

Another Bid For a Bonus

Vancouver Firm Make a Rival Proposal to That of the C. P. N. Co

Sewerage Connection by Local Improvement Plan Receives a Setback.

If questions of improved communication between Victoria and the Mainland be not soon settled it will not be for lack of alternative schemes laid before the city council for consideration. Last evening at the regular meeting of the board of aldermen another proposal was received, this time from Vancouver, and offering an increased passenger boat service between the two cities, in exchange for an annual bonus of \$12,500 for a term of ten years. Messrs. Mackenzie Bros., the steamboat firm of the Terminal City, are the latest caterers for the improved service, and their proposal, printed in full in another column, was referred to a special committee for investigation and report.

Another matter of some importance last evening was the consideration of the question of sewer connection. It will be remembered that the council has had under consideration for some time the idea of making necessary sewer connections under the Local Improvement plan, and Ald. Brydon has been very persistent in his enquiries as to how the preparation of the proposed by-law was progressing, the delay being occasioned largely by the fact that the city engineer has been too busy to submit an estimate of the cost of the various connections it was suggested to make. To bring the matter to a head Ald. Brydon had given notice of his intention to move that the city authorities be instructed to go ahead under the Sewers Connection by-law, rescinding the former resolution of the council looking to the adoption of the local improvement plan. This motion carried, notwithstanding that the solicitor and mayor both urged the wisdom of allowing the matter to lay over for a week to allow of further enquiries being made. Now the officials will proceed to enforce the making of connections by the owners of property, the machinery of the law being put in motion if the said owners do not comply with the requests made by the proper officer.

Ald. Beckwith was again absent, still in the north, all the other aldermen being present, his worship in the chair, and City Clerk Dowler, returned from his vacation, and City Solicitor Bradburn in their usual places.

The reading of the minutes led to a little discussion, the motion to lay over for a week the report of the special committee recommending the inclusion in a by-law of the C. P. N. Co's proposal, being credited to Ald. Hayward and Stewart, in mistake. This being remedied, the council proceeded to the consideration of communications, the first of which came from the Deputy Minister of Public Works, A. Gobel, referring to the

Rock Bay Bridge.

The writer acknowledged the receipt of the council's communication informing the department that they had decided to postpone the construction of a new bridge owing to the delay in receiving a reply from the Department of Public Works, and reminded them that the delay was occasioned by their not taking the steps indicated in the Department's letter of January last.

Ald. Humphrey suggested that this called for some explanation from the mayor, but his worship said he did not know that he had any explanation to offer. As nearly as he could remember the requirements of the act were complied with.

Ald. Humphrey thought so too, and did not press the matter, so the letter was received and filed.

Commissioners Appointed.

A. Campbell Reddie, Deputy Provincial Secretary, formally notified the council of the appointment of Mr. J. E. Lovell to the position of License Commissioner and of Messrs. T. A. Brydon and B. B. McMicking to the positions of Police Commissioners, and the letter took the usual course.

Electric Wiring Inspector.

From the Secretary of the Board of Fire Underwriters came the information that that body has appointed Mr. A. R. Snelling to the position of electric wiring inspector, vice Mr. McMicking, resigned. The letter embodied a request that the council pass a by-law enforcing the inspection of electric wiring, the Board of Fire Underwriters to pay the inspector by fees, and the wiring to be done satisfactorily to that official.

The mayor thought the request should be complied with. The matter had been gone carefully into, and now that the Fire Underwriters are willing to pay the remuneration it would be well to give the inspector the authority of the by-law.

Ald. Humphrey moved that the letter be received and filed and the solicitor instructed to prepare the necessary by-law.

Some discussion followed as to some by-law Ald. Stewart had prepared and which, it seemed, had gone astray. He was not sure whether he had given a copy of it to the solicitor, and the solicitor was sure he had not, having returned it to Ald. Stewart when he first saw it. Thereupon Ald. Stewart seconded the motion, and Ald. Brydon was inclined to oppose it, as it would be foolish to go to the expense of preparing a by-law when there appeared to be no guarantee that the Board of Fire Underwriters would keep the position of inspector permanently occupied.

