

NEED ANOTHER REPORT ON SOOKE DECISION AT MEETING OF WATER COMMITTEE

No By-Law to Be Submitted Until More Information Has Been Obtained

At a sparsely-attended meeting of the citizens' committee and the City Council on Thursday evening the water problem was again discussed and a resolution passed favoring the engagement of an eminent hydraulic engineer to make an independent report on the Sooke Lake scheme, with special reference to the cost of the tunnel and the possibilities of power being developed.

There were present for the citizens' committee C. McEachern, Christian Sivertz, Charles Hayward, J. J. Shallock, Anton Henderson, W. A. Gleason, R. L. Drury, W. J. Pendray, J. C. Waters and Fred Norris. Mayor Morley presided and the adjournment was taken at 8:30 p.m.

On the meeting being opened, Mr. Sivertz wanted to know why the committee had not yet been placed in possession of information showing the cost of a pipe line to connect Elk Lake with Prospect Lake.

Mr. Raymur said he had not seen a copy of the resolution calling for this information. No estimate had yet been made.

Ald. McKee was of the opinion that Prospect Lake had passed into the hands of the keener people. Mr. Raymur said this would make no difference if the city required the lake. The city would simply have to compensate the private owners.

Mr. Shallock next presented a statistical statement indicating that the time was not far distant when Elk Lake would be incapable of supplying the needs of the city. At present the level of the lake is only five inches below high water mark, whereas a year ago it was twenty-four inches below. The increase of nineteen inches over a year ago means that there is a ninety-five day supply, at the average daily consumption, more at present than there was at this date a year ago. As to the quality of the water, Mr. Shallock pointed to the returns showing the cases of typhoid fever in the city. In the past four years the death rate had been 13.5 per 1,000 of population. During the same period there were only three other cities which showed a lower rate. These figures were a good indication of the quality of Elk Lake water.

Last year the average daily consumption was over 200,000 gallons more than the production of the city. Water consumed twice as much as Mr. Adams had estimated, while the growth of population, which Mr. Adams had figured at 4.2 per cent, had actually amounted to about 10 per cent. Mr. Adams estimated that in twenty-six years the population of the city would have increased to 48,000. On last year's basis of increase the population at that time would have reached 108,000.

Mr. Shallock believed that Elk Lake as a permanent source of supply is an impossibility. Mr. Devereux had stated that he believed he could get an additional 2,000 acres of watershed, but even if such were the case would hardly be secured from that additional area more than 1,000,000 or 1,500,000 gallons daily supply. In five years, at the present rate of consumption, the daily consumption would reach 4,500,000 gallons, so that an addition of a million gallons to the existing daily supply would not meet requirements. In addition, to handle this increased supply another pipe line would have to be laid. In fact to meet a demand of an average daily supply of 4,500,000 gallons would require that in the next months a supply of nearly 7,000,000 gallons should be available.

As to Millstream, the city could secure a supply of about 5,000,000 gallons per day at a cost of about \$1,250,000. Other than Elk Lake and Millstream there are but two sources of supply, Sooke Lake and the holdings of the Esquimalt Water Company. The city must provide for a supply of at least 10,000,000 gallons as, if the increase in population continues at the present rate, the daily demands will amount to from 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 gallons daily. Mr. Adams estimated Sooke Lake as capable of supplying 22,000,000 gallons though Mr. Shallock did not believe it would be necessary to develop any more than 10,000,000 as yet unless extra development would result in the production of electric power. If 4,000 or 5,000 horse-power could be developed and sold at, say, \$30 per h.p., then Sooke Lake would be by all odds the best proposition.

Mr. Shallock moved that an independent expert hydraulic engineer be selected to report fully on Sooke Lake, with particular reference to the cost of tunnelling and as a source for power. Mr. Hayward seconded the motion. If a by-law were to be presented to the ratepayers it would be necessary for the committee to have such information as would enable every objection to be met. They would have to make the most exhaustive examination of Sooke Lake.

Mr. Sivertz went into the early history of the water problem with special reference to the attitude of Oak Bay and the position of the Esquimalt Water Works Company.

Mr. Drury called attention to some apparent discrepancies in the report of Mr. Ashcroft, and thought that this showed forcibly the necessity for an independent report. He believed that if the tunnel cost twice as much as had been estimated by Adams it would still be better to go to Sooke Lake than to buy out the holdings of the Esquimalt Water Works Company.

W. J. Pendray thought the city should in any event endeavor to avoid

PRIZE WINNERS IN LOCAL CORPS

VARIOUS AWARDS MADE MEMBERS OF REGIMENT

No. 2 Company Captures the Governor-General's Cup for General Efficiency

The latest regimental orders issued by command of Col. Currie, of the Fifth Regiment, contain the lists of prize winners in competitions held under the Dominion Athletics Association. The orders for the week are as follows:

The following men, having been duly attested are taken on the strength, and will assume the regimental number opposite their names: Gunners Chas. Hine, Allan A. Cameron, E. D. Akers, Albert Cruickshanks, John W. Alton and P. A. Fussell.

