

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ADOPTED

ON SELECTION OF AN ADVISORY INQUIRER

The Council Takes the First Step Towards an Improved Water-Works System.

Arthur L. Adams, of San Francisco, an engineer who has been highly recommended by R. P. Rithet, of this city, is the man whom the city council has selected to report on the best plan of improving the city water system.

The choice was not objected to by any members as the council on Monday, but three considered the question of salary and expenses should be inquired into fully, and advised that the council lay over the report for a week, in which time the engineer's ability might be also looked into.

Before this matter was taken up, the usual routine was transacted. The provincial secretary notified the council that the Dominion government had already taken steps in approaching the Imperial government respecting the maintenance of the naval station at Esquimalt. Received and filed.

G. A. Keefer, Dominion government resident engineer, asked if the city had any objection to granting a foreshore right to Moore & Whittington. Referred to streets, bridges and sewer committee.

E. A. Jacob applied for the renewal of the city's advertisement in the B. C. Mining Record. Referred to finance committee for report.

Ald. Fell could not see how the city got \$300 value out of the advertisement. A. W. Jones, agent for K. E. Jackson, wrote respecting the site for an old man's home, drawing attention to a piece of land consisting of three acres, and situated on Richardson street, the Fairfield estate, which the owner was willing to lease or sell.

Messrs. Crease & Crease, on behalf of clients living on property adjacent to the Spring Ridge gravel pit, notified the council that they would hold the corporation responsible for any damage to private interests. Referred to city engineer.

Messrs. Hooper & Watkins wanted to know if it was the council's wish to have wooden shelving put in the Carnegie library, according to plans. Referred to streets, bridges and sewer committee, which will meet on Thursday.

L. Tait asked for any old books not used in the Carnegie library for North Ward school. Laid on the table.

A. Griffiths called attention to the necessity of a light on Court's avenue. Referred to the light committee.

The Manufacturers' Agencies Company, Winnipeg, wanted to know if the city desired to make any changes in installing waterworks, gas plants, etc. Referred to water commissioner for report.

Hobson & Company, Vancouver, asked for a share of the city's fire insurances for the two companies they represented. Referred to the city treasurer for report.

Murray & Woods requested a share of the city's horsehoesing business. Referred to the fire wardens and city engineer, with power to act.

City Clerk Dowler reported as follows: I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the city council the following communications have been received and referred to the city engineer for report, namely:

Joseph Phillips called attention to the condition of Camosun street, between View and Yates streets, and asked that it be repaired.

Robert E. Knowles directed attention to the condition of Esplanade street.

Albert F. Griffiths, re condition of Courts avenue.

F. W. Grant, re existence of mud on Chestnut avenue, between Yates and Johnson streets, and asking that a sidewalk be laid on Cook street.

Wm. P. Worthington, requesting permission to open sidewalk west side of Douglas street for access to stable.

an engineer to report on both the Goldstream and Beaver lake systems, beg to recommend as follows:

The Mayor having obtained the names of various engineers of standing, communicated with them, with a view of obtaining their charges for making such an investigation and report as is required. Replies were received from the following, and we inclose their letters: H. Schuster, San Francisco, cannot undertake the work; J. T. Fanning, Minneapolis, \$50 a day and expenses; Arthur L. Adams, San Francisco, \$1,000 for first two weeks, after that \$50 per day and expenses; Willis Chipman, Schenectady, Los Angeles, \$3,000 and expenses; Wynkoop Klenstead, Kansas City, \$25 per day and expenses; Emil Kufeling, New York, \$50 a day and expenses.

Being of opinion that a Western man would be preferable to an Eastern one, both on account of his probably being more in touch with this country, and the lower charge of travelling expenses, the Mayor telegraphed to Mr. R. P. Rithet, who is a large taxpayer, asking him if he could recommend an engineer of established reputation any of the above named California engineers. Mr. Rithet replied as follows: "After full inquiry, unhesitatingly recommend Adams, as he can undertake immediately if required; if not immediately wanted he will be available in March."

We therefore recommend Mr. Arthur L. Adams, San Francisco, be appointed to the supervision and report on both the Beaver Lake and Goldstream waterworks systems, as per the terms of his letter to the Mayor, dated the 7th January, 1905.

