

AID. HENDERSON MEETS ELECTORS

MAYORALTY CANDIDATE EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS

He Favors Passage of Water By-Law—W. E. Oliver Present.

Owing possibly to the cold weather, there was not a large attendance at the A.O.U.W. hall Tuesday to hear Aid. Anton Henderson speak in support of his candidature for mayor, and those who did turn out had the opportunity of hearing Aid. Henderson very fully, and also W. E. Oliver, who, at the invitation of Aid. Henderson, ascended the platform and explained the remedy of the water question as proposed by him.

Mr. Oliver was received in a mixed way, but after answering a number of questions there was quite a considerable applause given him, although he did not convince all who were present. Aid. Henderson had finished his speech, had answered a number of questions and when about to sit down mentioned the water board scheme as suggested by Mr. Oliver. His reference was against the plan, and an elector at the rear of the hall took exception to his remarks, whereon Aid. Henderson, seeing Mr. Oliver in the hall, invited him to come forward and explain his plan for settlement of the water question to the electors. Mr. Oliver thanked Aid. Henderson for the opportunity, and outlined his plan as previously given before electors. He said during his speech that the water board was formed it would be necessary to take in every source of supply to which Aid. Henderson replied: "That is what I thought. It is a scheme to buy out the Esquamalt Waterworks Company."

Mr. Oliver, however, explained to the audience that he has no investment in the Esquamalt Waterworks Company and was not a shareholder. In replying Aid. Henderson said he did not believe in any water board, but stood by his plan as outlined in his speech. Both the speakers were well received by those present.

Aid. Henderson, introduced by the chairman, Keith Wilson, in a few words, addressed the meeting as follows: "I would like to delay this meeting a little longer till the seats are filled, but I'll open the meeting by telling why I'm here. As a mayoralty candidate I thought it only fit and proper that you should hear from me direct. It gives a better idea to hear the candidate personally than to read his remarks in the papers. I'll try and be as brief as possible."

"Now, in presenting myself for the important office of mayor I have thoroughly considered the duties and the responsibilities, and if I had not thought I could successfully fill the office I would not have consented to present my name to the electors. I have been three years an alderman, and I feel I should give some account of my stewardship. This last year I have been connected with the financial department. I am pleased to say it is well and carefully managed. There is no fraud that you read about in other cities. There is a conscientious and able man in charge. The staff must be added to as the work increases, and there is nothing saved by stinting."

"The public works department has been under a great deal of just criticism. In order to carry it on in an efficient manner it is necessary to have a good man with full authority. It will be up to the next council to see that a capable man is secured. A man that can put the department into proper shape. The waste of money in that department has been attributed to many things. The great waste has been by mistake of officials in the highest down. The various heads have been working at a disadvantage. We voted early in the year \$64,000 for street repair. That money was expended two months ago, and I fall to wonder what has been expended. I do not blame ratepayers for finding fault. The local improvement work has gone forward quickly. We have been able under the present system to have better roads. The people are paying four-fifths of the cost, and this ought to reduce the rate of taxation. The general rate should and can be reduced. The only way the city can build up its streets is by this means."

"The fire department has an efficient head and is now in a thoroughly good position. There has been a 30 per cent. insurance rate reduction. I do not doubt a further reduction can be obtained. The salt water system is not in working order yet, but that is not the fault of the mayor and council. The engines and pumps are not up to specifications, and our engineer refused to accept them. The company has not been paid yet, and won't be until the machinery is in the hands of the police force is competent and efficient, but I think there are things they might look after better than they do, but I don't blame the department for that. If the police commissioners gave the instructions the chief would have them carried out. The cost is increasing, but that is owing to the growth of the city."

