

NEW PROCEDURE IN CIVIC WORK

SIMPLIFIED METHOD IN PASSING BY-LAWS

Intention of Improving Linden Avenue Expressed by Owners.

The city council on Monday decided upon adopting a new procedure in respect to by-laws for local improvements. The by-law calling for the improvement of Linden avenue from Fairfield road to Dallas road was introduced and given a first reading. This by-law has not been advertised, nor is it necessary that this course should be followed. In reply to questions, the city solicitor said that the by-law in respect to Linden avenue, now before the board, was, he hoped, the first of many other similar measures which would be introduced. Because of the fact that practically all of the property owners interested in the improvement had petitioned for such work it would be unnecessary to advertise the by-law. The procedure now being followed was the same as in Ontario. The members of the board expressed approval of this method and hoped that in respect to other streets the same practice would be followed by the property owners.

Proposed local improvement works were reported on by the city engineer as follows:

Grading, rock surfacing and draining Grant street, between Stanley avenue and Belmont avenue, and permanent sidewalk on both sides, total cost, \$5,782; city's share, \$1,152; paving Esquimalt road from the western boulevard to the Songreese reserve to the city limits with tar macadam and permanent sidewalks on both sides, with necessary curbs and gutters, total cost, \$27,059; city's share, \$9,031; grading, rock surfacing and draining Rudin road, from Chambers street to Fernwood road, and permanent walks on both sides, and expropriation of necessary land to make the roadway forty feet in width, total cost, \$12,140; city's share, \$3,238; expropriating property for the purpose of extending Burdette avenue to Linden avenue, total cost, \$2,791; city's share, \$881; constructing permanent sidewalk on the north side of Caledonia avenue from Blanchard street to Quadra street, and on both sides from Quadra street to Cook street, total cost, \$7,852; city's share, \$1,570.

Other local improvement works passed included a pavement on Herald street, from Government street to Store street; for certain works on Linden avenue, from Fairfield road to Dallas road, and permanent walks on both sides of Princess avenue, from Government street to Douglas street; on both sides of Discovery street from Government to Douglas streets, and on the south side of Cormorant street, from Store street to Government street.

MAY TEST ELECTRIC PUMP THIS AFTERNOON

Salt Water System Soon to Be Ready for Fire Fighting.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The several tests which have been in progress at the city electric lighting station of the steam pump for the salt water high pressure system for fire protection purposes, have resulted in overcoming all difficulty and is now reported to be in satisfactory shape. The next test will be of the electric pump and Mr. Hutcheson, electrical superintendent, in whose charge will be the machinery for the salt water system will probably give this pump a trial run this afternoon.

G. V. Lowry, secretary of the Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters, said this morning that Mr. Hutcheson had reported to him that the steam pump was now working satisfactorily, the difficulty of heated bearings having been removed by a series of runs, and he was now only awaiting the test of the electric pump before sending for the board's expert who, on being notified, would come to Victoria and make an official test of the plant.

Mr. Lowry has spent a good deal of time down at the pumping station and he expresses himself well pleased with the machinery which has been placed there, and the general excellence of the new fire-fighting system.

CENTENARIAN KILLED.

Alexandria, La., Nov. 23.—Spared the mortification of spending at the county poor farm the last days of a life that already had spanned 115 years, Aaron Johnson, a negro, is dead at Pineville. Almost helpless, the centenarian has lived for more than a quarter of a century at Glenmore plantation, near Pineville. Sunday it was decided that he could be made more comfortable at the county institution. A wagon was brought and young hands assisted the old man to mount to the seat. As he clambered over the wheel the horses started suddenly, throwing him to the ground. His neck was broken and he died almost immediately.

KILLED IN AUTO WRECK.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 23.—Andrew Taylor, aged 30 years, of Newcastle, was killed, and Wm. Muir, of Wilmington, was injured in the wreck of Taylor's automobile. In the wreck Taylor was riding. While crossing a bridge near Greenville, the machine swerved and dashed into a wall. Taylor was thrown out against the wall. Moore's injuries are not serious.

