

## THE CITY COUNCIL

### Wood Sawing Machines Complained of as a Nuisance and Danger to Life.

### Residents of James Bay Say That the Chemical Works Fumes are Unbearable.

Last evening's meeting of the city council was longer than usual, one or two short but sharp discussions and a lot of business being transacted.

The assistant secretary of the department of the interior, Ottawa, acknowledged the receipt of the resolutions re Yukon mining regulations passed at a public meeting. Received and noted.

Major C. T. Dupont complained of wood sawing machines being allowed to be operated on the streets. He held that the killing of a child by a street car on Douglas street could be traced to one of these machines, the child's attention being attracted by the machine and the noise of the machine drowning the noise of the street car. Two young ladies had recently been killed by a street car, and seriously injured, their horse taking fright at one of the machines.

Mayor Redfern pointed out that these machines were not allowed to operate within the fire limits, except in the early morning. The residents outside the fire limits should receive the same protection as those within the limits.

Ald. Wilson and McClelland both advocated doing away with these machines on the public streets.

The letter was laid on the table for further consideration.

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