Ald. Fell moved that the report be laid over for a week. He preferred to see a Canadian get the work. The question of expense, he contended, was not the chief one, as it might involve the bringing of a big staff here. It should be known whether the engineer proposed to carry out the work personally. He considered it wise to leave the report over till March, as conditions might then be more favorable.

His Worship did not believe in waiting until March. The report should be dealt with at once.

Ald. Hall inquired about the engineer's expenses. This, he thought, should be looked into.

Ald. Fullerton wanted to know more about Mr. Adams. He asked for inquiries regarding a competent engineer were similar. If the city could not rely on a man like R. P. Rithet it was a blue book out. The city had enough experience about delays. The committee had determined that a Western man was the best, as he was familiar with Western conditions.

Ald. Stewart said that the committee considered itself very fortunate in having a man like R. P. Rithet in California. There was no man like R. P. Rithet in New York, Denver or in the other cities named who could recommend an engineer so reliably.

Ald. Fell wanted no undue haste, and pleaded for a week's delay.

Ald. Hall, and Fullerton voted that the report be laid over for a week, but their amendment was lost, and the original motion that the report be adopted was put and carried.

The finance committee reported accounts totaling \$134.04. Carried.

Ald. Hall asked how long it would be before the septic tanks would be completed, and Ald. Fullerton also asked if the city would be engaged to have the sewer appropriation to sewer Spring Ridge. Both questions were referred to the city engineer. His Worship stating that he thought there would be enough for as long part of Spring Ridge.

On motion of Ald. Elford tenders will be called for the city's supplies of groceries.

The Yates street local improvement by-act was introduced, and passed through its initial stages.

The annual loan by-law for 1905 was reconsidered, and finally passed, and the council then adjourned to meet again on Thursday evening.

Remuneration of mayor and aldermen at the usual rate of \$2,000 for the chief magistrate and \$300 each for ward representatives per year was decided upon by the city council at its regular meeting Monday evening. Ald. Williams's motion to increase exemption on improvements from 50 to 60 per cent. was voted down, a number of the aldermen conferring that they knew nothing about the subject.

Among the passengers who left for Japan by the R. M. S. Empress of Japan were Messrs. J. Oki and T. Shimada, two shipping experts in the employ of the Japanese government, who are returning home after a stay of six months in England on an inspection of ship-building and gun-making methods. They spent part of the time at Sheffield, with Armstrong's company at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

William J. Stockand, a miner, who recently arrived from the North, died suddenly at an early hour Monday morning. He was staying with two companions named Green and Betty in a room on Hastings street. They had all gone to bed shortly after 9 o'clock on Sunday evening, but did not put out the lights till about 11.30, as Stockand lay in bed reading aloud to his companions. About 1.30 a.m. Betty, who was sleeping in an adjoining bed, heard Stockand gasping and struggling for breath. He awoke Green, who was sleeping by the unfortunate man, and they rose at once and telephoned for medical help. Dr. Wilson hurried down, but by the time he reached there Stockand was dead. The doctor pronounced death to be due to heart failure. Mr. Stockand was 34 years of age and unmarried.

WILL HOLD NEXT SHOW IN AUGUST

ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL FLOWER LOVERS

Report Dealing With Last Year's Exhibition at the Drill Hall Submitted.

On Monday the annual meeting of the Victoria Horticultural Association was held at the city hall. There was a large attendance, F. B. Pemberton occupying the chair, and among those present being E. E. Billingshurst, J. A. Bland, P. T. James, T. Russell, G. Wilkerson, W. F. Burton, W. B. Sage, A. Ohlson, W. J. Savory, J. P. Stewart, James Gayton, F. Morall, Wm. Laird, C. E. Blake, J. Sherburn and Jas. Mantor.

The directors' report was read as follows: In presenting their third annual report, being the second since incorporation, the officers and directors of the Victoria Horticultural Society regret to again have to report a deficit in connection with the annual flower show of the society held in the drill hall on Friday and Saturday, the 5th and 6th of August last. Although the financial statement shows a deficit of \$78.70, only \$25.00 of cost amount is for the deficit of the season, and this can only be accomplished by a united effort on the part of all the members of the society.

While the show was not a success financially, it must, from an exhibitor's point of view, be admitted to be the best of its kind ever held here. The exhibits so far exceeded those of the previous year that it was found necessary to purchase 1,200 more feet of timber to accommodate them, and still, in a city like Victoria, which is noted for its beautiful flowers, there might easily have been twice the number. There is no reason why the annual flower show of the society should be made a loss-making proposition, and this can only be accomplished by a united effort on the part of all the members of the society.

