

Another Half Mill

City Council Decides to Levy That Sum for Street Paving.

Nicholles & Renouf Protest Award of Pumping Machinery Contract.

The most notable feature of last night's session of the council was the passage of a modification of Ald. Beckwith's resolution committing the council to the principle of half a mill extra taxation for the purposes of street paving. The original motion of one mill would have been lost, but Ald. Hall declaring his willingness to consent to a half mill taxation the sponsors of the motion accepted that suggestion, the motion then carrying.

P. B. Seabrooke, in reply to a question from the council, assured them that the cement tender of R. P. Ribbet & Co. was for the same kind of cement as previously furnished by them. He asked that the matter be closed as soon as possible.

The city's cement tender not having arrived it became necessary to defer the matter for some time. The letter was referred to the city engineer with power to act.

A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Co., wrote stating that they had made arrangements to prevent their workmen from leaving the streets in an untidy state in future. Received and filed.

Nicholles & Renouf wrote to the council remonstrating against awarding the contract for machinery for the North Dairy Farm pumping station to the Albion Iron Works Co. The letter was as follows:

Gentlemen:—In regard to the contract for boilers and pump for pumping station, our tender of \$10,600 was the lowest, and as such we respectfully claim that we are entitled to have the contract awarded to us, and we trust you will give our offer full consideration before awarding the contract to any other firm, notwithstanding the recommendation of your committee that it should be given to the Albion Iron Works Company. Our reason for making this request is as follows:

In the first place tenders were originally advertised for to close at 3 p. m. on the 11th of March for three boilers, two pumps and certain fittings. We are creditably advised that the Albion Iron Works Co. did not put in their tender until 7 o'clock of that evening. By all rules therefore they could not in fairness be considered as tenderers. Secondly, it was finally decided to reduce the amount of machinery to two boilers, one pump and certain fittings as per specifications submitted by the Albion Iron Works Co., and to call for new tenders. The Albion Iron Works Co., taking umbrage at your action in making use of their specifications without their consent, gave notice of withdrawal in writing and asked for a return of their cheques, thus cancelling all prices and proposals submitted. Up to the time of the closing of the tenders on the second occasion, Messrs. J. H. Warner & Co. and ourselves were the only firms tendering, and our tender was the lowest. Notwithstanding this, your committee recommended that the contract be awarded to the Albion Iron Works Co. on a tender some \$200 cheaper, which, as above stated, has been cancelled. This action is manifestly unfair to Messrs. Warner & Company and ourselves, for if it was the intention of the city to award this contract to the Albion Iron Works Company, the council was not justified in making a cat's paw of the other firms, besides putting them to the expense necessary to obtain the information upon which to base their tenders. On the other hand, if no such intention existed on the part of the council, it is evident that the long letter of protest and withdrawal from the Albion Iron Works Company was unnecessary and intended to create false impressions. Nevertheless we respectfully submit that the council should be bound by this letter of withdrawal, in which case the Albion Iron Works Company cannot in all fairness be considered as a competitor for the contract. We therefore repeat that we are justly entitled to have the contract awarded to us, and again respectfully urge our claim to fair and proper consideration.

We remain, etc.
(Sgd.) NICHOLLES & RENOUF, Ltd.
Per J. Nicholles, President.

Ald. Stewart—Is the contract signed? The Mayor—No.

Continuing, Ald. Stewart said it wasn't fair to award the contract in the first place as the council had done, but having done so they should not go back on it. He moved that Nicholles & Renouf be informed that the contract had been awarded.

Ald. Cooley seconded the motion, which was carried.

A. McLean, secretary of the Fifth Regiment cricket club, thanked the council for permission to use Beacon Hill grounds.

The Universal Brotherhood Lodge asked the council to renew their subscription to the magazines of the creed. The Mayor observed that the librarian had spoken to him about dropping the subscription and expending the money on magazines which would be more generally read. Referred to the librarian.

A request from Rich. Drake, asking the city to move the sidewalk off lot 255, was referred to the city engineer, while an application from Wm. Humphrey for the position of foreman of the construction of the North Dairy Farm building was laid on the table.

Supt. Hussey informed the council that the government refused to admit Thos. Walshouse to the Provincial Home, as he had lived in Victoria eight years. The Mayor said the man had been maintained by the city for weeks, when he refused to give him aid any longer.

The discussion arising out of this developed the fact that the man mentioned had been a resident of the province for forty years, only four of which he had spent in Victoria, and that he had been recommended to the Provincial Home by a former government, but had refused to go. Received and filed.

Wm. Walker, coal tender, complained that he had received no city work for over a year, and that he had been "shunted for real estate agents."