The mayor explained that the by-law would be permanent at any rate, and the motion carried.

Board of Trade Request.

The secretary of the Board of Trade referred the council to their resolution appropriating \$150 for assisting in the printing and circulation of a pamphlet advertising the advantages and resources of the Island, and informed them that the agent-general in London now advised it would be wise to defer the printing of the same until another season. In

this state of affairs the Board of Trade asked the council to allow the appropriation to be applied towards printing the annual report of the Board.

Ald. Williams moved to refer the request to the finance committee, and this was seconded by Ald. Humphrey, and the mayor agreed that was the best way of dealing with it as the money voted for one purpose could not be diverted to another unless the previous resolution was rescinded.

Thanks.

Secretary Phil R. Smith, on behalf of the Societies' Day general committee expressed thanks for the favors extended by the council, and especially for the decoration of the fire hall, the market building and the James Bay bridge. Received and filed.

Mainland Connection.

Then came the letter from Messrs. Mackenzie Bros., of Vancouver, which read as follows:

To His Worship the Mayor and the Worshipful Aldermen and Municipal Council of the City of Victoria in Council Assembled:

Gentlemen,—Having heard that you were disposed to encourage a faster passenger service between your city and Vancouver, we would respectfully make the following tender regarding same, and are prepared to back our offer with all reasonable guarantees for the due performance of same as your worshipful body may think necessary.

We offer within eight months of date of agreement a daily service by first-class boats that will make the run between ports in from three to four hours—not to exceed the latter limit. The service for the round trip will be as follows: On Victoria 7 to 7:30 a.m., returning from Vancouver 2 p.m., turning in Victoria at 5:30 to 6 o'clock p.m., thus avoiding any necessity of spending the night on board, but allowing passengers ample time to reach their homes or hotels.

The boats would be fitted up in first-class style with all requirements to meet the wants of the passengers, and our fares for the round trip would be \$3 or \$2 single fare.

We make a tender for ten years from date of settlement of the agreements and we would ask your city to grant us \$12,500 per annum by way of bonus to assist in establishing a really first-class passenger service between your city and the Mainland. Our transportation for the boats would be Victoria and all the business in connection with the service would be transacted there.

In making this offer we flatter ourselves that we are proposing a service to the traveling public of \$50,000 per annum, and shall be glad to hear from you in regard to same at your early convenience when we shall be prepared to give you all reasonable guarantees that our offer is serious.

Any minor arrangements can be settled in the future should our offer meet with your approval.

Your obedient servants,
MACKENZIE BROTHERS,
Per S. F. MacKenzie.

Ald. Macgregor moved to refer the communication to the same committee that reported so favorably on the previous offer of the C. P. N. Company, and Ald. Brydon moved it be laid over and referred to a special committee for report.

Ald. Humphrey agreed and Ald. Williams wished it to be referred to the same committee as had dealt with the C. P. N. offer. Ald. Hayward thought this suggestion, which first emanated from Ald. Macgregor, was not made seriously, but was soon undeceived, as that gentleman assured him he was quite in earnest about it.

Ald. Brydon did not think it quite fair to leave all the work to the same committee, which consisted of himself, Ald. Hayward and Ald. Stewart, but the mayor said Ald. Brydon, as the mover of the present resolution, could hardly object to be one of the committee. Ultimately the committee was appointed to consist of Ald. Brydon, Humphrey and Macgregor, some of the members of the other committee wishing they joy in accomplishing the necessary interviewing to arrive at a satisfactory report.

More Light Needed.

W. H. Gibson and other residents of Seventh street reminded the council of their application of last year for electric light at the corner of King's Road and Seventh street, which the council were at that time unable to grant. They expressed the hope that their request would receive favorable consideration now.

Referred to the electric-lighting committee for report.

Routine Business.

Wellington J. Dowler, C.M.C., informed the council of the receipt and reference to the city engineer of a modest application for a one plank sidewalk on Richmond avenue from Oak Bay avenue.

Received and filed.

