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THE TIMES

AS NOTHING FOR VICTORIA

CAPITAL NOT IN FAVOR FOR AID FROM McBRIDE

City's Legislation at Late Ses- sion—Waterworks Bill— Board of Control.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
As was more than once pointed out in these columns during the session, Victoria has little for which to thank the government or the legislature. The session started out with a definite announce- ment by the Premier that the capital need not expect anything from the government in the way of financial aid to- wards its beautification. And nothing was forthcoming for that purpose, nor was there any grant for any works here, outside the smallest possible sums for ordinary repairs to the parliament buildings and government house, whereas Vancouver gets hundreds of thousands of dollars for new buildings and repairs of existing structures.

Only three acts directly affecting Victoria were dealt with during the ses- sion, the most important being that re- lating to the waterworks system, which met with a good deal of opposition in committee and also some in the House. The intent of the act, which was in- troduced on behalf of the city by H. B. Thomson, was mainly to declare that the rights which the city obtained under the Victoria Waterworks Act of 1873 have not been diminished in any respect by any legislation since enacted, besides making some minor changes as to the borrowing powers and book- keeping.

In 1873 the city got the right to at any time take water for domestic pur- poses from any source within an area of twenty miles from the city. In ask- ing for a confirmation of this right it met with opposition from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, which in 1866 was given power to go to Goldstream, subject to the rights of Victoria. The company professed to believe that under this year's bill the city would be able to expropriate it, willfully nullify and put up a strong lobby against the bill. In the end the city, realizing that it might become expedient some day to expropriate the Goldstream works, put in a proviso that in the event of the doing so an offer of purchase for a sum of not less than \$700,000 should first be made, the company to have two months to accept or reject this, and that if a arbitration ensued the arbitrators should be limited to awarding the com- pany the cost of construction, interest on capital invested not exceeding six per cent simple interest, and a bonus of not more than five per cent on the capital actually invested.

The opposition continued, even on this, up to the end and nine members of the House voted for a proposition to restrict the city two years within which it could exercise this power. By a large majority the members expressed their sense of the fairness of the city's position. In addition to the opposition encountered by the bill from this source the city also had to meet a demand made by Oak Bay and Saanich that the specific obligation to supply them with water be imposed upon Victoria by the legislature. This was merely a repetition of an old dispute which had been going on outside, and propositions and counter propositions were made by either side. In the end an amicable arrangement was made between the municipalities interested without the intervention of the law-makers.

In the course of the Victoria West arbitration proceedings it was found that in the act of 1907 authorizing these were several clerical errors, while there was enough doubt regarding the arbi- trators' powers to give rise to legal proceedings, successful in the initial stages. A bill was put through in the last couple of days of the session to remedy these defects.

The third bill referred to authorizes the lieutenant-governor-in-council to convey to the city lot 921, which is the site upon which the new street, fire- hall stands. Now that the city has erected a permanent building it desired to be sure of its title to the land and the necessary order-in-council will shortly be passed.

In the amendments to the Municipal Classes Act the city secured a much desired power, and one that is likely to be availed of before long. This is the authority to elect a board of con- trol, to consist of the mayor and two controllers. Continuity is provided for by the order in which the controllers retire. The qualification is to be the same as for mayor. This plan of civic government can be put in force from the commencement of the next year by the passage of a by-law at any time and its continuance for the next three-fifths majority of the vote cast. Among the duties which will be ex- clusively performed by the board when once it is elected here will be the super- vision of all civic works, the preparing of estimates and proposed budgets for consideration by the council, the preparation of specifications, calling for tenders and awarding of contracts; re- porting to council monthly or the pro- ceeds made upon municipal works; nominating to the council of all heads of departments and sub-departments in case of vacancy, and of other perma- nent officials and clerks on favorable re- ports made by the department; the suspension and recommendation for dismissal of any head of a department; submit proposed by-laws and perform any other duties the city council may see fit to assign. The council cannot, re- verse, vary or reject any action of the board except upon a two-thirds vote, but may refer any matter back for reconsideration upon a majority vote. The only amendment to the Municipal Elections Act made this session was one dealing with the time of posting the lists in cities and holding the court of revision, the object being to allow more time for the taking of appeals from the court of revision, if necessary. The lists are to be posted on December 5th instead of December 10th, and the court will sit on December 10th instead of December 15th.

