

PLAN FOR CIVIC CENTRE LAPSSES

MAYOR UNABLE TO ENTUSE ALDERMEN

Bare Quorum of Council Passes Urgent City Business and Then Disbands

Mayor Morley brought before a special meeting of city council Monday night, at which there was just a quorum, the beautification and civic centre scheme in a new guise, showing the plan for extending the present city hall buildings and getting alongside it a new print on which is shown the block bounded by Esplanade, Pandora, Cook and Quadra streets, all of which the mayor proposed should be taken in and upon which should be built a new and imposing city hall.

The council went into committee but nothing came of the matter, for after each alderman had been heard the mayor again outlined the plans he proposed and it had just been suggested that the Architects' Association should be asked to pass on the two schemes, when it was discovered that Ald. H. M. Fullerton, who had spoken against the civic centre plan, had put on his hat and gone home, thus breaking up the quorum.

The mayor thereupon invited within the council chamber rails some Pandora avenue property owners who had been present during the council meeting. With these he went over the plan again, and announced that he did not intend to let the civic centre plans drop but would bring them up again later, and meantime have the Architects' Association inspect the plans.

The first plan provided for the expropriation of the present city hall and the block to the west between Broad and Government streets and the market building block. The city hall was to be erected on the market building block and the present city hall site made into a public square. The cost was estimated at \$2,500,000. By the second scheme the mayor proposes to sell the present city hall and market buildings, retaining sufficient for fire and police quarters. The funds would be used to purchase the new block and upon this would be a new civic building. The squaring out of Pandora avenue would provide public gardens in the roadway 2,000 feet by 150 feet. The cost would be \$750,000 for the new building, the other cost to be paid for by the sale of the present buildings and site.

The quorum consisted of the mayor and Ald. H. M. Fullerton, Peden, Bishop, Okell and Gleason. Ald. Fullerton said he had talked the matter over with ratepayers, who did not see the wisdom of the new expenditure; Ald. Gleason believed that the expense was too great for the city to undertake now. Ald. Okell was dead against the scheme, saying that it would bring the city's revenue to the civic debt up to \$5,000,000, while Ald. Peden favored the Pandora avenue plan.

Finchwood avenue of property owners made an application for cluster lights, but the proposal was considered ridiculous and will not be granted. The city assessor was appointed to assist the city assessor in the assessment of property on Fort street, between School and Cook streets, in view of the widening of that portion of Fort street. The assessor estimated that the widening would cost \$100,000, but that the increase in property values would more than compensate for the cost.

The city will lay permanent sidewalks on both sides of King's road, between Quadra and Cook streets; on the south side of Pakenham street, between Vancouver and Cook streets; on the east side of Young street, between Michigan and Toronto streets. The widening will cost considerably more than first contemplated.

The proposal of the B. C. Electric Company to lay a car line on Hillside avenue has called forth a proposal to extend the thoroughfare to 75 feet. The city engineer and assessor have estimated the cost of the widening at \$42,950, to be spread over 50 years and paid by the owners benefited. The plan now rests with the owners, and should they decide upon the expenditure the city engineer submitted last night will be embodied into a by-law.

R. D. Rorison, Vancouver, appeared before the council and intimated that he had purchased the Dominion Trust block at Wharf and Government streets, and proposes to erect there two stories underground and either six or eight above. He said that the city engineer and assessor had estimated the cost of the widening at \$42,950, to be spread over 50 years and paid by the owners benefited. The plan now rests with the owners, and should they decide upon the expenditure the city engineer submitted last night will be embodied into a by-law.

With just a quorum of the city council present last night, H. A. Maclean, R. C. representing the Dominion Trust, made an address on the letting of the sea wall tender to Thomas Stedham and its subsequent transfer to the Westholme Lumber Company. The speaker was introduced by the mayor and given ten minutes in which to put in his kick. Mr. Maclean recited the manner in which the tender had been made and transferred to the Westholme company, and then claimed that his client had not been fairly treated. He asked to be told what amount Mr. Stedham had been paid to transfer his tender, because he had a similar opportunity of bidding on this phase of the case.