The Alps altogether stand in six states, of which Austria claims the largest share of them.

TUG WITH HISTORY NEARLY READY AGAIN

Daisy to Be Added to Captain Berquist's Fleet in Week or Two.

Tug Daisy, the property of Captain Berquist, has just come out of Turpin's ways after being thoroughly caulked and is lying at the shipyard of the Victoria Machinery Depot. She will be completed in the course of a week or two, and will then go into commission as one of the fleet of towboats owned by the captain.

The Daisy formerly belonged to the Chemalun Lumber mill, being used in towing logs to that place. She was sold last spring to Captain Anderson, who very soon after getting her had, the misfortune to run on Tumbo Island reef. There she remained two months, during which time the underwriters used every effort to have her raised, but with no avail. Several visits were made to the spot by representatives of the underwriters, and all stated that she was not worth spending money upon. It was then decided to put the tug up to public auction, and she was knocked down to Captain Albert Berquist for the sum of \$510.

It did not take the new owner long to raise the vessel and take her across to Sidney, where a new deckhouse was built and other necessary repairs made. She has been thoroughly refitted and is now good for the next twenty years, her hull and all her timbers being as sound as they were the day she was built. When she goes into commission the Daisy will be one of the best fitted of the mosquito fleet of these waters.

Another tug is being built for use in connection with the Chemalun mill. Her hull was put together at Chemalun and she is now in Victoria harbor being completed.

ELLA ARRIVED FROM CENTRAL AMERICA

Cargo for British Columbia Ports and Number of Passengers.

German steamer Ella, of the Jøben line, arrived on Tuesday at an early hour from Central America, Mexico and United States ports. She has nearly 1,000 tons of freight, of which 100 tons of iron goods are being discharged at this port. There is about 600 tons for Vancouver, mostly asphalt from San Pedro.

Speaking of his trip, Captain Bruhn said that the coffee crop in Central America was a very good one this year. He brought the first consignment of 300 bags to San Francisco and expects to bring a large quantity on the next trip.

The steamer stopped at Nicaraguan ports, but saw nothing of the rebellion. The only way in which it affected them was that no sailors were allowed to go ashore at night. They brought fifteen passengers in all, of whom D. H. McDougall was for Vancouver, he having been spending six months in San Diego.

The Ella had a good trip, except for the last leg, which was stormy. The westerly gale rolled her around considerably, and the sea was so rough that they wamped the captain's cabin. No damage was done the steamer, however, she being a staunch craft and used to buffeting.

VICTORIA WEST HAS LANDED SOCCER PRIZE

Original Method to Prevent Defeat in Second Division.

Having won four games straight in the first division of the soccer league, Victoria West now has the championship of the league and the interest in the league centres on the battle for second place. In this there are three teams all with chances—the James Bay, the A. O. F., and the Garrison. The running for second place on the league, Esquimalt not having won a game yet cannot make second place, and will probably hold the cellar until all comers.

The matches set for Saturday are: Victoria West vs. Garrison, and Esquimalt against A. O. F. In the second division the following teams will meet: Victoria West and Baraca, Empress and Fifth Regiment, Beacon Hill and North Ward and Esquimalt and Y. M. C. A.

There have been several matches in the second division ordered replayed, owing to the teams playing unregistered players. This policy is not a good one by the league, as it encourages teams to take advantage of the leniency of the officials. When they have a hard match on hand they pack their team with unregistered players and if beaten are sure of getting a chance to play the match over again. As in time a date is set for it they have the strong players registered. This method of stalling off games till the team grows stronger should be stopped by the officials and the club who offend with unregistered players should be called on to lose the game in which they were played.

PROSECUTION DROPPED.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Dismissal of the indictment against William Gordon Crawford, once deputy auditor of the postoffice department, who was prosecuted as a result of the sweeping investigation of postoffice frauds some years ago, was directed yesterday by Attorney-General Wickham upon the recommendation of U. S. District Attorney Baker and with the concurrence of Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

WEIR LINERS. Century Has Arrived at Sydney From Auckland—Rivendale Cross- ing Ocean.