Moss Street Water Supply.

Water Commissioner J. L. Rayner reported on the application of Messrs. Dickinson and others, resident on Moss street, received last week, for a water supply in their vicinity. It will be referred to the water committee.

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membered that on the suggestion of Ald. Cameron; the water commissioner was asked to estimate the cost of laying pipe of various sizes, and he accordingly reported that a two inch pipe would cost \$844; three inch \$1,587; four inch, \$1,758; but owing to the distance would not recommend the laying of less than a four inch pipe. Any of these sizes would have to be imported and this would entail considerable delay; there is no money available for the work and such applications should be received earlier in the year for the council to act upon them.

Ald. Cameron thought it was a pity this application came in so late. He believed there was almost enough demand to warrant the laying of a four inch pipe, but of course the necessary sum of money was not at hand. He therefore moved that the report be filed and a copy of it sent to the petitioners.

Carried.

Cadboro Bay Road Request.

Water Commissioner Rayner reported favorably upon the application for water connection received from Messrs. Meshcr, who have erected three houses on Cadboro Bay road, on Cadboro Island's property, the necessary three inch pipe being on hand, and the estimated cost being \$105.

The recommendation was adopted.

City Engineer's Report.

From C. H. Topp, city engineer, came the following report:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

1. Re petition from F. B. Pemberton and 19 others requesting that Chambers street be improved and graded. I have gone over the ground in question and find it would be necessary to remove a large quantity of rock, the cost of which I estimate to be over \$1,000. I therefore do not consider the matter any further and would respectfully recommend no action at present.

2. Re communication from Mr. A. W. Jones, pointing out the unsanitary condition of the surface drain on Fernwood road. I have made a thorough examination of the drain in question, in company with the sanitary inspector as per instructions, and find same in very bad condition, there being doubtless indications of closet connected with the drain, which of course adds seriously to the sanitary state of affairs and should be stopped. I may say that providing permission is obtained, the nuisance could be abated by constructing a small pipe, only sufficient to convey the flow during the dry season as mentioned in the inspector's report hereto annexed. The total length of same is 420 feet, estimated cost \$1,375. I would respectfully recommend that this be done when funds are available, but in the meantime the closets be disconnected.

Re communication from W. H. Langley asking permission to lay a concrete sidewalk in front of lot 170, east side of Government street, would ask that the matter be considered in accordance with your motion of the last meeting.

C. H. Topp, City Engineer.

Accompanying this was the following from the sanitary inspector:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen,—According to your instructions, in company with Mr. Topp, city engineer, we inspected the outlet from Fernwood road and Stanley avenue surface drain. There is no doubt about the unsanitary condition of that neighborhood. It is plain to be seen that there are water-closets connected with the surface drain. We went right through to the back of the property, and found a water closet connected with the drain. There is no doubt about the unsanitary condition of that neighborhood. It is plain to be seen that there are water-closets connected with the surface drain. We went right through to the back of the property, and found a water closet connected with the drain.

From Cook to near the junction of King's road is all right, but from there to the inlet on Fourth street is also in an unsanitary condition. It is possible to put down a pipe to connect both ends for summer and let it overflow in the winter time, that would stop the unsanitary condition of the creek, and by laying a pipe from the creek to the outlet on Fourth street, the outlet on Government street. That is in an unsanitary condition and I have had a number of complaints about it.

As funds were available the original plan could be carried out and the pipes put to use in another place. This is the only way I can see to abate the nuisances. It is no advantage to build a section of the surface drain here and there, but to carry it all the way from one place to another.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

JAMES WILSON,

Sanitary Inspector.

The letter from Mr. Langley read as follows:

C. H. Topp, City Engineer:—Dear Sir:—As it is my intention to lay a concrete sidewalk in front of the building situated on lot 170, and known as 61 Government street, owned by Mrs. M. E. Bell, I desire to have the permission of the proper authorities to work the present plank sidewalk. This sidewalk will be laid under the supervision of W. G. Luker, who has tendered for the work at \$80 or 20 cents per square foot, and I understand that the city will pay one third of the cost. Kindly let me hear from you as soon as possible, so that I can instruct Mr. Luker to start work early next week.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. LANGLEY,

Agent for Mrs. M. E. Bell.