"There is a by-law before you to vote \$34,000 for the school board, and I think it is our duty to prepare for educating the young. I hope the people will always keep the education of the young in mind. In the health department there is expense, especially in regard to the isolation hospital. We can't afford to let it go down. There is a movement afoot to get the Jubilee hospital to take it over. The incoming council can deal with it. The scavenger system is in an unsatisfactory state. The work is principally in the hands of Chinamen. There should be a system compelling people to keep their yards clear. We are getting rid of our refuse at less than one-half the cost to Vancouver."

"Regarding the public parks board the council felt it was a fifth wheel to the council and from the first of the year it

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will pass out of existence. If elected I will place the parks in the hands of a committee of the council. Under the old law it could never work satisfactorily. The council should control the funds. I think we are satisfied with the work done on the parks and visitors have admired the uniformity of our boulevards.

"The cemetery will have to be added soon. There was a by-law turned down that would have provided for the purchase of an adjacent piece of ground. This will be a matter for the new council. The Market building has not been used for its original purpose but I believe it can now be made successful, and it is up to the incoming council to open it up as a public market."

"The water system. Elk Lake water is very good but we won't have enough soon. I think Elk lake could be added to, but that would be a temporary matter. I think we should provide for the future, and the council has put a by-law before electors asking for \$1,500,000. Objections have been raised to putting this by-law before the people now. I think now is the opportune time. It is said people won't support it as they don't know who will have the handling of the money. I think, however, that the electors have the opportunity to pick out the best men now. This money is not all being given to the next year's council to spend. The work would take five years, and it will not be till the fifth year that the greater portion is spent. I don't believe that Elk lake will only last three years, but if this is so the water question should be handled at once. It will be settled if you vote for this by-law at the election. We don't need to hurry the work, but we will have it ready when Elk lake gives out. Our water income this year is \$120,000, next year it will be about \$140,000, and maintenance will cost about \$200,000. One-fifth of the sum asked in the by-law, the interest would be provided for amply by the surplus of the water income. In 1910 there will be a surplus on this basis of \$25,000; in 1911, \$25,000; in 1912, \$10,000; in 1913, \$9,000, but in 1914 there would be a deficit of \$11,000. Now during these five years we have laid aside a surplus of \$100,000 to meet the 1914-15 deficit, and from 1919 there would be a surplus. Our present water rates will carry the Sooke scheme without any trouble. In ten years there will be quite a nice surplus and in 50 years the debtures could be redeemed and then the city could reduce the water rates. Give me five minutes to talk to Victoria West and I'll convince them. If you can't vote for me as mayor I want you to vote for that by-law. I wouldn't care to be mayor unless that by-law is passed. If you can vote for me, I'll be glad to serve if elected."

Question: "What do you propose to do with the reservoir?" (Laughter.) Aid. Henderson: "I propose to have it made watertight. That's one of the first things to be done. It isn't satisfactory to me. The lining is porous, but otherwise it is satisfactory. We are at \$819,000 on the water system, and the lining of the reservoir is all that is wrong. I think this can be remedied. I think Mr. Adams is to blame in the first place. He must be held responsible by the people and council. There was \$8,000 over-estimated, and had this been spent I think the reservoir would be all right."

Question: "How about the fair buildings and races?" Answer: "I am against betting at horse races. The association has spent money on buildings, but the ordinary income is not enough to pay for them. There will be a deficit this year. The women's building was erected on the understanding that the women would pay for it, but they only collected \$800 out of a little over \$8,000. This was owing to the five days' strike. I think the women should be held responsible. The only way to make the fair pay is to cut it down to an estimate within the gate receipts."

Question: "Was there anything wrong with the management?" Answer: "Well, I don't think there was anything absolutely wrong with it, but there was injudicious expenditure for attractions."

In answer to a question Aid. Henderson said he had refused to sign the voucher authorizing the payment of \$800 to the solicitor and barrister retained by the city. Continuing, he said: "On ordinary receipts and expenditure the city, had it received \$4,000 due from Oak Bay for water pipes and \$4,000 due by the Dominion government as taxes on the old post office property there would be a surplus. As it is the city is about \$2,000 behind."