A motion that the letter be referred to the purchasing agent drew from Ald. Yates a statement that it was not fair to purchase from all agents, as some dealt with more agents than others. The purchasing agent will be instructed to purchase only from the dealers henceforth.

R. B. McMicking, manager of the Telephone Company, asked the council to instruct him of any cases where his workmen left the streets in an untidy condition. Referred to the engineer.

The city engineer reported that he had received a plan of a proposed connection from Mr. Gore's residence on Victoria Crescent. Mr. Gore also wrote offering to pay \$20. The offer was accepted, and the city engineer instructed to make the necessary connection.

The engineer submitted the following report: Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report:

Re Johnson and View street drains, which have been declared combined sewers: I have carefully gone over the ground and find it will be necessary to make the following alterations, as before mentioned, viz.: 4 flushing connections, 2 manholes, traps & catch-basins, together with connected therewith. Estimated cost, \$340. I would respectfully ask that funds be provided at an early date, so that the work can be done before the hot weather sets in.

Re sidewalk on David street, which was referred to me for report from the last meeting: I would recommend about 300 feet of walk be constructed from Bridge street westerly. Estimated cost, \$45. The city carpenter reports and recommends the renewal of sidewalk on Manchester street, west side, between Chatham and Discovery streets. Estimated cost, \$78.

Re Chatham street improvement, between Government and Douglas streets, which has been referred to me as to the nature of the proposed work for the sum of \$200: I may say it will be necessary to construct 300 feet of pipe surface drain. Estimated cost, \$150, the remainder of the appropriation to be spent on graveling the sides of the street, together with filling holes in the centre which may be deemed necessary.

Re James Bay bridge: I would again recommend the above structure be repaired, and especially the sidewalk, as mentioned in my annual report for 1899. Estimated cost, \$45.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer.

Regarding the first clause the engineer was instructed to proceed with the work, the funds to be taken out of sewers rental fund.

The clauses relating to sidewalks were laid over until the meeting of the bridges and streets committee, with the exception of James Bay bridge item.

A strong protest was entered by Mr. Yates against having the fireworks for the celebration at a point which would invite a crowd on to this dangerous structure. He protested emphatically against inviting a crowd on to that bridge to endanger their lives.

Ald. Hall entered his protest also, and Ald. Beckwith took advantage of the chance to urge holding the fireworks at Beacon Hill.

Ald. Cameron said the roadway of the bridge was perfectly safe, and had been submitted to a rigorous test. It would not be difficult to make the sidewalks equally safe.

The engineer was finally instructed to make a thorough inspection of the bridge and report.

The clause relating to the Blanchard street sidewalk was referred to the streets committee.

Electrician Hutchison recommended the purchase of 34 miles of flexible wire and other supplies. Referred to purchasing agent.

A petition was received from residents of View street complaining of a shack on that street. Received and filed and referred to the building inspector for report.

Ed. Malliner applied for the position of superintendent in the construction of the North Dairy Farm building. Laid on the table.

The city engineer submitted plans for a double tramway track for Plagard and Menzies streets. Received and filed.

Tenders for removing the Bacon Hill band stand were received from McLaughlin, McDonald & Co. for \$145; A. O. Roy, \$68, and Robt. Mason, \$100.

Ald. Beckwith suggested accepting the lowest tender.

Ald. Hall said it was impossible for Mr. Roy to put the stand on the same foundation as at present for the sum mentioned.

The Mayor—He should know his business.

Ald. Yates—I am afraid he don't.

The tenders finally went to the park committee and purchasing agent, with power to act.

Tenders for removing the old Pt. Ellice bridge were opened as follows: A. E. McDonald, \$2,200; J. F. Morgan, \$2,300; A. O. Roy, \$2,100; W. E. Losee, \$200, and take all the material away; for \$400 and place all the iron on any wharf, the iron to become the city's property; D. R. Harris, \$1,848.65.

The great disparity between Mr. Losee's tender and that of the others formed the subject of a great deal of comment, the Mayor saying he thought that gentleman's figures nearer the right thing than the others. Many of the aldermen, however, thought that Mr. Losee knew his business.

Ald. Brydon thought there was a mistake, and he wanted the tenders referred to a special committee.

Ald. Stewart said that \$1,800 was exorbitant, and if Mr. Losee was mistaken he would favor the city taking down the bridge itself. He was satisfied they could do it for much less than \$1,800.

Ald. Kinsman favored awarding the contract. If the contractor failed to carry out the specifications the council would know where they stood.

The tender was accepted, and falling Mr. Losee's compliance with the specification the bridge will be taken down by day work.