TRAINING CARIBOU TO WORK IN NORTH

Could Be Made to Fulfill Duties Now Done by Reindeer.

Winnipeg, Man., March 18. — The success which has followed the intro- duction of reindeer into Alaska has aroused attention in Canada, and the suggestion has been made that the reindeer will settle one of the problems of developing the resources of the Cana- dian northland. One has to hoof it or use dogs up in the Arctic stretches now, and it is concluded that civiliza- tion will move slowly if no better means of transportation is found.

The United States, it will be remem- bered, imported reindeer into Alaska just as happily and usefully in Alaska as in their homeland. Some 25,000 are now in Alaska, and they are more than earning their keep. Canada need not geographically merely from the reinder; she has herds of reindeer already up in the northern regions. All that is need- ed is to train them, for they are very hardy.

The Canadian reindeer are really caribou, but Canadians say they will do as well. Some zoologists bear them out in this, asserting that the caribou of Greenland and Canada are separated geographically merely from the Euro- pean reindeer, the difference not being considered sufficient to make them of different species. However that is, the caribou is plentiful throughout the Cana- dian north. Explorers have reported seeing herds of caribou up the Hud- son Bay region, covering the country much as the buffaloes once covered the Western plains.

Of course the Canadians have got to catch these caribou and train them, but to a people who are certain that they are building an empire that is a trifling matter. The most active advocate of using reindeer or caribou in the development of northern Canada is Fred S. Lawrence, who lives at Fort Vermillion, on the lower Peace river. He has made his home in the north for twenty-five years. He suggests that a start might be made toward domesticating Cana- dian reindeer by inducing Laplanders to emigrate to Canada.

SHINGLE MILLS TO RESUME OPERATIONS

Curtaiment of Output Caused Shut-down in Wash- ington.

Seattle, Wash., March 18. — Shingle mills of the state of Washington will resume operations again on March 22nd. Announcement to this effect has just been made from the headquarters of the Washington Shingle Grading Asso- ciation. The mills in this state were closed down some time ago in an effort to give strength to the market. Despite the curtailment of the shingle output, the condition of the eastern market re- mains practically the same as it has been during the last month.

The number of shingles at the Min- nesota transfer has diminished little, and Washington manufacturers have received little encouragement from the buyers of that section. But notwith- standing the paralyzed condition of the market, the central committee of the shingle grading organization has de- cided that, inasmuch as the manufac- turers have completed financial ar- rangements for the carrying on of a system of inspection, the wheels of in- dustry will again be placed in opera- tion on March 22nd.

With a view to bringing uniformity to the product of the Washington shingles, a meeting of all grade inspec- tors in the state has been called for next Friday. The meeting will be held in the rooms of the Washington Shingle Grading Association and the question of what constitutes an off-grade shingle will be taken up by authorities on that subject.

COUNT TOLSTOVS CONDITION.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—Count Leo Tolstois again is suffering from inflam- mation of the veins in his leg, but his condition is not serious.

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REAR-ADMIRAL EVANS LECTURES ON MONDAY

Famous United States Naval Officer Will Recount Life in the East.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Rear-Admiral Evans, "Fighting Bob," will deliver a lecture at the Victoria theatre next Monday night under the auspices of Gizeh Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The subject of the lecture will be "A Cruise in the East," before and during the first months of the war between Japan and Russia, and of the proceeds will be donated to the Women's Auxiliary, Royal Jubilee hos- pital. It will be under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and Mrs. Dunsmuir, Premier McBride and Mrs. McBride, Captain Parry, of the Esperia, and Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul.

Admiral Evans has sailed in a num- ber of the most famous of Uncle Sam's boats. He started his career on board the Constitution, and his first command was the yacht America, manned with two guns and 24 midshipmen. He was next transferred to the Powhattan, where he served under Capt. Roncken- dorf. He then served under the com- mand of Admiral Landner, whom he called "one of the finest specimens of the old navy." Then followed in quick succession the Santiago, the Placa- tuca, the Delaware, the Colorado, the Congress and the Saratoga, of which he remained in command four years. In 1881 he was ordered to command the gunboat Yorktown, then in the North Atlantic fleet known as the White Squadron, from the fact that all the ships were painted white. After York- town, in which he made his trip to Chili, Evans took charge of the New York, the Indiana, the Iowa, which he commanded during the entire Spanish war, and then took command of the battleship fleet on its trip from Hampton Roads to San Francisco.

