DALLAS SEA WALL PROVES CONUNDRUM

QUESTION OF ALTERING THE WHOLE SCHEME

Mayor Denies Any Responsibility in Matter and Blames Engineer

The need for drastic alterations in the plans under which the Dallas road sea wall is being constructed was disclosed at last evening's meeting of the city council and incidentally the mayor gave expression to the opinion that he had no confidence in the city engineer. After a protracted discussion, during which Ald. Humber declared that the council should order the work stopped pending a revision of the plans for the wall, it was decided to await a special report from Edward Mohun, C.E., of the public works department. The matter came up on the reading of a report from the city engineer, who had been asked for an accurate estimate of the cost under the amended plans.

He reported that to make an estimate would require the sinking of many test holes, at an expense of from $1,500 to $2,000. The original specifications provided for additional work to be done on a unit basis, so much per square yard, and to go deeper with the foundations would add some $9,000 to $12,000 to the original estimate of cost. It would depend on how deep the foundations would have to go, but he believed that the ultimate cost would be within the $95,000 available.

On the report of the engineer having been read, Ald. Moresby said he had been asked by Ald. Langley, who was unavoidably absent, to state that Mr. Mohun of the public works department, was preparing a special report on the wall and that the same would be ready for the next meeting of the council. He therefore asked that the engineer's report stand over.

Ald. Humber was of the opinion that the work should cease at once. "If you don't look out," declared the alderman, "you will have another Smith's Hill reservoir on your hands." He said the mayor knew that the plans were faulty.

The mayor explained that he had visited the scene of the work the other day and then instructed the engineer to limit the amount of work being done until they could make sure that the plans were going to prove satisfactory. The engineer had told him that the plans were all right. The work was being rushed by the contractors, the Pacific Coast Construction Company. He agreed with Ald. Humber that the work should be stopped, and could not see the advantage of waiting for another report.

Ald. Bishop thought a concrete wall should be built. At the same time he warned the board to beware of another lawsuit.

The mayor, replying to some observations from Ald. Humber, said the plans had never appealed to him.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton—And yet you passed them and signed the contract.

The Mayor—Yes; the council having decided to retain the services of the city engineer against my advice I had no other course to follow. I may add that I am still of the same opinion in respect to the qualifications of the city engineer.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton—It is somewhat strange that only the other day you were prepared to accept the advice of this same engineer in the matter of drawing specifications for some $2,000,000 worth of paving work.

The Mayor—Certainly, certainly.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton—You are always trying to create the impression that the council is trying to overrule your wishes. That is not the case as far as the present board is concerned. I wish that to go on record.

The Mayor—The fact remains that whoever is placed in the position of city engineer you must stand by his advice as long as he is in office. But I won't take any responsibility in respect to the plans for the Dallas road sea wall.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton—You didn't veto the decision of the council on that occasion. (Laughter.)

Alderman Okell advocated stopping work, stating that some competent local contractors asserted that the wall will not answer the purpose for which it is being built. There had been some correspondence between the city engineer and contractors relative to extra work, which should be before the council. He understood that a large figure was being paid for additional excavation work, and he criticized the frequent changes in the plans.

Mayor Morley believed that to stop work would be showing a want of confidence in the engineers, both city and provincial, while such a step would mean an action for damages on the part of the contractors.

T. Stedham, a member of the Pacific Coast Construction Company, to whom the contract was let, was present in the council chamber. He stated that his firm would not object to closing down for a week, but certain of the company's employees would have to be kept on, and the city would have to pay their wages—about $20 a day.

Ald. Gleason advocated continuing with the work and accepting the advice of the engineers.

It was finally decided to let the matter stand over pending the receipt of Mr. Mohun's report.

PASSENGERS IN MONOPLANE.

Bethany, France, March 11.—M. Buison, in a monoplane yesterday made record flights with four passengers of 25 kilometres in 17 minutes, 23 seconds, an average speed of 95 kilometres an hour.

The world has seven Bibles. They are the Koran, of the Mohammedans; the Eddas, of the Scandinavians; the Triptaka, of the Budhists; the Five Kings, of the Chinese; the Three Vedas, of the Hindus; the Zendavesta, and the Christian Scriptures.