The fire wardens reported that tenders for hose had been received from C. J. V. Sparr for \$115 a foot, and from the Gutter Patch Co. for 95c. They recommended the purchase of 900 feet from the latter firm. Adopted.

The committee appointed to consider the curfew by-law asked further time for consideration, but asked that the

police ascertain the names of the parents who allow their children out late on the streets at night. Report adopted.

Ald. Beckwith moved, seconded by Ald. Stewart, that the paving of Broad and Yates streets be proceeded with, and that the cost of the same be raised by a special levy of one mill.

The Mayor said that the resolution was out of order. Such a motion should be merely an expression of opinion.

Ald. Beckwith said that he had no objection to altering his motion. He therefore moved in the opinion of the council the sum required should be raised in the way mentioned.

Even this did not meet the view of His Worship, and the city solicitor's opinion was finally invoked. All objection was finally removed by making the motion an expression of opinion.

Ald. Stewart was strongly in favor of the principle of the bill.

Ald. Cameron said the rate had been raised one mill last year, and the people objected very little, but he thought that if another mill was added this year it was more than people would stand. He felt satisfied that such a step would be unwise. People in the suburbs would object to paying an extra mill for paving two business blocks, even though the remainder of the street below a portion of the cost. He was afraid the streets would have to wait for another year.

Ald. Yates supported the resolution. It was unwise to make a stop in this good work, and it might mean the beginning of a retrograde movement. Even were the present government returned it would be in August before legislation would be passed facilitating the step.

Ald. Kinsman opposed the step. The majority on Broad street were not in favor of it and had Alex. Wilson not forgotten that he would have entered an objection on behalf of a majority.

The Mayor said this would make a rate of 21-1-6. This was too much.

Ald. Hall also opposed the increase. He favored street paving, but not increased taxation. He would make no objection to half a mill extra.

Ald. Williams wanted the motion divided, half of it giving the aldermen a chance to affirm their adherence to the principle of street paving, but to also give them a chance to oppose the increased taxation.

Ald. Brydon advocated progress. The ratepayers in his ward were in favor of the step. To defeat the motion was to stamp the city at retrograde.

The Mayor wanted the motion divided as suggested by Ald. Williams.

Ald. Yates, in objection of a statement made by Ald. Hall that he would vote for half a mill moved in that direction. His amendment was seconded by Ald. Hall.

Ald. Beckwith said the work might be done by half a mill of extra taxation, though he felt that amount insufficient. His own action was due to talk he had had with electors for the North Ward.

Ald. Kinsman—Stick to your guns, gentlemen. A whole mill or none.

Ald. Cameron opposed the suggestion of half a mill. It would be folly to raise a smaller sum.

Ald. Yates motion involving the imposition of a half mill was carried on the following vote:

Ayes—Ald. Brydon, Beckwith, Stewart, Yates, Cooley and Hall.
Nays—Ald. Kinsman, Williams and Cameron.

The Mayor then divided the question, the first half of the motion affirming the belief that the work should be proceeded with forthwith being carried unanimously.

The council then rose.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Capt. Wolley Mentioned for North Victoria—Mr. Curtis Interviewed.

John McMillan, of this city, is to tour Vancouver Island in the interest of Premier Martin. He addresses the electors of Alberni in Huffer's hall at Alberni on April 28th, and of Wellington on the evening of the 29th.

A convention of the followers of Premier Martin in Dewdney district have assembled at the present Mr. McQuade presented Father Nicolay with a basketful of silver amounting to \$250 and the following address neatly framed:

Reverend and Beloved Father—On this joyous and memorable occasion, your silver jubilee in the priesthood, it will not be amiss to give public testimony of our esteem, affection and regard. Looking across the span of years, spent in our midst, your pathway has been luminous with the virtues that no endeavor could hide away, but has been a pathway studied with the rich ripe fruits of a life that has been lived with and for God Himself.

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Conservative Convention

The Members Renounce Party Lines by Picking a Prominent Liberal on Their Ticket.

Last night the Liberal-Conservative Association practically renounced its decision to conduct the present campaign on party lines by nominating a Liberal on their ticket for the Legislature. A resolution was prepared rescinding the previous action of the convention, but was not submitted, the opponents of party lines being content with the virtual abandonment of the policy involved in the selection of a non-party ticket.

The incorporation of Mr. Hall's name on the ticket is understood to have been practically forced by Mr. Turner, who, it is said, stated that he would withdraw from nomination if Mr. Hall was dropped.

Mr. Hall was brought into the hall at a late hour, and was well received. He stated frankly that he was a Liberal in Dominion politics, but that in local affairs he shared the antagonism expressed by the convention to Mr. Joseph Martin's government.

