

# Sunday Concerts

### A Series Arranged for the Park Beginning on July the 15th.

### The Proposed Outer Wharf Tramway Extension Causes a Discussion.

The question of Sunday band concerts in the park was decided affirmatively last night, when the report of the park committee received the engagement of the Fifth Regiment band for six engagements at \$40 was approved.

All the aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Cooley, Ald. Hall, none the worse for a week of indisposition, was in his place and championed the step mentioned in the foregoing paragraph.

The first communications were from the appointees of the council to the hospital board, thanking the city fathers for the honor conferred on them.

The tramway rail in front of Erskine & Wall's new premises formed the subject of a complaint by that firm. They also asked that a permanent crossing be installed there.

Several aldermen stated that the rail was in bad shape, and that it was city work. The matter was referred to the city engineer, to fix the rail and report the cost of a crossing.

George Grimason, secretary of the Orange celebration committee, asked that the streets along with the procession will pass to Caledonia grounds be watered on July 12th. The work was ordered to be carried out.

Supt. Hutchison, of the city electric station, reported adversely to an additional light on Carr street, owing to the power on that current being already sorely taxed. Received and filed.

A statement of the condition of the consolidated loan of the city was submitted by the auditor as follows:

Consolidated Debenture Loan By-Law, 1890.	
Amount of debentures	\$210,000 00
Premiums	525 00
Interest	1,250 95
Transfer from Sinking Funds	67,095 40
	\$278,912 35
Expenditure.	
Stamps, duty and cables	\$ 1,057 16
Loans, paid off	272,500 00
Interest on do.	4,621 53
	\$278,208 69
Balance	\$ 701 66

JAS. L. RAYMUR, City Auditor.

City Hall, July 9.

In presenting the report the mayor stated that it had been estimated that the consolidation of the loan would result in a saving of \$3,073. The actual saving had been \$3,679, due to the sinking fund being invested at 4 instead of 3 per cent. The sum of \$701 had been saved and placed at the credit of the fund, through interest which was saved on debentures which the holders at first failed to present for redemption, and which ultimately resulted in their losing their interest, amounting to \$701.

A communication from Capt. Gaulin stated that the foreshore on the Dallas road was being enlarged by the removal of shingle. Ald. Brydon and Stewart did not think this was the cause of the falling of the bank, and considered it would be a hardship to forbid the city removing gravel which was so urgently required in street work.

Ald. Yates thought a low sea wall, such as is used in England, would overcome the trouble, while the mayor gave the opinion of an engineer that every load removed from the beach would bring down ten feet of the bank.

A special committee, consisting of Ald. Kinsman, Cameron and Stewart, was appointed to enquire into the matter and report.

The engineer submitted the following report:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Petition from J. P. Pelletier, re sewer extension on Herald street from Douglas easterly, a distance of 375 feet. Upon examination, I find it would be necessary to construct 300 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, together with manholes, etc., and probable amount of rock. Estimated cost, \$524. I may say eight houses could be reached in the above distance.

Re sewer extension between King's road and Hillside avenue on Douglas street, and on the alley at the rear of North Ward school, which was referred to me for an estimate in both cases. Douglas street, between Hillside avenue and King's road, keeping sufficient depth to extend the system according to the original plans; estimated cost, \$1,380. Alley at rear of school to Hillside avenue; estimated cost, \$730.

Note—The cost of rock is not included in either of the above estimates.

O. H. TOPP.

Referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee.

A cinder path along the north side of Simcoe street, between Carr and Menzies, was petitioned for. The letter was referred to the engineer for report as to cost.

The standing committee on the park reported that they had arranged for a concert every alternate Sunday by the Fifth Regiment band, beginning on July 15th and extending to September 23rd. The same band would play one evening next week on a date to be selected later. The cost of each concert would be about \$40.

Ald. Hall warmly advocated the adoption of the report.

Ald. Kinsman said that the council must be careful to deal fairly between the two bands, one of which had been giving concerts free.

Ald. Beckwith thought the city was entering into competition with private company which seemed to think it had a monopoly of the Sunday business, which was probably more successfully handled

than that run by the company on July 2nd. Many, too, preferred a Saturday afternoon concert to a Sunday one. He thought that one section of the community was as much entitled to consideration as another.

