

LAYING DUST A LIVE QUESTION

CITY ENGINEER IS NOW DEALING WITH IT

Citizen Writes Opinion of the Water Department—Surface Drainage.

The question of watering the streets came before the streets committee last night on the reading of a letter from W. D. Mackintosh, Quebec street, pointing out that now the water which traffic was diverted from Belleville street to Quebec street, it was but right that the sprinkling done on the former should be diverted also.

Mr. Mackintosh's letter was written a few days ago, since which the sprinkling of Quebec street is being attended to, the Mayor informed the committee.

Ald. Mable drew attention to the fact that frequently streets were to be seen deep in mud from too much watering on one side and the dust blowing on the other.

"I have noticed the same thing, who seems to me the drivers of the sprinklers are very careless in the way they do the work, and should be jacked up about it."

Ald. Mable described the condition of Esquamalt road as a disgrace and there was some discussion as to how water could be obtained. Even the street railway sprinkler could not cover the distance without refilling.

The city engineer stated that he was endeavoring to make arrangements to have the work attended to. He was also seeing how much could be done by sprinklers and would draw up a regular scheme of work.

Ald. Henderson suggested that the street railway sprinklers be salt water, and Ald. Ross thought the council might approach the provincial government and discuss some scheme for the watering of the whole of Esquamalt road from the street railway terminus into the city.

"Another reason why we should buy out the Esquamalt waterworks," remarked Ald. Mable.

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E. K. McAdams, owner of property at Bridge street and Hillside avenue, also complained that the laying of a permanent sidewalk on Bridge street cut off the drainage of property adjacent, and physicians declared that the results would be serious when the hot weather came if there was not proper drainage provided.

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Ald. McKintosh said the stagnant water would cause fever first thing the city knew. It was time steps were taken to remedy this condition.

City Engineer Topp said the matter had been up before and he had given the committee an estimate that drainage would cost \$600. Before Hillside avenue had been raised these lots had drained down the road. Although against the by-law to drain surface water into the sewers, he suggested that no harm would be done if this water was drained off into the septic tank, which could be done in half a day.

Ald. Henderson and Ald. Mable took the same view as the Mayor, that the owners should look after the drainage of these and similarly situated lots.

"But we have raised the street level, out of their former means of drainage and given them no other means in exchange," pointed out Ald. Humber.

Ultimately it was agreed that the city engineer should drain off the water now there in the way he suggested.

Blasting at Mount Tolmie. "I don't believe that Saanich can stop us blasting or that their by-law is any good," said Mayor Hall, in reference to the recent action taken by the suburban municipality to control blasting at Mount Tolmie.

The city solicitor and city barrister will be asked for an opinion. Tenders are to be called for the construction of a wharf at the electric light station, the work to be done out of general revenues.

Local Improvements on Rockland avenue, west of Cook street, were ordered and sidewalks and boulevards will be constructed on Robertson street, Four Bay, if the owners consent to pay the whole cost.

WINNIPEG WOMAN BEATEN TO DEATH

BLOOD-STAINED CLUB FOUND IN COTTAGE

Police Have Been Unable to Obtain Clue to Murderer.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, April 24.—The police announce that their investigations into the death of Mrs. Louis James, age 23, wife of a city contractor, reveals that she was brutally murdered in their cottage on Portage avenue, near Happyland, on Thursday afternoon.

The police discovered a blood stained club in the cottage last night. The victim was battered on the head with a sandbag. A gold watch and money are missing. There is no clue to the murderer.

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MR. JOS. MARTIN IN BRITISH POLITICS. (NO. 5.) The Suffragette Candidate:—"If Col. Prior could only see me now!"

OPENING SHOOT OF VICTORIA GUN CLUB

Members of Clubs and Others Invited—New Trophies Offered.

The Victoria Gun Club shooting season will open April 25th at Langford Plains with a big shoot by members of the Victoria Gun Club and members of other clubs and shooters interested who will be the guests of the club on that occasion.

Shooting will commence at ten o'clock and reports indicate a large attendance from local gun men. The Victoria club issues a special invitation to all members of the other clubs and any who want the day's sport at Langford Plains.