SPOKANE'S NEW CIVIC COMMISSION

Former Vancouver Pastor Tells of New Regime—Power of Board

Rev. W. J. Hindley, Congregational minister, student of economy and sociology, and enthusiast in manly sports, who was elected last Tuesday a member of the commission board of Spokane, and who is spending a few days at his former home in Vancouver, favored the Vancouver News-Advertiser with an enlightening explanation of the new system under which the inland empire city will be governed. Mr. Hindley says that the Spokane charter goes farther than that of Des Moines in several important respects, and the outcome of its trial is looked forward to by economists with a good deal of interest.

The Spokane board of commission consists of five members; a commissioner of public affairs, who will be the mayor; a commissioner of public safety who will have charge of the fire, police and health departments, etc.; a commissioner of finance, whose title describes his office; a commissioner of public utilities, who will have charge of all departments under that head, including any private enterprises which may at any time be taken over by the city, and a commissioner of public works, including streets, city improvements, etc. The only departments which are not in charge of one of these five commissioners are the park board, which is appointed by them and includes one of their members, and the board of education, which is elected by the people.

The title of mayor is entirely an honorary one, and carries no special power or veto with it. Nominally, he is the spokesman representative, and chairman of the board. The salaries of all five are the same, $5,000 per year, and ordinances will be passed by a majority vote. Each member is entirely responsible for the conduct of his own office, and no other commissioner has any voice in it, but the head of any department may be removed by a majority vote of the board.

The initiative, referendum and recall are embodied in the charter, and may be exercised at any election at the will of 15 per cent. of the voters, or a special election may be called at the request of 20 per cent. The mayor is elected by the board at its first official meeting, which takes place next Tuesday.

Mr. Hindley has been for seven years the pastor of Plymouth church at Spokane, and before that was for a year pastor of the Congregational church in this city. Last November, his term having expired, and chafing somewhat under the confinement of a residential pastorate, he retired, and since then devoted his time to lectures and educational matters, until he became a candidate for commissioner.

The largest popular vote does not necessarily carry the mayoralty with it, and as Mr. Fairley, who headed the poll, has his mind fixed on becoming commissioner of finance, Mr. Hindley expects to be elected to that office at the first meeting of the board.

TRIAL OF MEMBERS OF THE CAMORRA

Threats of Death Results in Flight of Number of Witnesses

Viterbo, Italy, March 11.—Forty-one members of the Camorra, Italy's brigand organization that has scourged the country for centuries, face trial to-day for murder. In spite of the precautions of the authorities, the terror of the Camorrist name has caused the mysterious departure of several witnesses and of two prospective jurors. The police admit that witnesses have been intimidated and many of the important ones threatened with death have vanished.

The specific crime is the murder of Genarro Cuocuoli and his wife in 1906. Enrici Alfono, leader of the band near Viterbo, with his confederates, will be on trial. Cuocuoli, a former member of the Camorra, betrayed the secrets of the organization and is said to have publicly slapped the face of Alfono. The man was lured to Torre Del Crecio and slain. Simultaneously Signora Cuocuoli was murdered while she slept in an inn at Naples.

Alfono and his confederates were arrested, but were released when Father Vitozzi, godfather of Alfono, swore he knew the murderers and gave their names. Three men arrested proved an alibi and the priest was questioned. Then it was learned that he also was a Camorrist. The authorities worked several years in rounding up Alfono and his men. Infantrymen will aid the police in preserving order in the court room.

HARDWARE MEN MEET.

New Westminster, March 10.—At the annual banquet of the B. C. Hardware Men's Association held at the Odd Fellows' hall officers were elected as follows: H. C. Martin, Vancouver, president; J. C. Payne, North Vancouver, 1st vice-president; Geo. Blakeley, New Westminster, 2nd vice-president; Messrs. C. K. Snell, W. R. Owen, J. Kennedy and Geo. Moscrop, all of Vancouver and T. B. Bryson, New Westminster, were elected directors.

In the evening the delegates were entertained at the Royal cafe, at which speeches were made by Messrs. R. P. McLennan, R. S. Anderson, W. Clark, Mr. Drake, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Ogilvie, W. R. Owen, S. B. Lusby, H. H. Wells, W. C. Birdsall, and Messrs. Drake, Parsons, Payne and Ogilvie.

