

COUNCIL WANTS GREATER SECRECY REGARDING BUSINESS DONE BY COMMITTEE

On Streets, Bridges and Sewers—Object to Giving Information to the Press.

Several members of the city council rose in their places Monday evening and wanted to know who furnished the press with an account of what transpired at the last meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee. They also took occasion to object to the publication of these proceedings before the committee had reported to the council. The city clerk denied that he was the source of supply, so the aldermen concluded that the guilty party was one of their own number. The complainants hoped that such a flagrant violation of secrecy would not occur again.

Perhaps it would be well to explain to the ratapatties exactly what the streets, bridges and sewers committee of the city council is. It is nothing more nor less than the council sitting as a committee of the whole. It deliberates upon the various matters affecting the departments of streets, bridges and sewers, and reports and recommends to the council. It corresponds to the public works committee in other cities. Previous to the regime of Mayor McCandless these meetings were always open to the press, and the affairs of the city were transacted as just as carefully and efficiently as they are now, and more so, as there were some fairly strong councils in those days. The interests of the city did not suffer because the aldermen took their constituents into their confidence, and the people were able to learn exactly what attitude their councillors adopted on various questions.

There is seldom any discussion when the report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee is presented to the council. All this takes place behind closed doors—a hole in the corner debate. The process carried out in council is merely one of formal adoption, a sort of ratification ceremony. For this reason the press is often compelled to resort to underground methods to get municipal news, and so far it has succeeded tolerably well. It has no intention of publishing anything that will prejudicially affect the welfare of the city, but unless this is properly set before its representatives, and in the open, much difficulty will be encountered in deciding upon what should and should not be published. The aldermen are not the only people in Victoria who have the city's interests at heart, and they may as well understand that the Times proposes to keep its readers fully informed as to what transpires at the meetings of their representatives.

The first business dealt with last night was the communication from A. T. Goodacre, local manager B. C. Electric Railway Company, asked permission to begin the double tracking of Pandora street from Douglas to Vancouver immediately, without delay. Permission was granted, the city engineer to be instructed to see that the street is left in as good condition as it was before the work was undertaken.

The executive of the Finlayson estate took exception to the construction of a cement sidewalk along this property from Queen's avenue to Hillside avenue. Laid on the table.

General Manager McKicking, of the telephone company, gave reasons for his application for permission to erect a temporary anchor post at the north end of James Bay causeway to enable the company to properly supply James Bay. On motion of Ald. Hanna, seconded by Ald. Stewart, the request was granted.

Thos. I. Werthington asked permission to resume his residence on Carr street, with what will be the official number under the new name of Government street. Received and filed, the writer to be informed that the city would proceed with the official renumbering when the by-law was passed.

Ald. Fell gave notice that he would move to change a number of the suggested names when the by-law came up.

Ald. Hanna, the father of the street renumbering committee, said that he had received no protests.

Ald. Fell remarked that he had heard a great many complaints.

The Fernwood Municipal Association forwarded a resolution urging the city to prevent further interference with street grades, and to provide for the protection of private property from excavations.

This matter was dealt with at a meeting of the streets committee, and was included in the report. The letter was received and filed.

D. F. Green applied for the position of pumpkeeper. Received and filed. There is no vacancy.

Another application for a position in the Carnegie library was tabled.

W. D. Macintosh and 24 other residents on Quebec street requested the removal of a stand pipe on the corner of that thoroughfare and Menzies street. They also drew attention to the bad condition of the street between Oswego and Menzies. Referred to the streets committee.

Mrs. Atkins and others on Dallas road petitioned against the proposed erection of public baths on Dallas road, either at the foot of Montreal street, or St. Lawrence street. Laid on table pending the report of the streets committee.

The city clerk reported that the following communications had been referred to the city engineer: Neal McDowell asking for sidewalk, corner of Oak Bay avenue and Poul Bay road; George A. Campbell, requesting that a sidewalk be laid down on Battery street; Lee & Fawcett, re condition of open drain on the west side of Richmond avenue, south of Oak Bay road.

This was received and filed.

