

PATERSON SPEAKS TO THE WORKINGMEN

Candidate for the Mayorality Gets
Splendid Reception at
Victoria West

OUTLINES HIS POSITION CLEARLY

Denies That At Any Time in His
Career He Took Position An-
tagonistic to Labor

The most orderly and the best conducted meeting of the present municipal campaign was held at Semple's hall yesterday evening under the auspices of the Victoria West Municipal Voters' association. Addresses were delivered by T. W. Paterson, Mayor Morley, the candidates for the council from Ward 1, and two of the aspirants for the board of school trustees. The hall was well filled by the voters of Victoria West, a large proportion of these present being working men. All the speakers were given a fair hearing, but it was on the conclusion of the speech of T. W. Paterson that the applause was the loudest and most prolonged.

The chair was occupied by Phil R. Smith, the secretary of the Municipal Voters' League, who, on behalf of the league, submitted the following questions to the candidates. To aspirants for the council, (1) "Will you, if elected, place a bylaw before the ratepayers at the earliest moment, providing suitable school accommodation for Victoria West?" "Will you endeavor to arrange an equalization of water rates, so that the residents of this section shall be placed upon the same footing as the consumers of the city?" (2) "Will you oppose any scheme that will have for its object the disposition of that portion of the Indian reserve north of the Esquimalt road for any purpose other than for park and school sites?" Candidates for the school board were asked, whether they would "if elected, request the city council to place a bylaw before the ratepayers with an end to raising a loan for the providing of suitable school accommodation for Victoria West." To all of these questions satisfactory replies were made by the speakers.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Smith called upon Henry Norman, one of the candidates for aldermanic honors from Ward 1, who spoke at some length. Mr. Norman was followed by W. Watson, who, if elected, is expected to work for the establishment of a new school in Victoria West.

The Mayorality Candidates

Mayor Morley, called upon to speak, referred to his strenuous year's work and dwelt at some length on his efforts during the past twelve months. Mr. Paterson was next called upon, and arose amidst cheers. He dealt at some length with the actions of the council of 1905 regarding the water question. "Had any ordinary citizen," said he, "desired the information wanted by the city, it would have been given within a few days. Yet Mayor Morley admits that the necessary information has not yet been secured, and will not be until some time in the future. His Worship had stated that the city engineer had put his spare time only on the water surveys. As a matter of fact, such importance, arrangements should have been made to allow the engineer to devote his whole time. The ratepayers should have been fully informed of the necessary information by August of the past year. The revenue from the water works of the city should be devoted to the extension and improvement of the system, and not added to the general revenue of the city."

The Water Problem

He did not believe it to be just that Victoria West should be called upon to pay for the water supply of the city as a whole as well as her own. Mr. Paterson stated that he thought the present system at Elk lake could be made to supply the city for some time, and did not favor its abandonment. He thought the purchase of the Esquimalt Water Works company's plant might be a good thing, but he would not favor the payment of the price at present demanded by the company. He considered that the water question would not be satisfactorily settled until the water system of the city was made self-supporting.

Songhees Reserve

Mr. Paterson referred to the question of the Songhees reserve as a particular interest to Victoria West. In this the city was "up against" a knotty problem. The matter has been discussed, been very near settlement, when a deadlock had been reached on account of the refusal of the Indians to go anywhere but to Cadboro Bay. The Hudson's Bay company had refused to allow them. Even had the owners of the required site refused to allow the Indians to take possession, there would have been grave difficulties against their settlement there. The surrounding district was settling up rapidly, and it was hoped to include it within the city limits some time in the future, when the whole trouble would have been repeated. The claim of the Indians to the reserve was strong, and to persuade the federal government to take special legislation for their eviction would be a hard matter. He looked, however, for an ultimate settlement of the difficulty in a way satisfactory to the city.

Mr. Paterson stated that the Mayor had asked him to produce one example of remissness on his (the Mayor's) part, and called the attention of his hearers to the action of His Worship regarding the municipal voters' list. Owing to the fact that the act had not been properly read, numbers of citizens had been struck from the roll of voters. The act had been passed ten months before the sitting of the council of revision, and lots of time was then given to the council to ascertain any how, if such existed.

To the Workingmen

Mr. Paterson made no allusion to personal matters in his speech, and refused to deal with the unfounded calumnies, which he claimed were being used against him in his campaign. "The reports are absolutely untrue," said he, "I can say with pride that I have never had a man work for me, but he was willing to work for me again. As a socialist, I say confidently that all those who have worked for me, for any length of time, are with me in this campaign." (Applause.)

Mayor Replies

Mayor Morley was then given ten minutes in which to reply to Mr. Pat-

erson. He spoke briefly in reply to the previous speaker's statements regarding the water surveys and the court of revision. His Worship spoke bitterly against the injustice of forcing candidates for re-election to carry out such duty as the revision of the voters' list.

The meeting was concluded by a discussion of those affairs in which those present appear to take a lively interest. The two speakers were A. B. McNeill and Alfred Huggett, both of whom are candidates, the one for re-election, the other for re-election, to the school board at the coming elections. Both candidates showed an agreement in their views. It was pointed out that an increase in the accommodation of the schools was an absolute necessity. The meeting adjourned after passing a vote of thanks to the chairman.

U. S. RAILWAY PROBLEM

Mr. Hill Suggests Remedies for Traffic Blockade

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 15.—President J. F. Hill, of the Northern Pacific, sent a letter to Governor Johnson in which he gives his views on the various phases of the railway situation in the United States. He gives the reason for conditions and points out a remedy. The business of the United States is today so congested that from every portion of the country arises a demand for relief. The railroads everywhere are taxed beyond their power. The people of the United States, therefore, are faced with the greatest business problem that has ever threatened the nation. During recent years the volume of business has increased and is increasing with extraordinary rapidity, while the necessary adjustments of the railroads have not been equal to the demands upon them. The resulting situation is a freight blockade of enormous proportions, especially at all terminal points.