OARSMEN STILL ON LOOKOUT FOR SITE

Plans for Securing of New Quarters Revived—Secretary Enthusiastic

With the advent of the new secretary, W. N. Kennedy, the plans for the coming boating season and the securing of new quarters are expected to boom in J. B. A. A. club circles. Not that the former secretary, Vince Grey, lacked energy, for the very opposite is true. Mr. Grey has been so busy and has been forced to be out of town so much, that he found he could not devote the time he thought necessary to the work of the club, and on that account felt compelled to resign.

Mr. Kennedy, however, has more time to spare, and will put himself heart and soul into his new task, not only assisting in every way possible in making this season a record one but also in paving the way for the increased growth of the club in membership and variety of sports taken up. Mr. Kennedy, expressing his opinion on the question of new quarters, states that they are an absolute necessity. The present building is in no way adequate to accommodate the ever increasing number of men and boys who are seeking entry into the club.

Some time ago the club was negotiating for the ground floor in the Dominion Trust Company's new building, but finally such terms were offered that they did not deem it advisable to continue negotiations further. The matter was then dropped for awhile, but now Mr. Kennedy and the trustees appointed to arrange for the new site announce that they will get down to work immediately, and before the month is out expect to have all plans completed for securing new and more commodious quarters, equipped in the most up-to-date style.

TRAVELLERS MEET.

Officers for Year Elected by Grimmen—Preparing for Convention Here in May.

The Victoria Council 434, United Commercial Travellers, held the annual meeting Friday night, elected officers and commenced to prepare for the commercial travellers' convention to be held here May 19 and 20.

The elected officers are: Senior counsellor, J. M. Hughes; past counsellor, S. P. Moody; junior counsellor, P. G. Culpid; secretary-treasurer, E. M. McConnan; conductor, S. H. de Carteret; page, P. B. Hallett; sentinel, V. K. Gray; executive committee, W. P. Bassett, W. S. Nason.

The rank of past councillor was conferred upon Secretary E. M. McConnan, who for three years has been the secretary of the association. The reports of sub-committees on the convention in May were received, and these found to be satisfactory. The finance committee has been successful in preparing for the entertainment of the visitors, but a thorough canvass will be made during next week to collect funds.

RUSSIAN METHODS.

Helsingfors, March 11.—Russia's disastrous work in Finland goes on apace with a cynical indifference to the feelings of the people. The latest evidence of this is an amazing appointment which has just been made by the Russian authorities.

Some time ago the Vibork police chief was dismissed, and he has been succeeded by Herr Pekoner, whose qualifications for the post are distinctly original, for during the Borbrikoff period he was a police official who participated actively in several anti-Finnish transactions.

When the so-called constitutional government returned in 1906, he was tried and condemned for forgery, and further sentenced to imprisonment for making illegal arrests. Thanks to the distribution of palm oil, he contrived to escape to St. Petersburg, where he lived for some time under an assumed name.

But the Russian authorities resumed the Borrikoffian policy last year, and Pekoner was able to return safely to Finland without having to serve his sentence. And he was actually "compensated" for his "sufferings" to the tune of $3250 out of state funds from the Russianized Senate.

BANK TELLER ROUTS TWO HOLD-UP MEN

(Special to the Times.)

Wyoming, Ont., March 11.—As C. R. Weaver, the teller of the Bank of Toronto here, stepped into his room over the bank this morning he was confronted by a masked man, who, armed with a revolver, called upon him to throw up his hands. Weaver jumped at the man, wrenching his revolver from him. A companion of the hold-up man then sprang to the rescue. After about a minute's struggling Weaver succeeded in freeing himself and securing his revolver opened fire through on opening in the floor of his room, which is directly above the front of the safe. After firing a shot in return the robbers fled. Weaver fired three shots in all. A small office safe was found open, but nothing was taken.

MINER ELECTROCUTED.

Wallace, Idaho, March 11.—Walking through a tunnel in the Morning Mine last night, Bert Thowser, a miner aged 28, was instantly killed when the drill which he carried touched a live power transmission wire overhead and sent 4,000 volts of electricity through his body.

