City Council Proceedings

The Dominion Governments Contributions to Eastern Harbor Commissions.

Chemical Company's Wharf--Street Sprinkling--Craigflower Road.

The receipt of a letter from Messrs. Prior and Earle, representatives of the city in the Dominion House of Commons, in regard to the amounts contributed by the government to the harbor commissions of Eastern cities, was one of the important items in the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen last evening. The decision was made to refer the communication to the committee on the Sorby scheme, Ald. Williams expressing the opinion that the letter is a very important one and worthy of publication in the press. It is printed below. Street sprinkling was another subject dealt with, and the area covered by the watering carts was decreased by the adoption of a motion made by Ald. MacGregor. Considerable discussion took place regarding the application of the Chemical Works Company for permission to build some kind of a structure adjoining their present wharf. Ald. Humphrey said the company merely wish to extend the wharf, but Ald. Brydon, quoting from letters received from the representatives of the Dominion government, Messrs. Langley and Martin, showed that what the company really wish is to erect a building in which chemical manufacture may be carried on; at least the letter said it was not a wharf that is needed. The board disposed of the matter by granting the company permission to erect an addition to their wharf with a shed for storage purposes, provided it does not interfere with navigation.

During the evening there were three absentees; Ald. Beckwith did not put in an appearance at all, Ald. Hayward was late in arriving, and Ald. Kinsman removed himself from the sacred precinct and withdrew beyond the rail, thus being technically absent, during the discussion upon the by-law to "stop up" a portion of Craigflower road. His Worship Mayor Redfern presided and Wellington J. Dowler, C.M.C., and Mr. Bradburn, city solicitor, were in their places. The minutes of the last regular meeting, commenced on Monday and adjourned until Tuesday evening when it was finished, were read, Mr. Dowler being nine minutes in reciting them, and they were adopted without amendment.

The mayor announced that Librarian Goward is much improved in health and hopes to be able to resume his duties in about a month, news which, as the mayor said he expected, the aldermen received with expressions of satisfaction.

Harbor Commissions.

Messrs. Prior and Earle, M.P.'s, addressed the council as follows:

Ottawa, June 27, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria, B. C.:

Gentlemen,—We beg to state that in accordance with a resolution forwarded to us by the city clerk, we now send you the return showing the amounts expended by the government on the harbors of Montreal and Victoria, B. C. As you will at once see, this return is most misleading. The harbor of Montreal is managed by a harbor trust or board, to whom the government makes loans, and the money is expended by the commissioners of the board. None of these loans are shown in the enclosed returns. As the harbor of Quebec is more on a par with Victoria than Montreal, we asked for information in regard to that port, and elicited the information contained on page 5463 of Hansard, herewith enclosed. You will see that the government has loaned the Quebec harbor board the sum of $3,748,519.62, on which $1,305,315.01 is owing for interest; also that not one cent of this huge sum has been repaid by Quebec to the government. If money can be obtained for Victoria harbor on like terms, merely on having a harbor trust formed, it seems to us that the sooner such a board is formed the better. It is manifestly unfair that such sums should be granted to Quebec, when at the same time not one dollar can be obtained for a harbor having the enormous amount of shipping that Victoria has.

We have the honor to be, etc. (Signed)
E. G. PRIOR,
THOMAS EARLE.

Ald. Humphrey moved that the letter be received and filed.

The Mayor—And the writers thanked?

Ald. Humphrey—Oh, I have no objection to that.

Ald. Williams—That is a rather summary way of dealing with it. It is the outcome of a motion I gave notice of in January. We cannot allow so much money to be spent on Eastern harbors and our's neglected. I would refer it to a special committee, or to the Sorby scheme committee. Even if our efforts do not result in anything this year they may later. Refer it to the Sorby committee.

Ald. MacGregor seconded the amendment moved by Ald. Williams, and Ald. Humphrey finding no seconder to his receiving and filing motion, the amendment became the motion and was adopted.

Street Sprinkling.

The Province Publishing Company and the Victoria Transfer Company had noticed the motion to be made by Ald. MacGregor limiting the area to be covered by the street sprinklers. They both expressed the opinion that Courtney street should be included, the Transfer Co. saying that the street is much travelled and leads directly to the postoffice, so it should receive attention. Both letters were laid over to be dealt with when the resolution of Ald. MacGregor's came up.

Asks Exemption.

