

TO RUSH WORK DURING WINTER SHOULD HURRY ALL LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Resolution at Monday Evening's Meeting of Council to This End

(From Saturday's Daily.)

People in all sections of the city are clamoring for works of local improvement which have been authorized by by-law to be proceeded with immediately, the city engineering staff is just now grappling with the task of laying out a programme of procedure for the next few months, and should weather conditions remain normal during the balance of the winter it is likely that considerable progress will be made in catching up with the mass of work which has accumulated.

At Monday evening's meeting of the city council a resolution will be presented providing that the city engineer be instructed to at once call for tenders for the execution of a large amount of work ordered many months ago in the southeastern section of the city. The streets affected by this resolution are May, Wallington, Howe, Moss, Cambridge, Faithful and Cook street, from Dallas road to May. The work consists in the main of asphalt pavements, curbs and gutters and boulevards.

Discussing the matter with a Times reporter this morning a member of the sidewalk board said: "There is in my opinion no valid reason whatever for long delays in proceeding with these works of local improvement. Everybody knows that during a considerable part of the winter weather conditions are ideal for the execution of such work as is contemplated; and in view of the manner in which the city is expanding in every direction, and the consequent rapid piling up of work, it is simply stupid not to take advantage of every opportunity to the requirements.

Property owners are clamoring at the work be proceeded with. The government has sanctioned the necessary expenditure, the by-laws have all been passed, contractors stand ready to bid for the execution of the work and there is no conceivable obstacle to prevent it being ordered done at once."

Another matter which will engage the attention of the board on Monday evening is the extension of the street from Pandora avenue from Harrison street to Oak Bay avenue. It is understood that the city engineer has placed G. Foreman, in charge of the preliminary survey work in connection with this project.

DISCUSS DALLAS ROAD SEA WALL COUNCIL OBJECTS TO CHANGE IN PLANS

Much Discussion Last Night Over Engagement of Super-vising Engineer

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A considerable portion of the time at last evening's meeting of the city committee of the city council was spent in dealing with a new development in connection with the contract for the erection of the Dallas road seawall.

On the admission of the city engineer it appears that consideration has been given to the question of altering the plans in certain particulars, and that G. Foreman, an engineering expert in concrete, has been engaged in making these alterations. The mayor and several other members of the board thought the procedure a most peculiar one, inasmuch as the plans and specifications had been agreed upon and the contract let it was a little late in the day to alter them, particularly without notifying the council of the proposed changes.

Nothing was done, however, as a result of the discussion. The subject was brought up by Ald. Humber asking if it was true that Mr. Foreman, whose services were ordered to be dispensed with until such time as the contractor was ready to proceed with the wall, was still employed.

The city engineer explained that both Luke Humber, inspector, and Mr. Foreman, supervising engineer, had been dismissed just as soon as it had been disclosed that there would be a delay in going on with the work. Some days later, however, he had re-engaged Mr. Foreman, who was a very valuable man. He was engaged in doing some general work for the engineer's office and was also engaged on the plans for the wall to alter them, making certain changes.

Mayor Morley objected to any changes being made at this date in the plans and specifications which had been approved by the city and the provincial government. To put an engineer on such work at this time would appear to mean that neither the city nor the provincial government's engineers were competent. The council had not been asked to approve of any changes, and even if the government desired them the board ought first to have been consulted.

Ald. Mable asked what evidence there was to show that the government was desirous of making changes in the plans? (Concluded on page 8.)

MAJORITY OF 33 RESULT TO DATE COALITION LEADS IN GENERAL ELECTIONS

Only 177 Contests Yet to Be Held—Three More Gains for Liberals

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 10.—With only 177 constituencies still to hold elections, each side in the parliamentary voting at this stage has exactly the same number of seats that it had in the last parliament. The coalitionists have 283, a majority of 33.

Unionists are shaking hands with themselves over the results of elections in Scotland, for although no Radical seats have been won no Unionist seats have been lost to date. Radical majorities of last January have been cut down and Unionist majorities increased. Liberal organizers confidently anticipated recapturing some of the county seats lost in January, and when yesterday's successes were announced to-day they were greatly chagrined at their failure.

With Liberal and Labor members in a majority of the English boroughs the Liberals are hoping that their predominance will be maintained, and with a fair amount of good fortune they are looking forward to a clear majority of the whole representation of England and Wales combined. To-day's returns already show three Liberal gains.

Business men, both Tories and Liberals are kicking against the long drawn battle. They complain that there are too many rounds to the electoral fight, seeing that the decision might be arrived at in one or at most two rounds. This election will probably be the last that will be prolonged over three weeks. It is proposed that borough elections will be held within a week after the issue of the writs, and county elections within a fortnight.

