

MANY MATTERS

Come Before the Meeting of the City Council Yesterday Evening—Tramway Proposal.

Songhees Reservation—Waterworks—Point Ellice Bridge Claim—Other Matters.

Monday being a statutory holiday the weekly meeting of the board of aldermen was not held until yesterday evening, when promptly at 8 o'clock they met at the city hall for the consideration of the city business.

The first communication read was from Senator W. J. Macdonald, dated at Ottawa. Senator Macdonald wrote as follows:

Previous to the receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. enclosing a copy of a resolution of the municipal council—re Indian reserve—I had intended bringing the question to the attention of the government, but from one cause or another I delayed doing so until your letter brought the question clearly before me.

I enclose herewith a copy of a resolution which I intend to bring up. The concern of the council is to get the Indians removed, and the parts referring to money matters are my own suggestions on the subject.

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venience to them to be enabled to reach Beacon Hill and Esplanuit as well as an advantage to ourselves.

With respect to the request that we should give bluejackets a uniform passage from Esquamet to the post office at a uniform rate of 5 cents, I beg to say that in the event of the council meeting us, as I am assured they will do, upon fair grounds, we will concede it; demand made by the city and bring the same into effect just as soon as we are permitted to cross Point Ellice bridge with the number of cars which I have indicated we desire to use carrying their full capacity of passengers."

After some discussion this letter was laid on the table for discussion at a special meeting to be called for the discussion of the matter on Friday evening.

Alex. Wilson wrote to the council that he saw by the newspapers that the council had appropriated the sum of \$500 for a series of band concerts to be given at Esplanuit Park. As a taxpayer he said he protested against the city funds being used for such a purpose. He considered that the money could be invested better in making repairs to the city streets and sidewalks. Received and filed.

W. W. Rendall wanted his share of the city horseholding. He had not sold a corporation horse, he said, since November, '96. This letter was received and referred to the firewardens and the street committee.

W. Allen called the attention of the council to a petition which had been sent many times, asking for a sidewalk on the north side of Pembroke street, between Fernwood road and Stanley avenue. Referred to the street committee to report.

Jos. Pearson and others wanted the sidewalk on Belton avenue, Victoria West, extended. This was also referred to the street committee to report.

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Ald. Partridge differed with Ald. Stewart. He said the water of Beaver Lake was known by analysis to be as good as the water of Elk Lake.

Street Superintendent Wilson wrote to the council asking for \$500 for the loss incurred by him in Point Ellice.

Ald. Stewart moved that the letter be laid on the table.

Ald. McGregor, who seconded the motion, said he did not think Mr. Wilson's claim was an exorbitant one.

Ald. Wilson did not think that the city recognized any of these claims, and he was surprised that Ald. McGregor should acknowledge that Mr. Wilson had a claim against the city.

Ald. McCandless said that while he did not permit that Mr. Wilson had a claim against the city, every one would put in as fair and as reasonable a claim as that gentleman had, he would recommend that a settlement be made with each case.

Ald. Partridge wanted to know if the aldermen, by expressing an opinion on the subject were making a step in the right direction. He did not think it should be entertained.

The mayor said that if Ald. Stewart's motion were carried, it would be no committing itself to any course.

Ald. Kinsman thought that the council should keep right away from the matter. It was now in the courts, he said; let it stay there and let them deal with it.

Ald. Stewart's motion was then carried, and the letter was laid on the table.

The consideration of reports was the next business. The cemetery committee reported the communication of H. D. Helmecken, requesting that the fence around the old cemetery on Quadra street be removed. After making inquiries the committee said they found that the cemetery did not belong to the city, and they requested the city clerk to communicate with the provincial government, and ask that the repairs be made as soon as possible. The committee also recommended that tenders be invited for the cutting of the grass in Ross Bay cemetery. The report was adopted.

The street committee reported on matters which had been under their consideration during the past week. To the request of W. Nicholas and others who had asked for a sidewalk at Oakland; C. Hayward and others who asked for a sidewalk on the north side of Belcher street, and W. Jensen and others who asked for a sidewalk at Dallas Road, the committee said that these requests would be granted if funds were available. Several other petitioners who requested repairs to sidewalks and streets were told that there was no money for such repairs at present.

The finance committee reported, recommending the appropriation of \$6,110.45 for the payment of current expenses. This report was adopted and the appropriation made. They also recommended the appropriation of \$5,000 for the improvement of the waterworks, to be payable out of the waterworks loan. This was also passed for payment.