"If Stedham was willing to take \$2,000 a set out," said Mr. Maclean, "why

did you not give Haggerty the same chance as you gave the Westholme Company, which was a higher tenderer than Mr. Haggerty. The city engineer estimated the cost of extras at \$3,000, and the estimate of the Westholme Company amounted to \$5,000. A compromise at \$4,000 was arranged. Mr. Haggerty tells me he would have done the work for the original Stedham price, and the amount of the extras named by the city engineer and the city would have saved \$1,000. Therefore I say that by failing to give Mr. Haggerty the same opportunities as you gave to the Westholme Company, the city is out \$1,000 and the tender goes to the higher tenderer."

Mr. Maclean then sat down, and the mayor remarked to Mr. Haggerty that his solicitor seemed to think he (Mr. Haggerty) was in some kind of a three-cornered horse deal with the city. Mr. Haggerty remarked that Mr. Maclean could take care of his interests and the matter ended.

ATTEMPT TO ROB VANCOUVER BANK

Robbers Use Nitro-Glycerine but Fail to Blow Open Safe

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 22.—A daring and well-planned attempt to blow the safe in the main branch of the Union Bank at the corner of Seymour and Hastings street Sunday night, was frustrated by the staunchness of the safe. The attempted burglary was similar in many respects to that made on the Traders' Bank here a couple of months ago, except that on this occasion the safe-blowers gained admittance from the top of the vault instead of through the floor.

The men, for there were evidently more than one, first broke into the office of T. McKay, timber merchant, who has an office immediately above the vault. They sawed a hole through the floor and then tore out the masonry forming the top of the vault. The first layer of masonry gone, the burglars were in the upper vault of the bank. Here there is nothing of value kept, the place being used more as a store-room than a vault. Through another layer of masonry they worked their way into the main vault of the bank.

Holes were drilled in the massive safe and nitro-glycerine was poured in the crack around the door. There seems to have been only one charge set off and the force of it bulged the lower corner of the safe door and filled the vault with wreckage, but did not give the burglars access to the inside.

Evidently fearing that the noise of the explosion would be heard, they did not make a second attempt. Manager McCaffrey of the bank, stated this morning that absolutely nothing was taken from the vault, although they have taken some things from the vault that would have caused the bank a lot of trouble, but it was evidently the money they were after.

THE MARQUIS OF QUEENSBERRY.

Joins Staff of the Chicago Tribune as Reporter.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—The Marquis of Queensberry has begun his career anew in America as a member of the staff of the Chicago Tribune. When the peer boarded the Mauretania eight days ago he announced that he was coming to the United States to seek his fortune. He said he had lost nearly all of the \$125,000 he inherited from his father, and he thought that not only this was a land of opportunity, but that a change of climate would enable him to shake off the "hoodoo" that followed his attempts to reform the family wealth, by making investments.

Before leaving England he settled the remainder of his estate on his wife, so when he came to New York on Friday morning he had only a few hundred dollars in his pockets. Positions of all sorts were offered, but the chance that appealed to him most was that of a reporter on the Tribune.

The first work the Marquis will do for the Tribune will be to spend the next month in the city and go to revise and bring up to date the pugilistic rules which his father originated. This work will be taken up at the hotel of Eugene Corey. The Marquis will remain in New York a few days in order to view the fight between the champion Papke and Sailor Burke for the middleweight championship.

While he is waiting for the big fight the Marquis will watch the "Cubs" and "Giants" play in New York and will write his impressions of the American national game.

GIRL DROWNED BY CAPSIZING OF CANOE

Mother of Victim Also Thrown Into Arrow Lake, but is Rescued

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 22.—Thrown into the lake from an overturned canoe at Needles yesterday just as the big steamer Bonington was leaving for her trip down the Arrow Lakes, Julia Neiderheim sank and was drowned. Her mother was also in the canoe when it capsized, but was saved. Hundreds of passengers on the Bonington witnessed the fatality.

Mrs. Neiderheim and her daughter ran down to the shore apparently in a hurry and jumped into the canoe, which caused the craft to overturn. The water at this point is deep and Miss Neiderheim, who was about 14 years of age, sank instantly. Her mother was rescued by bystanders.