Bonar Law's Views.

Bonar Law, speaking at Radcliff, said if the final result showed that the government had lost ground he did not think even Premier Asquith or any member of the government could go to the House of Commons to upset the constitution of the country.

In this connection the Times declares that a "scratch" coalition majority could have no moral authority to fundamentally change the constitution.

Friday's Elections.

Following are results of Friday's elections, declared at noon to-day: Cambridge, Liberal, 5,011; Newton, Unionist, 4,444; Unchanged.

Essex: Suffron Walden—Beek, Liberal, 4,871; Troby, Unionist, 4,631; Liberal gain.

File, East—Aqulth, Liberal, 5,049; Sprot, Unionist, 3,350; Unchanged.

Leicestershire, Leicester, Liberal, 7,117; Ford, Unionist, 5,322; Unchanged.

Lincolnshire, Spalding—McLaren, Liberal, 5,335; Bryce, Unionist, 3,070; Unchanged.

Lincolnshire, Ure, Liberal, 3,835; Kidd, Unionist, 3,785; Unchanged.

Middlesex, Alxbridge—Mullik, Liberal, 4,423; Mills, Unionist, 9,005; Unchanged.

Somerset, East—Thompson, Liberal, 3,874; Jardine, Unionist, 4,748; Unchanged.

Yorkshire, Cleveland—Samuel, Liberal, 6,870; Lewis, Unionist, 5,343; Unchanged.

Yorkshire, Howdenshire—Norris, Liberal, 4,838; Broadly, Unionist, 5,018; Unchanged.

Sussex, Ochester—Reis, Liberal, 2,985; Talbot, Unionist, 5,000; Unchanged.

Westmoreland, Apleby—Wilson, Liberal, 2,678; Sanderson, Unionist, 3,258; Unchanged.

Hertfordshire, St. Albans—Phillimore, Liberal, 4,771; Garrile, Unionist, 6,899; Unchanged.

Nottinghamshire, Newark—Willis, Liberal, 4,340; Starkey, Unionist, 5,049; Unchanged.

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PIONEER DIES AFTER STABBING HIS SON

Heart Failure Believed to Have Caused Death—Wounded Man May Die

(Times Leased Wire.) San Jose, Cal., Dec. 10.—Joseph H. Howarth, a pioneer of Willows, is dead and his son Charles is in a precarious condition at the Howarth home in Willows, as the result of one of the most peculiar tragedies ever recorded in this country. Howarth stabbed his son and then dropped dead. Death apparently was due to heart failure, although an autopsy will be performed to determine the exact reason.



NEW PHASE OF THE WATER PROBLEM.

RIGHTS ON E. & N. RAILWAY BRIDGE

Railway Commission's Ruling Unsatisfactory

No Decision Yet Made as to the Rights of Pedestrians

(From Saturday's Daily.)

At last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council, the city collector, F. A. McDiarmid, forwarded for the information of the board a copy of the ruling just handed down by the railway commissioners in the matter of regulations for the operation of the swing bridge across the harbor by the E. & N. Railway Company.

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The report was received and filed without further discussion.

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The city collector also reported the following offers of property required to make up the land which the city agreed to expropriate and hand over to the school board for a site for the proposed new high school.

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REGINA CITY COMMISSIONERSHIP

Regina, Dec. 10.—Mayor Williams will probably be appointed city commissioner. The salary is \$5,000.

SECOND MUTINY IN BRAZILIAN NAVY

Several Sailors Killed During Shelling of Naval Barracks and Scoutship

(Times Leased Wire.)

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 10.—Fifteen hours bombardment of the naval barracks at Corcovado Island by local Brazilian ships and shore batteries in Rio de Janeiro harbor ended a second revolt in the Brazilian navy to-day.

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PEOPLE AGAINST THE LORDS.

London, Dec. 10.—Speaking to-day at Tyrone, John Redmond said the only issue the election was the people against the Lords. It was the gravest of the Irish people ever faced. Compared to it even Catholic emancipation faded into insignificance. It was a question of the emancipation of a whole nation.

The Liberal gain of three seats from the Unionists on returns announced to-day once more equalized the tally, the coalition and opposition each having captured 21 seats from the other. The seats gained were lost by Liberals last January and Sir Wilfrid Lawson's win at Cockerhoughton at least was not unexpected.

COUNTING VOTES OF ENGINEERS

Ballot Believed to Favor Strike

Will Be Invoked Only When Other Means to Secure More Wages Fail

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Ready to count and tabulate the vote on the strike question taken by the engineers of 61 western railroads, the heads of the Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers, gathered here to-day. Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer, arrived from Cleveland last night, and other time may not give out the final vote over the returns of the referendum ballot that ended December 5.

