

REMEDY. In Thousands of... Henry Powers, of Morrisville, Vt.

English Tenders Will Be Received. STREET POLES ARE TO BE MORE SIGHTLY

Eight-Hour Day for City Workmen Will Be Referred to the Rate-payers.

The city council at its meeting Monday evening after spending considerable time in the committee room appeared in the council chamber in a very happy mood.

The opening of the tenders for the Point Ellice bridge was postponed until the next meeting of the council in order that one which is expected to be considered by the council might be considered with the others.

Ald. Vincent's amendment to the Streets By-Law was finally passed last evening. This provides that advertisements shall not be allowed on poles in the city, and also requires that all poles hereafter put up shall be painted.

A communication was read from the local manager of the Street Railway Company respecting the request for a tramway service on Saanich road. It was recommended that it would be taken into consideration.

F. B. Pemberton called attention to the nuisance of the hotel runners upon the arrival of steamers. He pointed out that this was something not calculated to attract tourists to the city, and asked that something be done to put a stop to this.

On motion it was referred to the police commissioner with a recommendation that in the event of a strike of the police W. H. Langley asked for further time in which to repair premises on Cormorant street. He did so because the owner lived in England and the notice was too short for the carrying out of this work.

The communication was received and filed. A. H. Ridgeman called attention to the fact that flush tanks had not been connected with the sewers on Frederick and Alfred streets.

It was received and referred to the city engineer to report. G. C. Mesher called attention to a drain on Brussels street. The communication was referred to the city engineer.

Edward North asked that a sidewalk be placed on the south side of Church Way, between Douglas and Blanchard streets, which was needed more than the walk which was ordered to be built on the north side.

This was a serious discussion. Ald. McCandless said he had understood that the walk was to be placed on the south side. After consulting the map of the city it was decided to refer it to the city engineer to report.

Wm. Dees pressed for prompt action in settling his claim for compensation for injuries. The city solicitor in reply to a question informed the council that this was the first notice he had received of this matter.

The letter was referred to the city solicitor together with a request that it receive his immediate attention. The writer commissioner reported at length in reply to a request of John Piercy for water privileges at Elk lake.

The report recommended that as the question of water privileges was one between the former proprietor of the land, Mr. Steinburger, and Mr. Piercy, that no action be taken by the council in the matter. The report was adopted.

H. J. Knott forwarded a petition signed by over six hundred citizens, asking for amendments and additions to the Public Morals By-Law. The petition was as follows: "The petition is signed by the undersigned citizens of the city of Victoria, and we have signed it in the belief that it is in the deepest and truest sense of the most vital importance to the well-being and prosperity of our fair city."

Your petitioners, after careful enquiry and consultation with legal authorities in our own city, also the recent important judgments given in other provinces of the Dominion, are convinced in the belief that your honorable body has full power to meet and enforce such amendments as desiderata submitted, and your petitioners will ever pray.

That clause four (4) of Public Morals By-Law, No. 350, be amended after the words "person or persons," in the second line, by striking out the words "under said age."

Ald. Yates stated that the council had been threatened with a suit in the last few weeks, and he would advise that they proceed slowly in the matter. It was accordingly referred to the city solicitor.

The city engineer's report dealing with various small improvements was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee. It was as follows: "Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit following report for your consideration: (Communication from E. Kermede, calling a drain on the north side of Henry street. On looking into the matter, I find the same drain is in existence, and therefore, recommend a box be laid a distance of 50 feet. Estimated cost, \$90.)"

Communications from W. White re drain on Baronet street. I may say this drain was reported to your honorable body in May last, and estimated cost, \$82. (Communication from E. Houghton and others asking that a sidewalk be laid on the north side of Niagara street from No. 5 to the park. On looking over the ground plan, I find that the sidewalk is already laid, and therefore, recommend a box be laid a distance of 50 feet. Estimated cost, \$77. If, however, this could not be all done, I would respectfully recommend that the request be granted at present while so many more needed improvements are not yet accomplished. Estimated cost, including gravel surface and sidewalk, \$875.)"