The latest reports from the Weir vessels are as follows:
Ayeric left Vancouver for regular Oriental ports October 27th. She will be completed in the course of a week or two, and will then go into commission as one of the fleet of towboats owned by the captain.

Hyndford left San Francisco for New Zealand and Australia October 30th. Katanga left Newcastle for San Francisco via Apia, November 1st. Kumeru left Hongkong for Moji November 18th.

Oceano left Yokohama for Victoria November 7th. Quito left Comox for Calcutta October 14th. Rivendale left San Francisco for Apia, Auckland and Sydney November 19th.

Strathmillan left Puget Sound for Manila November 1st. Tymeric arrived at San Francisco from Australia, New Zealand and Fiji November 11th.

Next Monday evening representatives of St. Andrew's and the First Presbyterian Church will debate the timber policy with the First Presbyterian Club.

The first concert of the eighteenth season will be held on December 2nd, for which tickets have already been sent out, and those who wish to subscribe and have not already done so are requested to send in their names at once to the secretary, Arion Club, at 1130 Broad street.

The city engineer will hereafter employ the services of an inspector to check that the work done by the city for pavement purposes are of first-class material. This action is in consequence of the discovery that many of the blocks used this summer have proved defective.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Frank E. Cullin will take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of William O. Wallace, 330 St. James street. Services over the remains will be conducted by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Monday night's edition of the Victoria Times will contain Mrs. Elizabeth Sluget, wife of Robert Sluget, West road, Saanich was a sister of the deceased.

T. M. Brayshaw has lodged a complaint with the city council declaring that because of the work now in progress on Government street, between Herald street and Discovery street, that the street is in a "disgraceful condition."

In spite of the wet weather, which kept many from attending the sale of work under the Ladies' Aid of St. Mark's church, held last week, the ladies can congratulate themselves on a successful sale. The receipts amount to \$125.15. The rector most warmly thanks all those who worked so hard to attain this splendid result, which means that the debt on the cash account has been decreased by nearly half.

From the reports made by the various committees in charge of the arrangements for the first annual to be given by the members of the local police force on December 10th, at the Women's Building, exhibition grounds, this event will prove a success, and the proceeds, which will be devoted to the hospital fund of the force, will also be large. Tickets are selling rapidly, and a large attendance is expected.

J. Z. White, the expert on municipal economics, who has been speaking at various points throughout the province, giving his views on the present state of civic government, came down from Nanaimo Monday. Owing to the political campaign Mr. White thought it would be inadvisable to attempt to address a meeting in this city just now, and he therefore proceeded on his journey. It is hoped that on some future occasion an opportunity will be given to hear an address from Mr. White.

The Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society have about completed rehearsal for their first annual, entitled, "Bound By An Oath," a domestic drama in four acts and a prologue, which will be presented at McTavish's hall, Victoria, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 28th and 29th of next month (December). This play is something very out of the ordinary to be attempted by amateurs. Those in the cast have carefully studied the parts, being determined to make it a success.

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Young People's Society was indeed favored to a treat on Monday, when Mr. Geo. Henry Little delivered a most interesting address on "The Scribe and His Work." Mr. Little explained the customs, described the habits, and told of the people of Palestine in a most interesting and pleasing way. His descriptions made it easy for his audience to readily understand the meanings of certain passages in the Old Testament. At the close of the lecture Mr. Little exhibited and explained a considerable number of curios from the Holy Land.

MAY SELL LIQUOR WITH MEALS.

Vancouver, Nov. 23.—Hotels and restaurants have the right to sell liquor with meals during hours when sale at the bars is prohibited, Magistrate Williams has so decided after considering the authorities. This decision arose out of the Butler hotel case. Proprietor Fitzpatrick was summoned for selling two whiskey to two police constables with their meals on a Sunday.

FUND FOR DESTITUTE WOMEN.