The work of counting the ballots is under way at the Great Northern hotel, where the labor chiefs have their headquarters. Although it is believed enough of the votes will be tabulated to-night to show definitely the sentiment of the engineers, it was anticipated to-day that the count might not be completed before the representatives of the engineers meet the general managers of the railroads Monday. The leaders of the brotherhood may not give out the final vote before the conference with the railroad officials begins. It is intimated, although the matter has not yet been finally determined.

Although nothing regarding the official vote which was taken in the great secrecy, has been given out, leaders of the engineers who arrived to-day freely expressed the opinion that the engineers had voted for a strike and that the men who will begin negotiations for an increase in wages for the drivers of engines on the western lines will have the authority of a threatened strike behind them in their dealings.

It is expected that the negotiations will be prolonged and the engineers' representatives say it may be a week before the final result is determined. They have indicated that they will use every possible method to bring about a peaceful settlement, and that if the strike, as they believe, is sanctioned, it means at their command to bring about the increase they desire has failed.

Statements made by leaders of the engineers late to-day indicated that the vote is overwhelmingly in favor of a strike. It is believed that less than ten per cent of the votes cast were against a strike.

Representatives of the railroads involved arrived here to-day. Others will arrive to-night and to-morrow. The officials intimated that they would be willing to make every possible concession to prevent a strike.

In case the employers and the engineers fail to agree it is believed the Erdman act will be invoked and Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Labor Commissioner Nell will be asked to arbitrate. The engineers are asking an increase amounting to about 15 per cent. The original demand was for 25 per cent increase.

FISHING VESSELS FOUNDER

Corbere, France, Dec. 10.—Many persons are reported to have been killed by a storm that swept Northern Spain early to-day. Six fishing vessels sank in Corunna harbor, several men being drowned. Bilbao and Seville suffered severely, although none in either city was killed.

EXPLOSION IN MINE CLAIMS MANY VICTIMS

Twenty-Five Miners Known to Have Perished in Colliery Near Frank. Several Men Still Entombed in the Workings.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—Thirty miners have been removed from the Western Canadian Collieries' mine at Bellevue, Alberta, where an explosion occurred last night entombing 45 men. Ten of the men are dead, several fatally burned, and others unconscious.

The explosion was caused by poisonous gases. The Bellevue mine is a heavy producer, and employs Italians and Slavs.

The accident is the worst that has happened since the disastrous explosion in the Fernie mines, seven years ago.

Doctors and a rescue party worked all night.

Work of Rescue.

Alberta, Dec. 10.—Shortly after 7 o'clock last night a terrific explosion occurred in the Western Canadian Collieries' mine at Bellevue, in the Crow's Nest Pass, forty-five men being entombed.

At midnight seven bodies and thirteen badly injured men had been removed from the mine.

News of the disaster spread quickly, and within a few minutes of the explosion a rescue party had been organized and a desperate effort to save the lives of the entrapped miners commenced.

At the pit mouth wives and relatives of the entombed men soon gathered, and pitiable scenes were witnessed as they waited for the bread winners who were imprisoned or entombed in the mine.

The mine, which is one of the largest producers in Western Canada, is working day and night, but yesterday the shift was smaller than usual.

When the explosion occurred all escape was shut off, the explosion having caused a heavy fall of rock and coal, and it is feared has also cut off the air lines.

The explosion is attributed to coal damp and it is feared that poisonous aftermath will have brought speedy death to those not killed by the explosion.

The men in the mine are all foreigners, mostly Italians or Slavs. Doctors, medical and relief appliances were rushed from several points.

Twenty-One Bodies Recovered. (Times Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—Reports this afternoon from Frank, Alberta, say that twenty-five miners are known to be dead, with the probabilities that several more are dead, whose bodies have not yet been found in the depths of the Bellevue coal mine, which was the scene of a disastrous gas explosion last night.

According to the dispatches received here, 21 bodies have already been recovered. Four of the eighteen men who were rescued alive died to-day from burns received.

The dead are laid out on tables near the mouth of the mine and along the railroad tracks.

It is reported that several members of the rescue party have been overcome by afterdamp while working in the mine. Among the victims was Dr. McKenzie, who was overcome by the stifling gas when two miles down in the mine this afternoon. Other doctors are working over him, and it is probable that he will recover.

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While every effort is being made to reach the remaining miners in the shafts, it is not believed that they can be rescued until late to-day. It is possible that they are alive, but there is a chance that the imprisoned men succeeded in making their way to the upper level, where the air probably is good, and where there is a large cache of food and water.

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