The following men, having been passed by the adjutant, are posted to No. 1 company: Gunners E. J. Walley, Chas. Hine, A. A. Cameron.

It is notified for general information that the drill hall will be closed for drill purposes from Friday, 25th to Monday, 28th inst, inclusive. The Association Club rooms will remain open as usual.

The following is the list of prizes awarded by the Dominion Athletics Association and won by the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A.

General Efficiency. First prize, won by No. 2 Co., Governor-General's cup and \$50. Second prize, won by No. 3 Co., Landsdown cup and \$40. Third prize, won by No. 1 Co., \$25. Big Gun Practice.

First prize, won by No. 3 Co., Turnbull shield and \$72. Second prize, won by No. 2 Co., Hugh-Black cup and \$48. To three gun captains and three gun layers of No. 3 Co., \$20.

Signalling. No. 1 Co.—1st prize, \$5, Gnr. J. Williams; 2nd prize, \$2, Cpl. W. Birch. No. 2 Co.—1st prize, \$5, Gnr. H. Baker; 2nd prize, \$3, Gnr. J. Stuckey. No. 3 Co.—1st prize, \$5, Col. V. Williams; 2nd prize, \$3, Gnr. A. R. Wilson.

Gun Laying. No. 1 Co.—1st prize, badge and \$5, Sgt. M. Ross; 2nd prize, badge and \$3.75, Sgt. G. Swarbrick; 3rd prize, badge and \$2.75, Sgt. F. Kroeger; 4th prize, badge and \$2, Sgt. W. R. Smith; 5th prize, badge and \$2.25, Sgt. R. Parker; 6th prize, badge and \$2.25, Cpl. D. Rochford.

No. 2 Co.—1st prize, badge and \$4.50, Sgt. A. G. Morry; 2nd prize, badge and \$4.50, Bomb. W. G. Eden; 3rd prize, badge and \$3.50, Cpl. A. Richardson; 4th prize, badge and \$3, Gnr. V. M. Hoffer; 5th prize, badge and \$2.50, Gnr. L. Ostler; 6th prize, badge and \$2, Cpl. A. Briedford.

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The regiment will parade at the drill hall on Monday, April 4th, at 8 p. m. Dress, drill order. The above D. A. prizes will be distributed at this parade, also the special prizes.

ROOSEVELT AT CAIRO

Holder Reception and Later is Guest of the Khedive at Luncheon. (By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

Cairo, Egypt, March 28.—Col. Theo. Roosevelt had a busy time today. The 700 Americans in Cairo played the star part in the day's programme when they met Roosevelt on the garden terrace of the Sheppard hotel.

After the reception there was a hurried visit to a university followed by luncheon with the Khedive, and a call from Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese minister and an old friend of the ex-president.

Berlin, March 28.—Emperor William's invitation to Roosevelt to be his guest at the Royal castle promises effectually to frustrate the ex-president's expressed desire to be received in Europe as a plain private citizen.

HONOR FOR C. P. R. OFFICIALS

Montreal, March 28.—D. McNicholl, vice-president of the C. P. R., has been made an esquire of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and Layr R. Johnson and S. A. Sidlow, of the same company, honorary associates of the order.

The late Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was recently created a knight. The honors have been conferred in recognition of the work of the railway in the organization of the St. John's ambulance association at the Angus shops.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

The pension bill, carrying appropriations aggregating about \$156,000,000, has been passed by the United States house of representatives.

Hon. G. E. Foster has appealed from the recent decision of Justice Macleod and jury dismissing his action for \$50,000 damages for libel he claimed against Rev. J. H. Macdonald, of the Globe.

GIVEN THREE YEARS

Toronto, March 28.—Peter J. Truss, a postman accused of stealing letters belonging to the T. Eaton Co., was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

RAILWAY EARNINGS

Montreal, March 28.—Grand Trunk earnings in the third week of March increased \$131,153. C. P. R. earnings in the same week increased \$257,000.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR MINING ON COAST

Large Ore Bodies on Texada Island—Growth of Industry

Thomas Kiddie was the guest of the Vancouver Canadian Club at luncheon and spoke to a large gathering on mining in British Columbia. In the course of his remarks he said:

Of the prospects of mining in the Coast district, I invite your attention to the fact that some of the older mines on Texada Island continue to ship ore regularly with profit to their owners, and that the ore bodies which a few years ago were considered "pockets," have been proved to a depth of 1,200 feet, and in one case—namely, the Marble Bay mine—there is enough ore blocked out to last three years without doing another bit of development work. At Hidden creek, in Portland Canal district, Mr. M. K. Rodgers has opened large bodies of copper ore, and it is fairly safe to say that his mine can at any time enter the list of shipping mines. In other directions along the coast some very promising prospects are also being brought forward.

