

Boring Vote Annulled

Grant of \$1,600 for Testing Harbor Bottom Rescinded by the Council.

Protracted Session of That Body - Interesting Offer by the Hinton Company.

The City Council last night rescinded their former vote appropriating \$1,600 for harbor borings, after a discussion in which nearly every alderman participated, and during which Ald. Williams feigned sleep. The council was evenly divided on the subject, Ald. Hall being absent, and the Mayor's casting vote was employed to carry out the recommendation upon which the council's action was based.

The first business brought before the council was a communication from L. F. Jones, secretary of the department of railways and canals, acknowledging the receipt of a resolution of the council recommending a subsidy to the Island extension road. Received and filed.

Rev. Canon Beauland asked that the council construct a seat under a tree on Burdette avenue. Referred to the streets committee.

F. Elworthy, secretary of Royal Jubilee Hospital, submitted a plan of a disinfecting plant, which could be secured from Philadelphia for \$835. Received and referred to finance committee for report.

Fell & Gregory wrote drawing the attention of the council to the necessity of retaining the old point Ellice bridge until the suits were settled. The Full Court had ordered that all future cases be tried in Victoria in order to allow the jury to see the bridge in question. The writers represented two clients, who had been willing to accept the sum mentioned by solicitors for the city. These were \$750 and costs in the Muirhead case and \$2,000 and costs in the Muirhead administrator for Holmes case. The city solicitors now seemed unwilling to accept this, and the firm protested against removing the old bridge until these were disposed of. Laid on the table.

The Hinton electric company submitted the following communication:

Sirs—We would be glad to submit to you a tender in detail, whereby we would suggest the operation of your proposed pumping station by electricity.

We would propose installing at your present city electric lighting station an engine and dynamo and transmitting by wire the current required to operate an electrically driven pump at the proposed station on the North Dairy Farm.

We understand that you have at your lighting station already installed surplus boiler capacity, which could be utilized to advantage in this connection.

For your information we give you herewith an estimate of the cost of the proposed work:

A direct connected engine and dynamo installed at your present electric lighting station \$ 8,800

One (1) million (1,000,000) gallons electrically driven pump complete installed 7,600

Necessary wire, line material and labor for line from city station to pumping station, utilizing present city pole line and adding thereto, 5,500

Total estimate \$22,900

The motor at the pumping station will be arranged so as to be operated at different speeds by use of a controller.

The estimate as above is intended to provide for the very latest designs of machinery used for pumping installations.

In connection with the use of an electrically driven pumping plant we would bring to your notice a few of the advantages to be derived, and would contribute to the cheaper operation of same, compared with that of the steam plant.

1. You have, we understand, surplus boiler power at your present city electric lighting station.

2. A small addition to the present staff of employees would enable you to maintain a twenty-four (24) hour continuous pumping service.

3. The much lower cost of fuel delivered at the city electric lighting station than at the proposed station at North Dairy Farm.

4. The cost of the pumping station required for electric pumps would be about one-half that required for steam station.

5. The maintenance expenses of the electric pumping station would, we estimate, be fully 40 per cent. less than that of the steam station.

6. The labor required in connection with the operation of the electric pump would be less expensive than that required in the operation of the steam pump.

Respectfully submitted,
THE HINTON ELECTRIC CO., Ltd.,
By G. C. Hinton.

Received and laid on the table.

Albert T. Goward, local manager of the British Columbia Tramway Co., wrote in reference to the same matter, asking for an extension of time in order that his company might tender. Received and filed.

George Snider asked permission to use part of the market yard for building purposes. Referred to city engineer with power to act.

Company, asked for the donation of a pair of swans for Emily lake, Van Anda. Referred to the park committee with power to act.

L. S. V. Yorke, honorary secretary of the Fifth Regiment Cricket Club, asked for the use of the Albion cricket field, as the latter club did not intend to reorganize.

Ald. Yates thought no club should have the exclusive right to any portion of the park.

Ald. Beckwith said the Albions had evidently had the privilege.