Mr. Hill gives figures from the official reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission covering the increase of the railroad's business for the past ten years to prove some facts which are significant. "The problem and the necessity are enormous railroads covering the territory of the United States which the people have been singularly slow to perceive and reluctant to meet. The prohibitive expenses now attached to the enlargement of terminals at many points and the absolute lack of available space at any price may be met by a decentralization of traffic. There must be more points for export and more interior markets."

Local News

Ask for Amherst solid leather foot-

Bank Clearings.—The total bank clearings for the week ending Jan. 15 reported by the Victoria clearing house were \$281,890.

New Grand's Orchestra

In order to devote his entire time to the teaching of music and other studies, Prof. Claudio has resigned as first violin at the New Grand theatre. His place has been taken by E. Gerard, late leader of the Empress theatre orchestra.

Hotels Crowded.—Nearly every hotel in the city is at present full to its capacity. Yesterday morning the Driad, King Edward, Balmoral, Dulais and other hotels reported that they had no accommodation available. Some of the hotel managers are making great difficulty in getting sufficient help-waiters being very scarce.

At a Tippe

The death occurred on Monday evening at the Jubilee hospital of Mrs. William Rivers, of 28 Stanley avenue. Deceased was 80 years of age and a native of Shropshire, England. She leaves, besides her husband, two sons in the city and one daughter at Chemainus, mourn her loss. The funeral is arranged to take place on Friday at 10:15 from the parlors of W. J. Hanna, and later at St. Barnabas' church.

Profit-Sharing

The B. C. Loan & Permanent Savings company have decided upon the admission of the staff into a sharing of the profits of the company after proper amount has been set aside for return to the shareholders of the concern. As a result, each employee of the company will receive a sum equal to 5 per cent of his or her yearly salary, the plan coming into effect so that the payee will have made this month on last year's account. About four of the local employees of the company will benefit under the present management.

Sanctuary Nominations

On Monday the nominations for reeve, councillors and school trustees for the municipality of Sanctuary Council were made. Quick and John Durant were elected by acclamation for wards 4 and 5, respectively. Nominations were made as follows: For Reeve—Thomas Anderson, Joseph Nicholson, jr. For Councillors—Ward 1, F. N. Borden, Benja-

min, Joseph Nicholson, jr. For Councillors—Ward 2, Henry Josiah Dunn, C. Poirer; Ward 3, William Charles Grant, Samuel Pollock; Ward 4, Alfred G. Gale, Henry Ruckle. School Trustees—R. B. Powke, William W. Moore, G. A. Vantwright.

PROMINENT PIONEER GOES TO HIS REST

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CAME OF DISTINGUISHED FAMILY

Arrived in Victoria in 1859 and British
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Hon. Wymand Thomas Ogilvie Hamley, one of British Columbia's foremost pioneers, passed away yesterday morning at his residence, Burdette avenue, at the advanced age of 88 years. The deceased was the third son of Vice Admiral William Hamley, R. N., who greatly distinguished himself at the Siege of Zama, (1808) when flag lieutenant to Gen. Captain Cadogan. The eldest son, William, entered the Royal Engineers, and became a major general, and the fourth son, John, was the well known General Sir Edward Bruce Hamley, R. A., K. C. B., who served in the Crimea, the Boer war and was afterwards commander of the staff college. He commanded the 2nd division in the Egyptian campaign in 1882; led the Hanbury Williams now military general of Canada being his A. D. C.

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REAL ESTATE MARKET

Some Small Sales Reported Yesterday.—Demand for Acreage Continues

Yesterday a prominent investor from Winnipeg purchased a house and lot at Oak Bay for a residence, through Parsons, Love & Co., and another bought one in the north end of the city through the same firm. A beautiful property on Simcoe street for \$3,000 and two acres at Shoal Bay for \$1,000 per acre. Helsterman & Co., realtors, the past few days, their sales aggregating in the vicinity of \$30,000.

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MATTERS BEFORE COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Proceedings at First Regular
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The first regular meeting of the working year of the Local Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island took place on Monday last at the city hall. Present were the president, 1st, 2nd and 5th vice-presidents, corresponding secretary-treasurer, ten delegates from affiliated societies, and the press secretary.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. The correspondence included letters of greeting and acknowledgment from Mesdames McLagan, Gordon, Grant, and McNeill, and the following letter from George Phillips, honorary secretary Victoria Musical society:

Mr. P. S. Darrin, President Woman's Council, Victoria:

Dear Sir: I beg to inform you that an effort is being made to secure the systematic teaching of singing in the public schools of Victoria. With a view to inaugurating the movement the following resolution was passed at a meeting of the committee of the above society, held on Monday last: "That in the opinion of this meeting it would be advantageous to follow the example of Vancouver in appointing a supervisor of singing in the public schools." Copies of this resolution are being sent to the school boards of the city and are being distributed to the public. This is especially noticeable in Yorkville, where part singing is practiced in nearly every home, and probably no county in England produces finer specimens of manhood. Medical men are unanimous as to the good effect of singing upon the mind and the body, and this is especially true of the young. The singer brings a greater quantity of air in contact with the blood, and hence the blood is better purified and the system is more healthy. Singing also gives energy to the brain, and thus the mind, as well as the body, share the benefit of the exercise."

Sir Alexander Mackenzie, who is president of the Victoria Musical society, is the recognized head of the musical profession in the city. He has been very much surprised at the omission of the Victoria Musical society from the list of the Victoria Musical society,