Since the establishment of the society, almost four years ago, when its membership numbered about a dozen, it has grown until now it has reached a membership of 88 subscribing \$2 and upwards, and one life member. The increase for the past year was double that of 1903. The directors very much regret the lack of interest displayed last year by the school children, only six having completed for the numerous prizes offered by the society.

The cottage garden competition proved a most interesting feature, and brought out a number of enthusiastic competitors. Special prizes were offered by the society to amateurs not employing gardeners or help of any kind for the best kept cottage garden. Mr. A. B. Ridgman won the first prize, Mr. J. Sherburn second, and Mrs. R. Tennant third.

Encouraged by the success of last year's sessions, it is the intention of the directors to again offer prizes this year, which is expected that the number of competitors will be largely increased.

The directors contemplate the holding of a rose show at the end of July, and it is their wish to see every endeavor to make some arrangement whereby such a show could be held. The directors consider it highly desirable that something should be done to improve the culture of the rose.

It is also the intention of the board, if the finances will permit, to hold a chrysanthemum show.

It has been suggested that the society should exhibit an exhibit of roses to the rose show to be held in connection with the Portland fair. The suggestion is a very good one and will receive the earnest consideration of the directors.

F. B. PEMBERTON, President. JAMES A. BLAND, Secretary.

On motion of W. Laird it was adopted unanimously.

In submitting his statement the treasurer announced that there was a small deficit. He thought, however, that members had reason for gratification, as the indebtedness had been reduced from \$52 to \$25 during the year. This, he explained, had been accomplished in spite of the difficulties encountered in carrying through the annual show.

The report, after detailing the assets received by donations, etc., enumerates the liabilities incurred in connection with last year's show as follows: Insurance on drill hall, \$31.70; band, \$126; hack hire, \$8; labor, \$88.40; material, \$28.50; printing and advertising, \$85.20; refreshments, \$9.25; express, \$2.25; medals, \$30.05; prizes, per list, \$250.75. In concluding the treasurer explained that it was the engagement of a band that entailed the most expense. It had not proved much of a drawing card and he hoped an association would next year benefit by his experience.

The report was adopted. Officers were elected as follows: His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, honorary president; F. B. Pemberton, president; W. F. Burton, Rev. J. P. Stewart, Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. Frank S. Barnard, Mrs. E. Crow Baker, Mrs. B. W. Pearce, Major C. T. Dupont, W. Fernie, vice-presidents; E. E. Billingshurst, honorary treasurer; James A. Bland, secretary; P. T. James, L. Russell, A. Ohlson, J. P. Stewart, G. Wilkerson, Mrs. H. Siddall, J. K. Rebeck, W. J. Savory, J. Sherburn, Jas. Mantor, executive.

Some discussion took place on the cultivation of the rose. Mr. Ohlson delivered a brief address on the subject. A committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of holding a rose show this summer. It was decided that the

ROBBERY LAST NIGHT

Tailor Shop on Broad Street Entered by Thieves—Bogus Cheques.

The theft was not detected until Mr. McCorkall opened his premises Tuesday morning. A neighbor asked him if he had left his back window open all night and he replied that he had not. He then saw that seven pieces of cloth, suit lengths, had been removed from the window, and further investigation showed that two more had been taken from the show counter inside the store.

The boards around which this cloth had been wrapped and seven more pieces were found in the little workshop in the back part of the place. Whoever entered the store must have been pretty small, for the window pane that had been removed was only about eleven inches square. There were at least two engaged in the theft, the man inside passing the goods out through one of the larger windows, which had been able to open to the outer outside. Mr. McCorkall reported the robbery to the police immediately upon its discovery this morning.

In the police court today Richard M. King was charged with obtaining money under false pretences, on three different counts, namely, obtaining books valued at five dollars, and money, three dollars, from Fred Maynard; sundry goods and money amounting to \$43.69 from Ben Williams & Co., and stealing a gold watch valued at \$45 and a sapphire pendant valued at \$12 from Josephine Lee of Courtney street. King was arrested by Detective Perdue on Broad street yesterday afternoon. The manner in which King is alleged to have obtained the goods under false pretences was by passing bogus cheques. It was done on Saturday afternoon after the banks had been closed, and of course the victimized parties did not discover the worthless nature of the cheques until yesterday morning. In both cases the cheques were drawn by T. A. Moore on the Bank of Commerce and endorsed by R. King. When the accused was arraigned this morning, he pleaded guilty to the charge and a remand was granted until Thursday.