Shooting this year promises to be good and competition keen, as there are several fine trophies posted for competition. Among them are the Dew cup trophy, the Weller cup and a new cup presented this year by Peden Bros. sporting goods house.

All going out to the plains for the shoot will have to catch the 9 o'clock train at the E. & N. depot.

WINNIPEG PIONEER DEAD.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, April 24.—E. L. Barber, one of the first white settlers in this city, who came here in 1860, is dead, at the age of 75. He was a real estate broker for many years.

MORE CHARGES OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Additional Indictments Against Former Chief Justice of Washington.

(Times Leased Wire.) Spokane, Wash., April 24.—Three additional indictments have been returned by the grand jury, one being against J. H. Schively, state insurance commissioner, on a charge of perjury himself while testifying before the grand jury several days ago, the other two being against M. J. Gordon, former supreme justice of this state and later counsel for the Great Northern Railway Company, on charges of embezzling \$23,000 from the company and later issuing his personal checks to hide the embezzlement when he had no funds in the bank to meet the payment of the cheque.

CONTRACT LET FOR NEW HORSE STALLS

One Hundred Boxes Will Be Built at Once at Willows Track.

A contract for one hundred horse boxes at the Willows track has been let by the Victoria Country Club to the Westholme Lumber Company.

Work was commenced this morning and will be kept going by two gangs of men from daylight to dark until the boxes are completed.

When Manager Leighton arrives his advice will be taken in regard to opening the course and constructing a five-eighths straight.

The remains of the late James Grey Kidd, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kidd, were laid to rest in the Ross Bay cemetery Thursday morning. The funeral took place at 11 o'clock from the Hanna parlors. There was a number of friends present and the casket was covered with flowers.

WILL FIGHT EXPROPRIATION

ESQUIMALT COMPANY IS VERY DETERMINED

New Complication Has Arisen in Connection With Water Question.

The water question in Victoria so far as a supply for the future is concerned is yet undecided. A. L. Adams, the expert, who is here at present, will undoubtedly be asked to advise the council in this matter.

A new complication, however, has arisen which puts a different aspect on the whole question. The Esquamalt company, it is said, will refuse an offer of purchase which may be made by the city should such be decided upon in line with the provisions of the act passed last session. No offer has been made by the city to purchase the Goldstream property. If it is made it will be refused, it is said, and in the event of expropriation being attempted under the act as amended at the last session of the legislature, such an attempt would be fought to the highest court in the land. The Esquamalt company is determined to maintain its rights, as it interprets them, to the last legal ditch.

ST. JOHN'S ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Easter Vestry Meeting Was Held Thursday Evening. Church is Prosperous

The Easter vestry meeting of St. John's church was held Thursday evening. Splendid reports of the year's work presented, and the outlook for increased prosperity is exceedingly good.

The following officers were elected: People's warden, Harold Robertson; rector, warden, James Townsley; church committee, Messrs. Perry, Walsh, Mess. Ker, Ridgeway Wilson, R. H. Walker, P. Walker, Ellis, Redfern and Atkins; sidesmen, Messrs. Savage, Feary, Lloyd, Quillie, Brown, Punnett, McManus and Sanburn.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring wardens, and to Mr. Holmes for acting as treasurer of the building fund. Appreciation was also shown for the work of the Ladies' Guilds, both senior and junior, and of the Woman's Auxiliary, in assisting so greatly to remove the debt on the schoolroom. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the choir.

The work of painting the exterior of the building will be undertaken in about two weeks' time, and the officials are sure this will add much to the attractiveness of the church.

WORK STARTED ON NEW WHARF AT UNION BAY

(Special Correspondence.) Comox, April 21.—Work has been started on the new wharf at Union Bay.

The owner of the property which the Lawn Tennis Club proposed to purchase withdrew it at the last moment, though sufficient money was subscribed for the first payment. As a consequence the committee was dissolved and the secretary resigned. The club will reorganize as soon as a new location has been determined on. Great disappointment is felt, as it will be impossible to hold the proposed tournament and sports on May 24th.

A big fire has been raging on the Union side of the bay.

