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# BUSINESS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

## Many Matters of Routine Business Taken Up Last Evening.

## WIRES UNDERGROUND ON BELLEVILLE

## Further Lot of Cement Sidewalk Work Was Also Decided on.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The city fathers were called on to deal with many important matters at their regular meeting last evening. The first business before the meeting was a communication from the Victoria Trades and Labor Council requesting the appointment of a committee of three to act with a similar number from the Board of Trade, Trades and Labor Council and Tourist Association to act as a reception committee on the occasion of the convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, which will be held in this city in September. The communication was received and filed and the following committee appointed to represent the city council: Aldermen Fullerton, Douglas and Stewart.

Messrs. Pemberton & Son requested that they be given a certain length of time regarding the removal of buildings owned by Joseph Bros. on Pandora street. The request will be granted provided some improvements are made.

F. H. Eaton, president of the Teachers' Institute, invited the board of aldermen to attend the meetings of the convention, especially that of tomorrow evening at the theatre.

The invitation was received and accepted.

Arthur Lee requested that the box drain in front of the Metropolitan Church be repaired, as it was the intention to boulevard in front of the church, and unless it was attended to it would be impossible to do the work.

Referred to the city engineer.

**Boulevarding the Streets**

H. Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, forwarded a copy of a resolution passed by the civic committee of that body, which was as follows:

"Resolved, that in view of the gift of trees by Sir Henri Joly to this committee, and the fact that boulevarding the streets is the evident wish of the citizens, we deem it both expedient and necessary that park commissioners be appointed whose terms of office should be continuous and whose jurisdiction should extend over boulevards and similar street improvements, as well as the park; we further consider that if power to do so under the present bylaw is insufficient, such power should be sought from the legislature at the earliest opportunity."

The communication was received and filed and the writer is to be notified that steps have been taken to place the matter before the voters at the general election.

Alfred Taylor, patentee of the Taylor fire alarm, asked permission to install his invention in the Old Men's Home, City Hall and Exhibition Buildings.

Referred to the home committee.

James Bell requested that the full-grown crop of hay on Johnson street, between Cook and Blanchard streets, be cut, as it was "in first-class shape for curing."

Referred to the city engineer.

George McIntosh requested that the filthy hovel occupied by a Chinaman near Quebec and Menzies street be attended to, as it was a

**Menace to the Public Health**

Referred to the building inspector and sanitary officer.

George Bishop requested that a concrete sidewalk be laid on Garbally road between Douglas street and the Gorge road.

Received and filed and the writer is to be informed that that street has been added to the list.

The city solicitor reported that the bill of costs of the plaintiffs' solicitors in the Esquimalt water works case, delivered at $4407.37, had been allowed at $3179.22. Received and filed.

The city engineer and city assessor reported that in making a survey of Wharf street for block paving, two brick buildings extended on the street line for a distance of seven feet.

Ald. Fell was of the opinion that an effort should be made to have the owners remove the building to the proper line.

Ald. Yates, in reply to His Worship, said that the buildings were on the right line.

The report was received and filed.

The sanitary and building inspectors reported on the condition of several old buildings, which included those on Lot 407, Pandora street, assessed in the name of Mary and Abe Drasdovitch; another at the corner of Pandora and Douglas streets, and several others, which were in an unsanitary condition.

Action will be taken to have the buildings removed.

**A Water Need**

Water Commissioner Raymur reported that the water service at the Home for the Aged and Infirm was inadequate, and suggested that a four-inch wooden pipe be laid to the Willows, at a cost of $1400.

Ald. Vincent wished to know if there would be any more water if a four-inch pipe were laid.

The communication was received and referred to the water and Old Men's Home committees.

A communication was received from A. J. C. Galletly and fourteen other residents of Rockland avenue, requesting that a sum of money be appropriated and expended on that thoroughfare. They pointed out that the avenue was in bad condition. A new sidewalk was wanted and some large rocks should be removed.

Ald. Vincent stated that it was useless referring the matter to the streets committee, as they had no funds at their disposal, and unless the owners desired to have the work done on the local improvement plan it could not be attended to this year.

A motion to that effect was passed.

R. H. Swinerton and sixteen others requested that an electric light be placed at the junction of Yates street and Cadboro Bay road.

Referred to the electric light committee.

The electric light committee reported that it is not an opportune time for laying a conduit across the James Bay causeway for the purpose of carrying the telephone wires underground, but could see no reason why a conduit should not be laid on Belleville street.

