

CIVIC ESTIMATES ARE DISCUSSED

INCREASES ARE ASKED BY ALL DEPARTMENTS

Slow Progress Made at First Reading—Fire Department Estimates Passed

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Having come through the travails of an election the city council got down to the somewhat delayed consideration of the estimates for the current year at a meeting specially called for the purpose last night. The work demands careful consideration and investigation, as in many branches of the public employ large increases were asked for. To cope with the extended developments, the estimates for the current year will have to be called before the estimates are finally disposed of.

Last night was chiefly devoted to noting the changes and making comparisons with the estimates of the previous year. In the majority of cases the items were laid over until the chairman of the department could bring in a report detailing how the estimates were to be disbursed. The fire department estimates were among the few to receive assent.

There was a short discussion as to whether the estimates should be taken up in public or private. Alderman Gleason expressed the view that they should be taken in private, especially those relating to salaries. He pointed out that this course had been adopted in the past. Mayor Morley was inclined to agree with the idea of reserving the salaries for private discussion. Alderman Humber, however, thought that if a man was worth his hire he should not be ashamed to let the world know what his hire was. He favored the salary question being discussed openly.

To this suggestion the mayor replied that it would perhaps be just as well, in view of the fact that the private proceedings of the council had a habit of leaking out anyhow.

Finally it was decided that only the non-contentious matter in the estimates should be considered in public.

The question of salaries and increases was therefore left over so that the finance committee might consider them and report on them to the council.

The following statement shows the expenditure for the year:

Revenue.	
Cash on hand in bank.....	\$ 14,553.77
Water rates and rents.....	155,000.00
Licenses (liquor).....	51,000.00
Licenses other than liquor.....	22,500.00
Cemetery fees.....	5,000.00
Dog tax.....	2,500.00
Fire Insurance Co's tax.....	13,500.00
Market fees and rents.....	2,500.00
Police court fines.....	7,500.00
Pound fees.....	750.00
Road tax.....	7,500.00
Education.....	51,250.00
Miscellaneous receipts and refunds.....	7,500.00
Interest from investments of Sinking Funds.....	28,000.00
Creosote account.....	6,000.00
Douglas St. telephone connection.....	4,000.00
Interest on overdue taxes.....	2,000.00
Sewers rental and sewers tax fund.....	24,375.00

Total.....	\$407,328.77
Estimated amount required to be raised from real property.....	\$800,305.84
Collected from real property, 1910.....	\$705,426.12
Rateable assessment 1910.....	\$296,295.39
Improvements (50 p. c.).....	5,509.99
Total.....	\$82,105.320
Rate—26%.....	

The following statement summarizes the salient features of the estimated expenditure for the year:

City debt.....	\$ 222,655.31
Municipal council.....	10,000.00
Legal dept.....	10,000.00
Civil salaries.....	28,540.00
Civil institutions.....	246,654.00
Buildings and surveys.....	44,000.00
Streets, bridges and sidewalks.....	86,440.00
Miscellaneous.....	67,950.00
Education.....	255,763.00
Board of health.....	45,040.00
Water works.....	175,117.30
Sewers rental and sewers tax fund.....	24,375.00
Total.....	\$1,297,634.61

In regard to cemetery maintenance Alderman Peden stood out for an increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The increase was for obtaining the necessary assistance to keep the cemetery in order. The additional help would only be required during the summer months.

In expressing his approval of the idea Mayor Morley said he had been quite sure the cemetery had never been taken care of as well as it might be.

Alderman Humber, on behalf of the parks committee, raised a scare in the breast of Alderman Gleason by asking \$25,000 this year and against \$18,500 last year for maintenance.

Alderman Gleason objected to the increase on the ground that no details had been placed before the council as to how it was to be spent.

Alderman Humber pointed out to him that many improvements were now required in the Gorge park to bring it up to date as a recreation ground.

In connection with the application Mayor Morley commented upon the fact that while they had "knocked" the school board for lack of details in their estimates here they were practicing the same thing themselves. He requested a detailed statement from Alderman Humber on the expenditure requested.

The estimates relating to a committee were left over and a committee was appointed to consider the question of a more suitable location.