Communication from Holsterman & Co., calling attention to a defective box drain on Churchway, opposite Nos. 30 and 32. On looking over this matter, I find a surface drain is laid at all necessary in the above locality. I am therefore of opinion it would be best to place the sewer from Humboldt street easterly, instead of taking the course suggested.

Re Sewer Connections. Herewith please find a list of names of those who have not yet complied with notices from the city solicitor. I would respectfully request instructions from the council as to how each individual case shall be dealt with. Herewith please find a list of property owners who have not yet complied with notices from the city solicitor. I would respectfully request instructions from the council as to how each individual case shall be dealt with.

Protection of bank on Dallas road, between the bank and the street. I have made an examination of the above locality and am of opinion the best and safest way to protect the bank from damage by the sea, would be to construct a low concrete wall between the bank and the street. The wall should be down the bank at an angle of 30 degrees, thereby making the wall permanent. The approximate cost of the above is \$16,000.

In conclusion, I may say, by substituting the work best plan, the cost would be about half the amount stated. C. H. TOPE, City Engineer.

List of property owners who have not complied with sewer connection notices: R. P. Ribbet, owner; Helsterman & Co., agents; lot 2, block 6, Hillside extension. W. C. Seelye, owner; B. C. L. & L. Co., agents; lot 7, block 11, Hillside extension. J. W. Keiller, owner; lot 81, block 10, Hillside extension. J. Weston, owner; lot 43, block 13, five acres. Columbus Jones, owner; lot 864, block 10. Ed. and Rachel Lewis, owners; lots 47 and 48, block 6, Hillside extension. Andrew McCaig, owner; lot 7, block 1, Hillside extension. B. M. A. Pound, owner; lot 87, block 1, Hillside extension. James Crawford, owner; lot 847, block 88. Mrs. Houslow, owner; lot 32, block 13, five acres.

Mrs. H. J. Carlow, owner; lot 20, block 12. J. A. Veille, owner; lot 21, block 6. John Richards, owner; lots 1883, 1884, block 53. A. J. Miller, owner; lot 21, block 36th. Victoria, Oct. 21st, 1903.

C. H. Tope, City Engineer. Dear Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter regarding parties having closets connected to the public surface drains and sewer lines in the city, and I might say I have a great deal of trouble in abating this breach of the by-laws. I would, therefore, recommend that immediate steps be taken to have the said parties disconnected and that the city solicitor's advice be obtained as to the proper course to pursue to abate this nuisance.

H. F. SHADE, Plumbing and Sewerage Inspector. The question of opening the tenders for the building of the Point Ellice bridge was raised. His Worship called attention to the fact that a message had been received from England stating that a tender was being sent on the 15th.

Ald. Williams favored giving the Old Country tender every chance, and delaying the opening of them until this was received. Ald. Worthington called attention to the fact that a man representing a Belgian firm had expressed his readiness to tender for it if given a little time. It involved bringing the iron from Belgium around the Horn, and the price of iron figured on was a very low one.

The question of fixing upon a time for the opening of the tenders was then freely discussed, and various times suggested. His Worship pointed out that in reply to the Manchester firm the council had cabled that the tender would be waited for. They were, therefore, in duty bound to wait for it. He suggested passing on to the next business and leaving the matter open until the next meeting.

Ald. Yates wanted it understood when these tenders would be opened. He believed in this matter being disposed of in open council. He favored giving all tenders the same chance if the time was extended. Local firms might also wish to put in for it.

Ald. McCandless was surprised to find that matter come up again. He did not favor any new tenders being received. The council had committed themselves to waiting for this English firm's tender, but he did not think that any others should now be received.

Ald. Worthington pressed for an answer as to whether the Belgian tender was to be received or not. In answer to Ald. Worthington it was stated that six tenders were now in, and that, therefore, there would only be seven in all.

The standing committee on finance reported, recommending the payment of \$237.52. It was dealt with in the usual way. The park committee recommended that no further rock should be taken from the place where the work was now being done for city purposes. It was destroying the beauties of the park. It asked that an appropriation be made to level that part off.