W. J. Pendray reminded the council of his application in March last for permission to erect a certain building on Humboldt street; of their refusal, and of their saying that if there was any other privilege he wished they would be prepared to consider it. He now intended to erect a three-storey brick building for the purposes of his soap business and asked exemption from taxation for 15 years and that he be granted free water for a like period. Mr. Pendray pointed out that he now employs 32 hands and the industry is increasing. The earth taken out for the foundations of the building he would have dumped on the James Bay flats.

The mayor said it should be remembered that the council has no authority to grant free water to anyone, except in cases of poverty. Ald. Humphrey asked if they could grant exemption from taxation, to which his worship replied they could only do so by by-law ratified by the people.

On motion of Ald. Humphrey and MacGregor the letter was referred to the finance committee for report.

Hack Stand Nuisance.

The manager of the Bank of British Columbia, and Messrs. Robert Ward & Co. joined in a remonstrance. The hacks which stand on Fort street before the buildings occupied by the writers are a nuisance, and are becoming unbearable. For sanitary reasons alone the hacks should be removed.

Ald. Brydon humorously suggested referring the letter to the street committee, the joke consisting in the fact that the whole council constitutes the street committee.

The mayor said there is a by-law which defines where the hacks may stand and it contains a clause granting the council the privilege of changing the provisions at any time. In answer to Ald. Cameron his worship said the hacks complained of were standing in a place designated as a stand by that by-law. Ald. Cameron said he knew that some citizens have good grounds for complaint. The hacks are undoubtedly a nuisance, especially at the corner of Government and Yates streets. It was a puzzle to decide where to put them where they would not be a nuisance.

Ald. Humphrey thought another by-law necessary. Some time ago one was prepared stating what streets the hacks should not be allowed to stand on. This gave them the whole of the remainder of the city. He agreed that the nuisance at the Pritchard House corner is a great one.

Ald. Brydon wanted a by-law brought in to regulate the matter, but Ald. Kinsman could not see how the council expected to please everyone. It seems the only way is to move the hacks off the streets altogether. He seconded the motion to lay the matter over until the whole question is dealt with in a by-law.

In the subsequent discussion Ald. Cameron suggested dealing with this particular stand in a resolution, saying that no one else has made a formal complaint to the council; when they did, would be time enough to deal with their cases. He knew however, that if they removed this stand the whole town would be inundating the council with complaints before next week. Ald. Williams was in favor of immediate action; before a by-law could be put through the summer would be gone. Finally his worship consulted with the solicitor and it was decided to adopt the motion to lay the communication over until a by-law is brought in to regulate the whole trouble.

A South Victoria Request.

The road commissioners of South Victoria district, by their secretary, Mr. Geo. Sangster, applied to the council for the expenditure of money for the repair of a portion of Richmond road and of the bridge. Half of the road, the letter stated is in the city.

The mayor said there was no money available, but Ald. Stewart put in a plea for the work to be done. It was only a small matter, he said, and the work is urgently needed. Ald. MacGregor agreed that an effort should be made to "fix this." Last year a portion of it was done and it was only fair this request should be granted. The mayor said again it was a question of money; they would all be glad to do the work if the money was forthcoming.

Ald. Kinsman hit upon a solution. "How would it be," he said, "to refer it to the city engineer with instructions to report how much would be half the cost of repairing the bridge and half the cost of repairing the road?"

A motion being made to that effect it carried without opposition.

Martin Willis's Case.

Mr. A. Henderson of the Victoria Transfer Co. reminded the council of the application made for the admission of Martin Willis to the Old Men's Home, no action upon which had been taken by the aldermen.

Ald. Brydon said that when the matter came up before, the council acted upon the advice of their medical health officer. The committee were very sorry, but they really could not recommend the admission of this man to the Home. This had been explained to a bookkeeper in the employ of the Transfer Co., in the absence of Mr. Henderson.

Ald. Humphrey moved that Mr. Henderson be informed that the council being unable to admit Willis to the Home is nevertheless willing to contribute towards his support an amount equal to his maintenance if he were an intimate of that institution.

Ald. Hayward could not consider the report of the committee satisfactory. The reason given for refusing to admit Willis was that he is old and feeble, and likely to give trouble. That seemed to be the best reason why he should be admitted. When a man has spent the best part of his life in the hardest kind of exploring work he should be taken care of when he becomes old and feeble. It was no justification of the refusal to take him in to say that he would cause the caretaker trouble.

The mayor said it was not so much that he would cause the caretaker trouble, but that it would result in difficulties with the other inmates.

Ald. Brydon thought Ald. Hayward had not read the report of the Old Men's Home Committee.

Ald. Stewart thought Willis a better subject for a hospital than a home. There are other cases coming along which the council will have to deal with.

