

A RAILWAY SCHEME.

Council Endorses the Scheme for a Ferry from Garry Point to Sidney.

Engineers' Report on the Work Done by the Contractors at Beaver Lake.

The first business taken up at last evening's meeting of the city council was the following letter respecting the New Westminster bridge and railway scheme:

Victoria, March 7, 1896. To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria. Gentlemen—I respectfully ask your hearty co-operation in the city of New Westminster...

Mayor Beaven said the subject was worthy the attention of the government. The building of a bridge across the Fraser river was a matter of provincial importance.

Ald. Humphrey was in favor of the scheme. He suggested that it be referred to the legislative committee.

Ald. Williams moved to the effect that the city members in the legislature be requested to support the scheme. The subject was one needing immediate action.

Ald. Cameron seconded the motion. Ald. Merchant favored the scheme. The government should aid both the building of the bridge and the railway.

He suggested that the legislative committee wait on the government to urge the views of the council.

Ald. Macmillan, before supporting the motion, would like to know who would control the bridge when it was completed. Care should be taken that the bridge be retained in either the custody of the government or the city.

Ald. Williams agreed to Ald. Merchant's suggestion regarding the legislative committee waiting on the government, and the motion passed.

J. B. Jones requested Messrs. Dalby & Claxton's application for the removal of the Pritchard House verandah be granted. Mr. Northcott, building inspector, reported that the verandah was safe. Received and filed.

The water committee reported that the residents of Shakespeare street had agreed to dig the trench if the city would supply the pipe for a water main on that street.

Ald. Cameron said the pipe had already been purchased, but the question was how many consumers would be supplied? It would not do to lay 300 feet of pipe for one consumer.

Ald. Macmillan did not know where the main was to be run, but there were streets in the neighborhood which had not yet been opened. He objected to laying pipes on private land.

Ald. Humphrey objected to ratepayers doing gratuitous work on the streets. About 20 years ago Senator Macdonald laid some pipe in his house, costing about \$20. A short time ago he sent in a bill for the amount.

The matter was laid over for a week for further consideration. Mayor Beaven announced that there was a letter from G. Campbell.

Ald. Partridge objected to the letter being read. Ald. Humphrey had no objection to the letter being read, but the council had nothing to do with it. If Campbell thought there was an alderman who had no right to sit on the board he could take the matter into court.

The letter was laid on the table without being read. The city clerk reported on the letters which had been received by him and referred to the street committee, and the city engineer reported on several matters referred to him. Received and copies to be handed the street committee.

C. E. Engineer Wilnot and H. P. Bell, C. E., appointed to examine the work done at Beaver Lake reported that it had been carried out in a systematic manner from its inception. The general accuracy of the soundings was verified in the foundations of the various walls as also in the water and thickness of the walls was less than many engineers would have made them but should they prove sufficient for the city would realize a justifiable economy. The alteration from the original plan of the substitution of dry rubble for concrete in the foundation was adopted because of the currents of water encountered at the low water level of the excavations, but it was considered that the depth of clay filling below the floor of the excavations was sufficient to counteract any upper pressure due to the difference of the water level within and without the filter bed. The east and west filter beds have about half their outer bottom widths excavated out to the range by which they are flanked, and the centre bed has a depth of filling which ranges from 10 to 12 feet. It is possible that where the bedrock joins the upper stratum there may be some filtration along the joint.

There appears to be not less than four feet of clay filling over the highest gravel all points of junction between the earth and rock along the excavated rock contour and down the bottom. The report is trying to avoid technicalities, draws attention to the downward resistance of the upward pressure of a certain head of water, as shown on the plan, and is in favor of joining one full. Assuming a depth of 12 feet of water the upward pressure of 750 lbs. to a square foot, supposing the upward pressure resisted by 4 feet of clay laid over 6 feet of the filter bed, the downward pressure of 1,000 lbs. to a square foot, the net result is only one siphon action between two filter beds when one is full and one empty, due to the heavy weight of the water in the siphon. This siphon action cannot be known until the beds are put in action. At present, the water is not in the filter bed, and it does not follow that if such take place at first that water will be a wise precaution to clean water would be admitted. The walls being built of concrete in separate lengths, the joints are not so secure as a structure the walls of which can be carried up all round the same level. The concrete on which the walls are built is of good. The present condition of the confederation is a menace to the safety of the filter bed, and it would be a wise precaution to allow the lake water to enter slowly and back upon the main dam as soon as possible.