Vancouver, Nov. 23.—Dr. E. Stevenson, the aged physician who died recently, left an estate of \$150,000 to constitute a trust fund to be given to destitute women, but the beneficiaries must not be connected directly or indirectly with any church or religious organization.

CUSTOM NOT SUPERIOR TO EXPRESS CONTRACT

Judge Lampman Delivers Judgment of Interest to Surveyors.

A judgment of interest to land surveyors was given by Judge Lampman Monday afternoon in the case of Andrews vs. Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Ltd. The plaintiff, a surveyor's assistant, was working for the company on some surveys up the island last summer. His engagement was terminated without notice and he sued for a month's salary, \$75, and \$30 for board. The chief defense relied on by the company was the custom which was said to prevail in the hiring of surveyors. Judge Lampman holds that this custom cannot override an express contract and accordingly gives judgment for the plaintiff. In his written decision he says:

"The defendant company, which is in the unfortunate position of having made a contract through an agent who is now hostile, admits that the employee was working by the month, but it is very much to the sort of contract to recover because it is the custom among land surveyors and their field assistants to terminate the employment at any time, without notice even though the hiring be a month or more."

"It cannot be contended that such a custom overrides an express contract, and if any effect is given to Napier's evidence there was, in fact, a conversation between the plaintiff and him on the one side, and Collier as a representative of the defendant on the other side, to which Collier said that a month's notice would be necessary to terminate the employment. Neither Andrews nor Collier gave their version of the conversation, but it does not fit in at all badly with what they said."

"The plaintiff is saying that the custom, as stated, may exist between surveyors and their assistants, it does not follow that the same custom would prevail in the case of companies employing land surveyors. We the plaintiff claims \$75 for one month, and \$30 being the amount he had to pay for board for the month following his discharge. From these amounts the plaintiff has deducted the amount the company paid the plaintiff for four days in September including the allowance for board and also the \$7 earned by the plaintiff in September as a result of his work."

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ACCUSED OF VIOLATING

ANTI-BETTING LAW

Two Men Taken Into Custody During Races at Emeryville.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 23.—The first arrest for alleged violation of the anti-betting law was made after the first race at Emeryville yesterday, when Sheriff Barnett placed E. T. Martin in custody for the alleged acceptance of a wager. Martin claimed that he was changing money and did not attempt to cash a ticket. The players have credit men whom the sheriff suspects accept cash bets.

The second arrest was made by Sheriff Barnett, when he arrested a man named Shinkley. The sheriff attempted to take his prisoner to the county jail, but Attorney Cook intercepted him and sprung sentence \$49 of the penal code on him which says that a man arrested for this offense has the right to demand a trial before the nearest magistrate. Justice of the Peace Coburn, of Emeryville, was at the track and was summoned to the clubhouse and both men were released on bail.

The jockey club will not defend the arrested men, but both have retained Carroll Cook as their attorney.

OREGON LAND CASES.

Trial of Ex-Congressman Binger Hermann Will Take Place in January. Portland, Ore., Nov. 20.—In the January circuit court yesterday before Judge Bean, it was practically agreed that the trial of ex-Congressman Binger Hermann, on a charge of conspiracy, shall begin January 10th.

After a conference between District Attorney McCourt and Assistant Attorney General Henry, the court tentatively decided on this date. If it is definitely decided to begin the trial on January 10th, Francis J. Heney will probably return to San Francisco until the case comes up.

TY COBB FINED.

Ordered to Pay \$100 and Costs For Stabbing Hotel Watchman.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 23.—Tyrus Cobb, the sensational outfielder of the Detroit Americans, was yesterday fined \$100 and costs for stabbing a hotel watchman, Stanchfield, of the Hotel Euclid, several weeks ago.

Cobb pleaded guilty to assault and battery. The court suspended sentence to allow Cobb time to get money to pay the fine.

YACHTING.

Queenstown, Nov. 23.—Sir Thomas Lipton, who arrived on board the steamer Lusitania yesterday, again announced to the watching onlookers his decision to challenge for the honor of holding the America's Cup in 1911, provided the New York Yacht Club would permit the race to be sailed under universal rules.

