

STREET CONDITIONS WERE CONSIDERED

THE COUNCIL DEFER ACTION UNTIL TO-DAY

City Milk Inspector Presents Annual Report - States That Good Quality Is Supplied.

Another letter addressed to Mayor Hayward from Captain Bernier, the Arctic explorer, was read at Monday evening's meeting of the city council...

In the order of communications that from Captain Bernier was first read, This was as follows: Quebec, Dec. 20th, 1902. To His Worship Mr. Hayward, Mayor, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir - In confirmation of my telegram, I beg leave to thank you very much for the subscription of \$2000 which has been offered by you as a contribution to the expenses of my contemplated expedition to the North Pole...

During the reading of the letter the Mayor remarked that the writer had jumped at conclusions. The captain had not yet got the money. His Worship said that the council subscribed \$5,000. The letter was received and filed.

L. F. Ottor, who represents a new invention which sprinkles streets and cleans them by means of compressed air, wrote from Montana recommending the machine to this city. It had, he claimed, 15 advantages over any other device of the kind.

On motion of A.M. Williams the letter was received and referred to the city engineer for report. Edward North had complained that the residents on Victoria Crescent had not been treated fairly by the council. Work which had never been carried out on the street had never been carried out. The letter was received and filed, and on motion of Ald. Cameron the writer will be informed that steps have already been taken to have the improvement made.

P. C. MacGregor & Co. gave notice that the insurance company's policy for which they are responsible would soon lapse, and asked for renewal of the same. Granted. Thomas Shaw applied for the position of bridge inspector. He referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee. City Clerk Dowler reported as follows: Gentlemen - I have the honor to inform you that the following communications have been received and referred to the city engineer for report, namely: Mrs. S. B. Smith, calling attention to the condition of a drain in front of her property, Vancouver street. James Plett, complaining of the condition of a drain on Michigan street.

Received and filed. City Engineer Topp wrote stating that he had taken steps to have a box drain at the corner of Government and Herald streets, which had overflowed, repaired. Received and filed. The city market superintendent reported receipts for the month of December aggregating \$75,70. Two annual reports, one from Dr. Tolmie, milk inspector, and the other from the park committee, were next submitted, and will be printed. The former was read as appended: Gentlemen - I beg to submit a report of inspection made by me since my appointment to the position of milk inspector on June 1st.

the Oaklands station be returned. Carried. Ald. Grahame's motion, which had been seconded by Ald. McCandless, was then introduced. It provided that the city should go ahead with the improvement of the streets left in bad condition by the Terminal Railway Company after six days' notice, and that the cost of the same should be charged to the company. The motion provoked considerable discussion, but was finally deferred until to-day.

The mover explained that he had taken the step not out of any prejudice to the property holders who suffered, in one place to mentioned where vehicles sank to the axle. In another part near Mr. Justice Walkem's residence the street was in a bad shape. He pointed out the clauses compelling the company to keep their tracks in good repair two feet from the track, and referred to a letter from Mr. Bodwell promising that all portions injured by the track should be kept in good repair. That promise had not been made due to the fact that the city officials have not insisted on the work being done. He wanted to see the streets placed in good condition at once.

Ald. Yates would not know if any place had been left between the market entrance on Esquard street and the railway track. He understood that there was not room for a wagon to pass there. Before adopting any motion Ald. Yates thought it might be well to find out who the officials of the Terminal Railway Company were. Of whom he asked could the city collect a bill. He moved an amendment to this effect, which Ald. Kinsman seconded, but which Ald. Grahame protested against, as it would make the original motion ridiculous.

Ald. Yates moved an amendment that the company be notified to forthwith keep their cars on Esquard street, so as not to impede the easterly ingress and egress to the market. This amendment was added to the motion. Ald. Grahame thought it an extraordinary thing that the names of the officials were not known, while Ald. Yates thought that it was within the Mayor's power to write to the company and obtain the information.