"Regarding the water board," he continued, "Victoria has its city limits and its pipe system, and a revenue yearly increasing, and if the mains are extended the revenue will increase more, every house meaning a clean profit. If we have to take in outlying districts, where half a mile lies between homes, the expense will not be covered, and I'm against it."

supply. Why should Victoria bear the whole burden of the supply? The surrounding country should share in the expense. There should be a water board with representatives from all territories interested, dealing with finances, supply and output. The water companies could be remunerated by bonds. Sooke Lake bonds could be secured on the prospective rates and guaranteed by the city and the municipalities interested.

The board ought to take in every source of supply. In London the water board has the right to acquire by expropriation. Question: "Are you in favor of Sooke Lake by-law?" Mr. Oliver: "I say the water board is the best plan; but if the ratepayers choose otherwise I am ready to be bound by them. They, however, must have the facts before them, and they have not got the facts yet. Reports by engineers should be posted at the library and city hall. I am not in favor of the by-law."

Aid. Henderson: "I believe Victoria should control the water. We have the nucleus of the supply, and Oak Bay shall not get the right to put mains through the city if I have anything to do with it. Ever since Mr. Oliver entered Oak Bay council we have had nothing but trouble. We don't want any water boards. In a few years they will come into the city. There has been no trouble with Saanichton. The provincial government can make the city supply outside sections, and that is what the city is prepared to do."

The chairman called for other speakers, but as none came forward the meeting was brought to a close.

RECIPROcity WITH OAK BAY DISTRICT

Trustees Make One-sided Arrangement With Outside Places.

A reciprocity treaty has been arranged between the city of Victoria and the municipality of Oak Bay. On motion of Trustee McNeill the board of trustees of the city recently decided to exclude the outside children from the schools. This was made to apply to Oak Bay as well as to the other districts.

As soon as attention was drawn to the way in which the water would operate, an investigation was instituted and it was found that eighteen of the city children were attending the Oak Bay school, whereas not a dozen of the Oak Bay children were attending school in the city. Accordingly, to the manifest advantage of the city, it was decided to allow the present arrangement to continue.

STREET RAILWAY CASUALTIES.

Report Submitted to San Francisco Board of Supervisors. San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 5.—Eight persons were killed and 327 injured by street cars of the United Railways in this city during July, August and September last, according to a report made to-day by General Manager Black. The figures were submitted to the board of supervisors.

Ninety-two of the 327 cases of injury were due to mistakes in boarding or leaving cars, the report states, and eighty to jumping from moving cars.

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IRON AND COAL MERGER ON COAST

COMPANY WILL BE CAPITALIZED AT \$20,000,000

Steel Plant at Irondale to Be in Operation in Two Months.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 5.—Confirmation of the reported Pacific coast iron and coal merger was given to-day by Herbert E. Law, first vice-president of the Western Steel Corporation, a new company which will be capitalized at \$20,000,000, and is composed of California, Washington and Canadian millionaires. In March the company's steel plant on Puget Sound at Irondale will be in active operation, according to Law. The officers hope to have the plant operating to its maximum capacity by 1912.

DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES BY FLOODS

Inhabitants of Oregon Town Suffer Intensely From the Cold.

Paisley, Ore., Jan. 5.—There is little change in the flood situation here to-day, the town being virtually frozen in an ice flow. The Chequamegon river is still on a rampage and is carrying flood debris through the principal streets of the town. Encamped on an eminence several feet above the high water mark, Paisley's citizens are watching the water ravage their homes. The only thing that will prevent great financial loss is a quick thaw. Zero weather prevails and residents driven from their homes are suffering intensely from the cold.

TOWN ALMOST WIPED OUT.