Ald. Hayward thought there was some inmate of the Home who for a little pocket money would be glad to look after Willis if he were admitted.

Ald. Cameron agreed with Ald. Stewart. There is need for an institution which is neither a Home nor a Hospital. He could not recommend the admission of this man to the Home, but could the city shirk the responsibility of providing for him?

Ald. Williams thought the complaint Willis is suffering from is only temporary. The better way would be to admit him and then if insuperable difficulties arose he could be removed. He should have been in there a month ago.

Some discussion arose as to how much the cost of maintenance contemplated by the motion would be, the mayor saying about $20 a month, and some of the aldermen placing it at $15. Ultimately the motion carried.

Return Thanks.

Messrs. James Foreman, H. M. Grahame and R. S. Day wrote thanking the council for the honor conferred upon the writers by their election as directors of the Provincial Jubilee Hospital, and the letters were filed.

Engineer's Report.

From City Engineer Topp came the following:

Victoria, July 3, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen,—Re outlet improvements on Menzies street sewer—I would recommend that a box drain be constructed at the outlet and carried to low water mark, a distance of 150 feet, with a trap door, etc., at the entrance end, at an estimated cost of $55. In reference to sewer outlet repairs at San Juan avenue, I would respectfully recommend that the same be repaired with trap door attachment in a somewhat similar manner to above, at an estimated cost of $60.

I have the honor to be, etc. (Signed)
C. H. TOPP, City Engineer.

Adopted.

Pole Removal.

The city engineer enclosed a bill from the Electric Light Company amounting to $61.81 for the expense of removing poles, five on Fort street and three on Government street, in accordance with instructions issued by the city engineer.

Some of the aldermen thought this pretty "steep," and the mayor was asked whether the city must pay the cost of removing the poles. The mayor said they would have to pay for the Fort street ones, but he did not know about those on Government street. He recommended referring the bill to the city engineer and city solicitor for report. A motion was made to that effect and carried.

Market Receipts.

Market Clerk Johnson reported the receipt of $106.05 from farmers' and gardeners' fees, and $14.15 for weight fees. Received and filed.

Chemical Works Wharf.

The special committee appointed to report upon the application of the Victoria Chemical Company for permission to construct a wharf adjoining the present one, recommended that no action be taken until the council knows what is the fate of the Sorby harbor scheme.

Ald. Brydon moved the adoption of the report. Ald. Williams did not like the look of affairs. Perhaps the committee had gone into the matter and knew more about it, but he certainly was against handicapping any industry.

Ald. MacGregor seconded the motion to adopt the report. He was opposed to doing anything to hamper industry, but the matter might easily lie in abeyance until they knew something about the Sorby's scheme's prospects.

Ald. Humphrey could see no reason to lay it over. If all that was needed was to extend the wharf along the shore and erect a shed on it for storage purposes that might be granted, so long as it does not interfere with navigation. He moved accordingly, and Ald. Williams seconded.

Ald. Hayward supported the amendment. He could not see why the company should be handicapped. Even though the wharf had to be bought over when the Sorby scheme was carried out, the cost would be a mere fleabite compared to the total expenditure.

The mayor wished the chemical works were not there, but he did not wish to handicap them. He agreed with Ald. Hayward about the comparatively small thing the repurchase would be if the Sorby scheme were carried out.

Ald. Brydon could not see the council make itself ridiculous without a protest. What is the use of giving them permission to erect a wharf when Martin & Langley say it is not a wharf they want? There was no sense in a special committee reporting on a subject which they had carefully investigated if other members of the council who knew nothing about it were going to do exactly the opposite thing to what they recommended. It was ridiculous.

The mayor reminded Ald. Brydon that the council has the right to reject any report, which Ald. Brydon admitted, adding that it is nevertheless ridiculous for the council to say to these people you may erect a wharf when it isn't a wharf they want at all.

Ald. Cameron was inclined to side with Ald. Brydon. Until the contradictions revealed by the correspondence were cleared up he would favor adopting the report. The Chemical Company should say it is a wharf and shed they want and not a chemical works.

Ald. Humphrey maintained that his amendment would cover the ground. The permission was granted for a wharf and a shed. If any more than that was contemplated by the Chemical Company they could not get it under that motion.

The amendment carried on the following division: Ayes, Kinsman, Williams, Stewart, Hayward, and Humphrey. Noes, Ald Brydon, Cameron and MacGregor.

Sinews.

The standing committee on finance recommended the payment of $2.868.73 out of current revenue, and it was so ordered.

Holidays Don't Count.