Ald. Hall stated that after consultation with the officials it was deemed advisable that the work should not be carried out until the causeway was paved, but the conduits could be laid on Belleville street.

The report was received and filed.

Ald. Vincent moved that the British Columbia Telephone Company be advised that Belleville street is in order to have the telephone wires placed underground. Carried.

The finance committee recommended that $100 be given to the Young Men's Christian Association in aid of that institution. Adopted.

The same committee presented accounts amounting to $3548, which were received and ordered paid.

In reply to His Worship, Ald. Davey stated that the special committee on liquor licences was working, and requested further time.

The finance committee recommended that $3179 be paid to Messrs. Pooley, Luxton & Pooley for services in the water works case.

The report was adopted and it was pointed out that the total cost was $4600 and not $7000 as had been stated.

The streets, sewers and bridges committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

**More Cement Sidewalks**

Gentlemen—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to submit the following recommendations for adoption by the council, namely:

1. Re petition from Dr. Morrison et al., for the widening of Oak Bay avenue. Recommended that the improvement be carried out, provided that the whole cost of the same be borne by owners of the property benefited, and that the city engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost.

2. Re communication from James Middleton respecting drainage Hillside avenue. Recommended that the drains be cleaned out.

3. Re communication from A. Gibson respecting the condition of sewerage on Vining street. Recommended that Mr. Gibson be informed that the same will be remedied in about two months by the extension of the sewerage system.

4. Re Caledonia avenue retaining wall. Recommended that Messrs. Haggerty & Co. be required to construct a permanent retaining wall of stone or cement, up to the permanent grade of the street as set by the city engineer, and also a fence on same for the protection of the public.

5. Recommended that the tender of W. J. Walters and William Davies for the painting of Point Ellice bridge for the sum of $300 be accepted, and the corporation seal affixed to the contract.

6. Recommended that a sidewalk be constructed on the south side of Fort street between Richmond avenue and Estimated cost, $52.

7. Re boulevard in front of the Metropolitan Methodist church. Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to give the necessary lines.

8. Re sub-division of lots 37 and 38, section 75, Fernwood estate, owned by G. M. McLaughlin. Recommended that the city engineer be authorized to sign the plan.

9. Re agreement with Major Dupont in respect to sewer frontage. Recommended the portion of his property facing Belmont avenue be colored as requested on the plan.

10. Re completion of Dallas road seawall. Recommended that this work be finished at an estimated cost of $750.

11. Your committee recommend to the council the following resolution, viz.:

That the city council hereby determines that it is desirable to construct and lay permanent sidewalks of concrete on the streets and portion of street mentioned hereunder, the work to be performed by day labor and carried out under the provisions of the Local Improvement By-law:

South Turner street, both sides, from Simcoe street to Dallas road, including boulevard.

Elliot street, north side, from Government street to Douglas street.

Kingston street, south side, from Menzies street to Oswego street.

Cormorant street, north side, from Blanchard avenue to Quadra street.

Fisguard street, both sides, from Douglas street to Blanchard street.

Caledonia avenue, south side, from Doulas street to Blanchard avenue.

Douglas street, east side, from Johnson street to Humboldt street.

St. John street, east side, from Quebec street to Kingston street.

Michigan street, south side, from Government street to Menzies street.

Gorge road, south side, from Government street to David street.

Blanchard avenue, west side, from Pandora avenue to Pembroke street.

Clarence street, west side, from Simcoe street to Niagara street, including bouvelard.

Johnson street, south side, from Fernwood road to west line of Captain Heater's property.

Oswego street, east side, from Belleville street to Quebec street.

Blanchard avenue, east side, from Courtney street to Pandora avenue.

Broad street, both sides, from Yates street to Cormorant street.

Rithet street, north side, from Menzies street to South Turner street.

Kings road, north side, from Blanchard avenue to Work street.

Work street, west side, from Kings road to Hillside avenue.

Douglas street, west side, from Johnson street to Cormorant street.

Pandora avenue, north side, from Government street to Douglas street.

Cormorant street, south side, from Douglas street to Government street.

School street, east side, from Fort street to Yates street.

Garbally road, north side, between Douglas street to the Gorge road.

Ormond street, east side, between Yates and Fort streets.

**General Business**

Ald. Hall desired to know if anything had been done about the street lines in Victoria West.

His Worship stated that he would enquire into the matter.

