

Endorsed The Ticket

The Opposition Candidates Declare Against Party Lines in Provincial Affairs.

Strong Speeches Opposing the Government and in Support of the Ticket.

The Philharmonic Hall was well filled last night upon the occasion of the anti-party line convention. Some delay was occasioned by the failure of the electric lighting apparatus to work and it was almost 9 o'clock before the meeting was called to order.

The chair was occupied by ex-Mayor Redfern, who said in opening that the meeting had not been called in hostility to the four opposition candidates.

Mr. Redfern—Well, I think they will. He understood that all the candidates had agreed to oppose the introduction of Dominion party lines in provincial affairs.

Major Williams said he would move a resolution looking to the welding of those who opposed Mr. Martin into a unit. It was as follows:

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Col. Gregory seconded the resolution. He believed it essential that those who oppose Mr. Martin should render it possible for a union of forces. Although a Liberal and an opponent of Mr. Martin he could not support the opposition candidates selected by a convention pledged to party lines.

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said that what they were called together to do was to band together to defeat the Martin government. This was not the case. The supreme object in view was if Mr. Martin was defeated would they oppose the formation of a government on party lines?

Mr. Helmecken said he would carry out the resolution. Mr. Howell—Why insert the word "primarily?"

Richard Hall said his selection by a large majority at a Conservative convention over a Conservative as a candidate had settled the question of party lines. He failed to see the relevancy of introducing party lines in provincial affairs.

The only result of such a step would be to give the control to political bosses. It would be of little benefit to the Dominion, and certainly of none to the province. He and his colleagues were out to down the Martin government. Whatever might be the failings of Mr. McPhillips in reference to party lines he was loyal to the opposition party line.

Mr. Helmecken came forward to say that Mr. McPhillips and Mr. Turner were both heartily in accord with the resolution. Gordon Hunter said that the meeting had found out at last where the candidates stood.

The question was not whether government ownership was good but whether the private ownership of the government by McPhlins and Martin was a good thing. It was a question of government by a Populist, who was rotten to the core.

A derelict politician set of irresponsible politicians to register his decrees was not the man for British Columbia. The most unreasonable Liberal was as much interested in this as the most rabid Tory. It was a great mistake to institute the campaign under any flag.

The convention at which the opposition ticket was selected should have been a distinctly anti-Martin convention. The result of sending forward gentlemen with Conservative banners in their hands was to alienate the Liberal vote, which would not go to Mr. Martin.

Until these gentlemen had declared themselves as they had to-night he declined to give them his sympathy. He intended now to do all in his power to put an end to the usurpation which had taken place in the local government. The small representation of British Columbia at Ottawa and the remoteness of the province from the capital were urged by the speaker as reasons for failing to introduce party lines.

To keep the local government in line with the authorities at Ottawa was to reduce it to a state of vassalage. He moved that the meeting extended its hearty support and undertook to ensure their election. The resolution was seconded by E. V. Bodwell, who said that while he had never had any doubt on the matter the meeting had cleaned away any false impressions which might have existed.

Mr. Howell rose and said that while he accepted the statement of Messrs. Helmecken and Hall, yet he would like some assurance that Mr. McPhillips had changed his attitude to the party line question.

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The Admiral To Assist

In Making the Naval and Military Pageant of the Celebration a Success.

The Council Vetoes the Recommendation for Concerts at Beacon Hill Park.

At the meeting of the City Council last night Mayor Hayward announced that in an interview given him by Capt. Starten, of H.M.S. Arctura, representing Admiral Beament, the captain stated that the admiral had readily fallen in with the suggestions of the celebration committee regarding the review and naval and military display. He promised to send every available man ashore, which would be about 1,300 men.

The pageant will be held at Macaulay Point, the objections to Beacon Hill being insuperable. It will be held on Thursday, May 24th, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

There was a full representation of the civic solons at last night's meeting. The first business was the reception of communications which were dealt with as follows:

From C. H. Holland, asking time to write to the owner of the condemned building on View street, who resides in England. Granted.

From A. Green, complaining of the uneven condition of the sidewalk in front of 180 Cook street, and from Robert J. Porter, calling attention to the need of sewer on the eastern end of engineer street. Referred to the city engineer for report.

From Ian St. Clair, requesting permission to moor a bathing pavilion at the foot of Pleasant street. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Ald. Kinsman, Williams and Hall.

From L. C. Rayner, protesting against paying sewer rent for a surface drain on the opposite side of the street. Referred to the city engineer.

From W. Brewer, asking for a reply to communications addressed to the council since January, requesting an appropriation for the advertising of the mineral resources of Vancouver Island in the Engineering and Mining Journal, in view of the consideration of the maintenance of the British Columbia office of the journal. Referred to finance committee.

