing the conditions and having the bulk of the supply served by gravity instead of by pumps. This, of course, could only be done by the installation of a larger main. He contended that if the 24-inch main had been constructed right through to the lake years ago it would have been possible to effect a saving sufficient almost to pay for the pump. Pumping then would have cost from \$2,000 to \$2,500 annually, whereas the expenditure now amounted to \$8,000 for the same length of time.

Speaking of the reservoir at Smith's Hill, the Mayor stated his reasons for thinking it unnecessary. Expert Adams, it was true, said it would be needed no matter what source of supply was adopted. But in his references he dealt with the question upon the assumption that some one system would be accepted. It stood to reason that with a combination supply the expenditure of money upon a "poppycock" reservoir, upon an elevation which was not sufficiently high for what was required would be money wasted. Elk lake itself was a reservoir, and he said should be used in connection with whatever permanent supply was chosen.

He did not wish to be personal, but he thought that the city's officials had been somewhat overlooked in considering the water situation. Some suggestion had been made that there was reason why the previously mentioned gentlemen supported him in his views. He had never brought any influence to bear upon them, but had always treated them with the deference due their position and knowledge of the conditions. He had asked them among other questions whether Elk lake should be abandoned under any conditions. Their answer had been an unqualified negative. In this they went right up against Expert Adams. He said having secured a new system "you should abandon Elk lake."

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His scheme, though not before the people, he felt called upon to defend. If the by-law was voted down he certainly would move for a reconsideration of the resolution. He wished to touch upon the advantage of gravity for purposes of protection from fire compared to pumps. He argued that the use of machinery for forcing the water was unsafe. If pumps were to be used duplicates were needed for each main to ensure safety.

Some supporters of the committee's proposition contended that it was unnecessary. He noticed that one item included in the by-law was \$55,000 for the construction of connection between the reservoir on Smith's Hill and the system. This amount was more than provided for in his proposal. It was true that the latter appeared heavier in cost, but that was simply because

\$146,000 was included for the redistribution, something that would be needed under any circumstances.

In answer to the chairman, the Mayor detailed the two propositions pointing out that the committee's by-law asked for \$300,000, while that which he advocated would mean an expense of \$200,000. The difference was accounted for by the redistribution, as mentioned.

Speaking of a future source of supply he said that the Goldstream proposal was out of the question during the campaign he had stated that there was in favor of expropriation. He acknowledged freely that then he had made a mistake. Since then he had found out that expropriation meant an endless lawsuit, it wasn't a simple business transaction as elsewhere. Only an arrangement upon that basis would make Goldstream available. Elk lake, he altered, should never be abandoned. There were Millstream, more of which would be known at the end of the winter season. Sooke lake, however, was his "harbor of refuge."

He considered it the ultimate source of supply. He had gone to trouble to make some investigations. Connected with Sooke lake Victoria would never again be troubled with the vexed water question.

For the reasons outlined he did not support the by-law. His attitude was not one of animus, no personal feeling was entertained by him, he simply spoke in the interests of the city. (Enthusiastic applause.)

The first time he had known that the Mayor entertained no animus to members of the committee. From the commencement of his term he had fought its members. He indulged in asking for a report recommending expropriation. Now he said Goldstream should be made available. Ald. Fell said, had not been adopted by a small majority of the council, but by a vote of 8 to 2. It was supposed to be a makeshift, a temporary expedient. (Hear, hear.) In voting against the by-law he thought the electors would be turning aside from the water never work side by side, he contended. If a better than Elk lake were produced, everyone would be best. That was human nature, and certainly might be depended upon to cause trouble. Elk lake, he believed, was a valuable asset, but what he wanted borne in mind was that there was a declining precipitation to Elk lake, and at the same time an ever increasing demand to supply. But the question of abandonment of that source on the errors of the past was not before the electors. The vote at the meeting of the present difficulties.

"How are you going to make Elk lake do for the next two or three years?" he asked. "Water could not be obtained from the Esquimalt Water Works Company or from Goldstream. It would be necessary to get a new source of water, and becoming customers of that concern for a period of five years."

When the committee decided upon a scheme they had forced the Mayor to refer to Expert Adams. Mayor Morley had attempted to belittle it by misleading quotations of portions of the report. He had been taxed heavily and much maligned. He did not wish to contend, however, that no other source should be looked for. The trouble of the present water supply was the deplorable way it had been neglected. While it had been cleaned regularly and proper attention given the filter beds there had been no bad taste to the liquid, in fact no fault was found with it then in any respect.

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Other Business Considered at Last Night's Weekly Meeting of the City Council.

Most of the time of Monday evening's council meeting was taken up with a discussion on a report dealing with trades licenses. Reference to this is made in another column. A letter was received from the vice-president of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company offering a monthly rental for the use of the city market, this being probably the most important business considered under the heading of routine. All members of the council were present, including Ald. Davey, who has been absent from the city for a few weeks attending the Grand Lodge meeting of the Odd Fellows held in Toronto.

Communications being the first business a letter was read from Geo. Mitchell, who asked the city to lay a sidewalk on Jessie street. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

W. F. Fullerton, secretary of the trades and labor reception committee, wrote enclosing a cheque for \$200, a balance left from entertaining the visitors to the city. Received with thanks.

A communication from A. E. Wood, vice-president of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, was then read as follows:

Rental Market Premises.—I am further advised by General Manager Ward that his proposed by-law, but what was somewhat delayed. In consequence, we have decided to close this matter at once, and to have a cheque for \$200, a balance left from entertaining the visitors to the city. Received with thanks.