The city assessor and city engineer presented a report regarding the block pavement of Government street, Fisguard street, Cormorant street and Broad street, at a cost to the city of $4015. The reports were adopted.

On motion of Ald. Goodacre, His Worship was instructed to affix the corporation seal to the contract for papering the police court rooms.

The motions of Ald. Fell regarding certain old buildings on Lot 63, Block L, Chatham street; Lot 661, Block U, Pandora street; and Lot 431, Block 2, were passed and instructions issued to have the same removed.

The local improvement general bylaw was discussed in committee and it was decided to rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The report of the park committee regarding the sale of city property in order to purchase a park for the North Ward was discussed.

It was moved by Ald. Douglas and seconded by Ald. Fullerton that the report be adopted.

Ald. Yates stated that the report contained many suggestions that could be acted on. He also stated, in referring to the sale of the spare land at the Old Men's Home site, that the land was practically separated by the gravel pit that had been opened up by last year's council. He was of the opinion that the best thing that could be done was to sell it and in that manner they could obtain sufficient funds to secure a park for the North Ward. He suggested that the recommendations should be acted on.

His Worship stated that he had been told by many of those who knew that it would be a bad move to sell the lots in James Bay by tender. He had also been informed that the best way was to sell the lots by auction, with a reserve price.

Ald. Fell said that in his opinion the lots should be sold in the same manner as any one else would sell property. He pointed out that if the lots were sold on terms to suit the purchaser they would be sold, and the corporation would sell the agreements. He was opposed to selling any of the Old Men's Home property. He was of the opinion that the grounds should be held for garden purposes. He thought that the other city property might be sold. He was in favor of referring the question of a site for a North Ward park to the ratepayers to vote on.

Ald. Hall pointed out that it would require a three-fifths vote, and there was a possibility of neither of the three lots receiving sufficient votes. He was in favor of placing the lots in James Bay on the market separately.

His Worship desired to have the matter proceeded with, and did not wish the park question to be held up.

Ald. Stewart was of the opinion that the city property that was to be sold would not cover the expense of purchasing a park for the North Ward. He suggested that a bylaw be prepared providing for the extra amount required.

Ald. Davey was opposed to submitting the question of a site to a vote of the ratepayers.

The report was referred back to the committee for further consideration.

Ald Fell brought up the question of the hours during which the library should remain open. He presented a schedule of hours arranged by the commissioners, which gave the librarian 45 1-2 hours per week and his assistant 45 1-2, the library being closed on Sundays.

His worship stated that it appeared to him as if the librarian was attending more to his duties of work than to the library. He also stated that the librarian had been to him several times and he was of the opinion that if the librarian was not satisfied with his hours that the commissioners should get one who was. The schedule was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

# THE LAST DAY OF THE MILITIA CAMP

## Firing Practice With Thirteen Pounders Last Night--Firing Competition Tonight.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

At the camp of the Fifth Regiment at Macaulay Plains yesterday evening, the gunners were busy at practice with the thirteen-pounder field guns firing at a stationary target moored in the Roads. The firing averaged well. One shell exploded prematurely, however, breaking within a few hundred yards of the fort where men of No. 2 and No. 3 were at work with the 9-inch guns. Tonight No. 2 and No. 3 companies will have a firing competition with the group of 6 inch guns in Fort Macaulay using service ammunition—the gunners have heretofore, during practice, been using one-inch ammunition with Morris tubes, fitted to the guns. The gunners will fire at a moving target in tow of a launch. While these companies are engaged in firing, No. 1 company will strike the tents and at the close of the shooting at dusk, the regiment will parade and march to the Drill hall, preceded by the band.

On Sunday, a drum head service, at which Rev. W. W. Bolton, chaplain of the regiment preached, was held at 9:30 a. m. followed by a muster parade of the regiment, and then general leave was given. A band concert was given in the afternoon, when many civilians visited the militiamen.

# HENLEY REGATTA AND U. S. CLUBS

## Motion to Exclude Americans from Future Regattas Severely Criticized.

HENLEY, Eng., June 25.—The residents of this riverside town, who reap a rich harvest yearly from the regatta, and anathematizing Coach Fletcher of Oxford today. They realize that their pockets will be touched if the proposition to exclude Americans from future regattas is realized and they do not like the prospects. There are indications that considerable opposition will develop against Mr. Fletcher's sweeping resolution. He contends that the American National association of amateur oarsmen did not properly investigate the amateur standing of the Vesper oarsmen. Joseph Wright, stroke of the Argonaut (Canadian) crew denounced the Fletcher resolution as being an insult to American colleges. He said: "If the resolution is carried, it will create a lot of bad feeling. It is manifestly unfair to cast a slur on the amateurism of over forty big rowing clubs because of one or two black sheep. Amateur rowing is the purest of sports in America and Canada."