DELIGHTFUL CONCERT HELD AT METCHOSIN

Local Talent Assisted in Programme Given Thursday Night.

A most enjoyable and largely attended lecture and concert was given in Metchosin Thursday under the auspices of the King's Daughters. Rev. C. E. Cooper, of Victoria West, gave with his colored slides a most instructive and interesting lecture on the Holy Land, to which his audience listened with the greatest attention.

Both financially and socially the evening was a decided success. H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., was the host of a motoring party from town, consisting of those who assisted in the programme.

At the close of the entertainment a most hearty vote of thanks was tendered all those who had done so much to make the evening a success. Refreshments were then served by the King's Daughters and some time spent in social intercourse.

The House of Lords, which was in session at the time, was panic-stricken. Several members were thrown to the floor.

DEMAND FOR COAL GREATER THAN SUPPLY

Princess Ena Unable to Fill Bunkers at Ladysmith Yesterday.

So great has been the demand for coal at Ladysmith that there is a temporary scarcity of that commodity. Steamship Princess Ena, which was to have brought a cargo of 700 tons for the C. P. R. wharf supply, arrived here on Friday without even replenishing her bunkers. Captain Whiteley was told that he could not get bunker coal until Monday, and cargo coal would not be available until Wednesday at the earliest.

The Ena is taking the tinplate to the Empire cannery at Esquamalt, which it was intended the City of Nanaimo should carry. The vessel brought 300 empty barrels from Vancouver for the whaling stations on the West Coast.

It is six weeks since the big freighter was in this port. She has been running north, on her last trip taking tinplate from Rivers Inlet, Swanson Bay, the Skeena and Georgetown. On the way south she passed the Distributor at Swanson Bay.

IMMENSE HERD OF SEALS IN NORTH

Japanese and Natives Are Slaughtering Them Without Hindrance.

Sitka, Alaska, April 23.—The biggest herd of seals seen in years is passing here today. The natives are killing the seals by hundreds and Japanese poachers are following in the wake of the herd. The illegal slaughter goes on unrelentless, no revenue cutter being on duty in this district.

CHILD KILLED AT HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Ont., April 24.—Mary Chown, the four-year-old daughter of A. L. Chown, was run over by a street car on Lock street, near her home, about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She died in the city hospital at 10 o'clock last night.

WEDDED AT COMOX.

(Special Correspondence.) Comox, April 21.—The marriage of Rosebud Whelan and Leo Anderton took place in the Catholic church here this morning. Rev. Father Mertens officiating. The church was crowded and among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Whelan, parents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Anderton, parents of the bridegroom; Mr. and Mrs. Downey, Miss Downey, H. Stewart, the Misses Macdonald, Mrs. Bambrick, Mr. and Mrs. Robb, Mrs. E. Davis, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss McCloskey and Mrs. Dr. Beadwell. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and daffodils. Mrs. Manner presided at the organ.

Mrs. Ruth Anne Dignan was married to Mr. Camden Cyril Piercy by special dispensation at the Catholic church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father H. Mertens. The bride was given away by Mr. Horace Smith, Mr. Piercy being supported by Mr. Walter Gale. The wedding was a quiet one.

EDITOR OF COLLIER'S DEAD.

Peter F. Collier, Founder of Weekly Publication, Dies Suddenly of Apoplexy.

New York, April 24.—Peter F. Collier, founder and publisher of Collier's Weekly, died suddenly last night of apoplexy at the Rivington Hotel.

Mr. Collier's illness came on suddenly, and he died before a physician arrived. He was chief owner and editor of Collier's Weekly.

Peter Fenelon Collier was born in Carlow, Ireland, and came to the United States at an early age. He was educated at St. Mary's College in Cincinnati, Ohio.

HOLY WAR FEARED IN ASIA MINOR

GRAVE DANGER OF SPREAD OF MASSACRES

Poverty May Aid in Inflaming the Masses Against Christians.

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D.C., April 24.—Alarm was expressed at the state department today over reports of the anti-Christian riots in Asia Minor. It is feared these disturbances will spread and assume the form of a holy war.