The steamer Bonington reversed engines and put back into dock immediately and five or six boats were lowered and it was two quarters of an hour before the search for the drowned girl was finally given up.

ANNUAL PICNIC AT CORDOVA BAY

Directors of Victoria Farmers' Institute Arrange for Labor Day Outing

Gordon Head, Aug. 21.—The Directors of the Victoria Farmers' Institute held a meeting in the Municipal hall, Royal Oak, on Wednesday evening. In absence of President Quick, the Vice-President P. D. Goepel occupied the chair. The following directors were present: Messrs. J. J. Grant, J. Clark, W. Hutchison, W. Duval, J. R. Carmichael, S. McCullough, and the Secretary, C. E. King. The business of the evening was the arranging for the Annual Labor Day basket picnic which will be held this year at Cordova Bay, Cordova Bay. The following are on the sports committee: P. Quick, P. D. Goepel, C. E. King, and James Grant. The programme will be as follows: Football match Cedar Hill vs. Royal Oak. First and second prizes will be given for each race. Other events include 50 yard race for girls under 12, 50 yard race for girls under 16, 50 yard race for boys under 12, 50 yard race for boys under 16, boy's shoe race, boy's bun race, ladies' needle and thread race, 100 yards (open), 440 yards (open), sack race, obstacle race, three-legged race, relay race Cedar Hill vs. Royal Oak, tug of war Cedar Hill vs. Royal Oak, fat man's race, 50 yard race open to directors of the institute, potato race.

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Miss Margaret Glendenning, Cedar Hill.

Miss Kathleen Offerhaus left on Monday to attend Normal school in Vancouver.

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY

French Ambassadors Join Cabinet Minister in Conference With Premier Calliaux

Paris, Aug. 22.—Premier Calliaux is taking counsel of the diplomatic and political wisdom of France during these days of uncertainty in the Moroccan negotiations with Germany. The French ambassadors at Berlin, London, and Rome, Jules Cambon, Paul Cambon and Camille Barrere, who had been summoned to Paris were received by M. Calliaux to-day.

Justice De Selves, the minister of foreign affairs, Jean Cruppi, minister of justice, and Theophile Delcasse, the minister of marine, also conferred with the premier, who is preparing for a special cabinet meeting to be summoned for the end of the week.

Germans Optimistic.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—Rumors that a breaking off of the negotiations between Germany and France regarding Morocco was impending were circulated on the Bourse after the close of the official trading to-day and caused a heavy drop in prices. Inquiries here show that there is no foundation for the rumors, which appear to have up to the present been not attributable to this breach of the Regulations yet the master was so obviously guilty of reckless navigation that he should be and he is hereby censured.

The government officials maintain their previously expressed belief that an agreement can be reached.

TO SHOOT FOR CUP

Match Between 6th D. C. O. R., Vancouver, and National Guard of Aberdeen, Wash.

Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 22.—The plans for the international rifle match to be held between a team of enlisted men representing the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles of Vancouver, B. C., and a team of enlisted men from Company G. of this city, have received an impetus from S. G. Stieglitz of Aberdeen, who has offered to put up a \$100 silver trophy for competition in case the contest is pulled off. His offer has been accepted and the officers of the National Guard company, have proposed to the officers of the crack Canadian regiment that the cup be known as the Stieglitz trophy and be contested for five times, the first match to take place on the local range. First Lieutenant H. A. Comeau of Company G. has been appointed to act as executive officer at the contest and has offered the Canadians their choice of several different ranges. It is thought that one consisting of 10 shots each at the 200, 500 and 1000 yards, slow fire, and a skirmish run will prove acceptable.

KILLS HIMSELF IN CELL

Portland, Ore., Aug. 22.—Percy M. Barker, 28 years old, took his life yesterday by battering his brains out against the walls of the dungeon at the Linnton rock pile, while suffering from dementia caused by the excessive use of liquor.

Barker was sentenced to the rock pile about ten days ago after a spree that had lasted four months. The sudden withdrawal of liquor made him violent and he had been kept under close watch. Yesterday the guards were absent for about half an hour and when they returned found Barker dead on the floor.