Motions were the next thing on the order list. Ald. Stewart moved, "That the council do refuse to grant a license to any person or persons who have been maliciously scattering broken bottles, etc., on the public streets and sidewalks." This resolution was adopted.

Ald. Partridge moved that the council confer with the tramway company and request that they grant a five-cent fare to the waterworks. This was also passed for payment.

Ald. McCandless seconded the motion. He did not see why the tramway company should refuse to grant a five-cent fare to the waterworks. The question, in his opinion, should be settled on its own merits. It was the interest of the tramway company, he considered, to make a regular fare of \$25 to \$30. Ald. Vezelin thought so, too.

The mayor did not see the use of the resolution. The council had already seen Mr. Barnard and heard what he had to say on the matter.

This motion was put and lost.

Ald. Partridge's motion that tenders be called for feed for the corporation horses was carried.

Ald. John Hall moved that the resolution of the council refusing the Fifth Regiment Cricket club the use of the ground at the bank stand for the purpose of keeping their cricketing outfit there be rescinded and the use of the field be granted to them, provided they paid the fire insurance. This motion was carried.

Ald. Stewart moved: "That the mayor be authorized by the council to take such steps as may be necessary to acquire the land between the intersection of the Telegraph street and on a level with Store street. Also to acquire the right of way for a 66-foot street through the Indian reservation to connect in a direct line with Lime street, Victoria West."

In moving this resolution Ald. Stewart said that it would not involve any expense, at least at present. All he asked for was to acquire the right of way for a bridge at that point, so that if the Indian reserve afterward became the property of any company or body the council would have the right of way should they want to build the bridge.

This resolution was laid on the table for a week. During the interim the city solicitor's opinion will be asked on the subject.

The final passage of the bicycle by-law was the next business. Ald. Partridge had something to say here. He was absent from the last meeting of the council when the by-law was brought up, and he would move that it be referred back to the committee.

The mayor did not think it could be recommended.

After some discussion it was laid over until the next meeting of the council.

Ald. Wilson had visited the park, he said, on May 24, and he did not like the appearance of the disrepairable-looking seats which were being put in. It should have been replaced with a better one. He would have lent the park committee a good one if he had known. He also saw many broken swings. It was strange that Ald. Hall, who took

such a pride in the park, had not seen to these things.

Ald. Hall thought that they should get a better flag, but as to the swings, he had ordered fourteen new ones. Chairman Stewart said that they were not put in time after time. He was not park-keeper, though, as well as chairman of the park committee.

Wilson had another kick. What about the dogs that were allowed to run about the park, spoiling the flower beds and undoing the work of the park gardener. The park-keeper, he thought, should be instructed to go out and catch them, or notice be posted that they would be shot.

Ald. Hall thought that if the dogs were doing so much damage the police should be instructed to go out and catch them, or notice be posted that they would be shot.

Ald. McCandless told the aldermen to consider the question before they undertook the work of exterminating the wayward canines. For all the flowers that were there he thought the dogs might be allowed to come and go as they chose, and again, how could they keep dogs out?

At this point a motion to adjourn interrupted the discussion, and the motion carried the discussion closed.

EASY VICTIMS.

A Large Percentage of Members in the Commons were taken from Cataract. The Hon. of Fifty Years in Dr. Agnew's Cataract Powder—They Tell Their Own Story of Successful Recovery Through This Remedy.

Mr. W. H. Bennett, member for East Simcoe and former member of the house of commons have, over their own signatures, told of the good effects of Dr. Agnew's Cataract Powder. While the remedy has done for parliamentarians it is doing for thousands of others in public and private life the Dominion over.

With cold in the head it gives immediate relief inside of half an hour, and a little perseverance quickly rids the head of all trouble. It is easy and pleasant to use and produces no harmful effects.

Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected.

Victoria, May 27.—In the meat market there has been a general decline during the past week. In consequence of a glut the market veal has dropped about 2 cents a pound, and is now being quoted at from eight to ten cents per pound. As the sheared mutton is daily coming in, the price of mutton has also come down. Mutton is now to be bought, whole, for 9 and 9 1/2 cents per lb. and in pieces for 8 1/2 cents per lb. Beef the local butchers are still getting their cattle from Manitoba, the grass-fed cattle from Oregon and other cattle-raising states not having come in yet. A quantity of refrigerated mutton will arrive by the Aorangi, but talk about Dodd's Kidney Pills? asked Mr. Pye. "In the first place, they save my life—no doubt about that—and in the second place, if it hadn't been for them I couldn't have kept my situation. A neighbor of mine, Mrs. Farrell, she's a great Methodist, was cured by them, and she calls them God's Kidney Pills."