Ald. Hayward obtained permission to hold over the two motions he had given notice of on the bulletin board. One has reference to the introduction of a by-law adopting the Croft scheme and the other to the amendment of the fire regulations by-law. The notices were posted on Saturday, which was a legal holiday, and the notices were therefore irregular.

Street Sprinkling.

Ald MacGregor moved: "That whereas it is expedient that the business portion of the city be kept more thoroughly sprinkled, and whereas, the city does not deem it advisable to purchase another sprinkler this season; therefore, be it resolved, that the operations of the sprinkler be confined to within the following business districts: Commencing at the corner of Fort and Blanchard streets, thence north along Blanchard street to Pandora street, thence west along Pandora to Douglas, thence north along Douglas to Cormorant street, thence west along Cormorant street to Store street, thence south along Store street to Johnson street, thence east along Johnson street to Wharf street, thence west along Wharf street to Government street, then north along Government street to Broughton street, thence along Broughton street to Douglas street, thence north along Douglas to Fort street, and thence east along Fort street to the point of commencement; and that the city engineer be instructed to divide the city into two sections and allot one sprinkler to each."

In moving the resolution Ald. MacGregor asked permission to substitute Courtney for Broughton street, agreeable to the requests of the Province Publishing Company and Transfer Company, and the permission was granted.

Ald. Humphrey seconded, and then came a long discussion as to the relative needs of various portions of the city. The mayor thought the street leading to the outer wharf should certainly be sprinkled, and Ald. Brydon was even more enthusiastic in his advocacy of the north end of Government and Douglas streets. The city engineer should be given discretionary power.

Ald. Hayward said the area should include Humboldt street, and Ald. Williams advocated crude petroleum as a sprinkling liquid.

Some of the aldermen laughed at the suggestion, and were told by Ald. Williams that they laugh best who laugh last. They should go and read something. Crude petroleum is used in Pennsylvania and gives great satisfaction.

Ald. Cameron thought the street, about the fountain should be sprinkled, but it cannot be done with two carts.

The motion carried, Courtney street being substituted for Broughton.

Craigflower Road.

Ald. Humphrey obtained permission to introduce the following by-law:

A BY-LAW.

To Stop Up a Portion of the Craigflower Road.

Whereas it is expedient that a portion of the road known as the Craigflower road should be stopped up and streets used in place thereof;

Be it therefore enacted by the municipal council of the corporation of the city of Victoria as follows:

1. The by-law numbered 184 and known as "A By-Law to Stop Up a Portion of the Craigflower Road," which was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the council on the 28th December, 1892, is hereby wholly repealed.

2. So much of the Craigflower road as runs through blocks N and P, Victoria West, being a portion of section thirty-one, Esquimalt district, is hereby stopped up and closed to public traffic, and Catherine street, Langford street, and Russell street are substituted therefor.

3. This by-law may be cited as the "Craigflower Road Closing By-Law."

Ald. Kinsman retired from the board and sat beyond the rail.

The by-law was introduced, read a first and second time, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and finally passed, the only discussion being about the term "Stop up," and the name "Craigflower road closing by-law," the first of which the mayor thought inelegant, and the second being objected to by Ald. Brydon as misleading.

Ald. Kinsman returned to his seat.

The permanent sidewalks by-law was reconsidered and finally passed, and Ald. Williams called attention to two matters reported in the Times; a defective sidewalk on Wharf street and the damage done by children to the newly repaired and repainted fountain, his worship taking a note of the subjects.

Ald. MacGregor wanted a public water tap at Oak Bay for the convenience of campers. Lots of people pay water rates and spend a good deal of time at Oak Bay. They ought to have city water.

Ald. Stewart was ready with a motion to adjourn, made it, found a seconder, and the council rose shortly before 10 o'clock.

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DRUNKEN INDIANS.

Assault Defenceless Women and Steal Their Belongings.

One of the most audacious cases of highway robbery that has occurred for some time within short distance of this city, took place on Monday evening in the vicinity of Saanich. It appears that Mrs. Paul Frank and her daughter Isabel were driving home with some goods that they had just purchased. At Rithet's they met Jimmy Frozentoes (Squassia) and Thomas Jim, a Saanich Indian, driving in a spring wagon. They stopped, and Thomas Jim asked if they had seen anything of a woman on the road. Mrs. Frank replied that the woman referred to was in the rig with her, having asked a ride and had been taken up. Immediately on the enquiry of Thomas Jim, Mrs. Frank told the woman to get into her own rig with him. This she did with his assistance. Mrs. Frank then drove on at a full trot, but after leaving Elk Lake she heard a heavy rig coming, and Miss Isabel remarked to her mother that it was the Indians coming. Thereupon they whipped up the horse into a gallop.