Sir John Edwards-Moss, a high Oxford-Eton authority on rowing, is not especially hostile to American entries, but he considers Henley is not the proper course for international racing, because under conditions of wind, a second rate crew might win through having a sheltered position.

The Canadians bravely faced a heavy wind this afternoon, rowing over the entire course. They started at 40 strokes per minute and finished at 38 strokes. Time 23 minutes 35 seconds.

The Tribune this morning states that it is informed on high authority that the Henley regatta committee is unlikely to take any steps to adopt the motion of Coach Fletcher, of Oxford to exclude Americans from future regatta.

## DECLARES DREYFUS INNOCENT.

Paris, June 25.—In the supreme court today Prosecutor General Baudoin began his argument in the Dreyfus case. He declared he was convinced that Dreyfus was innocent and that Major Count Esterhazy was guilty. He therefore urged the quashing of the entire proceedings without a retrial.

# SCHOOL TEACHERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

## Ninth Annual Convention to Open at High School This Morning.

## MANY DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

## Public Reception Held at the Tourist Rooms Yesterday Evening.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The first regular session of the ninth annual convention of the British Columbia Teachers' Institute will be held in the assembly rooms of the Victoria High school this morning at 10 a. m. The majority of the pedagogues arrived last evening, although some have been in the city for the last few days. Last evening a hearty reception was tendered the visitors at the Tourist rooms.

The first session takes place this morning at 10 a. m., when James L. Hughes, inspector of schools, of Toronto, will deliver an address on "Modern Tendencies in Education." The teachers are requested to be in attendance sharp on time as it is the intention to have Mr. Hughes commence his address on the time announced. Mr. Hughes is considered one of the best authorities on educational matters in Canada, and he has also had considerable experience as a platform orator.

After Mr. Hughes concludes his address this morning the enrollment of members and appointment of committees will take place. A special arrangement has been provided for this work whereby the teachers will be provided with envelopes in which they will place their institute fee and transportation receipt with their names on the outside. In this manner the work will be completed in a very few minutes and it has been arranged so as not to interfere with the address of Mr. Hughes commencing on time.

For tomorrow afternoon W. P. Argue, M. A., city superintendent of schools, Vancouver, will deliver an address on "Practical Education"; and Mr. Wm. Burns, M. A., principal of the Provincial Normal school, will lecture on "The Culture Aim in Education."

In the evening Mr. Hughes will again be heard in a lecture on "Dickens as an Educator," and J. D. Buchanan of Vancouver, will speak on "The School As An Agency in Training for Citizenship."

All of these addresses will be of an entirely popular character and the public are cordially invited to attend any or all of the meetings. Tomorrow evening the scene of meeting will be at the Victoria theatre. The subject for discussion at this meeting will be, "University Education in British Columbia." Among those who are expected to take part are: Premier McBride, Mayor Morley, Bishop Perrin, Archbishop Orth, Rev. W. Leslie Clay and Dr. Elliott S. Rowe. Among those who have been invited to be present are the president, officers and members of the Board of Trade, Trades and Labor council, Women's Council, W. C. T. U., Alexandra club, Mothers' club, premier and cabinet, mayor and aldermen, and many others. Particular attention is drawn to the fact that all the meetings will be held at the High school with the exception of the session tomorrow evening, and a cordial invitation is extended to Victorians in general. The following is the programme for today:

10 a. m.—Enrolment of members and appointment of committees. "Modern Tendencies in Education," James L. Hughes, inspector of schools, Toronto.

2 p. m.—Practical Education, W. P. Argue, superintendent of Vancouver city schools. "The Culture Aim in Education," Wm. Burns, principal of the Normal school, Vancouver.

8 p. m.—"The School as an Agency in Training for Citizenship," J. D. Buchanan, provincial Normal school. "Dickens as an Educator," James L. Hughes.

**Reception Last Evening**

The rooms of the Tourist and Development association were for the second time since the recent promenade concert and grand opening, last night the scene of a magnificent reception to the visiting delegates attending the Teachers' convention. The rooms were tastefully decorated by the Ladies Auxiliary, who also had charge of the refreshments served during the evening.