BELCARRA'S MASTER CENSURED BY COURT

His Action After Stranding Was Seamanlike but Navigation Was Reckless

The commissioners who on Friday last at Vancouver inquired into the stranding of the steamer Belcarra—Mr. Justice Martin, local judge in Admiralty; Captains A. Heutley Reid and Stanley Cullington, assessors—handed down the following finding:—

On the early morning of the 17th of September last, about 4 o'clock, the screw steamer "Belcarra," of 172 tons register, stranded during a thick fog on a point of rock off Dempsey's Camp in Agamemnon Channel, and shortly afterwards, as the tide fell, slid off into deep water and became a total loss. There were 17 or 18 passengers on board at the time of the accident, and the master was not negligent in the circumstances were taken to secure the vessel from foundering by making her fast to the shore.

The court is satisfied, after hearing the explanation of the master, John Edgar Fulton, who was in charge at the time, that the accident was due to the fact that the customary light on the ship's bow was not burning, and that the master was thereby deceived in making his landing by mistaking another light, some 200 or 300 feet inland, for the one which should have been burning.

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WORK ON KETTLE VALLEY RAILWAY

Contract Awarded for Forty-Mile Section of Road From Pentiction

Vancouver, Aug. 22.—The Kettle Valley line has just awarded to Messrs. L. M. Rice & Company of Vancouver and Seattle, a contract for the construction of a forty-mile section from Pentiction at the south end of the Okanagan lake, westward to Ausprey Lake summit. Grading outfits have already been shipped to Pentiction and grading will be in progress within a few weeks.

The gap from the summit at Ausprey lake to the Otter summit, thirty miles south of Merritt in the Nicola Valley, is 75 miles. From Merritt the rails have been laid for twenty miles and grading on the remaining thirty miles to Otter summit is now in progress. Later in the season a train service will be established between Merritt and Otter summit whence the main line will also be continued west over the Hope mountains to Hope, where the Fraser river will be bridged to afford connection with the main line of the C. P. R.

From Midway to the Boundary district, northward along the west fork of the Kettle river twenty miles of track have also been laid, ten additional miles have been graded. Farther up the stream 35 miles of the line are also under construction. The western limit of this contract, which is likewise being executed by Messrs. Rice & Company, is known as the Kettle Valley summit, which is 45 miles from Pentiction on the other side of the divide.

The railway company also plans to build a four mile spur from Pentiction south to Dog Lake and will operate a steamer on that lake. Later on when conditions justify the step, the railway will be extended south from the lower end of Dog Lake to the international boundary.

AVIATION MEET NOT FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Promoters of Contests at Chicago Face Deficit of \$55,000

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 22.—When the nine days' international aviation meet closed Sunday night the management estimated that 3,000,000 people witnessed the flights. The executive committee has not figured exactly how much the gate receipts ran behind the expenses, but a rough estimate by officials placed the total receipts at \$140,000. The expenses are estimated at \$195,000, which means that the meet has not come within \$55,000 of paying the expenses. Every minute of the flying time, from one to fifteen minutes, figures up to Sunday showed that the successful pilots had been in the air an aggregate of 188 hours. As the daily flying time had been three and a half hours, or a total of thirty-one and a half hours for the nine days, the endurance totals show that on the average over six aeroplanes have been in the air all the time.

REDUCING FORCE ON RAILWAY

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 21.—At the office of the general manager of the Union Pacific railway, information was given out that 2,500 employees of that road will be laid off this week. The reduction in force will apply to all departments. The action of the company is said to be due to the fact that since last October business has been falling off.

WILL MOVE TO NEW HEADQUARTERS

Foley, Welch & Stewart Erecting Building at New Hazelton—Progress on G. I. P.

Prince Rupert, Aug. 21.—Foley, Welch & Stewart are about to begin work upon their new headquarters at New Hazelton. The new premises will be completed early this fall and occupied immediately after this. The move is an indication that there is no doubt that the company intends to have the line completed to Hazelton early this winter, and operations will be in hand down the Bulkley Valley.