Taken up clause by clause the engineer's report was dealt with as follows: Clause 1 was adopted on motion of Ald. Williams, and a copy will be sent to Mr. Pemberton.

Clause 2 led to some discussion, Ald. Humphrey moving the non-adoption of the report on the ground that it would be merely throwing away that amount of money.

Ald. Brydon urged that something will have to be done. If the city does not abate the nuisance Mr. Jones may be taking out an injunction, and then where will the city be?

Ald. Williams thought the only way would be to disconnect the water closets now emptying into the drain.

Ald. Brydon maintained it was well

known that even sink water allowed to run into such surface drains is equally bad for cattle and sheep. The work may have to be done, money or no money. In winter time there is no nuisance, as there is then a regular creek. Some work, at any rate, might be done at this end where it runs on to the Finlayson estate.

The mayor said if the matter had come before the council earlier in the year something might have been done, but it seemed as if the only thing possible now is to disconnect the closets.

Some more talk followed, the gist of which was that the closets should be disconnected by virtue of the standing by-law to the effect that no closets be allowed to empty into a surface drain, and Ald. Brydon urging that even 500 feet of pipe should be laid if it is not possible to do more. Ultimately the motion not to adopt the suggestion prevailed.

Clause 3 led to more discussion, Ald. Humphrey moving its adoption and Ald. Stewart pleading for some uniformity in dealing with the laying of permanent sidewalks. The council had already decided how they should be laid, by day work, and here they were going ahead and adopting a different system the very first time they were asked.

Ald. Hayward agreed with Ald. Stewart. The city was going to do all this work, and it had only been suspended because of the hot weather. (Ald. Cameron, sotto voce, "it isn't too hot now.") It was finally agreed that Mr. Langley would in all probability be very willing to wait until the city lays the walk if he is assured it is the intention to go ahead with the work. This was crystallized into a motion, and the clause was therefore not adopted.

Want Their Old Wages.

From teamsters in the employ of the city came a request for their reinstatement on the old salary basis of 25 cents a day more than they are now receiving.

The motion was made that the request be granted from three aldermen unanimously and carried, Ald. Williams, Hayward and Stewart voting with each other in favoring the motion. The request will accordingly be granted.

Stanley Avenue Sewerage.

From Hardress Clarke and 55 other residents of Stanley avenue, Cadboro Bay road and vicinity, came an urgent request for the construction of a permanent sewer in place of the present surface drain in their locality. The petitioners suggested several methods by which this much needed reform might be carried out, and on motion of Ald. Humphrey the matter was referred to the city engineer for report.

Craigflower Road Once More.

Like Banquo's ghost, came up the Craigflower road question, which will not go down. Beaumont Boggs and 124 other asked the aldermen to do something to remedy the present impassable and dangerous condition of this highway, reminding them that as nothing had been spent upon it for years the time had now come when it should receive attention.

Ald. Brydon moved that the matter be referred to the city engineer for a report on the necessity and cost of the work.

Ald. Williams seconded, and in doing so asked if it would not be wise to have the police court prosecutions against those who assisted in destroying the sidewalk dropped. It was wrong to drag these people into court in view of the decision of Mr. Justice Drake.

The mayor said that judgment was to be appealed.

Ald. Williams persisted that it was wrong to continue the police court prosecutions.

The mayor said that if anyone tore up a city sidewalk they should be called upon to answer for the offence. There were other ways of proceeding.

Ald. Williams maintained it is wrong to go on with the cases. As to appealing it, it was not the mayor's duty to submit that matter to the council?

The mayor said it was not his duty. He had spoken to a majority of the aldermen and it was necessary that the appeal be entered before noon last Saturday.

Ald. Williams thought he had been overlooked in the asking by the mayor.

The mayor had not happened to run across Ald. Williams.

Ald. Williams thought there would have been ample time to have consulted the aldermen in the council meeting before the appeal was entered.

