

NO INCREASE IN THE WATER RATES

ANOTHER PROPOSAL FOR CONCRETE BRIDGE

The City Council Bows to Public Opinion in Regard to the Cost of Water.

There were two matters of particular public interest considered at last night's meeting of the city council. The Point Ellice bridge once more came up for discussion on the strength of a letter from Edward Mohun, C. E., who has been a strong advocate of a concrete structure, and who submitted a very clear proposal to the council to call for alternative tenders for a steel and a reinforced concrete bridge.

The following letter from Mr. Mohun was read: Since it appears that the legislature has voted \$200,000 in addition to the sum at your disposal, for the Point Ellice bridge, there would seem no reason why the structure should not be of an absolutely permanent character, but no argument to the city, neither of which conditions are fulfilled by the steel truss. As you are aware I have taken some trouble in designing and bringing to the attention of the method of bridge construction which, for moderate spans, has to a very large extent superseded masonry and steel truss bridges in Europe and America.

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The report was laid on the table for future reference, and a vote of thanks passed to the committee.

The committee appointed to report upon the reclamation works at James Bay reported that a plan and description of the proposed works prepared by the city engineer was put before the members of the council on Thursday, December 2nd, 1900. This plan showed the wall to be straight with flights of steps at either end.

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vinced that he was right in the stand he had taken. The trouble was that those who were opposing the increase did not take the means of finding out the facts. A general impression prevailed that the city was making money out of the waterworks, but the facts prove that the system is not on a paying basis. The water commissioner had prepared a statement showing that the city was receiving about 2 1/2 per cent. on its investment. Add to this, say, \$10,000 for water used by the city, and it gives us a little over 3 per cent. on the capital invested, while we pay 4 per cent. for our money. A concrete tax had been advocated by some as a means of raising the rates, but this method would be most unfair. Under the act the city can only tax property having a four-inch main or over running through it. There are 43 miles of streets that would be subject to the frontage tax, but there are over 16 miles of streets where this tax could not be collected, for the reason that the water pipes are under four inches, so that less than two-thirds of the property would pay the frontage tax, while over one-third would not pay anything.

The Mayor said that according to the statement of the water commissioner the city had invested \$820,000 in the waterworks, and after paying for maintenance and sinking fund the revenue derived from the water rates only equalled 2.21 per cent. on the capital invested. The city paid 4 per cent. for the money invested. In his opinion there should be no objection to the proposed increase, which would amount to about 15 cents a month on the small houses which paid 60 cents.

Ald. Cameron said that he believed that new pipes had been put in to replace old pipes, and the cost thereof deviated from the expense account, with the result that the net receipts did not show up as well as they should.

The council then adjourned.

THE VOTERS' LEAGUE.

Large Meeting Held Last Evening—Reports Presented.

A committee consisting of J. Mallet, J. Smith, Dr. Jones, C. H. Lugin and A. W. Bridgman was appointed to interview the officers of the truss and the city council in regard to the establishment here of an iron and steel industry. The meeting then adjourned.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Nanaimo, June 25.—Steamer Strathcona is lying over here to-day undergoing slight overhauling.

It has been decided to withhold the coronation medals which were to be presented to school children to-day. The closing exercises will be those usual, with no coronation features.

CARNEGIE'S OFFER SUITS CITIZENS

IT WAS ACCEPTED AT THE POLLS YESTERDAY

But the Loan Bill was Turned Down—How the Three Wards Voted.

The offer of \$50,000, made by Andrew Carnegie, for the establishment of a public library in this city, has been accepted by the ratepayers. The by-law that was endorsed requires the sum \$50,000 to be provided for maintenance. The other by-law that was submitted providing that \$15,000 be raised to purchase a site was turned down. The library will, therefore, be erected on a site owned by the municipality.

The majority for the library by-law was 372, towards which South Park contributed the largest proportion—146. The majority in North Ward was 126, and Central Ward, 100. The second by-law providing for the loan went down to the tune of 325 out of 520 votes cast. The majority against this by-law in North Ward was 147, in the South Ward 130, and in the Central Ward 77. The total number of votes cast, as contained in the official bulletin, was 812. North Ward polling 352, Central Ward 194, and South Ward 266. About one hundred and twenty-five ballots were cast for the Library By-Law alone, the spaces on the ballot papers vacant the Loan By-Law being left open. Forty-nine also voted for the Loan By-Law, leaving the space blank opposite the Library By-Law, while a number voted for the Loan By-Law and against the Library By-Law, advocating the purchase of a site, while refusing to accept the offer.

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SIR WILELID LAURIE

Expressed Pleasure on His Return to England at Termination of War.

Montreal, June 23.—The Star's London correspondent cables: "Sir Wilelid Laurie spent Sunday quietly at the Hotel Cecil. He had a bad passage, and was confined to his cabin almost throughout the voyage. He still looks pale, but he says he expects to be quite himself before Thursday. He is keeping quiet as far as possible. Lady Laurie is also unwell. To-day Sir Wilelid had an interview with Lord Strathcona at the hotel.

The course of the conversation with the Star's special correspondent this morning, the Premier expressed the greatest pleasure on his return to England, especially in this era of peace, the news of which rejoiced all Canada. The British troops behaved splendidly, as they always do. It was faulty generalship, not the soldiers' conduct, which caused the reverse of the war.

