

SITE FOR THE NORTH WARD PARK

ADDING OF ACCOUNTS SHELVED FOR A WEEK

Interesting Session of Council Dealing With Above Matters—Music at Beacon Hill.

Punctually at 8 o'clock Monday the Mayor took his chair in the council chamber, where he remained in a friendly and pleasant manner for fully five minutes. The aldermen seemed shy about the water question for it was nearly ten minutes before any turned up. First came Ald. Lewis Hall, foremost as an advocate of the use of water, closely followed by Ald. Fullerton. There was another few minutes wait along came Ald. Vincent, Davey and Goodacre in a body. This was all who were in their places while City Clerk Dowler read the minutes, which were read and approved. Alds. Douglas, Fell and Yates came along at this time, leaving Ald. Stewart, chairman of the water committee, to act in conjunction with the Mayor.

Under the head of communications the first was from Thos. C. Sorby, secretary of the Property Owners' Association, requesting the appointment of three qualified persons to act in conjunction with the park committee in preserving the beauties of the city. Power to do this, the writer said, was given by the Municipal Clauses Act.

The letter aroused much discussion. Ald. Stewart moved his reference to the park committee, but Ald. Fell thought the streets committee should also discuss it. The Mayor thought it was an awkward matter for one committee to deal with, and he had two years ago pointed out the necessity for a continuous park commission, but the board had objected and legislation was passed only for a committee as suggested by the resolution.

Ald. Douglas thought the proposed committee a reflection on those having the matter in charge. There was very little money to spend, and he did not believe in the park committee being dictated to by outsiders.

Ald. Hall thought there would be altogether too many committees if the one proposed was nominated. The Development and Tourist Association had one dealing with boulevards, which he believed was anxious to see made, but the city had no funds to carry it out. The Mayor interposed they could be constructed under the local improvement plan, and thought a little delay might be necessary.

Ald. Vincent wanted the matter dealt with at once, and Ald. Yates expressed his readiness to vote against the idea.

Ald. Fullerton was in favor of the project. He believed these gentlemen should be appointed to assist the committee. There need be no clash of authority, and all moneys spent would have to be passed on by the council in any event.

Ald. Fullerton supported the last speaker, and thought three qualified citizens would greatly assist the committee, who did not pretend to be landscape gardeners or horticulturalists. Finally Ald. Stewart passed the matter.

Miss Agnes Deans Cameron wrote asking for leave to purchase the twelve foot strip left of the old homestead because of family associations. She was willing to pay a price as fixed by the city assessor.

Ald. Yates moved that she be notified that it would be sold to her at the same proportionate rate as that imposed on the council by the recent legislation.

After a little discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the finance committee and assessor to ascertain what the property was worth on the basis proposed by Ald. Yates.

Charles F. Moore pleaded impunctuality as a reason for not paying taxes or water rates, and pointed out the good intentions of the debtor who left him the property should be notified to the council in granting his request.

This was a poser for some minutes, and no one seemed to know what to do until Ald. Fell pointed out there was no power in the council to remit taxes and only a donation of the amount as charity could be made. It was eventually decided to tell Mr. Moore his request could not be acceded to. The usual request by-law can be passed for the streets committee was the subject of a report by the city clerk, which was received and filed.

C. Dubois Mason, city solicitor, wrote advising the council on bonding powers as follows:

Re Boulevards: their construction and maintenance—I have the honor to report on the question submitted to me in the broad sense in which I understand it to be put, viz: What provision the city is empowered by by-law to make for the construction, maintenance and upkeep of boulevards, and for collecting payment of the cost of construction, maintenance and upkeep.

There is no by-law of the city authorizing and empowering the city to make boulevards, plant the same, or keep in proper condition out of municipal funds, and no power to pass such a by-law.

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Section 131a of section 50, if one-half the assessable owners sign a requisition in that behalf, the council could assess for watering and sweeping, but not for grass cutting.

The council could undertake, by agreement, which may be set out in the Local Improvement By-Law, to do all necessary work of keeping in condition in lieu of making any contribution towards the cost.

I may call attention to sub-section 134, which enables the council to pass by-laws regulating the construction of boulevards

by the owners of land fronting thereon, and to make provision for maintaining the same in proper order and condition. Under this the owners at their own expense construct the boulevards and plant trees, and the expense of maintenance and upkeep may be borne by the council if they so agree.

Through the city solicitor the arbitrators in the case of Miss Jessie Cameron, whose homestead has been appropriated to widen Birdcage Walk, presented their award that the sum of \$3,940.25 should be paid by the council.