The proceedings opened by an orchestra which had been engaged for the occasion, and then followed a series of short speeches. Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, the secretary of the association was in the chair, and in a few opening remarks, apologised for the absence of Mayor Morley, who was to have extended the welcome to the city, but last night being the regular weekly meeting of the city council, at which several important civic affairs were to be discussed, he was unavoidably detained from attending.

Mr. Cuthbert next called on Mr. Anton Henderson, vice president of the Tourist association, who in a few words, expressed delight at the number present and pleasure in welcoming the delegates to Victoria. Towards the close of his speech Mr. Henderson spoke of the responsibility of the teachers and advised that they should always keep before them the ideal to train the children to honesty and industry.

The next speaker was Mr. George Jay chairman of the school trustees. Mr. Jay expressed his delight at the large number present, as it indicated the number of young ladies and gentlemen anxious to uplift the standard of education in British Columbia. He hoped that the teachers would spend more than the three days of the convention here an dtake advantage of the offers of the transportation companies and see the city and its environs.

Mr. E. B. Paul, the popular principal of the High school, was next called upon, and recalled the conventions which he had previously attended. He knew a good number present and said that the conventions of teachers were the only means he had of renewing old acquaintances.

Mr. Cuthbert next called upon Mr. Coultham of New Westminster, who referred to the excellent apartments and display of the Tourist association, and thanked on behalf of the visitors the management of the association for the excellent manner in which they had been received. Mr. Coultham is a gentleman to whom Victoria appeals and was pleased to commend it as a first class tourist resort and said that he felt certain, every delegate present would enjoy his or her stay to the utmost.

Mr. Cuthbert introduced Mr. Murphy of Vancouver, as the next and last speaker. Mr. Murphy, after seconding Mr. Coultham's vote of thanks, said that he would by far prefer this city than Vancouver for the convention as its situation was prettier and climate better. He was always glad to be in Victoria.

After the speeches the Ladies' Auxiliary were very much in evidence, distributing refreshments. The table which deserves special mention was decorated and laid in a most sumptuous manner, the work of Miss Susie Pemberton and Mrs. Harold Robertson. It was attended to at each end by Mrs George Jay and Mrs. Simpson, and these ladies were helped by Mrs. Eberts, Mrs. Rhodes, the president of the Ladies' Auxiliary superintended.

Through the generosity of Messrs. Thorpe & Co., soft drinks were served during the evening. The band in tetendance gave some very fine orchestral music and was well applauded. The proceedings closed about 10 o'clock and it was the conviction of all present that it had been one of the most successful receptions ever held in the city.

## WIRELESS FOR FLATTERY.

### United States Naval Department Will Establish a Station.

The first wireless telegraph station to be erected by the navy department with the appropriation now available for establishing such stations will be at Cape Flattery, says the Post-Intelligencer. The navy department makes this selection because it is believed that this station will be of material assistance in reporting wrecks and in giving other information of interest to navigation. The station will be one of a series extending all along the coast.

The wireless telegraph station at Flattery is established, primarily, for possible military use, as a means through which communication may be established and maintained with naval vessels off the coast in time of war. Its use as an aid to the lifesaving service is secondary, because this is a function which the navy department is not presumed to assume. As a matter of mere fact, however, with all theories to one side, the use of the wireless telegraph stations to be established along this coast promises to be infinitely more important for commercial shipping than for use in war time; for the prospects of war are remote, while the commercial necessities are constant. The system promises to be of great value to Pacific coast shipping, especially if the announced purpose is carried out of furnishing wireless equipment on all of the passenger steamships.

# A GREAT IRRIGATION SCHEME IN INTERIOR

## The White Valley System to Provide 16,000 Acre-Feet Annually.

The irrigation system which is projected by the White Valley Irrigation & Power Company, Ltd., will be the greatest in British Columbia, says the Vernon News, and will be of immense benefit to the White and Coldstream valleys, enabling comparatively unprofitable areas of range and grain land to produce the excellent fruit for which this portion of the Okanagan valley is justly famed, and leading directly to that sub-division of large holdings which, in every district, is the first step towards increasing prosperity and population.