The Victoria Laborers' Protection Union objected to the awarding of the contract for filling in the city's portion

of the James Bay flats to John Haggerty at fifty cents per yard as recommended by the streets committee. They also protested against the action of the C. P. R. contractor in engaging Chinese to do the work. The communication was received and filed, the association to be informed that the city intended to do the work itself.

The streets, sewers and bridges committee reported as follows:

April 6th, 1905.
Gentlemen—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee, having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the council, namely:

Re interference with the streets, Spring Bridge—Resolved that the matter of the excavation on the north side of North Chatham street by J. Haggerty in the removal of gravel, be referred to the city engineer and city solicitor, to take immediate action to remedy same and prevent its recurrence. Re communication from the general superintendent of the C. P. R. relating to the matter of the infilling around the foundations of the new C. P. R. hotel—Resolved that the city be prepared to carry out its share of the cost of filling, and that the city engineer be instructed to proceed with the work at once.

Resolved that tenders be invited for supplying gravel to the city, in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the city engineer.

Re surfacing of Esquimalt road from Point Ellice bridge to the corner of Craigflower road, and also along Esquimalt and Catherine streets—Resolved that the city of the survey company of the 5th of April with reference to this matter be accepted.

Re distribution of water pipe when received, amounting to 12,000 feet—Resolved that the recommendations of the city engineer, report of the water commissioner of the 3rd instant be adopted.

Resolved that for the purpose of erecting a cofferdam in order to enclose an area of salt water in a bay, nearly opposite the Dallas hotel, or at the terminus of St. Lawrence street, for the purposes of a public salt water bath, the city engineer be instructed to proceed with the work of erecting said dam forthwith.

Ald. Oddy wanted to know if the city clerk supplied the newspapers with the contents of the committee's report.

Mr. Dowler: "I did not."

Ald. Oddy: "Then I would like to know who did."

Ald. Fell: "Well, only one alderman's name was mentioned, and I gathered that he supplied the information."

Ald. Oddy made a vigorous kick against this practice of giving information prematurely to the press.

Acting Mayor Goodacre said it had always been the custom to keep this business private until it was transacted, and he hoped it would not occur again.

Ald. Fullerton also objected to this giving out of news before it was ready—especially news that was not correct.

Ald. Fullerton did not endorse all the recommendations embodied in the report. He pointed out that the public baths proposed, and should not be published.

He moved that the clause be struck out. Ald. Hanna seconded the motion, agreeing with Ald. Fullerton that the city had already contributed sufficient assistance to the Tourist Association.

Ald. Stewart likewise objected to doing this work out of the revenue, although he did not believe the proximity of baths would depreciate the value of property, and he instanced the marked increase in the value of property in the Fish Bay, near Vancouver, in consequence of the establishment of baths there.

Ald. Oddy thought it scandalous that a city such as Victoria, which advertised itself as a bathing place, should not have a bathing place. This matter did not emanate from the Tourist Association. It was only a question of \$400, and he favored the undertaking of the work.

Ald. Douglas also emphasized the necessity of having public baths in this city.

Ald. Hanna was surprised at the attitude of Ald. Fullerton and Hall. Four hundred dollars wouldn't smash such a strong council as this one.

Acting Mayor Goodacre observed that when the \$400 were expended the work would be an asset of the city.

Ald. Fullerton again remarked that the work proposed would not be a public one—it wouldn't be until it was endorsed by the people of Victoria. In Vancouver it was public undertaking.

The amendment of Ald. Fullerton was lost and the report was adopted in its entirety.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$10,555.70 for the usual purpose. Adopted.

Ald. Hanna's motion that a permanent sidewalk be laid on the north side of Fates street between Douglas and Bluncheon was carried.

The letter from A. W. Jones, regarding the permanent sidewalk along the Finlayson property was taken from the table, but action was deferred.

Ald. Fell informed the council that the Municipal Clauses Act that was before the legislature never saw the light of day. Unfortunately three Vancouver members were on the municipal committee of the House, and little that Victoria asked for found favor in their eyes. The city should have a private charter of its own, and he would press for this later.

Vancouver had one, and its members generally opposed what Victoria sought in the matter of amendments.

Ald. Fell also explained that during the dying throes of the session he had drafted for insertion in the bill sanctioning the sale of the Victoria Terminal railway and Vancouver, Westminister & Yukon to the V. V. & E. a clause to protect the rights of Victoria.