The vote secured by each of the nominees was as follows:

J. H. Turner 165
H. D. Helmecken 162
A. E. McPhillips 130
Richard Hall 125
Clive Phillips-Wolley 86

The nomination of the four first mentioned was made unanimous on motion of Capt. Wolley, who stated that though personally in favor of party lines, he would work for the return of the ticket selected.

A. J. McLellan was appointed chairman of the permanent committee, which meets to-night for organization purposes. Speeches were made by each of those nominated, in which they thanked the convention for the honor bestowed upon them and declared their opposition to Mr. Martin.

Honor to Father Nicolay

The Benevolent Priest Completed His Silver Anniversary Yesterday—Presented With a Purse.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral last evening took occasion to express their recognition of the kindly and faithful ministrations of Father Nicolay during the long period of his labors in this field, and to tender to him an evidence of the universal affection in which he is held by the members. It was eminently fitting that this expression should have been made last evening, for yesterday marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Father Nicolay's investiture with the orders of priesthood. Not only by members of the congregation is the benevolent priest held in regard and esteem, but by members of the community and district. Since his arrival in this part of the country many years ago he has devoted his untiring energies in a characteristically unobtrusive manner to the betterment of those with whom he came in contact.

Last evening at 6:30 o'clock the members of the clergy and the committee of reception sat down to a dinner at which Father Nicolay received the hearty congratulations of all present.

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the priestly garb in preference to the mantle of a prelate. Tireless, devoted, self-sacrificing and humble; ministering to the poor and sick, cherishing humility and truth, ever solicitous to smooth away every difficulty, and to render pleasant every feature of mutual intercourse. You would have chosen that no tongue should speak, no voice be raised, to herald aloud about the years of ceaseless labor, not for self, but for humanity. We know how little you love applause; that no self-gratulation waits upon your acts; that nothing pains you more than the language of adulation; but we feel we must give utterance to our feelings and pour out the fulness of our admiration and love for the good priest who has labored in the vineyard, uniting in solicitude, fervent in spirit.

Twenty-five years ago a voice came to you whose sound you never knew but to obey. It bade you leave the home of your childhood to take up the duties of a teacher of the Divine Word and a dispenser of the holy sacraments. In a strange land, far from relatives and friends, you labored amidst difficulties and dangers in the homes of the untutored Indian. The natives of Vancouver Island bear testimony of the unremitting care and kindly actions of the one Divinely sent to plant the Cross on their shores and the Word of God in their hearts—striving above all to make them love the truth, by showing them its lovable and attractive, and how earnestly they should strive to possess it. Day after day, year after year, filled with holy gratitude to God, you asked, with the Psalmist: "What shall I render to the Lord for all the things which He hath rendered to me?" We repeat your prayer, and trust that God may grant you length of days; bless with every influence your future career. May you be long with us, to be in our eyes an ornament to our diocese and city. May the same God grant us all the deep abiding conviction that we can never attain the great end which we have been sent into this world without that personal love for our Lord, and that interior supernatural life, to which our Lord invites when He says: "Without Me you can do nothing," and the Apostle adds: "I can do all things in Him that strengthens me."

Reverend Father, on behalf of the congregation of St. Andrew's cathedral, we congratulate you on the completion of twenty-five years of holy and fruitful

priesthood in the church of God, and be of you to accept this purse as a token of our regard and esteem.
L. G. McQUADE,
Chairman.

J. SEARS,
President Y. M. C. L. Lootens Council.
A. HARRIS,
President Y. M. C. Seghers Council.
MRS. P. LEONARD,
President Young Ladies' Institute.
O. A. LOMBARD,
Secretary.

An appropriate reply was made by Father Nicolay, after which addresses were delivered by Fathers Althoff and Dunclele, the proceedings being brought to a conclusion by the following programme:

Song—"The Trooper's Vision"
Song—"Because" Mr. Frank Sola
Song—"Ma Honey Dat I Love So Well" Miss Nellie Lombard
(Accompanied by Miss Annie McQuade)
Song—"The Message" (Hymn) Miss Edith Lombard
"God Save the Queen."
Led by Misses Lombard and Sol.

MOTHER'S FAVORITE.

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The trial of the Halton election bribes took place at Milton yesterday before Judges Morench and McLellan. A. E. Cross, Thomas Dowdle, Thomas Dent, Jr., John Evans, H. S. Hanna and William Halliday were found guilty.

It is true that leaves much to be desired and that of other friends and Gen. Pole-Carew but the indications show that several still holding in the field, causing a delay in the duties of the conclus

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