Ald. Barnard pressed for the adoption of the report. A-CITY FOR HELP.—A pain in the back is a city of the kidneys for help. South American Kidney Cure is the only cure that has a failure written against it. In cases of Bright's disease, diabetes, induration of the bladder, gravel and other kidney ailments, Dr. Cassell's Kidney and Bladder Specific prevents and cures. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—70.

VOTERS' LEAGUE IN REGULAR SESSION

DISCUSSED IMPORTANT MATTERS LAST NIGHT

Steps to Preserve the Foreshore Along Dallas Road Advocated—Extension of Sewerage System.

The most important question considered by members of the Voters' League at their meeting on Wednesday was the proposed extension of the sewerage system. The matter was brought up by T. C. Sorby and discussed at some length. It was finally decided that in order to obtain a thorough knowledge of the sewerage system of Victoria to extend an invitation to E. Mohun, the engineer who planned it, to attend next week's meeting.

Ald. Williams, in support of the motion, referred to Nanaimo's example. He said he thought the request should be granted at once. It would have been granted within two weeks after it was received in May. He had found that members of the streets committee had not given it the support which is demanded.

Ald. Yates agreed that they might follow the example of Nanaimo, and in doing so would follow that city to the extent of referring the question to the ratepayers. He moved an amendment to that effect. The council were trustees of the money placed at their disposal.

Ald. McCandless, in seconding the amendment, said if an eight-hour day was to be the legal day he favored the city workmen getting it. They were, however, not handling their own money, but that of the ratepayers.

Ald. Williams asked if Ald. Yates would grant the eight-hour day to the workmen in the intervening time until the matter was decided upon by the ratepayers.

Ald. Yates was not agreeable to this, as it placed the council in the peculiar position of granting something which they asked the ratepayers to decide upon.

Ald. Cameron said he seconded the motion to bring it before the council. He did not altogether agree with the last clause, which bound the council to see that future work was carried out on an eight-hour day. He referred to the conditions contained in the Point Ellice bridge agreement, in which it was specified that a certain sum be paid for a nine-hour day. He would not wish to complicate matters in any way.

It was suggested that this clause might be struck out. Ald. Williams, however, would not be favorable to this, but as the subcontract was being carried out under the eight-hour day system, he would agree to insert a clause excluding the Point Ellice agreement from the provision.

His Worship said that when a council was elected they were supposed to act. He did not favor referring it to the people. The council had a right to lead in such matters. If the people disagreed with it they had their remedy at election time. He would not favor Ald. Williams striking out the last clause and simply the prayer of the petitioners being granted.

Alderman Williams agreed to this, butly stating that he would get what he wanted one step at a time. A vote being taken, the amendment providing for a reference to the people was carried upon the following division: Yeas, Aldermen Kinsman, Yates, McCandless, Worthington, Belyea, and Barnard. Nays, Aldermen Williams, Cameron, Graham and the Mayor.

Going into committee of the whole upon Ald. Barnard's Sewer By-law, it was found that the by-law would have to be revised and typewritten. The committee accordingly rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The amendment providing that sewer rentals shall be reduced from \$2 to \$1.50, and that a 3-cent frontal tax should be imposed.

His Worship announced that the new president of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company wished a conference with the council. It was agreed to meet on Tuesday. His Worship announcing that this was not a meeting of the council, but an informal affair.

Ald. Vincent's amendment to the Streets By-law was considered in committee, and finally passed. A report from the streets, bridges and sewers committee was read, in which recommendations were made with respect to flushing.

Ald. Yates objected to these recommendations being taken as the report of the committee. He did not know but what it was the right course to pursue, but the committee had adjourned without reaching a conclusion. The city engineer had not given his opinion of it.

Ald. McCandless also agreed with this view. He was surprised to find a report forthcoming. Ald. Worthington had signed the report, but he agreed that the report had been made rather prematurely.