The committee comprises Aldermen W. F. Fullerton, Okeil, and Humber. In referring

the matter to the committee the mayor stated that the dog-pound was becoming a disgrace to the whole city. He asked the committee to consult with the sanitary inspector and the pound-keeper as to the best location for the new pound.

As the police chief was not present the estimates for that department were not taken up.

The fire department estimates aroused some discussion among the members of the council and Fire Chief Davis as to the respective merits of motor and horse vehicles.

Chief Davis favored the motor equipment, but stated that since they had horses they would have to use them, and also provide new horses and harness, etc., so long as they continued to have the apparatus. He indicated in reply to the mayor that the initial expense of motor equipment was much heavier than that of horses, but the maintenance of motors was not nearly so heavy. When not in use the horses were eating their heads off in the stable, whereas when the motor was not in use it was incurring no extra expenditure.

To maintain a horse a month the chief said would cost about \$60, while to maintain a motor a year would not cost above \$150. In the estimate the maintenance of the department for the year is figured at \$40,758. Among the items of expenditure was the sum of \$5,380 for alterations to heavy trucks, providing better accommodation for the men, improvements to the outside halls, and an office at the high power station. The cost of the new apparatus was estimated at \$2,000, but the mayor passed by the ratepayers. It was on account of that generosity on the part of the public that the chief did not feel justified in asking more at the present time.

Ald. Langley put in a strong plea for greater consideration for the library maintenance. The \$5,000 in the estimates was passed without opposition, but the chairman thought it was about time that something extra was done for this educational institution. The figure for maintenance was no greater than last year, but he thought it should be.

In proportion to the population the library served he claimed that the sum expended upon it was not more than 30 per cent. of what other cities would be paying. The library was not nearly large enough at the present time to accommodate all the demands made upon its capacity. This year the commissioners had had under consideration the starting of a children's room, as well as insulating other necessary improvements to keep the institution abreast of the times. There could be no disputing the utility or popularity of the library. The number of books taken out amply demonstrated both points.

In view of the new power plant at Jordan river the street lighting estimates were left over. They had been based upon last year's expenditure, and of course with the new plant in operation and the city purchasing power from the B. C. Electric, the comparison will not apply. It was Mayor Morley who reminded the council of this fact in answer to the suggestion that a foreman of construction should be appointed to relieve the city electrician of some of the work of the department, which was becoming congested through the development of the cluster lighting installation. The department asked for \$14,240 for maintenance and \$6,000 for construction of the new scheme of lighting. Mayor Morley pointed out that Mr. Hutchinson's duties would be appreciably reduced.

The sum of \$7,250 for the maintenance of the Home for the Aged and Infirm was passed.

Under the head of miscellaneous the following items were passed: Stationery, \$2,000; postage, \$750; telegrams and messenger service, \$400; telephone service, \$2,000; fuel and light, \$1,250; hacks and express, \$250; fire insurance, \$1,500; repairs, \$250; charitable aid fund, \$500; aged and indigent relief, \$2,500; commission on revenue collection, \$800; secret service, \$250; Victoria Day celebration fund, \$2,000; sale of coats, \$500.

In connection with the Coronation Day grant one or two members of the council expressed the view that a definite sum should be set aside with the Victoria Day grant as a general celebration fund.

Mayor Morley pointed out that that course would lead to confusion when the first party came along for its share. Ald. H. M. Fullerton thought that \$2,000 should be given the ladies who are arranging for the Coronation Day festival in the city.

Ald. Langley favored the general celebration fund idea.

Ultimately it was resolved to wait until the ladies came before them with their proposition. The celebration was more than a civic one; it was a provincial one, and it was a provincial one.

A grant of \$5,000 for the Agricultural Association was advocated by Ald. N. M. Fullerton, who indicated that the show, in a sense, was a provincial one. He reminded the council that Vancouver gave \$12,000 to the fair there.

The question, however, was left over, as also was the grant proposed to be given to the Vancouver Island Development League.

In this matter Ald. H. M. Fullerton urged the city to be generous. It was well known that the league had done and was doing excellent work.