The city solicitor reported: "Gentlemen:—I have perused the letter of Mr. A. E. Wood, vice-president of the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company, in which he encloses an agreement for a cheque for \$200, a balance left from entertaining the visitors to the city. Received with thanks."

In regard to the agreement now on file with your corporation, we will forward you our cheque for \$200, being half-yearly payment in advance from the 1st of October next, under the terms of the enclosed agreement.

A. E. WOOD, Vice-President.

AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS NOTICED

Returns of Victoria Clearing House Show Steady Gain During Past Six Years.

Victoria is forging ahead in a manner that must be most satisfactory to business men. In yesterday's Times customs statistics were published indicating that the commerce of the city was expanding and that during the last three months the business done was a big improvement over the same period in 1905. There are many ways in which this may be seen, but among the best evidence in that of the Victoria Clearing House. The manager of this financial institution reports a steady gain during the last six years. He gives the total clearings for the month of September these years as follows: 1905, \$3,874,997; 1906, \$4,472,553; 1904, \$2,884,172; 1903, \$2,555,336; 1902, \$2,315,569; 1901, 2,133,392.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.
Directors Discussed Question of Acquiring Permanent Quarters Last Evening.

The directors of the Y. M. C. A. held a meeting Tuesday night, with the secretary, A. J. Knott, present. President A. J. Knott presided, and there were also in attendance Messrs. Whyte, Clemece, Johns, Soowcroft, Fisher, Staneland, Pullen, Whittington, McCandless and Gregory.

The most important item of business relative to the future work of the association was the discussion of the question of getting permanent quarters adapted in all details to the work in hand. It was thought by many that the time was opportune for securing property and erecting a permanent home for the association in this city. A committee was appointed to look into the matter.

An important change was made in connection with the elections. It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Tuesday evening, October 16th. This was deemed a wise move in order that no break should occur in the work during the winter season. By holding the election as now decided upon the committee will all be appointed at the opening of the winter season, and the work will be carried on continuously.

The night school arrangements under the charge of L. Tait was reported to be well advanced.

Other reports were presented at the meeting by the departments, and the final arrangements made for the reception to the new secretary this evening.

Ald. Hall's motion that arrangements be made to register the householders of the city during the coming month, was carried, as was also Ald. Stewart's motion that the seal of the corporation be affixed to the agreement

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with Dr. Hannington, regarding the temporary occupation of his property at Millstream.

Ald. Vincent moved that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to be known as the Permanent Sidewalk By-Law No. 13, providing for a loan of \$20,268 for sidewalk purposes already referred to. The by-law was read in committee and passed.

It was moved by Ald. Fell and seconded by Ald. Davey that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to be known as the Liquor Regulations By-Law. This was read a first time.

Ald. Vincent moved, seconded by Ald. Davey, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to be known as the Street Paving By-Law. This was also read first time and laid over for a week.

It was moved by Ald. Fell, seconded by Ald. Hall that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to be known as the Electric Wiring By-Law. The motion carried and the consideration of the by-law was laid over till next meeting.

Ald. Yates moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the provincial government for having the parliament buildings illuminated during the week, as well as the B. C. Electric Co., for illuminating the business streets and arches. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

HUNTERS CROWDED OUTGOING TRAINS

PHEASANT SEASON OPENED YESTERDAY

Some Good Bags Reported—Results of Field Trials at Ladners— Sporting Notes.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Pheasants and quail became legal game yesterday. Although there was not the same exodus of sportsmen as there generally is on the 1st of September, the E. & N. train and that leaving the V. & S. depot were crowded with hunters following by well trained dogs. So far little has been heard of the success of the hunters, so that it is difficult to say whether the birds are plentiful. The average bag reported so far ranges from ten to twelve, although several of fifteen and sixteen have been heard of in sporting circles. From these figures it would seem that the pheasants and the quail are just as plentiful as heretofore, that they have not followed the example of the grouse and decamped just before the crowds of eager enthusiasts were let loose upon them.

While it would appear that the pheasants are as numerous as heretofore the majority of the sportsmen hunters labor under a handicap in comparison with previous years. They cannot shoot over the Oak Bay suburban lands, they cannot trespass upon the property of farmers in the Gordon Head district, in the capability of South Saanich without obtaining special permission from the farmers and complying with other formalities. With such restrictions some claim that to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, 30 days from date, for permission to purchase the following described tract of land for shooting purposes: Beginning at a post marked W. L. N. V. cor., situated at the S. W. corner of Free-emption No. 75 in Sec. 25 Township 20, Rupert District, thence east 20 chains, thence south 30 chains, thence north and east to the point of commencement, being in all 180 acres more or less. Dated this 8th day of September, 1906.

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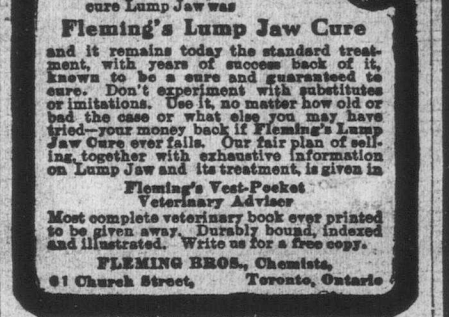
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WILLIAM J. SUTTON.
Victoria, Aug. 28th, 1906.

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