And next came a communication from the same gentleman regarding sewerage connections enclosing an opinion from the city barrister, the reading of which was nipped in the bud by Ald. Stewart. He thought if this opinion became public those who were defying the city were placed in too good a position. The council would at once give its hand away, and therefore he suggested the letter be referred to the streets bridges and sewers committee unread. This motion was agreed to.

The usual report at James Bay was the next subject taken up, and a letter notifying the council that the Dominion Government had been requested to remove the structure read. Received and filed.

Ald. Stewart again arose to object when the city clerk commenced reading a letter from the city solicitor regarding the building of a retaining wall on Caledonia avenue. Haggerty & Company, it appears, had been excavating gravel and there was danger of a landslide, the city solicitor had written the offenders telling them to quit or legal proceedings would be taken.

Ald. Yates thought that all opinions, or none, should be read. The present practice of appearing in the council documents when they were in favor of the city, and shelve them when they were against it. He thought all should be filed and a citizen could see them if he thought fit.

Finally the city solicitor was given authority to do what is necessary.

"A report on the Birdcage Walk extension was next presented showing that although there was only \$4,612 in the treasury the Cameron arbitration and other vouchers amounted to \$4,726.05, leaving a deficit of \$114.05. The Mayor pointed out that if the piece left of the old homestead were sold the sanitary and water works would be more money available than to meet the deficiency. The document was received and filed.

Another unsanitary building was the subject of a joint communication from the sanitary and building inspector, it is in the rear of 184 1/2 Douglas street, and in such a dilapidated condition that its removal was recommended. The report was adopted and the owners will be notified to state their objections, if any.

Mellor Bros. were awarded the contract for painting the police court, and E. A. Lewis, for similarly treating the constables' barracks.

Ald. Douglas pleaded for extra accommodation for the detectives, and the Mayor promised to tear down a wall and let the sleuths have the use of a cell that is now occupied.

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This last piece of property, owing to the gravel-pit that has been excavated there, has been practically severed from the portion on which the Home stands, and is therefore useless, for Home purposes. As it lies, however, right at the terminus of the Willow cars line, and has a long frontage on Cadboro Bay road, it could, in the opinion of your committee, be sold to good advantage.

If the above properties which are today non-productive were sold, we believe that the most eligible recreation ground could be purchased for the North Ward without adding one dollar to the burden of taxation.

Your committee are therefore of opinion and would recommend, first, that a by-law should be submitted to the ratepayers for their sanction to sell such of the above properties as may require the authority of a by-law to enable the city to dispose of them, and that the proceeds provided in such by-law that the proceeds of the above properties should (as when the same were sold) be applied in, and towards, the purchase of a recreation ground (as in the case of the Carnegie library site) should be offered them at as early a date as possible.

After a discussion on the water question fully dealt with elsewhere, the next matter taken up was Ald. Fell's motion for the appointment of an independent auditor. There was quite a debate on the matter, opinion being extremely divided.

Ald. Fullerton thought the audit for six months as proposed would be a useless expense to the city, and was not what the people wanted. An auditor appointed by the council would not be independent, he should be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor.

Ald. Hall referred to the question of expense, and thought the matter could well wait until next election. The money it would cost could be better spent in getting details on the water question.

In speaking to his motion Ald. Fell pointed out it went as far as the fact allowed. It was outside the power of the council to get an independent auditor from the Lieutenant-Governor. "If 10 per cent. of the people of Spring Ridge," he said, "petition the government for a special audit they can get one; but the people of Spring Ridge would have to put up security for his salary if the audit was not found justifiable."

The matter was eventually laid over for a week.

On motion of Ald. Hall it was ordered that a letter be sent to the E. C. Electric Railway Company asking for a reduction of electric light rates here similar to that soon to be made in Vancouver as reported in Saturday's Times.

Permanent Sidewalk By-Law No. 6 was introduced by Ald. Vincent, and went through all stages until passage. It covers areas on Caledonia, Stanley, Burdette, Richmond and occupied, and the streets of Fisgard, Elford and Quadra streets and Victoria crescent.

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Mrs. Rosa McCallum next took the stand and said she resided on Lampson street near Mrs. Pooley's. I remember the morning of 7th instant when last witness came to my house with a message from Mrs. Pooley. I think between 10 and 11 o'clock. She delivered the message and left my house. Almost as soon as she left I heard a shot, and Miss Haywood came running up to my house screaming. We both looked out of the window and saw a man walking along Lampson street, within a few yards of my house, towards Head street. I did not see his face. About 10 minutes afterwards a man came to my house and I went to the door. He told me he wished to be arrested. I ordered him away, as I supposed he was the man who fired the shot. He asked me, "Is she dead?" I told him she was not touched, and again told him to leave. He wanted me to send for an officer and said he would stay at my house until one arrived to arrest him. I told him I had no telephone. I went to Mrs. Pooley's and she telephoned. I think accused was following me, and about half hour was spent before the visitors departed for the city.