Lumont, Wash., Jan. 5.—The little town of Lumont, but a little more than a year old, was almost completely wiped off the map by a fire to-day. With the exception of one store, that owned by George Howell, the business section is in ruins. The fire broke out at 9 o'clock this morning and fanned by a high wind spread rapidly. The town is without fire apparatus, and only the volunteers, badly hampered by the cold weather, prevented the flames from spreading to the residential section of the town. The loss amounts to about \$20,000. All of the owners of the burned buildings have expressed their determination to rebuild at once.

ELEVEN DIE FROM PTOMAINE POISONING

Only One Member of Party Which Partook of Peaches Survives.

Sawtle, Cal., Jan. 5.—B. Praelado, aged 30, and his three-year-old daughter Virginia, died to-day, bringing the total number of deaths in the Valdez family from ptomaine poisoning up to 11. Mrs. E. Praelado, who was reported to be in a precarious condition, will recover. She ate but a small portion of the poisoned peaches on New Year's Eve before she noticed that it tasted strong. This saved her life. She is the only one of a party which sat down to the feast to survive.

Relatives of the dead family conferred to-day and virtually decided to hold one funeral service over all the dead. His Praelado was the last to die. His daughter Virginia succumbed in terrible agony shortly after four o'clock this morning, and two hours later he was dead. An autopsy was performed on the body of Mrs. A. Fernandez last night by Dr. Campbell, the coroner's physician. He stated that the deaths resulted from ptomaine poisoning. The fruit which contained the poison will be analyzed this afternoon.

PIONEER OF PROVINCE DIED ON TUESDAY

Edwin John, of Saanichton, Passed Away After Few Days' Illness.

In the death of Edwin John at the St. Joseph's hospital on Tuesday an old pioneer of British Columbia has passed away. The late Mr. John succumbed to an operation for ptomainitis after a few days' illness. He was born at Llantrissant, Glamorganshire, Wales, on October 7th, 1829. The deceased immigrated to America with his wife and oldest son in 1851, settling in Pennsylvania. Mr. John, like many other pioneers, was seized with the gold fever, coming to California via Nicaragua in 1854. The deceased followed the gold mines for the next ten years, both in California and Nevada. Leaving California in 1864 Mr. John accompanied the gold rush to Cariboo, where he remained until 1868. Mr. John located in Saanichton upon leaving Cariboo, purchasing the property he farmed until the time of his death. The deceased was a firm believer in the future of British Columbia and Vancouver Island in particular. Mr. John was preceded in death by his wife, one son and one daughter, his partner in life predeceased him by some twenty-seven years. Two sons and one daughter are left to mourn his loss. E. H. John, of this city; E. R. John, of Saanichton; and Mrs. Jas. F. Fell, of Victoria.

WOMAN AERONAUT INJURED.

Aeroplane Wrecked in Collision With Tree. Chalons Sur Marne, Jan. 5.—Although badly bruised and shaken, it is stated to-day that Mme. De La Roche, who was injured while making a flight in a bi-plane yesterday when her machine collided with a tree, will recover. The aeroplane was destroyed.

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FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE IN FOG

Two Men Are Killed, While Five Others Sustain Serious Injuries.

Cascade Locks, Ore., Jan. 5.—Two men were killed and five seriously injured early to-day in the wreck of two extra freight trains on a curve, three miles east of this place on the Oregon railway. A dense fog was partly responsible for the accident.

The dead, T. H. Carson, cattlemaster, and unidentified immigrant burned to death. The injured, T. B. Moore, Surgeon, Ore., leg broken, internally injured; McLean, cattlemaster, arm broken and internal injuries; G. Hanley, cattlemaster, internal injuries, may not recover; Bert Hallan, The Dalles, brakeman, leg broken.

The wreck was caused by the extra freight, No. 192, running into extra freight No. 200. The caboose in the latter train caught fire from an overturned stove and this and the immigrant car were destroyed.

VANCOUVER ISLAND RESOURCES PICTURED

Pamphlet Now Being Prepared Will Be Full and Accurate.