V. V. & E. Clendenen secured the incorporation of this clause in the bill.

Acting Mayor Goodacre was wholly in accord with Ald. Fell in his advocacy of a private charter for Victoria. That was the only way in which the city would get its rights.

Ald. Fullerton was not sorry the amendments fell through, as there was a great deal of objectionable recommendations among them.

Previous to the adjournment of the council Ald. Hanna commented upon the urgency for the enforcement of a by-law requiring the removal of moss from the roofs of houses. He also thought the speed of automobiles should be regulated.

Edward F. Dunne was installed as mayor of Chicago on Monday night in a most simple manner.

VICTORIA DISTRICT FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING AT ROYAL OAK SCHOOLHOUSE

Addresses by Messrs. Anderson and Cunningham—Company to Manu- facture Bricks and Tiles.

The regular spring meeting of the Victoria District Farmers' Institute was held at the Royal Oak school house on Saturday night, April 8th. There was a fairly good attendance, including some of the progressive leaders of the district. The chair was taken by A. E. Gale, the president, at 8 o'clock.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, being first called upon, addressed the meeting on the various branches of institute work, and especially commended the principal of co-operation among farmers.

Thomas Cunningham, provincial fruit inspector, was the next speaker. He gave a most practical address on fruit growing, and told of the work of the department in carrying out its determination to allow no fruit trees to come into the province that are infected with diseases, which fumigation will not destroy.

The audience frequently applauded the speaker as he cited many instances where carloads of infected fruit trees had been refused admission. He spoke of the pernicious practice of land booming syndicates in the upper country importing carloads of cheap inferior tree stock, planting out orchards and selling the land to inexperienced settlers and emigrants, to the last injury of the settlers and the province at large.

Mr. Cunningham thought the time had arrived when the provincial fruit inspector should be clothed with authority to condemn fruit trees that do not come up to the standard of quality, even though they may not be affected with diseases.

Great interest was manifested, and many questions asked, and the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cunningham.

After the meeting the directors of the institute took into consideration a proposal to form a co-operative company for making drain tiles. There was a long and at times lively discussion on the subject. It was finally resolved: "That the directors of this institute endorse the proposal to form a company for the manufacture of brick and tile."

The resolution passed unanimously. It was further decided that the company be incorporated with an authorized capital of \$2,000; that a subscription list be opened at once, and that 120 shares of the value of \$5 each be allotted pro rata to the first applicants.

It was voted, and the company was empowered to engage an agent to solicit applications for shares throughout the district.

A preliminary list passed around among those present resulted in applications for 20 shares, and orders for 16,000 tiles. It is expected that the first allotment of 120 shares, at \$5 each, amounting to \$600, will be subscribed for within thirty days.

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MINING NEWS FROM GREENWOOD CHICAGO CAPITALISTS INCREASE HOLDINGS

Money Coming From the States to De- velop Property in This District —Another Transfer.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Greenwood, April 7.—Among capitalists in the Greenwood high grade belt, attracting attention of late, the Preston local, about two miles east of the town, on the Phoenix wagon road, has recently forged rapidly to the front. The property adjoins the Last Chance, Crescent and Cora-Canadian. The two former are shipping, and the last is being actively developed. On the Preston there are three districts leads, paralleling each other and distinctly traceable along the full length of the claim. Each of these is high grade ore, and has given assays of from \$78 to \$255 per ton.

From No. 1 vein so-called from having been more developed than the other two, a shipment has been made to Trail smelter, giving returns of \$78.20 per ton. The ore for this shipment was obtained from open cuts on the vein, which is from eight to ten inches wide at the surface.

A shaft has been sunk on this vein, and is in good ore at the bottom.

No. 2 vein has been trencched along the surface for a distance of 350 feet, to depths varying from three to ten feet. Ore is showing throughout the whole cut, and is of an average width of 16 inches.

This ore is identical in character with that of a quartz vein which has been traced a short distance to the south of the Preston. No. 3 vein has also been exposed by open cutting, showing good pay ore throughout.