What Other People Think

SHOOTING ACCIDENTS.

"A very sad" accident occurred on Sunday last near the Summit. Mr. E. D. Allen, a clerk in Bowser's drug store, went out with some friends on the E. & N. morning train to hunt. Very shortly after leaving the train he was shot by some one. The bullet put out his eye and injured the other, shattering his face terribly. Though he called, the man who fired the shot did not answer. With wonderful strength of nerve and presence of mind the wounded man fired shots till he attracted the notice of Mr. Nourse, Ross Kelly and others, who took him to the railway station. Every possible help was given the poor man but the doctors could not save one eye and it is feared the other may be so hurt that he will not be able to see.

The man or boys who fired the shot has not allowed his name to be known. It is impossible to tell how much he may have been to blame for the terrible accident. Now what is the use of preaching "peace on earth, goodwill to men" on its editorial page and then printing an article like the foregoing for young folks? Should it not be the aim to teach honesty and uprightness in all our actions? Of course the man who shot Mr. Allen was to blame. He is to blame that for life Mr. Allen will probably be blind. He is to blame that his living is taken from him and that if he lives to old age he will probably go down to it in darkness. That it was anything but accidental no one for a minute pre-supposes, but one of those fearful accidents that makes you gasp at its awful consequences.

But the most fearful aspect of the calamity is the utter lack of humanity in the man that caused it. I do not for one minute think that a boy was to blame, for at the ghastly sight of a man blinded with blood and alone in the woods he would have lost his nerve and sobbed out his repentance. How anyone but the uttermost coward could have left a human being in the woods to bleed to death, passing the comprehension of all honest thinking men. The papers say that Chief of Police Hussey knows the name and gave it to the Hon. the Attorney-General or not, as he thinks fit. The public, and especially the shooting public, should demand the name, the man should stand the consequences of his cowardice, else it is useless to try and make the rising generation believe in justice and mercy. It is an iniquitous injustice to those who were at the Summit to shield a man. Vox populi is saying that the young men who finally assisted him out are the ones to blame. Others say that those interested in the concert shielded the culprit, so it implicates so many and is a lasting menace to the huntsman in the woods. It establishes a terribly bad precedent. Others are liable to shirk their responsibilities, and when the accident occurs leaves the victim to the mercy of those coming after. And to the man who committed the act I say, "Come out now and shoulder your burden like a man. Don't wait until you are found out. You have lacked courage to stand by the consequences of your act, but many a one has done that in the beginning. You have to face the odds now and they are doubling on you all the time, but we will admire the strength of your resolution if in the face of public opinion you bring yourself to shoulder the burden and we will help you, for we will know you have had strength enough to turn your cowardice into courage. You are proclaimed a coward. Will you now be acclaimed courageous?"

GEORGINA SEYMOUR KENT.

SURVEYS ON QUEEN CHARLOTTE.

To the Editor: In a recent issue of the B. C. Gazette there appeared a notice of an "order in council" assessing the surveying of lands on the Queen Charlotte Islands at fifty cents per acre, while land on the mainland is assessed twenty-five cents per acre. Having spent the past two years on the Queen Charlotte Islands, and being familiar with the interior of the mainland of British Columbia, I am at a loss to know why the provincial government should discriminate against these islands in the cost of surveying. Having been a surveyor at one time myself I have followed the line in different parts of the province. I am prepared to back my statement when I say that land on Queen Charlotte islands can be surveyed as cheaply as on the remainder of the province, and that fifty cents per acre is an exorbitant price and will not stand investigation. I am in a position to show figures of tenders to survey land on Graham Island of fifteen and eighteen cents per acre. These figures were secured by a private party who had considerable land to survey, but owing to the action of the government surveyor on Graham Island he was compelled to refuse the tender and accept the government work at fifty cents per acre. During the past summer the government had several survey parties on Graham Island, and being an interested party I kept tabs of the work, knowing that some one would have to pay, and I give you the following deductions: In surveying it is not necessary to run all the lines, only enough lines to enable them to place the corner posts, and after the base line is established the sections are run to each other in such a manner that the running of 160 chains will survey a section into quarter sections. Each party in the field easily averaged 60 chains per day (this is a low average as some of them ran from one to two miles per day), at a cost not exceeding \$25 per day. This brings the cost of the field work to about ten and one-half cents per acre. The cost of mapping, etc., should not bring it over fifteen cents per acre. Why then do the government charge fifty cents per acre? Why does the government ob-