The source of water supply for the system will be Lakes Aberdeen and Haddo, situated some 14 miles southeast of Vernon. The former lake has an elevation of 3,625 feet, has an area of 1,200 acres, and receives the drainage from a catchment area of 100 square miles; while Lake Haddo is 3,575 feet high, has an area of 800 acres and has a catchment or drainage area of 50 miles. A dam 90 feet long and 12 feet high between Lakes Aberdeen and Haddo and another 160 feet long and 10 feet high at the outlet of Lake Haddo is expected to raise the depth of the water in the two lakes to an average of eight feet, and give them a combined capacity of 16,000 acre-feet. It may be explained that the acre-foot is the standard unit of measurement for irrigation, representing water to cover one acre or 43,560 cubic feet, one foot deep. If an allowance of one-half is made for evaporation and seepage at the lakes, it is safe to assume that fifty per cent., or 8,000 acre-feet of the stored water can be delivered on the lands requiring irrigation. As the annual rainfall of the White and Coldstream valleys is 12 inches, we have thus one foot of water from rain and one foot which will be stored in the new irrigation reservoirs for every one of at least 8,000 acres of irrigable land, to say nothing of the flow into the lakes that will be going on without interruption. Two feet of water per acre is sufficient to mature any crop that may be grown.

This estimate of sufficient water to irrigate 8,000 acres is very conservative as the water driving constantly into the lakes should counterbalance the evaporation, so that fully 16,000 acre-feet may be counted upon, while, if necessary, other lakes six miles southeast of Aberdeen might be dammed and the storage capacity doubled. This, of course, would not mean any increase of the amount of water stored. Even, however, if the whole of the storage water should be used each year, the rate of flow into the lakes makes it certain that they would be filled again the following spring.

The irrigable areas east of Coldstream equal 2,500 acres; the Coldstream ranch itself has 1,840 acres above its present irrigation system, while west of Coldstream as far as B. X. creek there are 2,000 acres. It will thus be seen that, when the system is constructed, some 6,340 acres will be able to depend upon a supply of water sufficient to meet the requirements of 8,000 acres.

Leaving Lake Haddo, the water will follow the natural bed of Jones creek, eight miles, to a point east of Bluenose Mountain, where the main canal, 14x2½ feet, receives it and conducts it 3½ miles by flume and canal—the flume 11 feet wide and 3 feet deep—to a point near the southwest corner of Lavington ranch. There the stream is divided.

flume 1,750 feet long supplies the south canal, which is 7 feet wide. This canal continues through the range land south of the Lavington ranch, through Albers' property, crosses under the road by a flume opposite Reid's house, and is delivered into a box or penstock in Reid's orchard. This is the intake of a 16-inch wooden stave pipe 1,800 feet long, which conducts the water across the gravelly bed of Besette creek and up on to the range behind Grant's orchard. At this point a canal 6 feet wide will be constructed through Grant's and Speer's and through the Coldstream ranch, emptying into Deer creek, above the present irrigation system. Branch ditches may be dug from the main canal on the property recently bought by Colonel Swayne, and will serve to irrigate a great deal of arable land on Reid and Ward Bros.' places.

For the north system, the canal is carried half a mile north, to a penstock which is the intake of a 24-inch wooden pipe, 6,000 feet long, which will conduct the water right across the valley and up on the hill behind J. T. Bardolph's residence. The outlet of this pipe will discharge into the north canal, which will begin with a width of 10 feet, diminishing as it proceeds to six feet. The canal will pass through R. Gillespie's range, through Freeman Bros.' orchard, above Applegarth's and Gamble's, along the Coldstream range into S. P. French's property, the greater part of which will be under the canal. It will then proceed along the B. X. range, to empty into the B. X. creek. Laterals can be run from this to cover the major part of Price Ellison's and all Vernon suburban lands. This latter fact will be evident when we state that the height of the point opposite Vernon surveyed for the ditch is 1,790 feet, while Vernon itself has an elevation of only 1,260 feet.

An interesting point in connection with the projected irrigation system is the fact that it will divert water that would naturally find its way by way of Mabel lake and the Spallumcheen river into the Fraser, so that it passes into Okanagan lake and eventually into the Columbia. By pursuing a circuitous route, the effects of the natural trend of the watershed are overcome.

The scheme will involve an initial outlay of $50,000 or $100,000. It originated nearly ten years ago, with Mr. W. C. Ricardo, manager of the Coldstream ranch, to whom much credit is due for the careful elaboration of details and for the various steps which have now culminated in the formation of the White Valley Irrigation & Power Company, Ltd., and in the actual commencement of the work of construction. Four years ago, City Engineer Kilmour of Vancouver went up to Fish lakes and took preliminary surveys, reporting favorably, and some fifteen months ago A. E. Ashcroft, an engineer and member of the company, did other survey work, and has since been in charge of the work. The final steps in connection with the formation of the company, which is financing the project, were taken in January, when Mr. Ricardo went to England. It should be understood that, although shareholders in the Coldstream company are also shareholders in the irrigation company, the two organizations are entirely separate and distinct.