Two Work Point Tommies got into a heap of trouble last night. They raided King's restaurant on Johnson street and proceeded to show that while "it took them little bangers a year to take Port Arthur, we'll take this place in three minutes, blast you." They boned the restaurant on Johnson street for a general assault, but the police were notified and gathered in the two soldiers and three Japanese. The latter were detained as witnesses. This morning each of the Tommies was fined \$100 and four dollars each for one month imprisonment for this particular escapade, while one of the prisoners got an extra month for stealing a bottle of liquor from the Princess saloon. Neither Tommie has his own, but will serve one month and the other two months.

ALTERING SYSTEM

Superintendent Kiddie Has Decided on This After Full Experiments With Hot Blasts.

The Tye & Smelter is about to substitute its present system of preparatory treatment by employing hot blasts. The Ladysmith Ledger says: "For several months Thos. Kiddie, manager of the Tye & Smelter, has been experimenting with hot blasts, and has been able to reduce the cost of smelting, for not only was the percentage of coke used considerably less, but the smelter will be by the hot blast and roasting outside will be done away with, if not completely, very largely so."

"The smelter will, it is now expected, be in shape for using the hot blast in March or April. Mr. Kiddie expects to be able to treat ore in this manner more economically than by roasting, and no small consideration is that it will largely do away with the smoke from the roasting piles. Of course this does not mean that the smoke will not be in evidence, but if the hot blast treatment is maintained and all ore goes directly to the smelter, all smoke will be from the big 150-foot stack and will not be in that case so noticeable as it now is."

After years of testing and comparison I have no hesitation in saying that Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is the quickest, safest, and surest known to medical science. I use it in my own practice. It relieves the most acute forms of heart disease. The usual dose of thirty minutes and never fails.—35.

A first edition of Robinson Crusoe, in two volumes, realized \$121 at an auction sale at Sotheby's, London.

COMPANY ACQUIRES A NEW SYSTEM

ELECTRIC CARS TO REPLACE THE TRAIN

The B. C. Electric Railway People Take Over Vancouver and Lulu Island Branch of C. P. R.

Regarding the statement in the Times that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company had taken over the business and trackage of the C. P. R., known as the Vancouver & Lulu Island railway, the Vancouver Province says:

The deal has been on the tapis for several weeks, but it was only Saturday that the papers, finally signed, were received from Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., Saturday morning J. Buntzen, general manager of the British Columbia Electric railway, and R. Marpole, general superintendent of the C. P. R., had a conference regarding the details, after which the official announcement of the plans and agreement was made by Mr. Buntzen.

The new service will be operated on lines similar to the tramway service between here and New Westminster. The passenger cars as well as the freight equipment will be of the same standard as that operated between here and the Royal City.

The electric company will commence work immediately in converting the line into an electric system, so that the service is expected to be ready for running cars by the 1st of July. One of the chief features of equipment will be an electric sub-station to be erected at Eburne. This will distribute the high potential current, and will also supply electric energy to different business and manufacturing establishments.

Rev. J. Antle, who is to have charge of the missionary boat which is now building in Vancouver for use among the logging camps of the coast, was also present at the meeting. Bishop Perin presided.

In the address delivered by Rev. Mr. Tucker, a very interesting account was given of the work of the Missionary Society of the Canadian church. His remarks touched upon the interest taken in the Indian work, and also pointed out that the increase of population in the Northwest Territories made it necessary to devote considerable money toward maintaining churches to meet this need. A large amount was devoted last year to the salaries of these missionaries in the Northwest.

The missionary secretary also praised the good work done by the Women's Auxiliary in this work of building and furnishing churches. He admonished parents to inculcate in their children the missionary spirit, so that the future church would not be lacking in this good cause.

Rev. J. Antle devoted the most of his time towards explaining the new missionary boat which is building, and pointing out the needs of the logging camps along the coast of such an auxiliary.

Mr. Antle urged contributions towards furnishing the boat and the hospital supplies necessary to the logging camps. In connection with it there is a proposition to build a hospital near one of the large logging camps on the northeast coast of Vancouver Island.

This movement for a missionary and hospital boat had its origin in a trip made by Rev. Mr. Antle last year in a small boat among the camps.