The manuscript of the pamphlet which has been compiled by the Victoria Island Development League is being revised carefully by Frank I. Clark, of the Provincial Bureau of Information. The facts and figures are being compared with the statistics in the provincial departments, so that the information given to the public as to the resources of this island shall be absolutely accurate. The pamphlet will make a handsome publication, illustrated with some 30 half-tone engravings, and will be the most complete ever issued, bearing on the island. It will be printed at the government printing bureau, and in its distribution the bureau of information and the board of trade will assist the development league.

PIONEER CONTRACTOR DEAD.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Michael Cyr, a pioneer contractor of this city, and father of J. Ernest Cyr, ex-M.P. for Provencher, died yesterday, aged 77.

BRAKEMEN MUST WORK ON THE TOP OF CARS

Chairman of the Railway Commission Announces Decision.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—After hearing representations by Canadian and American railways, operating in Canada, against the doing away with brakemen on the top of freight cars, Chairman Mabee, of the railway commission, this morning decided that the present conditions would not be changed and brakemen will continue to perform their duties on the top of freight cars.

The question of the provision of shelter at flag stations was also up for consideration.

BASEBALL COMMISSION.

Meeting in Cincinnati to Select Man to Direct Affairs.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—The national baseball commission convenes in this city to-day. The commission will vote on a man to direct its affairs during the coming year. It is thought in baseball circles that Grey Hermann will be re-elected. John Kling, the Chicago National League player, who was suspended for a violation of his contract when he failed to appear for practice last spring, after he had been refused a higher salary, will apparently not re-enter organized ball, as his application has not yet been received.

FORM NO. 11 LAND ACT.

Range 1, Coast Land District. Take notice that Murray C. Potts, of Cranford Island, occupation, "farmer," intends to apply for permission to erect the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the shore near the west end of Felix Bay, Call Creek, thence running easterly 80 chains along shore line, thence 20 chains of commencement. Located Nov. 25th, 1909.

MURRAY CLARKE POTTS, December 23rd, 1909.

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THREE BY-LAWS ARE IMPOSED

OUTLOOK FOR THE VOTE ON School By-Law Only One Carry

(From Monday) The three by-laws voted on Thursday the most important. They have been submitted to the ratepayers of Victoria by-laws—one to enable to raise the sum of \$184,000 for public works, one to grant incorporation to the Opera House Company, a theatre, and one to \$184,000 for public works.

In respect to the School By-Law, it is generally expected that it will be rejected by a very large majority. It is seldom that it is forecast the fate of such a measure. At the moment of its introduction to the city council, it has been defeated. If one may judge from the expressions of citizens who have spoken about the matter, in an attempt to obtain public opinion on the subject, it is not likely that it will be passed. They were chosen to grant every instance of the by-law. It was proposed to grant the water supply for the city, but while this is so, it is not likely that the ratepayers will agree to it. It is contended that a scheme should be carefully by the engineering department. All the necessary facts of the council in the future before the public. They were chosen to grant every instance of the by-law. It was proposed to grant the water supply for the city, but while this is so, it is not likely that the ratepayers will agree to it. It is contended that a scheme should be carefully by the engineering department. All the necessary facts of the council in the future before the public.

Those supporting the by-law are led by Ald. Henderson, who is a candidate for mayor, and that there is no force in the proposition. It is contended that the money should be spent this year and that the expenditure over several years, that it is highly important to the city. It is taken at once to the world that Victoria policy for waterworks and that the passage of the contrary—a referendum, is working to the city.

IMPORTANT MEETING ON VICTORIA

A. D. McRae Says With French-Canadians They Prove C.

Among the visitors present time is A. D. McRae, and general manager of the land commission. These mills are among the world and with the mouth of the river will be very important. The Fraser River is a large number of families to supply the province was made. It is free from the toll, thus allowing for a longer time in the case where the water.

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