Ald. Gleason, however, thought the city should move rather slowly in the matter of making grants. It was possible that the city would be called upon to make heavy expenditures because of liquor local improvements on several streets. They also had the expenses of the last election to contend with. Even now the city had from \$20,000 to \$25,000 in arrears of taxes to be paid for the high school site at Spring Ridge.

It was decided to take up the question of these grants at Tuesday's meeting.

The estimates in their preliminary form made no provision for the proposed increase in salary for the mayor and aldermen.

ATTEMPTS TO BURN CHURCH.

Walla Walla, Wash., April 13.—A reward of \$250 has been offered by the board of underwriters of the Pacific Coast for apprehension of the person or persons who have been trying to burn St. Paul's Episcopal church in this city. These attempts have been made within the past six months and the insurance companies are anxious to get hold of the offenders.

At Death's Door From Kidney Disease

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"Two years ago, the doctor made forty-four calls on me, and then said he had done all he could for me. I was suffering with intense Kidney Trouble and Inflammation had set in. Two other doctors were consulted and agreed that nothing could be done to help me.

On the recommendation of a neighbor, I took "Fruit-a-tives" and they cured me. To-day, I take "Fruit-a-tives" as my only medicine. I am in excellent health, and "Fruit-a-tives" is the medicine that cured me after I had been at Death's Door for months. I am glad to be able to give you this testimonial. It may benefit some other woman suffering as I suffered, as I believe that I would not be alive to-day had I not used "Fruit-a-tives."

Mrs. R. B. Webber, who writes: "Fruit-a-tives" by its marvelous action on the kidneys—completely restores these vital organs to their normal strength and vigor—and cures every trace of Kidney Trouble. "Fruit-a-tives" is the only medicine in the world made of fruit. 50c. a box, 2 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At dealers, or from Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

FIRE DRILL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Chief Davis Sends in Report to Board of School Trustees

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Fire Chief Davis, at last evening's regular meeting of the school board, submitted a report on the matter of fire drill in schools. The children of the South Park school had the record, having cleared the building in thirty seconds after the gong sounded. There were no gongs in the Victoria West school and these should be installed at once.

The chief also recommended that small children occupying rooms upstairs in the Victoria West school should be brought to the lower floor. On his suggestion the buildings and grounds committee of the board was instructed to make an examination of all the school buildings and arrange that primary classes on upper floors be placed on the lower floors.

The need of another school in the Oaklands district was discussed, and it was suggested that a two-room structure be erected on Quadra street, north of Hillside avenue. The matter was referred to the special committee dealing with school accommodation.

The request from the city council that detailed estimates be furnished will be complied with. Chairman Jay explained that the four lots to the rear of the Bank street school, upon which an option had been taken, were still available and he advised that these be acquired. This was left in the hands of a special committee.

It was decided to at once call for tenders for the installation of fire alarm systems in the Victoria West and Bank street schools.

The request from the manager of the Sheffield choir that a half-holiday be declared during the visit here of that musical organization, was granted. The opinion being expressed that as the choir was travelling as a financial proposition the board could not become a party to it.

Lillian S. Jackson asked that the school children be allowed to participate in the general parade proposed by the Daughters of Empire in their "Coronation Carnival." Mrs. Jenkins and Superintendent Paul were appointed a committee to go into the matter.

It was decided that the Easter vacation would extend from this afternoon until Monday, April 24.

A resolution expressing sympathy with Miss Lawson, principal of the Kingston street school, whose sister was lost in the Inokouli disaster, was passed.

BLOOD BAD IN THE WINTER

Indoor Life, Too Little Exercise, Breathing Impure Air, Eating Artificial Foods

Is it any wonder that the system becomes poisoned with impure waste matter in the winter time, when you think of the artificial life we lead?

With doors and windows tight, shut we breathe the same air over and over again until it is incapable of purifying the blood.

In vain effort to cast the poisons out of the system the liver and kidneys are worked over time until they too are played out. Then comes the pain in the back, the headaches, the attacks of constipation and indigestion.

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HON. W. S. FIELDING'S BUDGET SPEECH

CONSERVATIVES SEE NOTHING TO CRITICIZE

Largest Trade, Revenue and Surplus Ever Recorded—No Tariff Changes Announced

Budget in Brief.