Fish are great liars. That is probably the reason why fine-looking bait tempt so many of them to destruction. A single blue fish has been known to kill and devour te cod each as big as himself in rapid succession.

INSURGENT LEADER REPORTED WOUNDED

Former Mexican Officer Says 600 Men Were Killed In Recent Battle

El Paso, Texas, March 11.—Francisco Madero, wounded and possibly dying, is secreted in a house in El Paso, according to a former captain in the Mexican army, who says he rescued Madero after the insurrectos "met their Waterloo" in the battle of Casas Grandes.

The Mexican officer arrived here this afternoon with an account of the battle. He declared that 200 insurgents and 400 federals were killed. The captain's statement does not coincide with reports received through couriers by the rebel junta here.

Rebels Advancing.

San Diego, Cal., March 11.—Telephone messages from Tia Juana, Mexico, said information has been received there that insurrectos from Maroon Rancho were advancing to an attack on the city. Gendarmes when ordered to the front refuse to go and a posse of farmers left this afternoon to witness the expected attack.

Under Martial Law.

Mexico City, March 11.—A form of martial law was inaugurated to-day when the government decided to discontinue constitutional guarantees throughout the republic. This permits summary military action to displace civil trials where persons are accused of having destroyed the property of railroads or public service corporations.

No Privileges for Japan.

Washington, March 11.—The Mexican embassy this afternoon made public the following telegram from Foreign Minister Creel:

"You may emphatically deny that a naval station and special privileges in the Tehuantepec railroad have been granted to Japan. Please convey my thanks to President Taft for his friendly attitude. Mexico could expect nothing else from a country which has been friendly for so many years.

"I am ordering President Taft's message published so that the good-will of the American government will be understood and also its desire to comply with international obligations."

CROW'S NEST PASS COAL COMPANY

Annual Report Best in History of Concern—Outlook is Promising

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, March 11. — Elias Rogers presided at the annual meeting of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company. A dividend of 1 per cent., the third since last August, was passed.

The president stated that when analyzed, the report was the best in the history of the company, with an inspiring outlook. The company's payroll last year aggregated nearly $2,500,000. The board of directors was elected as follows: Elias Rogers, president; E. C. Whitney, V. P.; H. M. Given, H. P.; Dr. Howland, J. G. Graves, W. H. Robinson and Colonel Clough.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

The fog bells at Prospect and Brockton Points, at the entrance to Vancouver harbor, will be altered on or about the first of April, so as to give a blow every five seconds instead of every twenty seconds, as at present.

CHINESE FAMINE FUND.

Additional Sums From Some Local Contributors Are Acknowledged.

The following sums have been received by the secretary at the Anglican Synod office for the relief of the sufferers in China:

Per Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, St. James, Victoria	$ 2 00
Per Rev. R. Connell, St. Saviour's, Victoria West	5 00
Victoria West Baptist Mission Sunday school	6 00
Mr. and Mrs. Garnet, The Grange, Cobble Hill	10 00

Miss Caroline Macklem, of 1126 Richardson street, asknowledges the following subscriptions:

Mr. Johnson	$ 1 00
"Dorothy"	1 00
Mr. Duncan	.50
Mrs. J. G. Dickson	5 00
Anonymous	9 00
Member of Christ Church Cathedral	.50
Mr. Lichtfield	1 00
Mrs. Raymur	2 00
"Somebody"	.50
Collected by Mrs. Pomfret	5 50
A Friend, Ganges Harbor	2 50
From a poor but loving friend	1 00
Mrs. E. E. Wootton	.50
From an old gentleman	6 00
Catharine John, Victoria	1 00
Collected by Mrs. Pomfret	4 75
Friend	5 00
Mrs. Fane Plummer	1 00
A. W. Jones, Victoria	5 00
Miss Ashton	1 00
F. L. Konig	25 00

Mrs. F. E. Bellmaine, a native daughter of Victoria, who for the past nine years has been living in Australia, arrived in town on Thursday by the Moana, on an extended visit to relatives here. Mrs. Bellmaine is accompanied by her eldest daughter.

In Britain the annual consumption of sugar amounts to 85 pounds for each individual.