WOULD NOT PAY TO THE COLLECTOR

INTERESTING CASE IN THE POLICE COURT

Defendant Was Dismissed Owing to Irregularity of Proceedings—Highway Robbery Case.

A rather interesting case came up in the police court on Wednesday, in which the defendant, a member of the legal fraternity, was charged with neglecting to pay his revenue tax. The complaint was laid by Provincial Tax Collector Carter, who stated that he had frequently asked the defendant for the tax and on the last occasion had threatened to have him summoned. The latter told him to go ahead.

Mr. Kitto, who appeared for the defendant, asked for the dismissal of the case, principally on the ground that the defendant had tendered the amount of the tax to the provincial assessor, who was entitled under the amended act to receive it. Mr. Booth, the assessor, had refused to accept the tender under the impression that he had no authority to do so. The defence claimed, however, that his impression was correct, in view of the provisions of the act. The defendant had made the tender two days before receiving the summons.

The case was dismissed, but not before Mr. Carter had been endeavoring chiefly in the removal of large buildings or from a steamer. In connection with the plant all the powerful and modern machinery with which the depot is supplied will be brought into requisition when required, making the institution one of the most perfect anywhere to be found.

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WORK COMMENCED ON A NEW MARINE SLIP

Large Plant Building for the Victoria Machinery Depot in the Upper Harbor.

Work on the new marine slip for the Victoria machinery depot has been commenced in the upper harbor. A force of men is now engaged in making ready for a foundation, and from now until the plant has been wholly installed work will continue uninterrupted.

In building this structure the proprietors are looking rather to the foreign than home trade. To the latter business they have in the past largely confined themselves, and have not looked abroad for work. When the new shipyard has been completed, however, a big force of outside business will be made. Active agents have been appointed in England and at San Francisco, and there will be other representatives of the firm or hand who ever there will be an opportunity of securing trade.

The location of the new ways is on the site adjoining the company's works on the waterfront of the upper harbor, and leading off West Fifth. The harbor entrance there will be a depth of 26 feet of water, sufficient, it is estimated, for all commercial purposes. The ways will be 250 feet long, and will be provided with a crane, operated on the same principle as that of others now seen in different yards along the waterfront. There will be a travelling crane from the shops to the slip, so that heavy work can be handled advantageously in connection with the repair of any vessel, and to further facilitate such work big shears will be erected with a lifting power of 25 tons.

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THEY CONFERRED WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

Victoria & Sidney Railway Co. Asks For Six Months' Extension of Time.

It is altogether likely that by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers in the near future, which will provide for an extension of the time allowed the Victoria & Sidney and Victoria Terminal Railway Company to complete the terms of the contract for the extension of the city. They ask for an extension of six months, and are willing to provide a substantial guarantee of good faith in their relations with the corporation.

The foregoing was brought out at a conference held Tuesday night at the railway people and the council. The discussion was of an informal and preliminary character, further negotiations to follow. The best of feeling prevailed, and President Wood, of the company, expressed himself as much pleased with the treatment accorded them by the council.

The conference was considered highly satisfactory by both sides. VISIT BY GRAND MASTER. Big Turnout of Workmen Monday Night—Interesting Proceedings.

About two hundred members of the local A. O. U. W. lodges assembled in the K. of P. hall, corner of Douglas and Pandora streets, Monday, to receive the Grand Master Welch, of Vancouver, who was down on one of his periodical visits. Master Workman S. L. Redgrave, of Banner Lodge No. 6, occupied the chair, and among the officials present were Past Grand Masters J. E. Church and M. Salmon; Grand Foreman Edwards, Grand Recorder W. Jackson, Grand Overseer W. Scowcroft, and Grand Guide Smith.

The Grand Master initiated sixteen candidates, after which he gave a very interesting address on the condition and progress of the order. He alluded to its phenomenal growth throughout the continent from its inception to the present day, four hundred and forty thousand members now subscribe to its beneficent aims and objects. It had paid out \$20,000,000. \$4 years ago, died last night at his home outside the city. Fifty years ago he was a prominent canal contractor.

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