The project has commended itself favorably to the owners of lands affected, and no difficulty has been experienced in securing the necessary right of way, the company binding themselves to furnish the water as required at the regular published rates. These rates have not yet been fixed. The water will be measured by acre-feet, and paid for only when actually used, a manifest advantage over the system which places a fixed charge on every irrigable acre. The rates will probably be fixed on a sliding scale with a minimum charge for very small quantities.

Mr. A. E. Ashcroft, who is in charge of the work of construction, has a force of 30 men who are making good progress in cutting out a right of way, digging the line of the canal with plows and scrapers, building the flumes, etc. Under him L. A. Clark, a man of wide experience in irrigation ditch work, is superintendent, and J. Wilson, an irrigation expert from the state of Washington, is foreman. Under their skilled supervision the work is proceeding apace, and will have considerably advanced before the end of the year.

## ACCIDENT AT GLACIER.

### Two Men Employed by B. C. General Contract Co. Instantly Killed.

A fatal accident occurred at the Loop, near Glacier, at 11 o'clock on Monday of last week. The victims were two men employed by the British Columbia General Contract Company. According to accounts received here, a heavy span was being placed in position on a C. P. R. bridge by a gang of men working under Foreman Edward Choate, when the tackles holding the end slipped and two of the men were either crushed to death or swept off the false work into the valley below. A coroner's inquest was held, and after investigating the circumstances they found that every precaution had been taken and that death was purely accidental.

Owing to the accident the bridge was not placed in position for some hours and traffic on the line was greatly delayed.

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF VICTORIA DAY FETE

## Good Showing Made Though a Small Deficit Is Also Reported.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A deficit of $74 was the statement presented to the city council last evening by the Victoria Day celebration committee. The statement was made in reports submitted by Secretary Smart and Treasurer Smith as follows:

Gentlemen—I have to advise you that at the final meeting of the Victoria Day celebration committee held on Saturday evening last, the inclosed copy of the report from the honorary treasurer was presented and considered. After discussion it was resolved that instead of asking for an additional grant of $100 from the city, that the city be requested to allow Mr. E. C. Smith, the honorary treasurer, to wind up the affairs of the Victoria Day celebration, amounting to about $150, on behalf of the city, and to collect all outstanding subscriptions, amounting to about $70, for the city. This course was considered by the committee to be better one than asking the city for any stated amount, as they do not think it will require the sum of $100 to liquidate all the outstanding accounts.

I have also to advise you of the following recommendation made by the above committee at the same meeting:

"That the executive of the Victoria Day Day celebration request and recommend that in the future the financing of the celebration be provided for out of the general city revenue.

J. E. SMART,
Secretary.

I beg to make an interim report showing receipts and expenditure on account of the Victoria Day celebration held May, 1906, as follows:

| RECEIPTS | |
|---|---|
| Balance from the year 1905 | $ 16 38 |
| Grant city of Victoria | 750 00 |
| Sundry subscriptions | 1,802 75 |
| | $2,569 13 |
| EXPENDITURE | |
| Certified accounts paid to date | $2,280 19 |
| Certified accounts not paid | 113 60 |
| To provide for sundry allowances— | |
| To secretary and C. | 250 00 |
| | $2,643 79 |

If an additional grant from the city is received, say, of $100, it would cover the balance needed and any other items that may not have been provide dfor.

EDWIN C. SMITH,
Honorary Treasurer.

In discussing the question, His Worship said that it was a better showing than last one. Last year the city gave $1000, against $750 this year.

Ald. Vincent wished to know where the money was coming from.

His Worship pointed out that the celebration committee had worked hard and had many obstacles to contend with, and had made a great success of the celebration, and he was of the opinion that the accounts should be settled. He pointed out that several subscriptions, including those of the C. P. R., Times P. & P. Co., and one or two others were yet to be received, and when received the committee would find a deficit of $74.

It was eventually decided to refer the request to the finance committee for report.