The quarters which the company will put up will be quite substantial in character and will serve as the headquarters for them for some time to come. When they are through with the building, it will be capable of being converted into some other use, either for the company or for some private company that may wish to make use of it. The buildings will be two stories in height. There will be offices of various kinds on the ground floor, while above will be living quarters for the employees.

With the completion of the tunnel on the line near the canyon the company's field of operations will be for the most part beyond the site of New Hazelton, affairs will be much more easily handled from that point than would be the case here.

WANT MONEY FOR SUIT.

Nelson, Aug. 21.—At the last meeting of the city council a letter was received from Dr. E. C. Arthur, secretary of the school board, asking for an extraordinary estimate of \$500 to cover the expenses of the suit which the trustees are bringing against the council, an expenditure which was not considered when the regular estimates were made up.

"We are, of course," said the mayor, "perfectly willing to pay the expense of the suit, but it is required by law that a detailed estimate be presented," and on motion of Ald. Stark, seconded by Ald. Ferguson, it was decided that the communication be referred back to Dr. Arthur for a detailed statement.

STEAMERS ON INTERIOR WATERS

Nelson, Aug. 21.—That the tonnage of steamers operating on the Shocan, Kootenay and Arrow lakes has increased since 1889 from less than 100 tons all told to over 5,000 tons was the statement made by J. A. Thomson, Dominion government steamboat inspector, for this province.

When Mr. Thomson first came to this district some 22 years ago, there were only three boats in commission on the lakes of the Kootenay. The Galena, the Idaho, and the Dispatch. The Galena had the greatest tonnage, being 474 gross tons, while the Idaho was only 604 tons. It was the Galena which did the greatest business, running between Bonner's Ferry, which was then the chief point of entrance to the Kootenay and Nelson.

The Bonnington with a gross tonnage of 1,700, is the largest boat here now, and the more important of the others which go to make up the 8,000 tons are the Kootenay, 1,100 tons; the Moyie, 834 tons; the Minto, 834 tons; the Nelson, 496 tons; the Kokanee, 347 tons; the Rossland, 833 tons. In addition to the regular steamer service there are summer boats which include the Yallahs, the Homer, the Ymir, the George F. Piper, the Adam Hall, the Irene, the Yale, the Hercules, the Anamos and the Whatshan.

FIRE AT TRAIL

Store and Warehouse Destroyed—Loss Amounts to \$7,000.

Trail, Aug. 22.—The Rossland Crescent Company's store was completely destroyed by fire the other morning. The origin is not known and only the splendid efforts of the fire department saved the business section of the town. Adjoining the Crescent is the warehouse of the Trail Hardware Company, which was also burned out. The loss to the Crescent Company is estimated at \$6,000, which is only partially covered by insurance, and the Trail Hardware Company's is \$1,000, which is not insured. A family living above the Crescent store had to escape by climbing down the verandah.

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GRAIN BEATEN DOWN BY STORM

Wind, Rain and Hail Sweep Over Minota District—Buildings Wrecked

Minota, Man., Aug. 22.—A disastrous hail and wind storm passed over this district. The house of John Robertson, living twelve miles southeast of here, was lifted off its foundation and carried about four hundred yards, where it was smashed to kindling wood. Mr. Robinson and one son were in it at the time, he being knocked unconscious, while his son came to himself in the field. The concrete barn was completely destroyed, two horses being killed and several injured. Mr. Crump, his neighbor, sustained losses amounting to \$4,000, his barn being wrecked, two grain separators destroyed, besides granary and contents. Other farmers have had lesser losses.

Another storm passed over this district, leaving ruin in its tracks. Losses to crop ranged from 10 to 75 per cent in this immediate district. Nearly all the grain is down flat from the force of the wind, rain and hail.

NELSON RIFLE RANGE.

Nelson, Aug. 21.—The contract for the Cottonwood Creek rifle range has been let to W. B. Peasey. The figure for the work will be \$10,000. The completion of the range will be one of the finest in Canada, having firing points of 200, 300, 500, 600, 800, 900 and 1,000 yards. A large amount of the work to be done will be concrete construction, which includes two dams on Cottonwood creek and a solid cement pit for the scorer.