Ald. Williams's recollection of the whole subject was that the City band had tendered for a smaller sum than the Fifth Regiment.

Ald. Brydon entered a protest on principle. He thought it most unfortunate that on Sunday afternoon, when children were attending the Sabbath schools, that such a source of diversion should be provided. He totally disagreed with the proposition on principle, as interfering with the sanctity of the Sabbath.

The mayor thought that Ald. Brydon's objection might be met by placing the hour at 4 o'clock. The report was adopted.

The special committee to report on the water pipe extension on Moss street recommended carrying an inch pipe on the present 4-inch one southerly for 400 feet to the Cliff house, which would connect with it. The cost would be \$50.

The standing committee on finance received the appropriation of \$2,792.04. Received and adopted.

Before the report was adopted Ald. Cameron, chairman of the finance committee, explained the item for \$140 for printing the compendium of city by-laws recently issued. He objected to the principle of the police commissioners' incurring such a liability without consulting the council.

The mayor explained that the police had been trying to enforce the by-laws without knowing what they were. The clerk had taken months of labor to compile the work, and instead of costing too much he thought that it would have been cheap at \$200. The report was adopted.

Ald. Stewart and Hall, moved that the B. C. Electric Railway Company be urged to extend their system to the outer wharf.

Ald. Beckwith, while not opposing the extension of the car system to the outer wharf, said it was assisting in making that wharf the terminus of the Islander. This was objected to by a large number and certainly the cost of carrying baggage, etc., there was very much greater than to the inner wharf.

Ald. Yates took a similar view. It was the old plan of getting the council and board of trade to pass resolutions for certain purposes. It would be more to the point to ask for the restoration of the old steamer service. The increased traffic over the streets meant more expenditure in keeping them up.

Ald. Brydon noticed that the committee of the board of trade recommending this was the same one that made such a fuss over a daylight service, and later over the harbor. It was the harbor and the inner harbor that should be improved. He had the statement of a retail man that since the San Francisco steamers stopped coming into the inner harbor it meant a loss of expenditure of \$30 every visit. He didn't want to be hoodwinked into carrying the trade outside the city instead of to the trade centre.

The mayor could not understand the attitude of the aldermen who had just spoken, and could not understand how they could justify to the electors their opposition to this step.

Ald. Stewart, while he opposed the daylight service, favored extending the line to the wharf.

Ald. Yates contended that it was merely a matter of arrangement between Mr. Rithet and the tramway company.

Ald. Kinsman favored the resolution. It would lead people to come into the city, and Ald. Hall held the same opinion. Steamers passengers present did not see the cars from the boat, and hence did not come into the city.

Ald. Stewart asked what was the reason for the resolution, and the mayor explained that when the matter had been brought to the attention of the Street Railway Company the manager had said that if a resolution of the council were passed it would doubtless have some effect.

Ald. Brydon and Beckwith strongly objected, the latter entering a protest also against the extra transit charges involved in trading with the outer wharf.

Ald. Cameron recognized this fact also, but generally speaking favored the resolution. He didn't think that this resolution should be discouraged.

The motion was carried. Leave was granted to introduce the revenue by-law, 1900. This by-law is largely on the lines of that of other years, excepting that it involves a tax of \$1 on bicycles. The by-law was read a first time.

Leave was also granted to introduce the rates and taxes by-law for 1900. By this by-law the rate is fixed at 21 Mills, as follows:

For general purposes, 8 1/2 mills on land improvements and 8 1/2 mills on improvements.

For board and hospital purposes, 1 1/2 mill on lands and improvements.

For interest and sinking fund, 10 mills on lands and improvements.

For school purposes, 2 mills on land and improvements.

At ten o'clock the council rose.

## LAW INTELLIGENCE.

This morning was the day for Chamber motions and summonses. Mr. Justice Martin occupied the bench. Messrs. A. J. Kitto and H. G. Lawson were presented to the court by Mr. Helmecker, who is a bencher. They took the usual barrister and solicitor oaths, and His Lordship wished them success.