# GO BACK TO ELK LAKE ONCE MORE

## This Conclusion of Mayor Morley in Waterworks' Improvement Scheme.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

At the regular meeting of the city council last evening a verbal report was made by His Worshin Mayor Morley regarding the different water schemes that have been looked into recently. In his remarks he said that the best proposition was to stay with Elk Lake and raise the banks six feet higher.

In his opening remarks he stated that after having made an inspection of Sooke Lake Valley, when Mr. Devereux, the surveyor, had taken levels, they had failed to find a route suitable to bring a main into the city except at a very great cost. The only valley they found was one that had an elevation of 1400 feet and this would entail considerable work at the lake. Another route could be secured, but a tunnel would have to be made under a mountain. The first route could be used if a hydraulic lift were employed, but it would only make a saving of one-fourteenth, and in his opinion Sooke Lake was beyond any possible consideration.

The Mayor also reported that he had

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and it was his opinion if the level of the lake were raised six feet, sufficient supply could be secured to meet the requirements of the city of Victoria for the next fifty years. In order to do this the banks would have to be raised and the lake dredged, the matter removed being pumped in behind the dykes. An intake should also be constructed near the pipe and additional filter beds provided. He had taken three samples of water from the lake and all were very clear, the best sample being obtained near the point where the pipe leaves the lake, while the sample from the centre was less pure. He stated that the color of the water that came through the tap was due to contact with the mains.

According to the report made by Mr. Adams it would be impossible to fill the lake

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if six feet were added; and, according to the report, only three feet could be filled. His Worship was of the opinion, however, that the additional six feet could be filled on a wet year.

To complete the work at Elk Lake, install a new pump at the lake instead of at the North Dairy Farm station, would entail a yearly expenditure of $5,500 or a total expenditure of $56,453, with a revenue of $62,000; against an expenditure at Goldstream of $104,861. If the pump were placed at the lake it would give greater volume than at the North Dairy Farm station and also a greater pressure in town, and "Nob Hill" would have sufficient water for fire-fighting without the aid of an engine, or an average pressure of 120 pounds, while the pumps were only pumping 80.

The Mayor suggested, in conclusion, that the city should move, and move quickly, and make Elk Lake the system for the city. "We will have a hard time getting over this year," said His Worship, "and unless an early start is made the same conditions will prevail again next season."

## COMPANY IS LIABLE.

### An Important Decision Handed Down Under Workmen's Compensation Act

An important decision under the Workmen's Compensation Act has been made by Mr. Justice Morrison, says the Nelson Canadian. W. H. S. Smith, an employee of the St. Eugene mine, was killed while at work. J. F. Armstrong of Cranbrook, official administrator, entered a claim for compensation. The case was referred to a judge of the county court as arbitrator, and was decided against the claimant. On appeal two questions were submitted to the supreme court.

Mr. Justice Morrison reversed the arbitrator's decision and holds the company liable. Several important rulings are made. After reviewing the evidence, the learned justice proceeds as follows:

"The deceased was engaged at the time of the accident in work which was one of the employments to which protection is afforded by the act. There were risks incidental to the performance of this employment, and unfortunately in this instance the risk eventuated, and the action, in my opinion, is within the act.

"My answer to the first question submitted is therefore that, as a matter of law, upon the evidence, the deceased was acting in the course of his employment at the time of the accident.

"As to the second question, the onus is upon the defendants to prove that the injury was attributed solely to the serious, wilful misconduct or serious neglect of the deceased.

"Although the learned county court judge has not followed the precise words of the section in formulating his questions, yet I assume that a clerical error has arisen in transcribing the proceedings before him.

"There must be misconduct, and misconduct must be both wilful and serious, and the injury must be attributable solely to this serious and wilful misconduct, or solely to the serious neglect of the deceased. I can find no evidence that justifies the learned judge in finding, as he does substantially, that the deceased so misconducted himself or was guilty of serious neglect.

"The evidence precludes any theory of serious and wilful misconduct or serious neglect, and rather goes to show that deceased must have acted in an emergency while performing his duties for his employers.

"Referring to the act, the words, 'or serious neglect,' do not in my opinion reduce the meaning or scope of the preceding expression as to wilful misconduct. I think the word 'solely' must also be read with the disjunctive part of the proviso.

"The learned judge in this matter was no doubt confronted with a conundrum, but the applicant cannot be taken from under the protection contemplated by the legislature by one of several solutions to a conundrum.

"I do not think the employers have discharged the onus which lies upon them to prove that the accident comes within the proviso of the act.

"The case will be remitted to the arbitrator to ascertain and fix the amount of compensation."