The clerk explained that it did not constitute an exclusive privilege, but that all clubs had a right to it.

Ald. Yates wanted the matter referred to the city solicitor, but Ald. Stewart thought as there was no other club asking for it that the request be granted.

The city solicitor said that under the charter under which the park was secured, the council had no right to give exclusive privileges. It was for the use of the public, and the privilege granted was only a limited one giving the club which received it the first right, for keeping the ground in repair. Ald. Stewart's motion granting the request was carried.

Thos. Hooper asked permission to lay a permanent sidewalk in front of the Heppburn properties and others.

Ald. Beckwith said these were included in the list of work passed.

The communication was received and Mr. Ald. Yates will be informed that the council has already passed that work.

A. L. Gartshore, in explanation of one of his tenders for supplies, mentioned a number of corrections, bringing it into conformity with the specifications, and instanced that instead of "f.o.b.," one of his tenders should read "free on the wharf."

The Mayor said it would not be wise to allow an explanation of a tender subsequent to its receipt. The communication was received and filed.

C. C. Moody again wrote the council in reference to his 'ot. He had received no reply.

A number of aldermen asked if the city solicitor had looked into the matter.

Mr. Bradburn explained that the writer was under the hallucination that he had bought a full lot, whereas he was entitled to but a part of one, but a conveyance for this Moody would not accept it.

The matter dropped.

The water commissioner asked the council to reconsider its decision to lay 2,500 feet of pipe on Moss street. Mr. Dickson, the principal petitioner, sold his property, and the new owner did not intend to use city water.

He hoped the council would not spend \$1,800 if not necessary on this street, when there were so many other works that needed expenditure. He, however, recommended the purchase of the pipe, as the city was out of a supply.

Ald. Cameron objected to this view. The wells in the district had been condemned by the health officer and he thought that there were others beside the gentlemen named who wanted the water.

Ald. Beckwith wanted an assurance before laying the matter that those whom the council sought to serve would use the water. He instanced a case where the main had been extended on Baronet street, and no applications for water had been received for it. He thought not more than two people would use the water on Moss street.

Ald. Stewart took a similar view.

It was moved that the letter be laid on the table and the water commissioner instructed to ascertain how many ratepayers would obligate themselves to take the water. Ald. Cameron said he thought twelve instead of two people would connect if the pipe were laid.

Ald. Beckwith's amendment, being agreeable to all parties concerned, was carried unanimously.

The advisability of installing an electric pump in the pumping station of the city was urged by the Canadian General Electric Co. Received and laid on the table.

A petition was presented from Jas. Lee and six others asking for a sidewalk on the south side of David, between Pleasant and Bridge streets. Referred to the streets committee for report.

A largely signed petition was presented asking for the opening of Bird Care Walk to Carr street. It was moved that it be referred to the city engineer and city assessor.

Ald. Brydon stated that the work was very necessary. At present it was almost impossible to direct a stranger to Beacon Hill. The motion passed.

Robt. Dunn and four others wrote saying that they wished to connect with the Chatham street sewer, and asking that the council supply pipe so that the drain could be laid on the public streets instead of through private property.

Ald. Brydon and Beckwith said that such requests should be granted at once. The people in that district were showing commendable enterprise in trying to secure sewer connection and should be encouraged.

Ald. Cameron said he would support the motion, if it was understood that the pipe become the property of the city and the work carried out under the supervision of the engineer. The motion carried.

Residents on Fourth street and Tolmie avenue asked for the extension of the water pipe line to their residences. Ald. Brydon supported the request. Ald. Cameron, Stewart and Beckwith thought the request was all right, but that the council should know how many would connect if the line was built.

Received and referred to the city engineer for report as to the actual number of proposed consumers.

The city engineer reported regarding the complaint of J. E. Brown, in reference to sewer connections with surface drains, that such was not done with his knowledge and that the only way to ascertain the extent to which it was done was to make a house to house canvass.