With reference to placing a concrete floor on the green fill, the filter bed, there is an element of uncertainty about its condition that does not inspire confidence. It may be more advisable to have a concrete floor in the arrangement of the pipes. The general design of the filter beds as shown on the plan is in accordance with the original plan.

Alderman Partridge was pleased to see that Mr. Bell found that the work had been carried on in a systematic manner. He moved that the report be laid upon the table for the consideration of the aldermen.

Alderman Macmillan thought the council should take steps for the appointment of an engineer to carry out the work. As to the work being carried out in a systematic manner, he had heard of burglaries being carried out in a systematic manner.

Ald. Partridge's motion was adopted. On consideration of the finance committee's report, Ald. Macmillan objected to the amount for drugs for the Old Men's Home. He thought the city paid too much for medicines. He moved to strike out the item.

The motion was defeated. A finance committee report laid over from the last meeting was taken up clause by clause. The recommendation to take out the following telephones: chief of police, sergeant of police, police magistrate, city engineer, pound keeper, Mrs. Jamieson, street inspector, sanitary engineer, and superintendent of the electric light department, was adopted.

Ald. Partridge protested that many of the telephones mentioned were not needed. Ald. Humphrey moved, seconded by Ald. Wilson, that the recommendation to have the veterinary surgeon attend to all the city horses for the same amount as he now attends the fire department be struck out, he struck out the recommendation to have the fire wardens and street committee to interview the veterinary surgeon. This was agreed to.

The next recommendation was that no chains or boots be purchased for any city employees with the exception of the police.

Ald. Wilson thought the firemen should be given gum boots. The recommendation was adopted. The committee recommended that attention be given to the application of his certificate for work on February 13th and 20th, when the weather was too inclement for satisfactory work. The report was amended was adopted. The same committee recommended that city furniture be equally divided among the undertakers and that the purchasing agent be authorized to purchase provisions for Darcy Island under instructions from the medical health officer.

Baker & Son were awarded the contract for supplying feed for the city horses. The street committee recommended among a large number of other things that the contract for a sidewalk in front of the market be awarded to Messrs. Hales & Bell.

Mayor Beaven reported to the council that the municipal officers, with the exception of City Clerk Dowler and City Treasurer Kent, did not give bonds as required by the statute. The question was referred to the finance committee to report at the next meeting.

Ald. Wilson's motion to attach the appropriate seal to the contracts with Hales & Bell for the market sidewalk and with C. J. King, for street sprinkling, was seconded by Ald. Williams, and adopted.

Ald. Williams moved, seconded by Ald. Wilson, that applications be called for for the position of collector of revenue, road and dog taxes, applications to be in by 1 p.m. on the 15th instant. Applicants will require to subscribe to a guarantee bond for the due performance of the work. Adopted.

Before adjourning the Hon. B. Cameron, by-law, introduced by Ald. Glover, was put through the three readings. It is not to be wondered at that Ayer's Pills are in such universal demand. For the cure of constipation, biliousness, or any other complaint needing a laxative, these pills are unsurpassed. They are sugar-coated, easy to take, and every dose is effective.

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

McAdam vs. Horsely Hydraulic Mining Co. and J. B. Hobson. This is an appeal from a judgment of Mr. Justice Walker given in favor of plaintiff in an action tried at Vancouver on 29th January last.

The plaintiff, who is a contractor, recovered was \$1,249.00, balance due under an agreement for constructing a sleigh road from the 108 Mile Post on the Cariboo road to a place known as Wood's Cabin, near the head of Beaver lake creek and about seven miles in a southerly direction from defendant's mineral claim, known as the Horsely mine. This road was to be constructed according to certain specifications, and in the words of the agreement "to the entire satisfaction of Frederick Sones, Esq., of Clinton, government agent, whose certificate in writing shall be a condition precedent to the payment by the company to the contractor of the money payable under this agreement."

The plaintiff obtained a certificate as follows: "This is to certify that the high road from the 108 Mile Post to Wood's Cabin has been assessed, approved according to specifications by Board Superintendent Barton, and so reported to the department of lands and works by (signed) F. Sones, government agent." The defence contended that the certificate in writing should be a condition precedent to the payment, and consequently appeal from the judgment. Charles Wilson, Q.C., for appellants and A. H. MacNeill for respondents.

The appeal in Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Company vs. Knight Bros. was partly heard this morning and adjourned in order that factums may be filed. The action was brought to recover \$1,400.00, being the amount of two promissory notes given by defendants for the purchase of machinery sold by plaintiffs to defendants, who claimed for damages on account of alleged defects in the machinery. Plaintiffs got judgment for the amount of the notes and the defendants for \$350 on the purchase claim. Defendants are now appeal. A. T. McColl, Q.C., for appellants and J. A. Russell for respondents.