While sympathizing with the motion, Ald. Cameron thought it might hardly be expected that the council should make a large expenditure on the streets without first having a report made by an engineer as to the extent of the work required to be done. Ald. McCandless, not knowing that the clerk had written to the company, then wished to have further consideration of the motion deferred, and this course was pursued, the motion being left over until the meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

His Worship then drew notice to the by-law respecting the carrying of loads on bicycles, which had been introduced by Ald. Barnard in June last, and stood over because of the decision then arrived at by the council to await replies to letters forwarded by him to other cities seeking information as to what was done in those places in regard to the carrying of loads on wheels. Ald. Yates said that as Ald. Barnard was not present he thought it well to defer consideration of the by-law until such a time as there would be a full meeting of the board. He understood that Ald. Barnard had changed his mind about the object for which the by-law was intended. On motion the by-law was accordingly laid over until to-day, and the meeting adjourned after a short session.

Ald. Mayor announced that he wished to have a full meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee at 3 o'clock this afternoon, as there was he thought some very important business before them.

At the Vancouver land office of the C.P.R. information was obtained that the land sales from the office for the past six months have been far ahead of the first six months of the year. There has been during the year good sales of suburban and business lots. The demand for lots on the hillside street has been very marked, also the ready sale of high-priced West End homestead lots. The aggregate amount of sales exceeded the sales of 1901 by 40 per cent, and were much larger than 1900. Values have been well sustained both in residential and business properties.

Mr. Buntzen, general manager of the B. C. Electric railway, will leave shortly for the Old Country, accompanied by Mrs. Buntzen. Mr. Buntzen says his trip is one of pleasure only. Mrs. Margaret Curran, an old resident of Vancouver, passed away on Sunday at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Saul, of 1455 Georgia street. She deceased was 87 years of age. James Beaty, father of W. H. Beaty, of 717 Seymour street, Vancouver, passed away on Sunday at the ripe age of 76 years. The deceased had resided in Vancouver for some time. P. A. McDermid, a visitor to Vancouver, died at the residence of friends on Grand View on Sunday. The deceased was a native of Gleanagry, Ont., and was well known in Vancouver and California for the benefit of his health.

GOT A CONSTANT HEADACHE? - Ten chances to one of the secret of your suffering is that "white man's burden." Catarrh. Here's a sentence from one man's evidence for Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder: "One application gave me instant relief, cleared my head, and stopped the pain in my head. It's a quick cure and sure treatment, and it never fails to cure. 50 cents sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.-145.

WITH ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

BOSTONIANS IN THE FAVORITE OLD OPERA

A Splendid Presentation at the Victoria Theatre on Monday - "Maid Marian" This Evening.

The "Robin Hood" of De Koven & Stoddard, which has been on several occasions, but never has been such a pleasing presentation of this jolly opera as that given by the Bostonians in the Victoria theatre last night. The company is a large one, it embraces some capital vocalists, especially in the prominent roles; the scenery is in complete keeping with the character of the play and the general excellence of the company, while the large and well balanced orchestra completed the features necessary to make the play completely enjoyable.

The audience was a large one, and so general was the expression of pleasure that the company were assured of a full house again Tuesday. From the standpoint of the performers the audience were over-enthusiastic, for they insisted on repeated encores for almost every vocal number, to the manifest exhaustion of the soloists, duets and choruses of "Robin Hood" are in the majority of instances exciting, especially those of Maid Marian, Robin Hood and Will Scarlet, and to insist on their frequent repetition, while meant as complimentary to the performers, must have severely taxed their powers, while it prolonged unduly the run of the play.

The inadequacy of the local stage was amply demonstrated, for its proprietors proved all too limited to permit of a production, when, as often happened, a large proportion of Barabbee's and MacDonnell's big-company were on. On the evening of Monday, the proprietors, has the part of the sheriff of Nottingham, and his portrayal of the role is what might be expected from a veteran who has acquired at least a portion of his fame in the character. He is now in the red and yellow leaf of life, so far as years are concerned, but perennial youth seems to remain with him in his mimic life. His lessons in role making to his ward and his part in the celebrated "Robin Hood" scenes were good examples of his finished work.