Estimated gross revenue for year ending March 31, \$117,500,000; actual revenue year previous, \$101,550,710.

Estimated expenditure for year ending March 31, \$37,000,000; actual expenditure year previous, \$29,411,747.

Estimated surplus for year ending March 31, \$80,500,000; actual surplus year previous, \$22,000,000.

Per capita debt on an estimated present population of 7,785,000, \$43.63; as compared with \$50 per capita in closing years of Conservative regime.

Total annual trade now nearing \$800,000,000, mark. During last eleven months of past fiscal year it increased by \$76,798,000.

Since 1900 imports from Great Britain increased from \$44,279,983 to \$101,063,534, while exports to Great Britain had increased from \$36,600,000 to \$145,000,000.

No temporary loans are now outstanding, and all the debt is funded. Less than three years' revenue would pay off the debt.

The bounties on iron and steel that expire in July will not be renewed.

For such a quiet and unassuming man, Hon. W. S. Fielding, finance minister of Canada, has a remarkable habit of breaking records, says the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Star. His budget speech of yesterday was in many ways the most remarkable ever delivered since Confederation.

For one thing, it was the shortest. Allowing for the interruption of Black Rod, and the dutiful trip that the Commons made to the Senate as a result, Mr. Fielding was not talking for more than three-quarters of an hour.

That in itself is one record gone by the board. But before he sat down he had smashed another one. That thirty million dollar surplus is the biggest ever recorded in the history of the country.

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when the finance minister told his tale last night. A surplus of thirty millions, Canada's trade with the Mother Land doubled, her world trade in eleven months greater than for the same period last year by nearly seventy-seven millions, the per capita national debt fallen off, the artificial stimulus of bounties growing less and less, her borrowing restricted, no temporary loan of any kind outstanding, thirty-five and a half millions spent on the things necessary to make the country greater than ever, and this with a small addition to the national debt—it was something for any man and any party to be proud of.

No Help for the Pessimist.

It is true that there was no "news" in the speech, nothing to wrangle and jangle about, save this alone, that the Government flatly refuses to sit down and watch things. The pessimist and the fright-monger got little sympathy in that speech. Things were going well, but things would go better. "If you have a boot, don't knock it," was what Mr. Fielding's peroration really meant, though he put it in more parliamentary language. Yet there was no money-madness about it. In plain language he told the House that it was always well to keep a hand on the brakes. Not so very long ago when the "hard times" had come, the Government had known how to do it, and the wisdom of it was shown last year.

When it was all over, the Opposition benches, neighborly looking at each other, were in a goodly array of sympathy. It was "in on" it too, richer than he thought he did.

"This is the way with W. S. Fielding. He makes figures talk, and they are telling a very, very fine story."

THIRTY-SIX MILES OF ASPHALT PAVING

CITY COUNCIL TO LET LARGE CONTRACTS

List of Streets Which Will Be Improved During the Present Year

Wm. W. Northcott, purchasing agent for the corporation, is calling for tenders which will be received at his office up to 4 p. m. on Friday, April 23, for constructing approximately 600,000 square yards, or 36 miles, of asphalt pavement. Plans, specifications and forms of tender may be seen at his office.

The expenditure proposed in this work will total over one million dollars. Following is the engineer's list of streets included in the improvement scheme:

Trunk Roads.

The following trunk roads will be improved with asphalt:

Esquimalt road—Point Ellice bridge to city.

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Bay street—Bridge to Douglas.

Government street—Bay to Fountain.

Douglas street—Esquimalt to Pembroke.

Douglas street—Pembroke to Queen's.

Douglas street—Queen's to Hillside.

Douglas street—Hillside to Tolinie avenue.

Yates street—Blanchard to Cook.

Yates street—Cook to Fort.

Hillside avenue to city limits.

The section on Government street from Discovery to Bay, where the traffic is exceptionally heavy, will be paved with concrete.

Asphalt will be used on all the following streets:

Belmont avenue—Fort to Pandora.

Cook—May to Dallas.

Chapman—Cook to Dallas.

Dallas road—Beacon Hill to San Juan.

Dallas road—San Juan to Simcoe.

Sutcliffe—Vancouver to Cook.

Cambridge—Dallas to May.

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