Advises received to-day state that there is a scarcity of wheat there, and it is feared that the poverty of the masses will aid in inflaming the anti-Christian sentiment.

'QUAKE ROCKS' CITY OF LISBON

Number of Buildings Partly Demolished—People Flee in Panic.

(Times Leased Wire.) Lisbon, Portugal, April 24.—The people of Lisbon are recovering their composure to-day, following the violent shock of earthquake that rocked the city yesterday. A number of buildings were partly demolished by the 'quake, and the populace fled in panic to the streets. King Manuel took a prominent part in reassuring the terrified people.

MINISTER OF LABOR.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 24.—The minister of labor will receive a salary of \$7,000 a year.

TORONTO JUDGE DEAD.

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, April 24.—Judge Dr. Jas. McMahon, of Osgoode Hall, is dead.

VICTORIANS DEFEAT SEATTLE DEBATERS

Secure Unanimous Verdict of Judges—Visitors Entertained.

(Times Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., April 24.—The Victoria Law Students' Association, in a joint debate last night with the law school of the university on the question, "Resolved, that we should adopt the Canadian system of banking," scored a victory by a unanimous vote of the judges, Victoria taking the affirmative and the university the negative. Victoria was represented by David S. Tait as leader and J. E. Sears, while W. E. Parker, leader, and G. H. Palmer represented Washington University.

The judges were Judge J. P. Main of the superior court; Wm. Hickman Moore and Rev. Mr. Shaw. After the debate a reception was tendered the visiting team.

MANCHESTER UNITED WINS ENGLISH CUP

(Special to the Times.) London, April 24.—The final match for the English Cup was played at the Crystal Palace to-day, when Manchester United defeated Bristol City by one goal to nil.

The Pythian Sisters will meet to-night at 8 for the conduct of particular business. All members are requested to be present.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SAANICH

MONEY TO BE SPENT ON ROADS THIS YEAR

Over \$14,000 Will Be Expended in Keeping Up Highways.

Saanich council has passed its road appropriations for the year. They amount to \$14,388.02. At the last meeting of the council the subject was gone into and the recommendations of the road superintendent were considered. In most of cases the works were found absolutely necessary and were passed.

One item provoked quite a little discussion between Councillor Sewall and Councillor Jones. This was for \$125 for Tillicum road. In the estimates as prepared by the superintendent this item was put down for Ward 2.

Councillor Sewall objected to it on the ground that there were few living along the road and that the money would be better expended in other places. He wanted \$50 of it applied to a concrete culvert on Oak street and Cloverdale avenue, and \$100 on Maplewood road.

Councillor Jones, however, objected strenuously to the striking off of this vote. It was a road that was needed for residents of Ward 4. The road was used by them in reaching the car line. Ward 2, he thought, should help.

After considerable discussion the vote was thrown out in spite of the protests of Councillor Jones.

When the appropriations for Ward 4 were reached Councillor Jones made several small reductions on various items, and then moved to put in \$150 for Tillicum road under his ward. This was agreed to by Councillor Sewall and the vote was so passed.

The road appropriations for 1909, as passed, are as follows:

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EXTENSION

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(Times Leased Wire.) Winnipeg, Mann, vice-president of the Northern Railway said to-day that he would spend more than \$1,000,000 a month on the year on the extension.

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NO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT

Ex-President Says He

(Times Leased Wire.) Saint Nazaire, With former zuela as one steamskip V daybreak tomorrow. He attempted the government landing. He ordinary passenger shown him.

It was evident that a sailor is a very not walk with nurse. He is leaving here Spain.

In a statement said: "The author permitted to publish if I had been former armypower."

TROUBLE

Captain of less Op

(Times Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., members of the St. Croix are deputy United States commissioner their complaints will be heard by Capt. Bernard wireless operator against Capt. Harley logged aboard, and also ing duty.

Harley says he has experience as employed on a steamer in addition to his wireless work. He says that he was paired at McAlister and allowed him to Capt. Warr charges Har machine and tent. He logs paint after it could not be Chief steward against Capt.

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(From the Coast.) Work is being done at Sooke and on the F of the big run here this season doing a good supply of the