According to a journal of economies, the King is insured for about three-quarters of a million sterling, whilst the Prince of Wales is contented with a modest half-million. The Emperor's annual salary is \$500,000, while the Czarina's pocket money is just a quarter of a million. The most heavily insured monarch was the late King Humbert, whose life was valued by himself at one and a half million. Miss Williams bowed her acknowledgments and asked Bishop Perrin to express her thanks, which he did in a few pleasant words, and the singing of the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

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MISS WILLIAMS IS GIVEN HUMANE MEDAL

For Heroism Displayed at the Wreck of the Steamer Walla Walla Last Winter.

Quite a number of citizens attended in the city hall at 8 o'clock last evening to witness the presentation of the Royal Humane Society's medal to Miss Williams, principal of the Girls' Central School, for her heroism at the wreck of the steamer Walla Walla last winter.

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STREET RAILWAY STRIKE TERMINATED

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND MEN

Fatalities in Manitoba—Grain Elevator Burned—Swede Charged With Murder of His Brother.

Toronto, June 23.—Following is the brief review of settlement of the street railway strike handed out by the committee of the Board of Trade, and embodying the agreement reached between the committee of the men and the company. The wage scale, which has been established, to stand until 1st of July. In the meantime the employees may hold meetings to be called under the auspices of the Board of Trade committee and a majority of regular and relief men vote by ballot to substitute a scale of 18 cents per hour for the first year of service, and 20 cents thereafter, the company will substitute it for the present scale. The company will not interfere with the freedom of the railway employees to organize under any form of constitution, but the company declines to give recognition to the union, or to receive a grievance committee from the union, but any employee who may have been suspended or discharged, or who desires, wanted counted, and two which a right appeal in person to the general manager, and to bring with him such of his fellow employees or other witnesses who may have any knowledge of the circumstances of the case. The company agrees that cars shall be cleaned for motormen and conductors, but that motormen and conductors will report 15 minutes before the start of the run without additional pay, and will keep the inside and platform of their cars as formerly, while on duty, and that on Sunday the increase shall be such as to make the day equal to a working day in the week.

Disputed Ballots. The question of disputed ballots in North Gray was argued before Judge MacLennan today at Osgoode Hall. During the proceedings Judge MacLennan ruled that a single stroke on a ballot does not constitute a vote. This will nullify eight votes which Boyd, Conservator, wanted counted, and two which McKay wanted counted. The judge also ruled that ballots with a cross marked on the back should not be counted. Judgment on four votes was reserved.

Charges Against Swede. Edmonton, N. W. T., June 23.—A man named Nils Johnson, a Swede, was arrested and brought here from Wetaskiwin last night for the murder of his brother. The murder is similar to the Pullock affair, the body having been buried. St. Hilaire, June 23.—The Roman Catholic institution known as "Les Soeurs Grisees," situated three miles from here, was destroyed by fire to-day. The 70 inmates, most of whom were aged and infirm, were all rescued. The loss is \$15,000.

Fire. Winnipeg, June 23.—At 10 o'clock a fire broke out in the engine room of the Northern Elevator Company's elevator at Pipestone, and at 10:30 it was in ruins, about 5,000 bushels of wheat being in store at that time. The man in charge had steam up and was just in the act of loading some cars when the unfortunate discovery was made, and he had barely time to escape.

To Purchase Land. A party of United States capitalists are expected here on Thursday. They include James H. Eckles, former comptroller of the currency, and now president of the Commercial National bank, Chicago; John C. Walling, vice-president Illinois Central railroad; Governor Vansant, of Minnesota; Governor Cummings, of Nevada; Col. A. D. Davidson and others. Fred Heubach, of Winnipeg, is with the party. The trip will be northward to Prince Albert, and the object is to purchase land.

Fatalities. An unusually large number of fatalities and accidents from various causes are reported from points in the province and west. W. B. Hall, of Headingly, one of the best known farmers of the Winnipeg district, was found dead in bed this morning at his residence, "The Hermitage"; heart failure was the cause. Deceased came to Winnipeg in 1898, from London, Ont., and leaves a large family. A scaffold midway on a new building at Portage la Prairie fell this morning, resulting in serious injury to Richard Wilson an Albert peeler, carpenter. Three others were badly bruised. Joseph S. Bredner, carpenter, fell from a new elevator in course of construction at Grenfell and was fatally injured. H. Joyce, a locomotive engineer, of Toronto, travelling from Fort William to Medicine Hat, fell from a train near Tyndall station and received fatal injuries.

Celebrations. Quebec, June 23.—Lieut.-Governor McIntyre, of Prince Edward Island, in town for the Laval celebration, became suddenly ill on the terrace this afternoon. His condition is not thought to be serious. The celebration of St. Jean Baptiste fête and Laval university began to-day by an open air mass on Dufferin terrace. A cablegram was received from the Pope. The holy father thanks and blesses from the bottom of his heart the French-Canadians assembled at Quebec to celebrate their national fête. A diastole was pronounced by Mgr. Palumbo, papal delegate to Canada. There was an immense concourse. At the banquet this evening a message was read from King Edward expressing his appreciation of the loyalty of his French-Canadian subjects.

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KING EDWARD MU... BETTER

Those Around His Majesty at His Rapid Recovery of Interest

London, June 26.—The King continues to be in a rapid recovery. The slight symptoms mentioned in our issue of the 21st are now absent, and the King is in a condition to receive his Majesty's duties, and was afterwards a queen.

The King's courage and are remarkable, and to-day wrote several telegrams. As evidence of the King's refusal to efface himself in connection with state affairs, the King's personal desire to do so is still a universal substitution of services occurred throughout the province and west.

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