Upon arrival at her home the Indians over took them on the road, and began to search Mrs. Frank's wagon. Mrs. Frank then asked what they were doing, and told them to get into their own rig. Thomas Jim's father, Silwhayim, and a woman were with them at this time. Jimmy Frozentoes struck Mrs. Frank with a young pine on the head and back. Assistance arrived in the person of Mr. Fred. Spotts, who drove the Indians away, not before an attempt had been made to strike Miss Isabel Frank. Mrs. Frank states that Jim's father also tried to strike her and took an umbrella away from her.

The whole party of Indians were very drunk and Silwhayim drove into Mrs. Frank's rig and smashed a tire and the felloes of the wheel.

While the struggle was going on the Indians took from the rig a quantity of provisions, a patchwork quilt, and a pillow, in addition to the umbrella already referred to. Jimmy Frozentoes took the quilt and pillow and put them up the road, and Mrs. Jim took the provisions and put them in her wagon.

It appears that Silwhayim was implicated some six years or so ago in the murder of an Indian, and at that time made his escape to the other side. It is probable that the Indians have escaped to San Juan, which could be easily reached by canoe and will remain in hiding.

For some time the Saanich Indians there have been getting very drunk, disorderly and bold, and the special constable now engaged there being unable to control them alone.

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Contented Delegates

Representatives of Atlin Miners Receive the Government's Reply.

Are Well Satisfied With the Results of Their Representations.

Mr. Hans Helgesen, M.P.P., Dr. Monro and J. A. Mackinnon, members of the deputation which came down from Atlin to interview the provincial government regarding alleged grievances complained of by the miners, merchants and business men of the new mining district, left for Vancouver last evening by the Islander and will proceed thence to Skagway, en route to Atlin, by the first available steamer.

During the evening the members of the deputation received from the executive the reply of the government to the representations made by them on behalf of those who sent them to Victoria, and Mr. Helgesen and his colleagues went away well pleased with the results of their visit and satisfied with the treatment accorded them by the government.

In regard to the extension of the close season, which formed one of the principal complaints, the delegation were assured that instructions went forward to Gold Commissioner Grahame immediately, to give five days' notice from the date of his receipt of such instructions that the close season would be terminated. This will make several days difference and it is hoped it will have the good effect the delegation represented it would have.

In regard to the hydraulic leases, Chief Commissioner of Works Cotton explained to the delegation that to have issued hydraulic leases indiscriminately would have been prejudicial to the interests of the placer miners. To avoid this, the government has required a report from the gold commissioner upon every application received, but whenever he has reported that the granting of a lease would not be prejudicial to the other interests the leases have been issued. This has been in force for some time.

The government positively refused to remove the regulation enforcing the payment of $25 by every applicant who wishes to introduce a case for settlement by Commissioner Irving. The fee is exacted to protect the interests of the miners and to reduce the possibility of every persons so disposed from entering frivolous suits and so overburdening the court with useless work. It should be remembered said Chief Commissioner Cotton, that the $25 covers the whole costs of the proceedings, and even if Mr. Justice Irving has to go out and personally inspect the claim, no further charge is made.

The improvements in Atlin City and in the district, contemplated by the government, have been undertaken and vigorously proceeded with by Gold Commissioner Grahame. The streets of the city have been graded, and the work covered by the appropriations voted for the purpose of improving the wagon roads is also being done and will be pushed to completion.

Mr. Mackinnon, president of the Atlin Miners' Association, seen last evening, contradicted most emphatically the statement made in the Skagway-Atlin Budget to the effect that Mr. Justice Irving was threatened with a ride on a rail at a meeting he addressed. He says Mr. Justice Irving addressed no meeting, refusing to do so when asked.

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FREIGHT ON THE SUMMIT.

Congestion of Freight on the Summit of the White Pass.

Captain L. O. Waldo, president of the Alaska Barge Company, who has just returned from Skagway on the Skookum, says there is a congestion of freight on the White Pass, and much inconvenience has resulted.

"There were fully 20,000 tons on the summit when I left," he says, "but I suppose it has begun to move now. The railroad got it to the top, but packers could not be found to carry it on to the lakes. The freight included all kinds of goods, some perishable, and there was much anxiety about it. It was supposed it would all be moving again by this time."

The Skookum made a successful trip. Her towage bill was but $3.500 and she carried nearly 4,000 tons of freight. She will sail again about July 15th.

The House of Lords yesterday passed the third reading of the London government bill.

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