The full court this morning heard the argument in the interesting assessment appeal from the registrar's taxation of costs in Edison General Electric Co. vs. the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co. and the Bank of B. C., came on for argument. The notice of appeal was served one day late and Mr. Davis for the respondents took this preliminary objection. The amount involved is about \$80, made up of charges for brief on motion for new trial and stenographer's notes. The preliminary objection is being argued at the time of going to press. A. E. McPhillips for the plaintiffs appellants.

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Washington, March 11.—By direction of the President, a pair of binocular glasses has been presented to Captain Alexander, of the British steamship Mexican, in recognition of his humane services in rescuing the captain and crew of the American schooner Drisko.

A rather serious discrepancy appeared in the Times last evening in regard to the fast trips made from Esquimalt to London by Capt. Gaudin in the Lady Lamson. One trip was made in 103, one in 106 and three in 116 days.

Vancouver, March 10.—While lying alongside a wharf last night fire broke out on the steamer Comox near the boiler, and much damage was done before the flames were extinguished. The vessel is fully insured.

BUTCHERY AT SEOUL

Kim Hei Shi Refuses to Accept Premiership on Account of Murder of His Predecessor.

Russian Spies Lightly Deal With by the British Authorities at Hongkong.

Papers which arrived from Japan on the Empress of India contain additional details of the murder at Seoul on February 10th of the prime minister, Kim Hong Chup, and Chung Fung Hei, the minister of agriculture. They were dragged out of their cells into the yard by the policemen and conducted to the entrance of the gates of the police bureau. Here they had their hands tied high up on their backs. Then a policeman began hacking at their necks with a sword. Chung Hei Ha's head was nearly severed from his body. Kim Hong Chup's gash extended from the neck several inches into the shoulder. Life was not yet extinct however, so they were stabbed in the throat with a sword. They were given five or six more cuts. So Kim Hong Chup ordered the policemen to the ropes on their hands and feet and drag the bodies through the streets. Thus fastened, the bodies were dragged to the most prosperous part of the town, being beaten on the way with clubs and stones. The populace proceeded to crush in the heads, disembowel the corpses, and eat of the flesh. The bodies were finally left for the inspection of the public.

The British and American residents have protested strongly against the butchery of the ministers, and are calling for the punishment of the murderers. Kim Hei Shi, to whom the King offered the prime ministership, has declined the offer and censured the king for the murder.

The kingdom has been reduced to a state of political disorder, the government being powerless to suppress the insurrection in the provinces and the ministers suspecting one another of treachery. Russia has practically taken possession of the country, and Japan has decided to co-operate with her. The natives show a great dislike to the Japanese, and many subjects of the Mikado have been murdered. The rebels are well armed, and are in some districts, very strong numerically.

Three lieutenants of the Russian ironclad Vladimir were fined \$50 each at Hong Kong for trespassing on Crown lands and having their possession sketches of the British forts. The Hong Kong papers refer editorially to the lightness of the fine, and point out that for a similar offence at Vladivostok, Russian sent some German officers to Berlin for friendly intercourse between Japan and Turkey.

Quite a sensation has been caused in the Chinese capital by the resignation of Count Cassini, Russian minister and M. German minister to Peking, from membership of the Peking Club. The cause of their dissatisfaction with the election of the committee, British interests being represented to an extent which they thought unfair, is that the French minister has forbidden the authorities of the French Consulate (which, it seems, runs a philanthropic laundry) to take in the washing of the perillous Britons.

Prince Fushin, who is to represent Japan, and Li Hung Chang, who is to represent China, at the coronation of the Czar, have already left for Europe.

Simon S. Hartman, of Tunnelton, West Va., has been subject to attacks of colic about once a year, and would have to call a doctor and then suffer for about twelve hours as much as some do when they die. He was taken recently just the same as at other times, and concluded to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says: "I took one dose of it and it gave me relief in five minutes. That is more than anything has ever done for me." For sale by all druggists; Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

San Francisco, March 11.—As time passes and no news is received of the missing China steamer Rio de Janeiro the alarm felt for the safety of the big Pacific mailer increases. The agent of the company continues to give out assurances that the vessel is all right, but friends of the passengers and crew are not so confident. The officers of the company are daily besieged by crowds awaiting some tidings of the missing ship, but their vigilance has been unrelaxing.

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