He further recommended as follows:

Be condition of Belleville street macadam, between Oswego and Menzies streets. The section in question is becoming in very bad condition, and I would therefore recommend that \$100 be spent at an early date.

Churchway and Penwell street; estimated cost, \$179.

Humboldt street, north side, between Churchway and Penwell street; estimated cost, \$155.

Rupert street, west side, between Humboldt street and Collinson street; estimated cost, \$76.

Rupert street, west side, between Collinson and McClure streets; estimated cost, \$47.

Kane street, north side, between Quadra and Blanchard streets; estimated cost, \$14.

Blanchard street, east side, from Kane street north, a distance of 200 feet, including rock work at eastern end, \$140.

Fort street, north side, between Blanchard and Quadra streets; estimated cost, \$180.

Frederick street, south side, from Quadra street east, a distance of 600 feet; estimated cost, \$118.

Quadra street, west side, from Esquimalt street northerly; estimated cost, \$50.

Esquimalt street, north side, between Quadra and Blanchard streets; estimated cost, \$128.

That portion of the report dealing with Belleville street was considered. It was ordered that the work be done at once. The remainder of the report went to the streets committee.

Two tenders for the steam pump and boiler were received.

Ald. Stewart said if the specifications were all right open the tenders; if not he would oppose opening them.

Ald. Yates complained that there was no report from the committee indicating whether these tenders were in accordance with the specifications.

Ald. Beckwith said that if the council intended to consider the electric plant tenders, the tenders should not be opened. The Mayor held the same view, while Ald. Stewart favored no further delay but to open the tenders and award the contract at once.

Ald. Cameron doubted if there was sufficient power at the electric light station and wanted a report from the engineers on the subject.

Ald. Yates also objected to the delay. The Mayor said that the council should have definite advice from its own responsible officers, the engineers.

Ald. Brydon thought that the question of maintenance should be considered. The dearer plant might be the cheaper in the long run. He moved that a report be submitted on the whole scheme by the engineer, and that the tenders be on the table for one week.

The city engineer and city electrician were finally asked for a report on the two systems.

The standing committee on finance reported adversely in regard to issuing a free license to the Salvation Army. Adopted.

The two wardens recommended the installation of two new hydrants in Victoria on the table for one week.

Ald. Cameron said he was in favor of the hydrants, but he found a great many opposed to it from various grounds. He was afraid the \$1,600 would not limit the expenditure, as Mr. Kennedy had outlined other expenditures which would be necessary. He favored the scheme, but was sorry to say that if the matter was submitted to a popular vote it would be voted down.

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That the report be received and filed.

CHAS. HAYWARD, Mayor.

In submitting it the Mayor said that Ald. Kinsman and Williams moved the rescinding of the resolution as recommended by Mr. Harris.

The Mayor—Yes.

Continuing, Mr. Yates said Mr. Harris had incurred a bill of \$400 for a scow hired by him for the work. This must be made good to Mr. Harris, and rather than lose the \$400 he would rather see the \$1,600 spent. He would vote against the resolution.

The Mayor said that Mr. Harris expected compensation in any event.

Ald. Stewart was sick of discussing the subject and said so.

Ald. Beckwith said that the trouble was some people had been prejudiced against the Sorby scheme and had carried their prejudices into the matter of the borings. He learned to-day that the Board of Trade was at a loss to know where to recommend dredging, owing to general ignorance of the character of the bottom of the harbor.

Being 11 o'clock the council decided to extend the sitting to 11:15.

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MR. FRASER AT SOOKE.

Addresses a Meeting of Electors and Gives His Views on Polit. Affairs—Supporter of Hon. Mr. Martin.

Owing to the notices calling the meeting for Saturday last not reaching Sooke till the same day the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. Between 15 and 20 electors were present. John Murray, of WHI Park, was chairman. In a neat speech he introduced D. Fraser, who had called the meeting.