Miss Grace Van Studdford, the leading lady, has a voice of great compass, and as a singer, she has a fine and melodious voice. Her rendition of "The Dream of You" and other favorites. The flexibility of her voice and its perfect harmony with the instrument was strikingly illustrated in an encore given with orchestral accompaniment. The company have a fine basso in Howard Chambers, whose "Old Cross Bow" and "Armorer's Song" were musical gems.

In Geo. Forthingham the Bostonians have an imitable Friar Tuck, whose drollery was omnipresent. W. C. Weeden as Robin Hood had some heavy work to do, in which his fine tenor voice displayed to good advantage, while W. H. MacDonald was a capable Little John. The company gives "Maid Marian" to-night.

A RECORD MONTH. Splendid Showing in the School Attendance for December - The Returns. The school attendance for December exceeded 90 per cent, which is the highest on record for a month which usually makes a poor showing. Following are the numbers attending during the month in the various schools, rounded off to the nearest percentage reached. The Spring and Ridge roads again leads with the extraordinary record of 95.11 per cent, with Rock Bay a good second with 94.50 per cent:

Table with columns: School Name, No. Pres., Av. At., P. C. High School - 109, 147.8, 95.11; Boys' Central - 494, 421.53, 90.84; Boys' Central - 435, 394.96, 90.77; North Ward - 238, 235.2, 98.82; South Park - 395, 364.62, 89.77; North Ward - 238, 235.2, 98.82; Spring Ridge - 159, 129.35, 81.11; Hillside - 113, 90.19, 79.77; Rock Bay - 79, 74.73, 94.50

The division in the respective schools which reached the 95 per cent. mark of attendance were: High School - Div. 1, 93.33 per cent. Boys' School - Div. 2, teacher, Mr. Sallawa, 95.82 per cent. Boys' School - Div. 5, teacher, Mr. Wallace, 90.08 per cent. Boys' School - Div. 7, teacher, Mrs. Taylor, 90.08 per cent. Girls' School - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Williams, 97.69 per cent. South Park - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Cameron, 90.10 per cent. South Park - Div. 8, teacher, Miss Wright, 90.08 per cent. North Ward - Div. 1, teacher, Mr. Tait, 95.82 per cent. North Ward - Div. 5, teacher, Miss Murton, 95.96 per cent. North Ward - Div. 7, teacher, Miss Tusley, 95.95 per cent. Spring Ridge - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Rusling, 95.95 per cent. Spring Ridge - Div. 2, teacher, Miss Blackburn, 95.95 per cent. Hillside - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Blackwell, 95.95 per cent. 8th Street - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Jesse, 97.37 per cent. The month's record for punctuality was also excellent. Following are the divisions reporting not a single case of tardiness: High School - Div. 2. Boys' Central - Div. 1, Mr. Gillis; Div. 2, Mr. Sallawa; Div. 5, Mr. Wallace; Div. 7, Mr. Taylor. Boys' School - Div. 1, Miss Williams; Div. 2, Miss Robinson; Div. 3, Miss Barron; Div. 4, Miss Lawson. South Park - Div. 1, Miss Cameron; Div. 8, Miss Wright. North Ward - Div. 2, Miss Dowler; Div. 3, Miss Marchant; Div. 5, Miss Murton; Div. 6, Miss Power; Div. 7, Miss Tusley; Spring Ridge - Div. 1, Miss Russell; Hillside - Div. 1, Miss Blackwell; Div. 2, Miss Anderson.

SILVER-LEAD INDUSTRY. Resolution Adopted by Mine Owners of East and West Kootenay.