A habeas corpus matter was on the list to come up this morning, but will be heard to-morrow. About four years ago Sam Kee, on a letter of authority from his father, took the custody of a little Chinese girl named Soy King, and who is now fourteen years of age. Some days ago the little girl was missed from her home and was subsequently found at the Refuge Home, whose authorities refuse to deliver her up to Sam Kee, and hence the proceedings. The girl's father lives in Canton. H. D. Helmecker, Q. C., is acting for Sam Kee, and Thornton Fell for the Refuge Home.

## IT IS PERFECTLY RELIABLE.

"We have sold many different cough remedies, but none has given better satisfaction than Chamberlain's," says Mr. Charles Holzhauser, Druggist, Newark, N. J. "It is perfectly safe and can be relied upon in all cases of coughs, colds or hoarseness. Sold by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver."

# National Council

### Details of the Work of This Organization and Its Scope.

### Sir Henri Joly Lends His Patronage to the Local Meetings.

In view of the approaching annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada, to be held in Victoria during the week commencing July 22nd, and in order to awaken an interest in the meetings, further details of the organization may be useful. It is difficult to understand the importance and scope of such an idea as is set forth in the work of the Council. Here in Victoria one sees only a very small corner, a federation of twenty-seven societies of women, a working executive numbering only 37, but if one casts one's thoughts back to July of last year and reads of all the wonderful meetings held in London by the International Council of Women, and realizes that the local council is represented on the National Council and that this Dominion of Canada was one of the 28 countries gathered at the International Council, then one feels that the work done here is an integral part of the whole, and that it belongs to an organization which counts among its members some of the best known women of the world.

The meeting of the International Council in London last year marked a distinct period in the stage of woman's work. It may be asked how such a conglomeration of associations in different countries and formed for so many different objects, containing hundreds of thousands of women of different religions, races and upbringing can have an intelligible purpose, and work together for a practical end? People may imagine such an organization to be pure idealism, or only an attempt to emancipate women from the care and rule of their husbands, and to lead them into movements of a controversial character, but anyone who was present at, or who has read the reports of, the gathering of 1899, (and who else should venture to express an opinion) must see that with the underlying principle of unity, and the wide range of the central work of the Council, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you," the wide area of subjects described at those meetings and the high tone of all the papers and speeches cannot fail to have an effect upon the women of the world, and through them on all human life.

Of the actual work of the International Council it is difficult to write in an article. The transactions of the congress have lately been published in seven volumes, most ably edited by Lady Aberdeen, and this work should have a place in every public library. The volumes are published under the wide classification of Women in Professions, in Education, in Politics, in Industrial and in Social Life, and under those headings every phrase of those subjects would seem to have been discussed in the different places of work in the world. The reading of those volumes would do much to enlighten and help us to grasp what the true work and value of the International Congress has been.

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# CALM OCEAN ZONES.

### Prof. McBride Says They Are Due to Marine Organisms - Sir Henri Joly Joins N. H. Society.

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In addition to the diagrams mentioned, he had on view a number of specimens of marine life, secured in the Straits, which were placed under the microscope for examination by the audience. One subdivision of his subject which was of great interest was the explanation which he gave of the cause of the belts of calm water which every marine traveller has observed, even where the remainder of the water's surface is quite rough. This he attributes to marine organisms, of such an oily nature that their presence produces the calm mentioned.

Prof. McBride's visit has stimulated the interest of the society in marine matters, and a number of additional dredging excursions have been arranged for the near future. It is intended to send the specimens obtained on these voyages to Montreal, where Prof. McBride will make an analysis of them. This afternoon, in company with Dr. Newcombe and other members of the society, the Montreal visitor made another dredging trip in the Straits.

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Prof. McBride's visit has stimulated the interest of the society in marine matters, and a number of additional dredging excursions have been arranged for the near future. It is intended to send the specimens obtained on these voyages to Montreal, where Prof. McBride will make an analysis of them. This afternoon, in company with Dr. Newcombe and other members of the society, the Montreal visitor made another dredging trip in the Straits.

Last evening a card was added to the collection of the society by the reception of a rare type of Indian stone battle axe found in one of the hydraulic mines of Cassiar, and presented to the society by the organization. It will be given a place in the provincial museum.

A gratifying announcement was made last night, to the effect that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has signified his intention of becoming an active member of the organization. The members were delighted to learn that they were to have the benefit of Sir Henri's scientific researches in other parts of the Dominion, and his co-operation in their present studies and pursuits.

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