BOY RETURNS HOME AFTER LONG JOURNEY

Thirteen-Year-Old Lad Who Disappeared Last Year Reaches Saskatoon

Saskatoon, Sask., March 11.—Young Gordon Cummings, 13 years old, whose disappearance created such a stir in this city about ten months ago, is back home again after wandering or sailing about half way around the world. He enjoyed his experience, too, and there is little doubt that were it not that his family is returning to the Old Country, he would not be contented to settle down to the hubdrum existence of the city life, for the wander lust has got hold of him.

On leaving Saskatoon, Gordon made his way to Vancouver and obtained a position on a boat sailing for Mexico, but she had trouble with her compasses and after being carried over the line beat her way back to Vancouver. The lad then shipped as captain's boy on the Empress of India, and sailed in her on her usual round trip, visiting such places as Yokohama, Hongkong, Shanghai and Nagasaki, and other ports, eventually reaching Vancouver on the return trip on March 3. From Vancouver he paid his transportation to Saskatoon, and is now at home again with his parents, who are receiving the congratulations of their numerous firends on the return of their son, who it was at one time thought must have been kidnapped or fallen in the river. During his tour young Gordon travelled some 15,000 miles, which must be something near a record for a youngster of his age, setting out without any help or assistance from relatives or friends.

PRINGLE-BRAGG.

Pretty Wedding at St. Barnabas Church on Wednesday Last.

A pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at St. Barnabas church by Rev. E. G. Miller, the contracting parties being Mr. Ira Gibson Pringle, of Napanee, Ont., and Miss Lillian Clara Louise Bragg, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bragg, of Fisguard street.

The bride, who was most becomingly gowned in a handsome travelling suit of navy blue French serge and velvet picture hat with large willow plume, carried a bridal bouquet of white carnations and roses. She was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Jennie Collis, who wore a costume of mole colored ladies' cloth with black picture hat and carrying a bouquet of pink carnations.

The groom was attended by Mr. Harry Bragg, brother of the bride. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, only the relatives and intimate friends of the bride and groom being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Pringle afterwards left for Seattle, whence they will travel via the Great Northern through the States and eastern Canada for about six months.

Many handsome and useful presents were received, amongst which was a substantial cheque from the firm of Yates & Jay, where the bride had been stenographer for six years.

DEPOSITORS WILL BE PAID.

Fairbanks, Alaska, March 11.—Capt. E. T. Barnett, president of the defunct Washington-Alaska bank, which went into the hands of a receiver, January 5, and Mrs. Barnett signed an agreement yesterday whereby the depositors in the bank are secured against loss. Capt. and Mrs. Barnett agreed to give trust deeds on property owned by them in Mexico, business property in Fairbanks and interest, rentals and royalties received by them on mining properties.

The agreement also provides that the depositors are to receive six per cent. interest from the date of the closing of the bank until final settlement is made. It is generally believed that the Barnetts will arrange to pay off in full in a short time rather than pay the heavy interest charges.

The depositors have already received a sixteen and two-thirds per cent. dividend from the bank.

A federal grand jury is now investigating the failure. It is estimated that the bank lacks $300,000 of having enough to pay all depositors in full. When the bank failed its liabilities were placed at $1,000,000.

ON MAIDEN VOYAGE.

Cunard Liner Franconia Will Be Largest Vessel to Enter Boston Harbor.

The new Cunard steamer Franconia, now on her maiden voyage, will be the largest vessel that has ever entered Boston harbor, being 625 feet in length, with a breadth of 72 feet. With her sister ship, the Laconia, which is also to come from the yards of Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, at Wallsend-on-Tyne, she is intended for the Boston trade. Her first destination, however, is New York, and to-morrow she will sail from there for a Mediterranean cruise, being due back in Liverpool on April 10. Eight days later her regular Liverpool-Boston service will begin, running alternately with the Ivernie until the completion of the Laconia. Both the Franconia and Laconia are 18,000-ton steamers.