IRISH EVENING IN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Excellent Entertainment Given in Honor of St. Patrick's Day.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The Irish concert in First Presby- terian church last night was a splen- did success. Hon. Richard McBride, who was to occupy the chair, sent a letter of regret at not being able to be present owing to press of official business, and J. G. Brown assumed the duties and gave a short introduc- tory address on St. Patrick and Ire- land.

The programme was an exceedingly fine one and thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience. H. Shandley opened by singing "Off to Philadel- phia" in fine style, followed by pic- colo selections by G. H. Larrigan, who in turn was succeeded by Mrs. A. Sprig in a delightful little song, "A Spring of Green." Miss Cocker's singing of "The Dear Little Shamrock" was very well received, as was also her "Sweet Vale of Avocha." Mrs. Parsons was very successful in her rendition of "An Irish Folk Song." Mr. Morrison sang "A Place in Thy Memory" with delightful ease and sympathy. Miss Evans recited "Stamuis O'Brien," and "Bridget and the Beauty Doctor" in an excellent manner. Mrs. Legg sang very sweetly the old favorite "Eileen Allana."

It is not making invidious distinc- tions to say that Arthur Wheeler, in his anecdotes and songs, was the gem of the evening. With his racy Irish humor he had the audience in a con- stant uproar of laughter from start to finish. J. Longfield's violin solo was much appreciated, and one of the fea- tures of the evening was the instru- mental trio for violin, flute and piano by Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mr. Larrigan and Mr. Longfield. J. G. Brown was very successful with his song, "The Moun- tains of Mourne." Mrs. Lewis Hall was the accompanist for the evening, performing her duties in her usual ac- complished manner. Mr. Dobson and Mr. Parsons also assisted in this ca- pacity.

October always begins on the same day of the week as January, April as July, September as December, February, March and November begins on the same days. May, June and August always be- gin on different days from each other, and every other month of the year, the first and last days of the year are always the same. These rules do not apply to leap year.

The average duration of life is: In Norway, 55 years; Britain, 45; Belgium, 44; Switzerland, 44; France, 43; Austria, 39; Germany, 39; Italy, 33; Bavaria, 36; and Russia, 28.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY HONORED

IRISHMEN CELEBRATE NATIONAL FESTIVAL

An Enjoyable Evening Spent at Dallas Hotel in Feast and Song.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
One of the most pleasant and most successful celebrations of the Irish na- tional festival was the dinner at the Dallas hotel last evening, when over one hundred Irishmen and their friends sat down to honor their patron saint and recall their earlier years in the Emerald Isle. This was the first cele- bration for some years and one result of its success is likely to be a resusci- tation of the Sons of Erin.

The dining-room was artistically and appropriately decorated. Featons of green hung from corner to corner, the tables were bright with the same na- tional color, and Irish flags were draped on the walls, while behind the chair- man hung a large Union Jack. Green wax candles, placed at frequent inter- vals down the tables, and when these were lighted and the electric current turned off for a while the scene was a very pretty one.

The toast list was a thoroughly Irish one, prepared in a manner worthy of the Dallas, and served deftly and daintily. The names of the dishes were cleverly twisted around into an Irish form and as follows:

The Toast List.
The toast of the King was proposed by Chairman H. B. Thomson and was honored with true Irish loyalty, and following this came a toast to the President of the United States, which was responded to by Consul Smith. Mr. Smith referred to the glories of the Irish race in history and the successes of Irishmen to-day, and concluded with a reference to the good feeling exist- ing between the two great English- speaking nations.

R. S. Day made an eloquent speech in replying to the chief toast of the evening, "Ireland to-day," he said, recalled many memories to those whose youth had been spent on the old sod. In looking back nothing was left but happy recollections of the land where flourished the dear little shamrock. That plant, with its three leaves, typi- fied love, valor and wit; three charac- teristics, in which Irishmen outshone all the nations of earth.