At a meeting of the silver-lead mine owners of East and West Kootenay, held at Sandon, B.C., at which fifty-three mining properties were represented, the following resolution was passed by a vote of 45 to 10, and seconded by the Hon. G. Garde of the Payne Mining company, and carried unanimously: WHEREAS the silver-lead industry of British Columbia, and particularly that of the Kootenay, is one of the most important of the province, and for some time has been in a declining condition, which, if not immediately met, will result in total stagnation; AND WHEREAS the silver-lead mining industry of the Kootenay, and particularly that of the Kootenay, is one of the most important of the province, and for some time has been in a declining condition, which, if not immediately met, will result in total stagnation; AND WHEREAS the silver-lead mining industry of the Kootenay, and particularly that of the Kootenay, is one of the most important of the province, and for some time has been in a declining condition, which, if not immediately met, will result in total stagnation;

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CHARITABLE DONATIONS. The Protestant Orphans' Home Were Liberally Dealt With During the Christmas Season.

At the regular meeting of the lady manager of the Protestant Orphans' Home held Tuesday afternoon bills to the amount of \$56.18 were ordered to be paid. It was decided to purchase a machine for cutting bread for the institution. Mrs. Toller and Mrs. Goring were appointed visitors for the month of January. The donors of goods and Mrs. H. D. Helmecken for \$100 from the charity concert were cordially thanked. The list of donations for December was as follows: Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, per charity concert, \$100; Mrs. Merritt, Victoria West, 1 sack of peas; Ladies' Younger Working Party, 15 boys' shirts, 13 pairs boys' pants, 7 girls' dresses, buttons, tape, etc.; Mrs. A. A. Green, 6 volumes Boys' Own (bound); A Friend, clothing (per Mrs. Harvey); Mrs. Harvey, candy; Mrs. Thomson, Gorge road, Emma Watson, 1 pair of boots; S. M. Robins, manager of the Vancouver Coal company, 4 tons of coal; Mrs. Pemberton, 3 sacks of peas; Mr. Maynard, small roast of pork, 1 chicken and sack of vegetables; Mr. Van Tassel, 1 sack of apples; Mrs. Brockenhurst, 6 pairs of stockings and 3 shirts; Neil Grant, 2 pairs of boots; Mr. Tait, clothing; Spencer, 52 boys' caps and three large boxes of toys; Mrs. Marr, Boomerang, 100 toys; Mrs. and Miss Erb, two boxes oranges and one sack peas, do. apples; Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, candy and goose; Mr. Glendenning, one very large ham; Mrs. C. C., 15 pairs of sheets and two dozen pillow cases valued at \$25; Mrs. Munzie, sausages, codfish and clothing; two dozen candles and candlesticks for the Orphans' Home; Mr. Langley, bread, butter, coffee, sandwiches, jellies, meat and fruit; Mrs. C. Todd, clothing; Mrs. Archibald Erving's little girls' Bible class, two small chairs; Mrs. Broderick, crokinole board; Mr. Walter, Salt Spring Island, one carcass of lamb; Mrs. Scoones, clothing and one hat; Mrs. Thos. Barle, one box of oranges and chocolate; Mrs. Twine, one sack of holly; Mrs. Smith, holly, toys and bottle of alcohol; an unknown friend, 2 pairs of boys' boots and a pair of girls' gloves; M. W. Waitt & Co., games and musical instruments; Mrs. Barnard, 2 boxes of oranges and bon-bons; Bijo, one box of oranges; Mr. Tohmie, one box of apples and Christmas tree; Mrs. H. Wilson, one quarter of nutmeg; Porter & Sons, two turkeys; A Lady Friend, candy and large roast of beef; Miss Estella Carroll, one parcel of nuts; Miss D. McTavish, one box of oranges; Mrs. McNeill, one box of oranges; Mrs. Burton, one box of oranges; Oswald Barton, \$1 cash; Mr. Hodges, one box of apples; Mr. Fred Carre, jr., one box apples and candy; Mr. Langley, painting the gates; Mr. F. J. 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