The veins have a dip of 45 percent, from the surface of the hill, and can be mined most economically by tunnels from the lower levels of the claim. These tunnels can be run to cut all three veins. There is at present about a half carload of ore in the ore houses, and several cars will be shipped in the near future, and regular shipments easily maintained. The leads are quartz, carrying antimonial silver and gold. The formation is fissile shale.

The Preston is surveyed, and has an area of about 48 acres. Active work will shortly be continued on the property. It seems certain that the prospects of this mine becoming a dividend payer during the next few months are very bright.

An important deal was closed this week by Chicago capitalists, represented by Alex. Miller, by which the Helen, one of the best known mines in the high grade belt, was bought and paid for. The property is located on the boundary line of Greenwood and Anacosta, and is owned by a group of capitalists.

The price paid was on the basis of \$50,000 for the mine, and the new owners have provided ample funds for active work to be vigorously prosecuted. The mine has a long and interesting history, and was one of the first high grade properties in Greenwood to ship ore.

The original owners years ago packed with horses considerable ore to Marcus, Wash. and sold it at the claim as high grade as any ever found in the belt, some of it running up to \$500 per ton, chiefly in gold. The ore averages between \$125 and \$150 per ton.

Previous shipments from the mine of this character here, the Helen has several leads paralleling each other. Three of them have had surface work only done. On the lead on which work has been done, there have been sixteen inches of ore, and the Helen has been mined for the sake of identification is termed No. 1, a shaft is down about 100 feet, and drifts, crosscuts, etc., on the vein for about 180 feet. The width of the vein is from eight to sixteen inches, and is of a massive character and clear throughout. Five or six tons are now ready sacked, and regular carload shipments will be begun immediately and continued.

An excellent wagon road runs to the workings, where there is a good shaft house, blacksmith's shop and all necessary equipment. The formation is of a massive character, overlying granite. Trenches have been dug the entire length of the claim across the leads proving their continuity. This mine has undoubtedly a great future, and the new owners expect that by cutting on a good force of men the mine can produce as much ore as the Providence, Skylark and other high shippers in the high grade belt.

Chicago people seem to be gradually getting control of the cream of the producing mines in the high grade belt. At present capital from that city controls the Providence and Harrow and holds large interests in many other properties nearby. In the Helen the Chicago people interested have undoubtedly secured one of the best propositions in the camp. It would not be amiss to mention here that coast people seem absolutely dead to the fact that big money can be made here. As it is now it is all American capital, and unless some people get a handle on this well soon be nothing left.

Prominent citizens from Washington state, interested in the Strathmore, visited the city this week to inspect the mine, and to make the part owners. They were John Richardson, James German and E. Torrence, all of Colfax, Wash. It was the Torrence's first visit to the camp, and he left much impressed with the wonderful showing. He is owner of the Fidelity National Bank building at Spokane.

The Freemont lies between the Strathmore and the Providence, and has the Providence lead in it. Quite recently a local company was formed of citizens of Grand Forks, Denoro and Greenwood, which purchased the property. Active development work is going on at present

under the direction of C. Scott Galloway. There are two shafts on the Freemont, about 40 and 80 feet deep, respectively. Both are in good ore. There are also numerous open cuts.

A wire was received on Wednesday morning from Chicago stating that Judge Dunn had been elected mayor of that city. Judge Dunn is one of the syndicate which owns the Barbara; his election, therefore, is of more than passing interest.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Some Interesting Information Asked For By Vancouver Island Members.

During the closing days of the session of the legislature several questions were answered of interest to this district. Among them were the following:

H. E. Tanner asked the Attorney-General:

1. When was G. H. De Guerrier Cross appointed special constable for Saanich district?

2. Has he been drawing a regular salary since?

3. If so, at what rate per day?

4. Who recommended him for the position?

Hon. Chas. Wilson replied as follows: "1. September 2nd, 1904."

"2. Yes."

"3. \$2.50."

"4. I did."

T. W. Patterson asked the Attorney-General the following questions:

1. Was any complaint sent in against Constable Ego?

2. If so, what was the nature of it, and who made the complaint?

3. Who recommended Wm. Lumly as a fit person for constable for Islands, and is Wm. Lumly not over 35 years of age?

4. When was Wm. Lumly sworn in, and by whom was he sworn?

5. Is it the intention of the government to supply a launch for the use of the constables in the Islands?

Hon. Mr. Wilson replied as follows: "1. 2 and 3. It is not considered in the public interest to answer these questions."