—H. E. Beasley, superintendent of the E. & N. railway company, wrote the city council Friday night asking that the company be given permission to accomodate eight more freight cars in the yards on Store street with platform facilities. There was at present a lack of room and the company was anxious to meet the needs of the merchants of the city in the matter of freight facilities. The letter, on the advice of the mayor, was referred to the engineer, the chairman of the streets committee and the city solicitor for report, the mayor remarking that care should be taken not to create dangerous precedents in the matter of granting privileges to corporations.

PORTLAND COMPANY MEETING CUT RATE

Will Make Bid for Flour Trade to Orient Via Columbia River

Portland, Ore., March 11.—Rates were cut in two by the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company yesterday for the transportation of wheat from Portland to the Far East and a reduction of about 35 per cent. was made for carrying flour from Portland to the various ports beyond the Pacific. The new tariff is $1.50 on wheat and $2.00 a ton on flour. Formerly there was a charge of $3 a ton for the transportation of each of these cereals.

It is said strong pressure was brought to bear by the occasional exporters on R. P. Schwerin, vice-president and general manager of the Portland & Asiatic Steamship company, to meet the new rate which had been put in effect at Puget Sound ports for transporting the cereals across the Pacific.

It is announced that the new tariff will remain in force throughout March and April. If the Northern lines still are quoting low rates, after the expiration of April, it is understood that the same policy will be followed by the Portland & Asiatic company.

KILLS TWO OF CREW.

Chief Officer of Bannockburn Shoots Mutinous Chinese and Wounds Two Others.

Word has reached here that the chief officer of the British steamship Bannockburn was obliged to kill two members of the Chinese crew in self-defence, following the stranding of the vessel near Dover early last week. The Bannockburn was bound out from Antwerp to San Francisco with general cargo for Parrott & Co., when she went ashore at Dover. Later advices state that the Chinese crew rushed the chief officer who produced a revolver and killed two of them. Two others were wounded but the remainder came on and it was only the arrival of the captain and other help that drove the mutineers back.

The Bannockburn is well known here for she brought rails to Prince Rupert last year from Cape Breton, afterwards loading barley at San Francisco for the United Kingdom. On this voyage she was to have come north to load lumber on the Fraser river.

WILL SALVE CARGO.

Ashcroft, March 10.—A party has left Fort George for the ill-fated steamer Chilco. It will be remembered that the Chilco was stranded in the river last fall with a full cargo, the most of which was consigned to W. Blair at Fort George. This party will look over the boat with a view to saving what freight they can before the river breaks up.

ENGLISH BIRDS ARE NOW BEING IMPORTED

Over Two Hundred Songsters to Be Brought From London to Victoria

The bird committee of the Natural Historical Society, at a meeting held Friday, decided to import about twenty dozen song birds from England, to be liberated in the neiborhood of Victoria. The birds chosen were six dozen goldfinches, six dozen brown linnets, six dozen green linnets, and about two dozen English robins. They will be supplied by Whiteleys and will be purchased for the society by J. R. Anderson who is now on his way to London and who is to be asked to have them shipped as soon as possible.

In order to meet the expense of this importation those interested in having these birds brought here are asked to contribute. Over one hundred dollars will be needed, and should the subscriptions to the fund prove sufficient, additional birds will be ordered. Money may be sent to F. Napier Denison, secretary of the association; Harold Nation, treasurer; Arthur S. Barton, chairman of the committee, or to any member of the society. Already a numbr of subscriptions have been promised and some paid.

The committee exercised great care in the choice of varieties, in order not to bring in any which might in the future prove annoying to farmers or fruit growers. Even song thrushes were barred on account of the objections from fruit growers. Skylarks were not included in the list, as the birds which were imported some years ago are doing well, and it was not thought necessary to increase the number at present.

NEW YORK STRIKE.

New York, March 11.—A strike of 1,500 drivers and helpers of the Adams Express Company was called here this afternoon, the men claiming that the company has not fulfilled the terms of an agreement alleged to have been made when the last strike was settled.

No wagons are moving either here or in Hoboken or Jersey City. The men demand recognition of the union. The company is recruiting strike-breakers.

Ten wagons, manned with forty strike-breakers, were attacked by mobs to-day and twelve persons were injured. The Metropolitan police fought with the strikers and their sympathizers to protect the men on the wagons. Police reserves are on duty at all stations.