Lord Aylmer with Major Eaton left for Vancouver this morning. He will inspect the Sixth Regiment of Vancouver and New Westminster at the former city.

To-night's programme at Macaulay Plains provides that No. 1 Company should engage in drill on the 12 pounders, that No. 2 should go into the fort and that No. 3 take up infantry practice. As previously stated leave is granted only in extreme cases.

There are more than 100 barristers in the British House of Commons.

THE SAILORS' CASE.

Three of Crew of Orion May Be Admitted to Bail.

In Chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Irving application was made by Frank Higgins on behalf of Olson, Hanson and Garretted, the three members of the crew of the steam whaler Orion, who were committed to jail for refusing duty.

The crown was represented by H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., and an order was made allowing the men to be allowed out on bail on satisfactory sureties being given. The bail was fixed at two sureties of \$500 each for each one of the men.

The further argument in the case was then adjourned until Thursday. As previously reported, it was on Thursday when Mr. Higgins bases his claim is that the members of the Orion's crew upon the vessel being admitted to a Canadian register should have been signed on the articles of the ship before a Canadian shipping master in order to make the Canadian shipping laws apply in such a case.

OPENING OF THE DISPLAY ROOMS

PERMANENT EXHIBIT IS NOW IN POSITION

Concert Given Last Evening Was a Grand Success—Victoria Goods Prominently Put Forward.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The opening of the permanent exhibit of Victoria manufactured goods in the rooms on Fort street last evening was in every respect a grand success. The promenade concert was largely attended, the visitors coming and going throughout the entire evening. The rooms, which are quite commodious, were well filled during the whole time.

So successful was the concert that many of those in attendance expressed a desire that it should be made a fortnightly event, and urged the management to make the necessary arrangements for carrying this out.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, considering the short time at their disposal, did highly creditable work. The rooms were very tastefully decorated, there being a lavish display of roses for the culture of which Victoria is so far famed.

The elaborate displays of home made manufactures were the more fittingly set off by the artistic arrangement of the floral productions of the city.

Chief Watson, of the fire department, also assisted very materially in the work of decorating by providing bunting and placing it in position.

The Development and Tourist Association received a hearty endorsement by the success which attended last evening's concert. The opening of the exhibit was a fitting one, and the display itself remains in place to be admired by citizens and visitors, and setting forth the importance of Victoria as a manufacturing centre.

On a small platform raised for the occasion in a position to command the whole of the rooms, the Margherita Mandolin Club were given a position. Throughout the evening this organization gave selections which were very much enjoyed. Interspersed with these were other selections by well known Victoria singers, including the octette of the Ladies' Musical Society, Miss Lugin, Miss Sehl, Herbert Kent and Dr. Nelson.

In almost every instance the numbers, both of the mandolin club and the others, were encored.

During the early part of the evening before the musical programme opened, musical selections were given by a gramophone.

Around the walls of the rooms were displayed Victoria made goods of endless variety. Unfortunately the time at the disposal of some of the firms which are making permanent displays did not permit of their getting the exhibits in place for last evening.

Other firms, however, made a very creditable showing, and about the rooms are exhibits from many local houses.

Price's candies occupies a prominent place in a large display case in the commodious section, which extends in view of the rooms.

M. R. Smith & Company have made a very complete showing of their many lines of manufacture, including candies, biscuits and all classes of confectionery. Their display has been broken up into sections in various parts of the rooms, thus making a fine advertisement.

The B. Engraving company have on the wall a excellent case of samples of the firm's work in half tones, etc.

Hibben's printing and book making display is near by, and shows the wide variety and excellence of the work which the company is capable of turning out.

Fred Foster's exhibit is not complete yet. He has put in place, however, a good selection from the firm's departments, including specimens of birds and mouse heads.

Brackman & Ker have made a very complete exhibit of the various kinds of meals and prepared foods, including the Nemo, for which the house is famous.

Mr. and Mrs. Kosche's hair displays are given a prominent place, and are sure to attract attention.

Sylvester's space is taken up with an original style of arrangement, showing food stuffs in a wide variety. The floor of their space is covered with the corn meal with other ground foods displayed among it.

The Colonist Lithographing and printing works occupy a good position on the walls of the room.