"4. On January 6th, 1905, James Forman, J. P."

"5. The matter is under consideration."

J. N. Brantford, the Minister of Education, the following questions:

What was the reason Helen and Irving Knarston, the deaf and dumb children, were sent to Berkeley, California, to be educated, instead of one of the provinces of the Dominion?

Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows: "In a letter addressed to Mr. J. P. Booth, Speaker of the House, dated March 30th, 1898, Mr. J. S. Knarston made application to have his two children sent to the Deaf and Dumb Institution in Berkeley, on the grounds that he had friends in San Francisco who could see to their welfare, if necessary. Presumably, the government of the day acceded to Mr. Knarston's request on the grounds above mentioned."

MEMBER MISREPRESENTED.

J. K. Brown During Present Session Showed How Socialists Incorrectly Reported Him.

During the present session of the legislature J. K. Brown, of Greenwood, took occasion to set right a certain misrepresentation of the stand taken by himself last year. This misrepresentation was made by the Socialists at their convention in Vancouver. J. H. Hawthorthwaite and Parker Williams, reporting on the work in parliament, represented that Mr. Brown and other Liberals had taken a strong stand against the amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act introduced in the session of 1904 by Mr. Hawthorthwaite.

Mr. Brown proved by the records of the House that he was misrepresented, as he supported the bill. Mr. Hawthorthwaite's excuse for making the report he had been mistaken in the hurry of preparing his report, and had used the vote referring to an amendment to the Coal Mines Act, which increased the fees for prospecting licenses. This latter Mr. Brown opposed.

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THE UNIONIST PARTY.

Mr. Chamberlain Says It Is Necessary Agreement Should Be Arranged Between Two Sections.

London, April 11.—At a private dinner of tariff reformers last night Joseph Chamberlain dwelt on the urgency of effecting unity of the Unionist party, since disunity they were powerless to do anything, and he expressed the hope that an agreement would be arranged between the Balfourites and Chamberlainites wings of the party.

Mr. Chamberlain has called a meeting of his party for Thursday to discuss trade relations with the colonies and the possibility of reaching an agreement on the fiscal question. He himself will preside and no secret is made of the fact that it will be a momentous meeting, upon which will hang the fate of the Unionist party, and further, that if no compromise be arranged Mr. Chamberlain will make an open split from Premier Balfour, which would result in the speedy fall of the government.

CLADO'S APOLOGY.

Russian Captain Found He Had Wrongly Accused Avellan's Aide.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—The proposed duel between Capt. Clado, formerly of the Russian army, and Capt. Zillotti, aide to Admiral Avellan, head of the Russian admiralty department, has failed to take place. Capt. Clado having been satisfied by investigation that he had wrongly accused Zillotti of responsibility for the publication of a letter from Vice-Admiral Rojdestvensky severely reflecting upon him. Capt. Clado has offered the ampler apology, completing the retraction by publishing his letter of apology in all the papers printing the first strictures.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Land Registry Acts, and re Lots 19 and 27, Alberni District. To T. R. Stephenson and to the Heirs of Robert Shaw.

Pursuant to the order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Duff, dated 8th April, 1905, notice is hereby given that the said T. R. Stephenson and the Heirs of Robert Shaw have applied for registration as the owner in fee of Lots 19 and 27, Alberni District, under Tax Sale deeds, dated 28th January, 1905, from the assessor of said district, in and to the land certificate of the said T. R. Stephenson and the Heirs of Robert Shaw, and in default of its pendens being filed, and in default of redemption within each period, you and each of you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said lands, and the said Thomas Patterson will be registered as the owner thereof.

Dated this 6th day of April, 1905.
FELL & GREGORY,
Solicitors for Thomas Patterson.

Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands, situate in Cassiar District, B. C.: Commencing at a post planted on the shore south of Lion Point and marked "H. F. S. E. Cor." thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, or thereabout to shore line, thence along shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

H. FLEWIN,
Agent.
Portland Canal, 21st March, 1905.