Mr. Fraser said he had the misfortune of being introduced on this occasion as well as at the meeting in Esquimalt, in too flattering terms. He hoped, however, that he would be able to lay before the meeting much that would interest them. He referred to the dismissal of the Turner and Semlin government and the calling of the Lieut.-Governor showed clearly that he had good and sufficient reasons to justify him in the position he took on these three points. Even Mr. Martin's bitterest opponents did not question the Lieut.-Governor's right to call upon him to form a government. What they objected to was the length of time he has taken to fill his cabinet. When Mr. Martin undertook the task it was understood he was not to be limited to time.

Mr. Fraser referred to the convention at Vancouver and stated that out of 278 delegates, at an after meeting 200 endorsed the government platform without a dissenting voice. Mr. Martin, he said, was growing stronger every day; that he was likely to sweep the country and Esquimalt might as well be in the procession.

Mr. Fraser emphasized the following planks in the government platform: Torrens' registry system, re-enactment of the disallowed Labor Regulation Act, the eight-hour law, systematic exploration of the province, government ownership of railways, the establishment of an institution for the education of the deaf and dumb, and repeal of the Alien Exclusion Act. He denounced giving away so much of the public domain, showing from the journals of the House that changes had been granted for 13 different lines of railways in the province, that 2,719,087 acres of land had been conveyed and 9,656,040 acres applied for. He dwelt upon the grants to the Cassiar Central railway, the B. C. and Southern railway, and the recent conveyance to the New Vancouver Coal Company.

He supported Hon. Mr. Martin because he believed him to be a strong, capable man, who could stand up for provincial rights against all comers, comparing him with Sir Oliver Mowat, when Premier of Ontario, in his struggle for his province in the matter of the boundary award and Ontario's share of the cash surplus and interest during the time it was disputed by the Federal government, and other cases, in all of which he was successful.

Mr. Fraser described British Columbia for some time past as the happy hunting ground of the charter monger and land grabber, but he believed if Mr. Martin was sustained by the country these things would cease.

Referring to local matters Mr. Fraser submitted a statement showing the revenue and expenditure of the Esquimalt district during the past five years obtained from the public accounts. The total revenue, in round figures, was \$54,000, expenditures \$96,000. This statement showed a surplus of \$12,000 over the amount paid into the treasury or an average of \$2,400 per annum. The expenditure includes amounts paid to schools. During the same period the province borrowed \$3,800,000 for various purposes, but none of this large amount had been expended for improvements in Esquimalt district.

Mr. Fraser explained the municipal system of Ontario originated by Sir Frances Hincks more than half a century ago. He thought a similar system might be introduced into the older districts in this province. This system gave the people more direct control of the revenue and expenditure of each municipality than at present obtains. He was in favor of a normal school, and would give assistance to university extension. Every assistance should be given to the farmer who feeds us all, by way of cheap money for clearing and drainage purposes, purchase of cows, good roads and the preference of the local market for everything he has to sell. Our merchants should lessen their importations and encourage our farmers to supply them.

Mr. Fraser urged the electors present to mark their ballots for the government candidates at the forthcoming election, and promised to have another meeting shortly, when the Hon. Mr. Martin would address them upon important issues now before the country.

Mr. Higgins, one of the representatives of the district for many years, being present, was invited to address the meeting. He commended Mr. Fraser's statement as to the Lieut.-Governor's right to call upon Mr. Martin, but thought Mr. Martin should have presented himself to his constituents for re-election at once. He was violating the constitution by the delay in forming his cabinet, and in not bringing on the elections. He referred to his past services for the interests of his constituents and said he would ever be found doing his best to promote the welfare of the district.

Mr. Higgins being asked the question as to where he would be found in the event of his election, whether he would support Mr. Martin or Mr. Cotton in the House, replied that if Mr. Martin would amend his platform in some particulars he would support him. He did not think Mr. Cotton would be in the next Legislative Assembly.

A vote of thanks was given to the chairman, who replied in very graceful terms, and another vote of thanks to the trustees for the use of the school.

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London, office has received from General Bloemfontein. The enemy's checked, but the little Troops are in force. The climate is not so bad as it was under the Boers, and were repulse subsequently.