A. St. G. Flint, one of the prime mov- ers in the history of the banquet, was greeted with cheers when he rose to read some letters which had been received, and in doing so he made a witty speech. Premier McBride, Hon. R. G. Taylor, Hon. Thomas Dufferin, Mayor Hall and Fred Davey, M. P. E., all sent expressions of regret at their inability to be present.

The chairman, in introducing a toast to the legislature in Ireland, was get- even with his colleague, H. F. W. Behnen, who at a recent German ban- quet had asked him to reply in Ger- man. He would ask Mr. Behnen to reply for the legislature in Irish. Mr. Behnen told the gathering that he thought himself as good an Irish- man as any of them, for he was born on the seventeenth of March. This was accepted as a toast to the Irish- men, and the following resolutions were passed:

Major McFarlane, replying for the army and navy, recalled some of the stirring events in which Irishmen had proved themselves the backbone of the Imperial army. Both in rank and file and among the leaders Irishmen were prominent. He need only mention Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener and Lord Wolseley. In the navy, too, Irishmen had done and were doing their share. There had never been a better sailor, or a better Irishman than Lord Charles Beresford.

Mr. Justice Martin replied for the bench, and spoke of the triumph of Irishmen in the forensic arena all through the years and in every British country. In recent years there had never been such a trio as Chief Jus- tice Russell, Justice Bowen and Justice Gwynne, with the late Chief Jus- tice Macneught, Atkinson and Col- lins, the latter one of the finest law- yers the bar has ever known. British Columbia's first premier was an Irish lawyer, afterwards Mr. Justice McCreight, and to-day its premier was a native son of Irish descent. He was pleased to see present two sons of a former most respected Irishman and British Columbian, the late Judge O'Reilly.

"The City Council of Victoria" was responded to by Ald. Turner, who promised to take the Irishmen at their word and put the streets of the city in decent shape, assured of their backing, but he would like more Irishmen in the council.

An eloquent reply on behalf of "The Sons of Erin" was made by W. C. Moresby, and "Our Guests" brought responses from J. A. Alkman and Maxwell Muir. For the ladies Harris Ross replied, and a sup- plementary toast to Hon. Hugh Hart was enthusiastically honored.

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"Believe Me, If All," and a rollicking German students chorus, John E. H. Rickaby read "Mon Frere Camille," one of the most humorous of the habitant sketches of the late Dr. Drummond, himself an Irishman, Percy Richardson and P. E. Nyland sang several songs. That fine old Irish piece, "Shamus O'Brien," was given in excellent style by Corporal Cooney, of the barracks, who has a most delightful touch of the brogue.

Those Who Were Present.
H. B. Thomson, M. P. P., was in the chair, having to his right, Mr. Justice Archer Martin, H. S. Day and W. C. Moresby, and on his left A. E. Smith, United States consul; R. W. Perry and A. St. G. Flint. Others present were: Harrie Ross, J. H. McCaugher, Sidney J. Heald, George Fraser, Edmund Wal- John Muirgrave, Harry O'Leary, Thos. Roberts, Harry Dawson, Francis O'Reilly, Robert Swinington, W. K. Houston, W. Fraser, E. Brown, H. F. Simpson, John Keary, Walter H. Topo, J. O'Reilly, Nugent Short, Robert F. Green, John A. Virtue, W. A. Jameson, G. Kelly, Aid. John A. Turner, James Murray, William Daly, Frank I. Clark, A. J. Leary, T. Milligan, Stanley Bur- gess, W. A. Sparrow, Hugh Hart, An- drew McAfee, W. J. Hanna, John Brad- den, Joseph Tasse, Frank Welsh, A. E. McPhillips, E. C. M. P. P., Lewis Finch, Harold Verity, J. H. Hawthorn- thwaite, M. P. P., Mr. McKenzie, Fred Dundas, A. E. Starr, John Trotter, Dell Smith, J. A. Alkman, Capt. Johnson, John H. B. Rickaby, H. D. Twigg, J. C. McMillan, Chas. Barber, Mr. Brice, H. H. Maloney, Corporal Cooney, R. C. G. A. Mr. Jackson, Herbert Cuthbert, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Gao, John Hart, D. Smith, Mr. Gardner, Joseph Hennessey, George Wilson, J. E. Smart, J. D. Irvine, Mr. Tebb, W. Sparrow, R. C. Taylor, W. T. Jones, Mr. Veich, George Courtney, Frank Seabrook, Mr. Tubb, B. John, R. J. Burns, Capt. Butler, Frank Sehl, P. Richardson, Mr. Simons, W. Hill- well, John Haggerty, J. Gray, W. Wal- lace, Mr. Drummond, Robert J. Hart- well, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roe, Mr. Ham- ilton, Mr. Gosling, H. F. W. Behnen, M. P. P., Mr. Wilkinson, Major McFar- lane, Col. Toppling, C. R. Mackie, Mr. O'Connell, Capt. Thompson.

