

WANT OF WATER RETARDS BUILDING RESIDENT DENIED A SERVICE FOUR YEARS

Meter Tenders Referred to the Water Commissioner—Several More Permanent Walks.

Proposed of the agitation against more meters being purchased an interesting discussion occurred at last night's meeting of the city council...

Ald. Oddy, who was familiar with the circumstances surrounding the application, asked that the service be granted and moved accordingly...

Ald. Vincent was also one of those sympathizing with the applicant, for he knew the latter had sought a service during the past four years.

John Raymond, in a letter, offered to remove the objectionable part of a wharf at the foot of Oswego street...

Ald. Fell moved that the city keep possession of its rights in this connection. If a wharf was to be built, and a concession granted, it should be for a good sized structure...

W. C. Moresby, secretary of the Victoria Day celebration committee, applied for an extra donation for a band concert on Sunday, suggesting that the Fifth Regiment band be secured at \$38.

Mrs. Parsell reminded the council again of her claim for compensation for alleged damages done to her property by the Victoria & Terminal Railway Co.

George Snider accepted an offer from the city for a supply of earth at 20 cents per cubic yard.

George Tyler protested against the construction of a permanent sidewalk on Hillside avenue from Douglas to Third street.

O. C. Hastings called attention to a bad sewer at 11 Elizabeth street. Referred to the city engineer.

F. W. Endicott again drew attention to the necessity of a sidewalk on McCaskell street. Referred to the city engineer for report.

Property owners on Elliott street asked that the two trees on that street be left standing. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee for report.

The board of health recommended that \$20 be paid to Mrs. King, wife of the caretaker of the isolated hospital. This was adopted.

The city clerk reported the receipt of several communications since last meeting. Received and filed.

Water Commissioner Raymond reported as follows: Dear Sirs:—I beg to call your attention to the following applications that have been made for water, to be diverted from Sooke river:

Hillside avenue. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee. The sanitary and building inspector condemned an old building on Michigan street.

Ald. Beckwith moved that in the same connection that the two inspectors report on the building at the corner of Broad and Pandora.

Ald. Fell asked that the building at the northwest corner of Quebec and Menzies and that on Douglas between View and Yates be included. "And," added Ald. Stewart, "any other old buildings which should be condemned in the opinion of the two officers named." This was agreed on.

Residents of Linden avenue petitioned for free water for their boulevards. Ald. Grahame thought that the extra water required would not cost 20 cents a month.

Ald. Beckwith thought the extra cost would not exceed 15 cents a month. Residents of the avenue had worked up an interesting grievance. The petition was received and filed.

D. M. Adams asked for a light on Dalton street. Referred to the electric committee.

Tenders for meters were next opened from William Bowness, A. McGregor & Sons, John Coughlan and Albion Iron Works. Referred to the water commissioner for report.

Tenders for printing were next opened as follows: A. E. Greenwood, for printing specifications for water pipes, \$3; Colonial, \$18; H. P. McDowell, \$12; and Victoria Printing and Publishing Co., \$10.

The contract was awarded to A. E. Greenwood. The cemetery committee reported, recommending certain prices for lots in the new portion of the cemetery. Adopted.

The fire warden recommended that the fire chief's office be improved at a cost not exceeding \$100, and that an alarm be placed at the corner of Chambers street and Pandora avenue. Carried.

The finance committee recommended payment of accounts totalling \$3,258. Adopted.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee reported as follows: Gentlemen—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having under consideration undermentioned subjects, beg to submit the following resolutions for adoption by the council, namely:

1. Resolved, That the sum of \$350 be expended in improving the surface drainage of St. Charles street.

2. Resolved, That the city engineer be instructed to notify the Telephone Company of the unsightly appearance of the telephone poles at the corner of Bastion and Langley streets, and at the corner of Gordon street and Bastion street, and request the said company to have said poles painted.

3. Resolved, That a pipe drain be put in on the Gorge road to a distance of 800 feet, from the terminus of the present drain, easterly as far as the gully. Estimated cost, \$400.

4. Resolved, That the large surface drain at the Taylor mills be extended below low water mark by a box drain. Estimated cost, \$75.

5. Resolved, That the communication from M. Guimann et al with reference to the improvement of Pandora street. Resolved, That the sum of \$250 be voted for this work.

6. Re communication from Capt. J. Gaudin in regard to application of Messrs. Yates & Jay for foreshore rights for wharfage purposes in respect of lot 522A and 523A, James Bay. Resolved, That Capt. Gaudin be notified that the council will offer no objection to the application provided the plan is amended so as not to encroach upon the line of the street, namely, Oswego street, contained into the harbor. And, in this connection, the council would request that the Department of Public Works, before granting any privileges or foreshore rights in respect to the lots in question, require the applicants to deposit, according to law, an amended plan, in conformity with the council's wishes in this matter, so that the city in respect of harbor frontage at the end of Oswego street, may be safeguarded.