The mayor said the city solicitor would give an opinion on that subject, but it was not pressed, and the mayor asked what would be the good of referring this to the city engineer when the decision quashing the by-law might be reversed? It would be only so much waste of the engineer's time. If the decision again goes against the city then there will be plenty of time to refer to the engineer.

Ald. Macgregor moved that the petition be laid on the table until the decision of the appeal be known, and this was carried. Ald. Williams and Brydon being the only opponents to the amendment, and Ald. Kinsman leaving his seat until the question was decided.

Sineas of War.

The standing committee on finance recommended the payment out of current revenue of accounts amounting to \$4,262.07, and the report was adopted, warrants ordered issued, and the amounts paid.

Admitted to the Home.

On the recommendation of the committee of the Home for Aged and Infirm, Frank Devoe was admitted to the Home. Sewerage Connection.

Ald. Brydon moved and Ald. Stewart seconded the following motion:

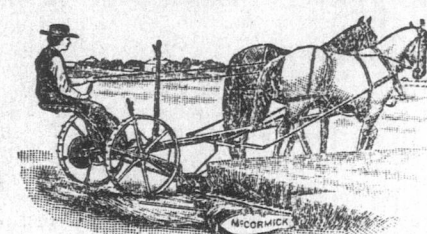
"That in view of the fact that it has been found impracticable to carry into effect the resolution of the council passed on April 24th last by the introduction of a by-law which will effectually enable the council to make sewer connections for the persons whose premises have not been connected with the public sewers in accordance with the sewers connection by-law, that said resolution be rescinded and the officials be instructed to take all necessary steps to ensure the proper carrying out of the provisions of the sewers connection by-law by persons who fail to obey the same."

Ald. Hayward would have liked the mover to point out how it has been found impracticable to carry out the previous resolution. It was thought at the time the council had the power to do the work on the plan suggested.

Ald. Brydon's explanation, which developed into quite an address, was said

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Tax Sale By-Law.

Ald. Humphrey returned just after the last item of business was disposed of, and the mayor-informed him he had just saved a week's time as he had returned in time to move the resolution standing in his name asking leave to introduce the annual tax sale by-law.

This was introduced, and read a first time, the second reading being set for next sitting of the council.

C. P. N. Offer.

Under the head of deferred business came the report of the special committee on the proposal of the C. P. N. Co. for better communication with the mainland.

Ald. Humphrey, in moving it be laid over, thought it a serious matter to decide. He had considered the offer, and had come to the conclusion that the advantage to be gained, the saving of one hour's time between Vancouver and Victoria, is not worth the amount asked as a bonus, \$250,000. Had the company offered for a small bonus a good connection with the islands he might have been prepared to support it.

Ald. Hayward thought that as a committee had been appointed to consider another proposal it would be well to leave this over until a report is received from them. Their report would doubtless throw considerable light upon this subject.

Ald. Williams seconded, and Ald. Brydon did not wish the lay over to be limited to a week. Mr. MacKenzie is in Vancouver, and it is not easy to get an interview.

It was agreed that if the other report be not in next week a further postponement can be taken, and then Ald. Stewart was ready with a motion to adjourn, for a second, and the motion carried.

Ald. Brydon was not quite thorough yet, however, and in spite of the adjournment asked if it was really necessary for the city's workmen to desecrate the Sabbath by taking down an electric light mast on Cook street, as they did yesterday?

The mayor was surprised to hear the workmen had done any such thing, and the council then rose, the clock showing the approach of ten.

A woman who is weak, nervous and sleepless, and who has cold hands and feet, cannot act and feel like a well person. Carter's Iron Pills equalize the circulation, remove nervousness, and give strength and rest.

ing the matter over for one week being previously defeated by a similar vote. His worship was exceedingly anxious that more time be taken, but although the amendment was put twice and the city solicitor, in whispered consultation, stated that on legal grounds he was not certain the proposed local improvement plan by-law is impracticable, the aldermen remained unchangeable, and as Ald. Humphrey had left the room the vote was as stated.

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