As to the prospects of mining in the upper country, the large additions made, or to be made, to the statistics of works at Trail, Grand Forks and Greenwood, will undoubtedly result in a substantial increase over last year's production as regards both mining and smelting. Improvements in ore dressing and concentration have also made great strides toward higher recoveries, both in the province and in the States, as well as reduction in operating costs.

I remember, in 1890, when a recovery of 50 per cent. of the value of an ore was an average quantity, while by means of improved methods an average of 80 per cent. recovery is not at all uncommon.

In addition to the higher mineral values being produced to-day, compared with the past, the time may not be far distant when other metals, such as zinc, which heretofore have been looked upon as an impurity and detracted from the value of the ore, will be recognized as a source of revenue. Already the provincial government has done a great deal toward a solution of this problem, while the Dominion government now has under consideration a practical investigation of the subject of zinc separation. The latter, if successful, will add materially to the value of the mineral output of the province, and to the profit of the mine owners, who instead of being penalized \$2 per ton for 12 per cent. zinc, as at present, will receive a fair value for their zinc as they do to-day for the gold and silver content.

In order that you may be better realized that great progress has been made and that the average annual production of the province during recent years has been quite large, I submit the following facts and figures:

British Columbia's mineral production in 1885 was of a total value of only about \$2,000,000. Reviewing the increase in periods of five years each, during twenty years, 1889 to 1908, inclusive, the following results are obtained:

Table with 3 columns: Five-Year Periods, Average Annual Value, Percentage Increase. Data for 1889-1893, 1894-1898, 1899-1903, 1904-1908.

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RUSH FOR HOMESTEADS STEADILY INCREASING

Americans Come and Speedily Become Absorbed Into Population

The Globe's western correspondent writes from Winnipeg: The expected is happening in the west and the American farmers are coming over by the thousands to take possession of new homes on the plains. Figures are usually dull things, and it is not necessary to delve into statistics to prove that the immigration movement is more active now than at the same time in any other year. The people are coming as quickly as they can make their way in this direction, and their arrival is reflected in official returns. The homestead entries paint a glowing picture of the progress of settlement, the figures for January showing that the business in that department was just twice as heavy as in the same month last year. The record for February was probably as encouraging, although the details have not been published. And there is no doubt that the homestead entries hold good in the case of all the other departments of colonizing activity. The sales of lands, public and private, are far and away ahead of last year.

There is occasionally a feeling of curiosity regarding the sources of the immigration which will fill up the vacant spaces included in the land transactions. To those who are familiar with the situation there is no doubt on the subject. The new population of the west comes largely from the United States, from Great Britain, and from Ontario. The Americans make the best showing in the early returns, but the others catch up in the later statistics. On the whole the preponderance favors the men and women who are already subjects of King Edward, although in the proportion of increase the Americans take a leading place. For that matter, there is not room for much comparison with the situation in the early returns, but the others catch up in the later statistics. On the whole the preponderance favors the men and women who are already subjects of King Edward, although in the proportion of increase the Americans take a leading place.

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WAS ACQUIRED

St. Catharines, Ont., March 28.—After being locked up for a little over three hours the jury returned a verdict acquitting William Bradley of the charge of murdering George Bullman at Merriton on New Year's Day.

C. GENGE, M.P.P., DEAD

Edmonton, Alta., March 28.—Colin Genge, M.P.P. for MacLeod, who has been suffering for some time with acute kidney trouble, died last night.

All money by-laws voted on at Regina, Thursday, were carried by large majorities. The by-laws for the Albert street subway and new Methodist College site were also carried.

Geo. W. Cramer has awarded the contract for a two-story residence to D. H. Hale, to be built on Third street.

A special meeting of the executive of the Local Council of Women will be held in the school board office at the city hall Tuesday, 29th, at 2:30 p.m. Every member is urged to be in attendance.

Rev. C. E. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper have issued cards for a reception at their home, Victoria West, on March 31st, to members of the executive of the Local Council of Women. Life membership certificates will be presented to Mrs. Dunsmuir, Miss Crease, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Gordon Grant.

The congregation of the First Baptist church are just now looking about for a pastor, and are in communication with some very prominent ministers of that denomination, with a view to securing a first class man for their church. It is hoped that very shortly such arrangements will be made as will bring to Victoria a pastor who will combine the spiritual gifts of pastorate with eloquence in the pulpit and strong organizing ability. The congregation have a site for a permanent church home, and are financially ready to build, and it will not doubt be but a short time until the long-established body, one of the survivors by the fire of 1907, will be again...

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