A small steamer is being built at Wallace's yards, Vancouver. It will be 60 feet long and 14 feet in width, equipped with a 12 horse-power engine. Already Vancouver has contributed \$1,000 towards its construction. The Missionary Society of the Canadian church has added \$2,000, and \$1,000 is expected to be raised by the churches in Victoria.

Rev. Mr. Antle, who is qualified as a master, will have charge of the steamer. It is expected that he will have as a member of the crew a qualified surgeon, so that emergency cases met with may be attended to without delay. A hospital cot is to be one of the features on board the steamer, and will be given any who may meet with an accident while conveying him to the stationary hospital, which will be centrally located.

The district to be covered will be that north of Texada Island, and in Alert Bay. Along the coasts of that territory it is estimated that there are 3,000 loggers. Among so many men there were constantly occurring accidents requiring immediate attention.

The meeting closed with the doxology and the benediction.

CONTRACT AWARDED. Victoria Machinery Depot Seeks the Work of Repairing the Haddon Hall.

The contract for repairing the British ship Haddon Hall was let on Tuesday. Four tenders in all were taken for the work, and some pretty close figuring was done. Two came from the B. C. Marine Railway Company, one for docking the ship on their ways and the other for placing her in the dry dock. One came from Andrew Gray, and the fourth from the Victoria Machinery Depot. This latter was the successful one. The price is not named, but is in the neighborhood of \$7,000.

The Haddon Hall is on the Victoria Machinery Company's ways in the upper harbor. Repairs will be commenced at once. They will be advanced with probably a double shift of men. Eighteen days are allowed for the completion of the undertaking, but the company expect to have the job finished before the expiration of that time. They could they state, have the vessel ready to launch in fourteen days under such circumstances.

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98 Government St., Near Yates St. IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ACT AND AMENDMENTS THEREON.

Election of a member to represent the Esquimalt Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, holden on the 19th day of September and 3rd day of October, A. D., 1905. GEORGE ALVIN WALKER, petitioner, and Charles Edward Poole, respondent.

Notice is hereby given that the above named Petitioner intends to make application to this Honorable Court or Judge thereof on Tuesday, the 31st day of January, 1905, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for leave to withdraw his petition.

Dated this 26th day of January, A.D., 1905. ALEXIS MARTIN, of the Firm of Langley & Martin, 69 1/2 Government Street, Victoria, B. C., Agent for Petitioner.

SECOND-HAND PIANO FOR SALE.—This instrument has been used by a teacher and is thoroughly well made. Will be delivered to any party who will purchase it on the 1st day of February, 1905, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for leave to withdraw his petition.

WANTED—Timber lands, large or small tracts; farms, improved and otherwise. Send particulars to "Agent," Times Office, Victoria, B. C.

FOR SALE—Odear posts. Address Old Field, Box 406, Odessa.

LOCAL MUSICIAN DEAD. Malcolm Wm. McGregor Passed Away at New Westminster Last Week.

Word has been received of the death of Malcolm William McGregor, formerly euphonium soloist for the Fifth Regiment, at New Westminster last week. Mr. McGregor came to Victoria about two years ago and was a member of the local band for six months. Poor health then made his retirement necessary. Death resulted from general paralysis. He was born in Canada, Glamorganshire, on January 12th, 1859. Malcolm became an student of music at the age of 15, his first instrument being the valve trombone. From that he took to the euphonium. In July, 1888, Mr. McGregor landed in New York on a visit to his brother then living in Salem, Mass. His first thought on reaching Salem was whether there would be an opening for him in the immediate vicinity. To his delight he learned of an opening in Jean Misso's Salem Cadet band. The following October he accepted a position to travel with L. W. Baird's minstrels. He left them in June, 1894, in London, Ontario, on account of sickness. While in Canada the Bell rebellion broke out, and being offered the position of sergeant in the Seventh Fusiliers, he gave up his musical profession and went to the front. After six months of soldiering he returned to London, and in June, 1898, found himself in New York City. At that time Cappa's 7th Regiment band was playing at Brighton Beach, and Mr. McGregor was offered and accepted a position in that organization. In 1899 Mr. McGregor joined Weldon's Second Regiment band, of Chicago. At the conclusion of the World's Fair Mr. McGregor left the Illinois organization to accept a position with the Bellstedt-Ballenberg band, of Cincinnati.

He leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

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