From Water Commissioner Raymur, referring to Mr. Mantons' application for the extension of the water system to his house on Landsdowne avenue, which would require 300 feet of 4-inch pipe at a cost of \$200, and as the revenue of the one hour amounting to 60 cents per day would scarcely pay. He recommended that the work be not done. Received and filed.

Wiring Inspector J. H. Spurling sent a list of stores and houses inspected by him. Received and filed. A petition was received from G. Bagshaw, Smith and Salmon, gardeners at Ross Bay, asking exemption from the by-law referring to the watering of lots. The limited hours now in force caused them to work earlier and later than they otherwise would. No more would be used if the hours were extended to 60 cents per day. Referred to the cemetery committee for report.

The special committee reported as follows: Gentlemen—Your special committee having considered the undermentioned subject beg to report and recommend as follows: That \$2,000 feet 4 water main be laid on Moss street southerly from Fairfield road as already decided by the council, and that a two-inch pipe be laid from present pipe on Lover's Lane westerly along Snowdon avenue to Adelaide street, and south-easterly along Adelaide street to Dalby's house; if funds will permit, a pipe to be laid from Moss street easterly along Snowdon street to Mr. Shanks' property, the 2-in. pipe now on Moss street to be used as far as possible.

That the petitioners on Dalme avenue and Fourth street be informed that the council regrets that funds will not allow of the extension of water mains in their district this year. W. G. CAMERON, STUART, JOHN KINSMAN.

Ald. Yates brought up the question of the extension of the water system to the Cliff House, where the well water was unsanitary. A two-inch pipe could be laid from the end of the 4-inch main on Moss street to supply the Clover Point hotel.

Ald. Cameron pointed out that the city had not funds to do two jobs in that district, and do them well. It was better to use 4-inch pipe and make a good job as far as it would go. The report was adopted.

A special committee, consisting of Ald. Yates, Hall and Kinsman, was appointed to ascertain the cost of laying the pipe to the Cliff House. The cemetery committee reported on the communication sent in some time ago by E. H. Helmecken, recommending the appropriation of \$150 for work in the fences, etc. in the old cemetery on Quadra street. Carried.

The park committee reported as follows: Gentlemen—Your park committee having considered the undermentioned subject beg to report and recommend as follows: Be had concerts at Beacon Hill, that as Bandmaster Finn, of the Fifth Regiment band, has declined to play at Beacon Hill park unless he takes all concerts, we recommend to the city council the acceptance of the offer of the Victoria City band to play five concerts at Beacon Hill park for the appropriation of five hundred dollars.

Your committee would further recommend that in the contract with the above band a provision should be inserted reserving to the council the right to arrange for three or four of the proposed concerts being given on certain week-day evenings in place of the first concert on Sunday afternoon. The first concert to commence on Sunday afternoon, May 27th, weather permitting and that a contract be at once drawn up and signed to that effect.

JOHN HALL, J. STUART, YATES. Ald. Yates spoke in favor of the con-

certs being given on Sunday at the park. He and Ald. Cameron were sorry that the Fifth Regiment band had not seen fit to meet the offer of the council. The mayor took occasion to compliment the public spirit of the Fifth Regiment band.

Ald. Beckwith thought that the laying of water mains, sidewalks, etc., should be considered before the council were justified in appropriating money for music. It was a pity that, if the appropriation was to be made that it should be given to competitors of the Fifth Regiment band.

Ald. Brydon would not sign the report on a matter of principle, but he wanted information as to number of pieces in the new band, ability, etc., and Ald. Cameron spoke on the lines of Ald. Beckwith's remarks. While not objecting to music or concerts on Sunday, he thought there were other needs of the city greater than music.

The report was lost on the casting vote of the mayor. The division was as follows: Ayes, Ald. Hall, Coolie, Yates, Stewart and Williams. Noes, Ald. Beckwith, Brydon, Cameron, Kinsman and the mayor.

The mayor was not objecting to the concerts he said, but to the treatment of the Fifth Regiment band.

Ald. Yates said he would retire from the park committee if this is the way its recommendations were to be treated. The electric light committee accepted the tender of G. C. Hinton & Co. for electrical supplies at \$27,000.

The committee recommended the appropriation for current expenses of \$778.48. The city engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following: Communication from Thos. Hooper on behalf of Messrs. W. A. Wilson, re city's portion of sidewalk and curbing in front of the Victoria hotel on Government and Johnson streets. I may say that portions of the above walk on Government and Johnson streets. I may say that portions of the above walk on Government street were constructed before the commencement of my duties here, but that the above mentioned work was done after the above mentioned time. I would therefore recommend the usual refund be made; the amount for Johnson street, \$25.70.