"But you want to hear my story. I'm a bandsman, you know. By trade I'm a shoemaker, but six years ago I had away my last, and since then have given all my time to music. I've been a member of the Royal Grenadiers' band for twenty years. It's just fifty years ago last month since I joined the Marine Band in England. I played at the Duke of Wellington's funeral in 1852.

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"In the winter I play at the rink. Two years ago the first night was very cold, and I got chilled through. That was the beginning of my sickness. Last summer, when the Grenadiers went to Berlin, I could hardly get through the day. The next morning I got up feeling pretty well. But after breakfast I was taken with frightful pains in my back. I had to send for a doctor. He gave me morphine, and pronounced it a very bad case of diabetes. In a week I lost forty pounds of flesh. I would drink so much water that I would go out and vomit it. But I would come in with just as great a thirst as ever. I must have drank gallons of it a day."

"But could you still get around all right?"

"Well, no. My right leg began to be paralyzed, and at times my foot would swing as if I had no control of it. I was living on Grant street then, but as I couldn't walk, I thought I might as well ride a bit further, and came out here to get the country air.

"I have been accustomed to play in the band at the Exhibition, and last year, as the Exhibition time drew near, I was anxious to stick it out for that engagement, thinking it would be my last. I was beginning to feel the paralysis in my fingers, so that I could scarcely work the keys. My friends, too, thought it was all up with me."

"During the Exhibition I stayed with my daughter, who lives in Parkdale. I was getting worse every day. My son-in-law said he had heard of several women in Parkdale who had been cured of kidney disease by using Dodd's Kidney Pills. So he got a box for me, and I started taking them. Before two days I began to feel better. I took that box and ten others. By that time I felt so well that I stopped taking them, except occasionally. My health is now first rate, but I still take the pills, off and on."

"Last winter I played sixty nights at the rink without the least inconvenience. Yesterday I walked ten miles. Last summer I could no more have gotten that strong every day. I can run up the four flights of stairs to the band practice room easier than I could crawl up them last summer. I'm just about my healthy weight, and fit as a fiddle."

"If tell you Dodd's Kidney Pills are all right. I've started a dozen people taking them since I was cured. My daughter, who has been sick and doctoring for a long time, has begun to take the Tablets, and she says they help her as nothing else has done."

William Wade, the nineteen-year-old son of Mr. Henry Wade, the well-known East End butcher, 340 Queen street east, was another who it was reported had been marvellously cured. He was seen by a Mail and Empire representative, he was in the act of hosting a hundred-

GRENADIER AND BUTCHER

A Military Bandsman of 50 Years' Standing and a Young Butcher Experience the Marvellous Curative Powers of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

A NEWSPAPER INVESTIGATION.

In the Case of Mr. Henry Pye Diabetes Had Brought on Paralysis—Two Doctors Said Wm. Wade Was Dying of Bright's Disease.

Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Them.

Each of Them Tells an Interesting Story to a Newspaper Reporter—Mr. Pye Played in the Marine Band at the Duke of Wellington's Funeral in the Royal Grenadiers Band for 20 Years—He Had Given up Hope When Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him—Wm. Wade, After Being Sick for Years With Bright's Disease, and His Life Despaired of, Tests the Powers of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and is Now in Good Health.

From Mail and Empire. The renunciation which Dodd's Kidney Pills enjoy today must have been built upon a broad foundation of sure curative qualities. To verify this view, a Mail and Empire representative yesterday investigated two wonderful cures that have been much talked of in the East. One of the city, and the results of the inquiry are worth recording.

The first man interviewed was Mr. Henry Pye, 115 Pape avenue. He is a general, happy, prosperous looking man of sixty-five years, and was very pleased to see anyone who wished to talk about Dodd's Kidney Pills. "Why shouldn't I talk about Dodd's Kidney Pills?" asked Mr. Pye. "In the first place, they saved my life—no doubt about that—and in the second place, if it hadn't been for them I couldn't have kept my situation. A neighbor of mine, Mrs. Farrell, she's a great Methodist, was cured by them, and she calls them God's Kidney Pills."

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