ject to any P. L. S. doing work on Graham Island other than the government surveyor? Has the government of British Columbia by an act of legislation made the British Columbia Association of Public Land Surveyors a closed corporation? Is the government aware that by discriminating against the islands in the price of surveying that they have added an additional burden to the settler other than the extra time of surveying?

Last year the Queen Charlotte Islands contributed \$240,000 to the treasury of the province. This year the government returned to the islands for trails, etc., less than \$5,000. About half the interest on the previous year's revenue and less than what was paid by local parties for advertising in the B. C. Gazette. There are at present about two hundred settlers who by taking up pre-emptions on the islands have entered into contracts with the government aggregating \$50,000. Add to that the sale of land on the eastern portion of Graham Island, alone \$75,000. When the government goes into the towns to business they do not hesitate to return a goodly portion of the proceeds from the sale of lots into the hands of the settlers, but when the settler asks for a road or trail he is informed that there is no money available this year; you will get it next year, and in the meantime the money of the year has not come. Mr. McBride in his speech at Skidegate last September informed us, and in a manner calculated to remove all doubt from the minds of his hearers, that the present government was one of the people, and for the people, yet behold their works do show them as a bunch of incompetents. All the settler on the islands wants is a fair field and no favor. He is there with the goods.

Skidegate, B. C. SETTLER.

ISLAND LEAGUE WILL MEET HERE SATURDAY

A. O. F. Team Has Applied for Admission, Making Five Teams.

A most important football meeting will be held at the Driard hotel on Saturday night next, when the delegates from the Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Esquimalt, Victoria West and the A. O. F. teams meet to consider the Island League schedule.

The admission of the A. O. F. eleven into the league is the first cause of the schedule being reconsidered and accepted by the club's entry will be taken up. The entry will cause the schedule drawn up at the last meeting of the league to be abandoned and a new one to include the games of the A. O. F. substituted.

The meeting being held in Victoria will give the delegates an opportunity to confer with the B. C. A. A. U. officials on the question of leaving the B. C. A. A. U. and playing the Island league this year under the Old Country rules.

The Island league met a month ago and accepted articles from the Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Victoria West and Esquimalt teams. Since that meeting the A. O. F. team has decided to enter and representation having been made, the entry will be considered, and no doubt accepted. The only opposition that could be shown to it being the additional trips of the Esquimalt team to the city. Against this, however, both Nanaimo and Ladysmith will have extra gates in their home towns which will serve to equalize what was looked on as unfair in the past. The Regiment wanted to enter a team in the Island league, the entry being turned down.

The fact that the meeting is being held in Victoria will give the officials of the B. C. A. A. U. residing here an excellent opportunity to get together with the football men and come to some settlement of the matter as to whether the Island league will stay by the union or otherwise.

STORM DELAYS STEAMER.

Vessel Forced to Lie Off Columbia River for Twenty-Four Hours.

Astoria, Ore., Nov. 23.—The steamer Kansas City came in this morning after lying outside since yesterday morning on account of the high winds, and arrived off the mouth of the Columbia river yesterday for the flood tide, and her master judged it best not to try to pass in until a favorable opportunity. The passengers had a rough time during the twenty-four hours that she rode out the gale, but beyond the unpleasantness of the experience nothing untoward has happened.

ASTOR'S MISSING YACHT.

New York, Nov. 23.—The confidence of friends that Colonel John Jacob Astor's palatial yacht, the Nourmahal, last heard from on November 5th, when those aboard wrote from Kingston, that they were leaving for Ponce, Porto Rico, is not felt in shipping circles. Marine men declare that had the yacht been safe it would have reported long ago. Conflicting reports continue to come in to-day, but none contains definite information.