Communication from David Russell, re disposal of sink water from his house on Hook Bay avenue, in visiting the locality. I find it impossible to drain towards the street, without having a covered pipe or box for an outlet. I would therefore recommend that this be done at an early date. Three hundred and fifty feet of pipe, 6-in., including connections, etc., estimated cost, \$140.

Re sidewalk on David street. The city engineer has examined the locality in question, and recommends no action. The following is an approximate estimate of sewer extension, which was referred to me from the streets, bridges and sewers committee for report: Quadra street, between Yates and Mason streets, 10-in. pipe with manholes, etc.; estimated cost, \$1,150. Quadra street, between Mason and Frederick streets, 3-in. pipe, manholes, etc.; estimated cost, \$1,300. The following pipes will be required to complete the proposed sewer extension for this season, 600 feet 8-in. pipe; 300 feet 9-in. pipe; 900 feet 10-in. pipe.

C. H. TOPP, City Engineer. The report was as usual laid on the table until the meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

Ald. Beckwith moved: "Whereas the council has been advised that the fee of the disputed portion of the Craigflower road, in blocks N and P, still remains vested in the Crown, be it resolved that the provincial government be respectfully requested to convey said lands with other disposition of the said land to the corporation of the city of Victoria as will enable and empower the said corporation to use the same as a road."

Ald. Kinsman immediately moved an amendment, asking that in the event of a settlement the property owners be compensated for taxation as compound interest; and this had the effect of killing the motion, as though the amendment was not carried, the original motion fell with it.

Ald. Kinsman, seconded by Ald. Williams, moved: "That to add the following to the motion: And in the event of the provincial government so conveying said land to the city and the city continuing to use and maintain same as a public road, that, as a matter of justice, the necessary steps be taken at the provincial government to request the owners of lots in Victoria to said owners the respective owners of lots in Victoria through which Craigflower road passes) the amounts of taxes paid by them for and on account of the portions of said lots included in the Craigflower road, with interest compound thereon, and that the provincial government be requested to refund in like manner to said owners the amounts of taxes collected by them for said land, prior to the extension of the city limits, with compound interest."

Ald. Beckwith explained, in answer to a question, that it was understood that compensation would be given to those who had paid taxes on the land. Ald. Beckwith said the council had made a mistake in going outside their own legal advisors to get an opinion. It was a question that should be decided by the courts. Solicitors' opinions are nothing more than opinions, and until there was a proper decision it should be left alone.

Ald. Kinsman read from an order from Hon. Carter-Cotton, when Commissioner of Lands and Works, in which he said the road was situated in the municipal limits of Victoria and outside the jurisdiction of the government. Mr. Bodwell was only a lawyer, and the fact that he says a thing is so, does not make it so. The folks bought the land in '61, paid it and paid taxes until the city took it over. Why was the government collecting taxes on the lots? Regarding the reference to the government, Ald. Kinsman said there was no government. Some of the aldermen pointed out the fact that there was a government, and the aldermen continued: "The people of Victoria don't know the difference between here. He was the government as far as Victoria was concerned. All he had to do was to vote for it in the council and go into another room and say yes, it's all right."

Ald. Beckwith pointed out that his motion was not intended to deprive anyone of their rights. His motion was intended to cause a settlement of the vexed question. Ald. Yates thought that it was the best means of settling the difficulty. Ald. Kinsman's amendment was solely to hamper the motion. The road was never given to those holding lots in the Crown-grants ad titles from the H. B.

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Co. He was quite willing that those who had paid taxes be recompensed. The amendment and motion were both lost on a tie vote. On the motion of Ald. Brydon the action of the council regarding the opening of Linden avenue was reconsidered and the offer of Heisterman & Co. to pay \$190 towards the cost of opening the street accepted.

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NEW RAILWAY COMPANY.

Ottawa, May 15.—The railway committee of the House of Commons this morning reported in favor of a bill to incorporate the Canada National Railway & Transportation Company, which proposes building a road from Collingwood to Toronto. The bill was fiercely fought by the promoters of the Toronto Georgian Bay Railway Company, a rival company backed by Toronto financiers. The former is backed by Americans and Canadians.

STABBED BY HIS WIFE.

(Associated Press.) Kansas City, Mo., May 16.—As the result of a family quarrel, Thomas H. Moss lies at the city hospital dangerously wounded from being stabbed by his wife with a pair of scissors. One of the blades entered Moss' right side, and penetrated the lower part of the lung. Physicians say he may die. Mrs. Moss is locked up at the police headquarters.

NIOARAGUAN BILL.

Washington, May 14.—The Senate committee on the inter-oceanic canal to-day ordered a favorable report on the Nicaragua bill as it passed the House.

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