

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 accountable.

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 read.

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 lads had recently been killed by a car, and had 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 moved that all wood sawing machines be removed from the public streets.

The letter was laid on the table for further consideration.

Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken again wrote re severage for the houses of Mrs. Baumgart, on Quadra street. Their client has been notified to disconnect her drains, which at present are run into a wooden drain, but the city has provided no other sewerage on the street named. They ask that their client be allowed to construct a sewer on Pandora street, to be paid by the city, her taxes to go towards paying the cost.

Ald. Vigelin moved that the request be granted, as others had been treated in the same way.

Ald. Partridge seconded the motion, and Ald. Kinsman spoke in favor of the motion.

Ald. Stewart contended that if the request was granted many others would want to be treated in the same way.

Ald. Kinsman thought Mrs. Baumgart would be quite willing to do the work, the money to be repaid with interest from the city decided to construct the Quadra street sewer.

The request was granted, under the conditions outlined by Ald. Kinsman.

The clerk of the city council of New Westminster wrote that the council of that city had passed a motion similar to the one passed by the council of Victoria, and that Mr. Aulay Morrison, M.P., would urge the Dominion government to take the station over. Received and filed.

The mayor of New Westminster invited the mayor and council of Victoria to be present at the exhibition to be held at that city.

Rev. Bishop Cridge and Mr. A. Jack complained of the condition in which fences on Princess street had been left by city workmen who had been up against the fences and had failed to clean the fences off. The fences will be cleaned.

At the request of the council Dr. R. L. Fraser, city health officer, appointed Mr. W. L. Whittings caretaker of the Isolation Hospital. The appointment was approved.

The market superintendent reported fees amounting to \$57.75 for the month of August.

Mr. J. G. Tiarks again wrote complaining of water being allowed to run on his property on Esplanade street.

Ald. Kinsman explained that the property was part of what is known as Skinner's Bottom, and it was impossible to drain it. The property was not even fenced.

On motion it was decided to notify Mr. Tiarks that the council cannot undertake the work.

G. H. Glyde and forty-two others complained of the fumes from the Victoria Chemical Works at the outer wharf.

They requested that steps be taken to remove the fumes, as besides being a great nuisance they destroyed vegetables. Something is not done the petitioners threaten to take legal action.

Mayor Redfern explained that the petitioners had to be satisfied that the fumes were being removed, and that the petitioners were being made to abate the nuisance.

On motion it was decided to notify the sanitary officer to endeavor to abate the nuisance.

D. F. Fee and others petitioned for a sidewalk on the south side of North Park street. Referred to the street committee.

Tenders for repairs to the city hall were received as follows: G. H. Moore, \$190; Thos. Tibman, \$185; H. J. Nott, \$145; Bishop & Sherbourne, \$205; Geo. Mann, \$224; E. Matthews, \$165; Thos. Donovan, \$180.25. The contract was awarded to H. J. Nott, the lowest tenderer.

The firewardens recommended the purchase of two new hydrants. Adopted.

The superintendent of the electric light system recommended the acceptance of Mr. McMicking's tender for arc lights at \$220 each. Adopted.

On consideration of the street committee report, which consisted principally in stating that there was no funds to carry out work, Ald. Harrison asked allow the street committee to engage a man to rake the loose stones off Pandora road. The committee had recommended that this work be done, but the mayor had interfered. If the street committee has no funds, what is the use of the street committee?

Mayor Redfern replied that he might not allow the committee to exceed the appropriation of \$800 per month.

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SCHOOL TRUSTEES

The Superintendent of City Schools Addresses the Trustees on School Matters.

He Suggests Several Changes—They Will be Carried into Effect At Once.

The Congestion at Some of the Schools To be Relieved—Other Schools, Business Attended To.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees was held at the office of the secretary, all the members of the board being present.

Superintendent Drake, the newly appointed superintendent of the city schools, was present, and after the close of the business of the evening he addressed the board on school matters.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read a list of supplies needed by the various principals was read. These were referred to the supply committee, who are to consider the superintendent and are accordingly.

Letters were read from several teachers accepting positions on the teaching staff.

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