E. Wilson & Co. have a corner allotted to them in which are shown their tempting cured hames and bacon so familiar to Victorians.

Weller Bros. have arranged a cozy corner on the opposite side to this, and finished it in an artistic manner for which the house is so widely famed. The furniture is of local manufacture, and all the arrangements completed in a most fitting style.

Davis Spencer makes an elaborate display of fur goods, a branch which the firm has just recently added to their many other departments. The showing made is a valuable addition to the many excellent displays in the rooms.

The Albion Iron Works exhibit types of their well known ranges.

Brady Houston Packing Company have placed near the windows the rooms a tempting exhibit of their pickled goods in wide variety.

Pendray's soaps, paints and culinary preparations are very prominently displayed near the window, forming a standing advertisement to Victoria as a place for manufacturing.

In addition to these industrial displays there are minerals, preserved native fruits and manual training specimens on exhibition. Occupying a conspicuous place on the wall are several bunches of gooseberries grown by A. B. Vowell. These have attained a size which is an advertisement to Victoria and the district from an horticultural standpoint.

WERE INSPECTED BY LORD AYLMER

THE FIFTH REGIMENT HELD FULL PARADE

Last Evening at Macaulay Plains—Inspector General Praised and Encouraged Militia.

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There was a large turn out of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., last evening, the occasion being an inspection by Brigadier-General Lord Aylmer, inspector-general. The corps marched to the parade grounds at 7:30 o'clock sharp, headed by the band. They were put through a number of manoeuvres, and then lined up to wait the arrival of the distinguished officer mentioned.

The interval proved longer than was expected, but it did not pass without some diversion. As usual stragglers were coming in continually, and they walked past the lines to don their accoutrements at the tents their deliberateness always exasperated Capt. Ridgeway Wilson. His strident voice rang across the field quite frequently to this effect: "Double-up, double-up, you fellows. Can't you see you have little time to lose?" But these exhortations, to tell the truth, didn't always have good results. One time, when spoken to saluted in dignified style, but coolly continued upon their way at a moderate pace. Then the laugh was on the adjutant, who, by the way, was a good fellow.

When the inspector-general, accompanied by Col. English, R. E., Col. Holmes, D. O., and Major Eaton, stepped from a carriage to the grounds to wait the regiments came to attention. This having been done the general saluted and gave the band and the band played a bar or two of appropriate music. Lieut.-Col. Hall welcomed the inspecting officer and staff, and they proceeded to scrutinize each individual in the ranks. The respective companies were required to march in line, in quarter column, in sections and in almost every formation to infantry drill. This having been done to the general satisfaction, No. 1 company was ordered to commence work on the 13 pounders, and Nos. 2 and 3 took up infantry manoeuvres.

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Although it is impossible to give Victorians any definite information, anything that is officially corroborated, certain indefinite hints and other more plainly marked indications appear to endorse the view that the C. P. R. are taking a material interest in Esquimalt.

In the first place some weeks ago a comparatively small parcel of Hudson's Bay property was purchased. According to well-grounded rumors it was acquired for the Canadian Pacific railway. The report then was that it would be used as a site for immense coal bunkers, which would be connected with the E. & N. railway by a short spur. It was pointed out that the construction of a small dock would make such a location exceedingly convenient for the shipment of coal to any point on the Pacific coast.

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Mrs. Rosa McCallum next took the stand and said she resided on Lampson street near Mrs. Pooley's. I remember the morning of 7th instant when last witness came to my house with a message from Mrs. Pooley. I think between 10 and 11 o'clock. She delivered the message and left my house. Almost as soon as she left I heard a shot, and Miss Haywood came running up to my house screaming. We both looked out of the window and saw a man walking along Lampson street, within a few yards of my house, towards Head street. I did not see his face. About 10 minutes afterwards a man came to my house and I went to the door. He told me he wished to be arrested. I ordered him away, as I supposed he was the man who fired the shot. He asked me, "Is she dead?" I told him she was not touched, and again told him to leave. He wanted me to send for an officer and said he would stay at my house until one arrived to arrest him. I told him I had no telephone. I went to Mrs. Pooley's and she telephoned. I think accused was following me, and about half hour was spent before the visitors departed for the city.

Lord Aylmer with Major Eaton left for Vancouver this morning. He will inspect the Sixth Regiment of Vancouver and New Westminster at the former city.

To-night's programme at Macaulay Plains provides that No. 1 Company should engage in drill on the 12 pounders, that No. 2 should go into the fort and that No. 3 take up infantry practice. As previously stated leave is granted only in extreme cases.

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