DEATH OF BARON DE REUTER.

London, Nov. 23.—Baron George de Reuter, who founded Reuter's Telegram Company and brother of the present Baron de Reuter, managing director of Reuter's, died yesterday. The widow is Maud, daughter of John Peter, of Philadelphia, who married Baron George in 1881. She has two young sons.

SEEKING NEW TRIAL.

New York, Nov. 23.—Martin W. Little, counsel for W. Moore, the convicted banker, argued a motion for a new trial before the United States court of appeals yesterday, alleging promiscuous drinking among the members of the jury which convicted Moore. The court reserved decision.

DALLAS ROAD MUST WAIT

COUNCIL TO ASK GOVERNMENT TO ACT

City Seeking Aid in Work of Protecting Foreshore From the Sea.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The wind and waves will kindly notice that nothing further is to be done by them during the present winter in the way of tearing down the foreshore on Dallas road until such time as the city council of Victoria has received replies from the Ottawa government and the provincial government in accordance with the following recommendation of the streets, sewers and bridges committee:

"Recommended that the Dominion and provincial governments be communicated with, with the view of soliciting their co-operation and financial assistance in the city's endeavor to protect the foreshore along Dallas road from the ravages of the sea."

This action on the part of the city council is in response to an urgent request from Senator Macdonald that something be done immediately to augment the present facilities for protecting the foreshore, which is being eaten away at a most alarming rate in consequence of the heavy storms.

The senator asked that a further barrier be erected outside of the present concrete wall, but the council will hardly take any action until replies have been received from the two governments, and the general impression of the members of the board is that nothing will be done until the new council has been elected.

Other recommendations made by the streets, sewers and bridges committee were as follows:

Recommended that the appointment of any official who may be deemed necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of the "water by-law" insofar as it relates to the supervision of services and domestic water supply, be left to the discretion of the respective city of plumbing and sewerage and that such official be directly and solely under the control of, and responsible to, the inspector of plumbing and sewerage.

Recommended that tender be made by the city treasurer to the property owners on Oak Bay avenue, from whom land is expropriated for the widening of the said avenue, of the respective city of plumbing and sewerage and that such official be directly and solely under the control of, and responsible to, the inspector of plumbing and sewerage.

Recommended that tenders be called for the paving of Broad street from Government street to Cormorant street and Pandora street from Government to Douglas streets, and the city engineer instructed to prepare the necessary specifications for the work.

Recommended that subdivided plan of lot 27, registered plan No. 268, Finlayson estate, be approved by the council.

Recommended that the city solicitor be instructed to take the necessary legal steps to complete the purchase of certain lands in Spring Ridge from John Haggerty, under the terms of the option appearing in the purchase price the cost of any material that has been taken off the property since the said option was given, the land to be purchased being as shown on a plan in the engineer's office.

The city engineer, water commissioner and city solicitor, to whom had been referred the complaint of Thornton Bell regarding the freeing of the water main in front of his premises on Ford street, reported that Mr. Bell evidently misunderstood the matter. Mr. Bell was asked to lower his own pipe and not that belonging to the city, as he was referred to think.

The request of Watson Clark for permission to erect a cow byre within the city limits at Oaklands was granted, the building inspector having reported that the same would not constitute a nuisance.

SALVAGE WORK ON STEAMER STRATHCONA

Doubt Expressed as to Possibility of Getting Stern-wheel Off.

Work of salvaging the steamer Strathcona has commenced, but may not succeed, according to advice received from New Westminster. The vessel ran on a snag in the Fraser river in the neighborhood of Pavey's landing, and the snag was cut by her fast. She was loaded with farm produce to the value of about \$500, all of which has been submerged for several days and will be spoiled. There was also some livestock aboard, which was taken off.

The vessel lies in a very dangerous condition, sixty feet from shore. The government snagboat Samson and a gang of twenty men are engaged in the salvage work.

WATTEL GETS DECISION.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 23.—