7. Resolved, That the application made by Messrs. Yates & Jay to the Dominion government for foreshore privileges in respect to lot 523A, be approved, and the Department of Public Works notified that its city council offers no objection to this application.

8. Re communication from Messrs. Briggs & Elliot, on behalf of the Victoria Dock Company, Limited, desiring the concurrence of the council in the application of the said company to the Dominion government for the granting of foreshore rights and privileges in respect to lots 5 and 6, Wharf street, for wharfage and warehouse purposes. Recommended that this application be approved and the Dominion Department of Public Works notified that the city council offers no objection to the said application, subject to the condition that the buildings to be erected by the said company on the proposed wharf will be in conformity with the city council's wishes in this matter.

9. Resolved, That the necessary steps be taken to apply to the Dominion government for foreshore rights for wharfage purposes at the harbor terminus of Oswego street, and of all other streets having a water frontage on the harbor.

10. Resolved, That the city engineer be instructed to proceed with the concrete wall along the foreshore of Dallas road, and construct same by an expenditure of the amount already provided in the expenditure by-laws thereto.

11. Resolved, That the purchasing agent be instructed to call for tenders for supplying wooden blocks for paving Yates and Government streets, already decided upon.

WILL BE A COAST-KOOTENAY SCHEME ASSURANCES GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

L. W. Shatford, of Similkameen, Satisfied That Next Session Will See Something Done.

It is quite evident that there is to be no summer session of the legislature. L. W. Shatford, the member for Similkameen, was in the city yesterday, and in an interview given to a Times reporter last night no mention was made by him of that long promised summer session.

Mr. Shatford is recognized as a crank on the subject of a Coast-Kootenay line of railway. In the interests of his constituency that is the most important undertaking which could be carried out.

Mr. Shatford is a business man, and is very heavily interested in the constituency he represents. As such he is determined upon leaving nothing undone which will give the rich territory between the C. P. R. and the international boundary line railway communication.

So persistent has he been in this work that it is reasonable to suppose that his trip to Victoria this week was for the express purpose of getting information on the subject from the government.

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IN OIL INDUSTRY. Victorian Owns Valuable Property in the North.

"Fred Chapman, who arrived on route from Kajaik to Fairbanks, brings news of Norman Macaulay's property, and reappearance in the financial arena," says the White Horse Star.

"Macaulay and partners, Thomas White and one other, have 900 acres of oil land, which lies between the properties of Thomas Lippy and a big English syndicate. White is an old-timer and has had vast experience in oil fields. The property is situated on Chilkat point, 10 miles from Kayak Island. The English company has two derrick machines on their property. One hole has been sunk to a depth of 600 feet and has a yield now of four barrels of oil a day. They estimate 150 more on the same tract. Their oil property, Macaulay and White have a 12-room hotel and a grocery store; they own \$14,000 worth of goods. They conduct a saloon in their hotel."

LEGAL NEWS. Morgan vs. the British Yukon Company is Now Being Tried in the Supreme Court.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The trial of Morgan vs. British Yukon Navigation Company is now in progress in the Supreme court before Mr. Justice Drake.

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FRENCH NAVAL SECRETS LEAK OUT FOREIGNERS HAD PLANS OF FORTS AT TOULON

Paris Paper Gives the History of Another Treason Affair—Some Startling Disclosures.

Paris, May 16.—The Matin's London correspondent having obtained a hundred authentic plans of the fortifications at Toulon, besides numerous other compromising documents, that paper this morning begins the publication of the history of a treason affair which seemed likely to exceed in importance the offences with which Capt. Dreyfus was charged.

On April 21st the correspondent received a letter written in a queer semi-French, semi-Italian jargon, and signed "Fragola Pietro," telling him that the writer, who was employed at a hotel, had access to a guide to two persons who had come to London to sell a large parcel of documents of the highest importance concerning naval defence, and stated that the men had gone to Brussels, leaving the writer penniless. He therefore wanted to negotiate for the transfer of the documents, and a meeting was made, and Fragola, who was desperately hungry, told the following story:

He was formerly, he said, employed at the war ministry in Rome, but became compromised in a case and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Subsequently he came to London, living from hand to mouth. Recently he had acted as guide and secretary to two men, of Italian origin, with one of whom, a Frenchman named Jernome, he had formerly been acquainted at the war ministry in Rome. Both of these men, Fragola said, worked for foreign governments, and had several times sold important secrets to Germany at high prices. The Italian's name was Cesare Gollo, and that of the naturalized Frenchman Jerome Mosqui. The latter had long been a contractor on public works. They had gone to Brussels five days ago, leaving him entirely without means, and he had been obliged to depart, but Gollo had left documents behind, and these he wanted to sell. Fragola thereupon produced 85 plans of the Toulon forts, some of them the French originals and others accurate copies, made at the Italian war ministry. He also had in his possession a list of plans of Cherbourg, Brest and Toulon. Men are well advanced in their prospects, but they must remain open until a railway is provided.

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