CITY SOLICITOR WANTS TO APPEAL

DISSATISFIED WITH GREGORY JUDGMENT

Council Opposed to Further Litigation to Test the Liquor By-Law

The city council, at its meeting held on Friday, refused the request of the city solicitor that he be allowed to appeal against the recent decision of Mr. Justice Gregory in the case of the City vs. Levy, whereby the provisions of the Liquor Regulation bylaw limiting the time within which restaurants and hotels shall sell liquor was declared invalid, and this gave rise to an animated debate as to the ability of the solicitor to draft another bylaw. It was finally decided to let the matter stand in abeyance for a week, the mayor promising to post a notice to reconsider the proposal of the solicitor.

On the report of the solicitor being read, Alderman Moresby said he believed that the money which is spent in what he termed useless litigation might better be spent in revising the civic regulations. Each and every time the city had gone to law it had been beaten and there was nothing to show for the money spent. He moved that the solicitor's report on the outcome of the case be received and filed, only Aldermen Gleason and W. H. Fullerton and the mayor favoring an appeal.

Alderman H. E. Fullerton suggested amending the by-law so as to provide that restaurants and hotels shall only sell liquor within certain hours, but the solicitor pointed out that to do so would only be re-enacting the very regulation declared by the court to be invalid. The bylaw must comply with the judgment of the court as handed down by Mr. Justice Gregory unless an appeal upsets that judgment.

Mayor Morley urged that the council uphold its regulations. Unless that be done the council might as well go out of business.

Alderman Moresby believed that the provincial act if properly enforced was all that was necessary. The provincial act is stringent enough and the police could properly enforce it.

Mayor Morley believed that after the aldermen had given the matter further consideration they would agree to an appeal. He promised that before the next meeting he would post a notice to reconsider the decision not to appeal.

The city building inspector refused to grant a permit to Thomas Potter who proposes to erect a $15,000 hotel on the premises now occupied by the saloon, the Lion saloon, on Chambers street, opposite the new George Jay school. The school board has urged upon the city council the necessity of refusing the permit on the ground that no licence should be permitted to exist in the neighborhood of the school. As the licence commissioners have no power to do away with the licence the school board sought to accomplish its purpose in another manner. R. O. Lowe, acting for Mr. Potter, has written the city council protesting against the action of the building inspector, who will be asked for a report.

TO NOME IN MOTOR BOAT

Couple to Leave Seattle on Long Voyage via Inside Route.

Seattle, March 10.—Accompanied by his wife, J. A. Ricker, manager of the Los Angeles branch of Outdoor Life, sporting and outdoor magazine of Denver, Colo., this summer will undertake a trip in a twenty-four-foot gasoline launch from Puget Sound to Nome, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricker will come to Seattle early in June. After two days stop-over here they will sail for Skagway via the "inside route." They will follow the route of the Alaska Steamship company and all officials and masters of that company have been instructed to be on the lookout for them and if necessary render them aid. At Skagway their boat will be hoisted on a flat car of the White Pass & Yukon route, taken over the mountains and launched in the Yukon river, which stream they will follow to St. Michael and cross Norton Sound to Nome, where one of the vessels of the Alaska Steamship company will pick them up and bring them back to Seattle. Arrangements have just been completed by the Alaska Steamship company to handle Mr. and Mrs. Ricker and them in their interesting journey.

While en route they will send telegrams of their progress and also they write and illustrate a series of stories to be published the coming fall and winter.

The trip already is attracting attention from sportsmen, especially those interested in motor boating, and the trip cannot help but widely explode Alaska from the hunting and sportsman's standpoint. The Alaska Steamship Company later will get up a lecture covering the entire trip.

INDIAN SCHOOL DESTROYED

Winnipeg, March 11.—The old Indian industrial school at St. Boniface, for the past four or five years used by the Oblate order, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. The financial loss was about $15,000, partly covered by insurance.

There were fifty students residing in the institution but no one was hurt. The fire originated in the basement furnace and though it spread slowly it completely enveloped the building. It was several hours before the firemen could leave it, as they had but one hydrant to draw water from. The most serious loss is the destruction of the valuable library, containing among other books a dictionary of Indian languages, in manuscript, the result of years of labor, and it is doubtful if it could ever be duplicated.