PASTOR SHOTS HIMSELF.

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 22.—Rev. John Reeves, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of this city, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. Reeves, who was in ill-health, had become despondent over his inability to support his family.

MOB ATTEMPTS TO RELEASE PRISONERS

Sentries Are Overpowered but Troops Arrived in Time to Frustrate Scheme

Lisbon, Aug. 22.—Via Frontier—an attempt was made Sunday to release four hundred political prisoners from the Limeoeiro prison in this city. A mob overpowered the sentries, but as the iron gates were about to fall before the attack, the troops arrived and the delinquents fled.

Sergeants in the army who were dissatisfied at the treatment accorded men of their grade assembled in secret meeting in the suburb of Bailem today, according to the Novihadras. The ministers of war, learning of the meeting, sent cavalry to the spot, but all of the men except five escaped.

The Diario Noticias says the government has ascertained that the country priests, fearing ecclesiastical property is to be seized by the state, are burying church treasures, consisting of priceless relics, vases and images. It is said that church property valued at \$3,000,000 already has disappeared.

STATISTICS OF MARITIME PROVINCES IN PROTECTION PERIODS COMPARED.

(St. John Telegraph.)

Let us see, now, how the population of New Brunswick advanced under the Tory tariffs as compared with what it did in the days of reciprocity and low tariff. Hon. Mr. Pugsley recited some facts yesterday in his speech at Sussex. The reciprocity period was from 1854-1866. From 1866-1881 the population of New Brunswick increased by 18,157. The years later in 1871, it had increased by another 33,547. In other words, the increase in population from 1851-1871 inclusive was 51,694.

Now we take the high protection period, from 1879-1896. By the census of 1881, the population was 321,233. By the census of 1891 the population was 321,263—an increase of just thirty in ten years. By the census of 1901 the population was 331,120, an increase over 1891 of 9,857. That is, in the twenty years from 1881-1901, inclusive, the increase was only 9,857.

Reciprocity kept the boys and girls at home, whereas the period of depression under Conservative high protection drove them away. By thousands they thronged the industrial cities of New England, swelling in an alien land, while their hearts yearn for their old homes in this province.

An examination of the population figures for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island discloses similar results. In Nova Scotia from 1851-1871 inclusive there was an increase in population of 111,383. That was during the period of reciprocity and low tariff. During the high protection period from 1881-1901, most of which represents Conservative rule, the increase in population was 19,002.

In Prince Edward Island the population in 1845 was 62,673. In 1861 it was 80,857; in 1871 it was 94,021. The total increase in twenty-three years was 31,348.

Then came the high protection period from 1879-1896. During the first ten years, from 1881 to 1891, Prince Edward Island's population increased by 187. By 1901 it had actually decreased by 5,319, and the actual loss in twenty years, ending with 1901, was 5,622.

Reciprocity will bring the boys and girls back from the United States. The highest patriotism calls for the repatriation of our own people by giving them, here under the flag, comfortable, prosperous homes on their own hillsides and in their own valleys.

ATWOOD'S LONG FLIGHT.

Aviator Now Within Few Miles of American Coast Record.

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 22.—On the ninth day of his aeroplane flight from St. Louis to New York, Harry N. Atwood to-day planned to cover the 133-mile stretch from Belle Isle, five miles west of here, to Albany. Atwood expected to pass Syracuse, Utica, Amsterdam, Schenectady and the intermediate towns, following directly over the New York Central tracks. He would be compelled, he said, to make one stop for gasoline, but would do so at some unscheduled point and where he would have happened to give out, which would be after 100 miles of sailing.

At Belle Isle, where he was forced to land because of darkness after losing his way while flying between Lyons, N. Y., and Auburn, the aviator was out early putting his biplane in readiness. He found a strong wind blowing, which would delay a start for several hours. He reaches Albany to-night. Atwood will have flown 1,123 miles from St. Louis. Besides breaking all cross-country records in America, this will be a near approach to the world's record of 1,194 miles now held in Europe.

Atwood's flight has surpassed the world's record when he flies along the Hudson river over Rhine Cliff, when he will have 1,177 miles to his credit.