The dinner committee, to whom much credit is due for the success of the event, were A. St. George Flint, Hugh Hart, H. H. Maloney and F. E. J. Dun- das.

WORK RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Protest Raised Against Award of Tender for Valves.

A letter of protest was read at Mon- day's sitting of the city council from A. Sheret. He objected that a tin tender for valves, although \$110 less than the accepted one, was turned down because the foreman preferred an American valve instead of a Cana- dian one. He enclosed a letter from the superintendent of the Vancouver city water works, as follows:

City Water Works Office, Vancouver, B. C., March 11, 1909.
The Robertson Godson Co., Ltd., City.
Dear Sirs:—Replying to yours of the 10th inst., with reference to Kerr En- gine Co. valves, would say that my department has used the valves con- tinually, in sizes up to 12 inches for the past ten years. In 1907 we pur- chased two car loads, which carried us over last year, and same have given perfect satisfaction under all kinds of tests, and it is conceded that our pres- sure here is much heavier than in Vic- toria. Yours truly,

S. MADDISON, Superintendent.

Ald. Inghart moved that Mr. Sheret be informed that the tenders had been let and the matter was now closed. He said: "It is time outsiders were given to understand they cannot run the Victoria city council. We ought to have the privilege of taking the word of our employees. We know what we want and we are going to get it." The resolution was carried.

The council adopted a report on water meter by Arthur L. Adams. He recom- mends the use of the Tuxford meter, which the city has purchased 1,700. There will be 3,500 purchased altogether.

The report of the street bridges and sewers committee was adopted as follows: 1. Recommended that the purchasing agent be instructed to call for tenders for the supply of crushed rock to the corporation, the same to be delivered when and where required. The tenders to be received up till 10 a. m. on Friday next, the 19th instant. The city engineer to prepare the necessary specifications which will be sent to the tenders by the portions of Humboldt and Belleville streets adjacent to the Empress hotel be covered with concrete, with a work of local improvement, with wooden blocks treated with creosote, and brick on the causeway, and placed on a concrete foundation. That the city solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law.

2. Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to cause the removal forth- with of the old box drain on the east side of Cook street, between Pandora and Johnson streets, and that the plumbing inspector take the necessary steps to com- plete the owners of the houses on Cook street to connect their premises with the sewer.

3. Recommended that a portion of the city's property, opposite the "Willows hotel" be leased to the tramway company at a nominal rental, in order that the company may construct a loop line around the city, and be accepted and let for the lease of this land to be prepared by the city solicitor for execution.

4. Recommended that a plank walk be constructed on Joseph street. Estimated cost, \$50.

5. Recommended that sewers be con- structed on the following streets, namely: On Shakespeare street, between Denman street and Edmonton road. Estimated cost, \$900. On Princess avenue, viz., Queen's avenue to new school. Estimated cost, \$3,350. Belmont avenue, from Gladstone avenue to Fort street. Es- timated cost, \$2,500; and outlet for same via Fort street, estimated cost, \$2,350.

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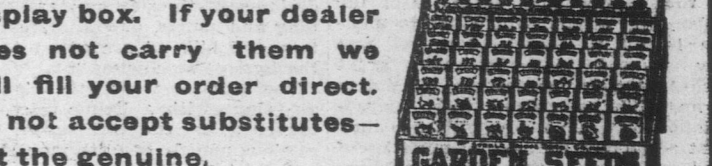
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