

ADAMSON PLAN WATER BOARD

SOOKE SCHEME LEFT WITH COMMISSIONER

Likely That Expert Will Be Engaged to Advise the Council

Mayor-Morley, at Friday's meeting of the city council, suggested the formation of a water committee to deal with the Sooke lake project, but the aldermen thought it would be better to leave the working out of the details of the scheme to the water commissioner and some competent expert.

In opening the matter the mayor suggested the following names as members of the proposed committee: Ald. Moresby, Peden, W. J. Fullerton, Gleason and John Weston, Anton Henderson and John Dean.

His worship said this committee would only act in an advisory capacity. It would have no executive power, but be able to do anything without the council's sanction.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton thought the better plan would be to name the whole board a special water committee. The mayor and aldermen were elected by the people and should look after such an important matter as the improvement of the water supply of the city.

The Mayor-The council can always meet and consult with the committee. The citizens I have proposed as members of the committee have got a great deal of information which would be useful to the council.

Ald. Fullerton-The question is too big to be entrusted to a committee such as has been named.

The Mayor-But the council has not time to go into the details of the question. That work should be left to a special committee.

Ald. Fullerton-That is true, the details will have to be left in the hands of an expert.

The Mayor-Well, the council can at any time arrange to secure the services of an outside man.

Ald. Fullerton-We feel that this is a huge question and that it is our duty to keep in the closest touch with it. I would like to hear the views of the other aldermen.

The Mayor-The water commissioner could suggest a line of action, but the special committee could do much good preliminary work.

Ald. Langley felt that Mr. Henderson and Mr. Weston were both good men, but what was wanted by the citizens was to get to business. A professional man should be appointed and the council could decide that matter. The opinion of a number of laymen would be of no value whatever. The kindergarten stage had been passed. A business man, if placed there in the same position as the council would secure the services of the best man obtainable and have him make an estimate, and the sooner the council took this course the better.

There was no necessity of further troubling Messrs. Henderson and Weston. It would be only wasting their time.

The Mayor-Very well. If that is the sense of the board I will withdraw the motion. We will have a report from the water commissioner as soon as possible. (Hear, hear.)

Ald. H. M. Fullerton suggested that there should be a special meeting of the council to deal with so important a question.

The mayor promised to have the water commissioner get his report in shape as soon as possible.

KNOX CHURCH BUILDING PLANS

CONGREGATION TAKES PRELIMINARY STEPS

Present Edifice Has Been Outgrown and Modern One is Necessary

The congregation of Knox church is taking active steps in the direction of securing a new place of worship, and at the annual meeting, held on Thursday evening, the board of management was empowered to take immediate action in the matter.

Knox congregation is rapidly growing and with the growth of the district its future expansion will be even more rapid. The present building on Stanley avenue is found to be too small for the various activities of the church and it has been felt for some time that a modern edifice should be erected. When the proposition was put before the congregation on Thursday evening there was not a dissenting voice, all being enthusiastically in favor of the movement.

The managers were appointed as a committee, with S. J. Drake as chairman, to go into the matter, secure all the necessary data, and report to a congregational meeting not later than eight weeks hence. Meanwhile they will look after the financial end and receive contributions to the building fund.

LOOK TO GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE

Shareholders of Farmers' Bank Seek to Be Relieved of Double Liability

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Jan. 21.—A movement is reported as being started among a number of the country shareholders in the Farmers' Bank to ask the Dominion Government to relieve them of the double liability and to have the Dominion assume the financial liabilities on the ground that they were the innocent victims of fraud on the part of Travers on the inception of the bank.

The petition for a government inquiry is being signed by practically all of the stockholders and depositors of the bank and it is expected that it will be forwarded to Ottawa at the beginning of next week.

SUFFRAGETTES ARE AGAIN ACTIVE

Hold Demonstration in London While Cabinet is in Session

London, Jan. 21.—The cabinet held its first meeting yesterday for the purpose of drafting the speech from the throne and a programme of legislation for what promises to be a historic session of parliament.

The militant suffragettes thickly dotted Downing street, determined to remind the ministers that their demands were as urgent as any others.

One banner suggested that Home Secretary Winston Churchill should be imprisoned. The active banner of this managed to elude the police, and rushed at the home secretary when he appeared on the street, using the banner as a lance and attempted to knock off Mr. Churchill's hat. The police quickly took steps to stop the demonstration.

PANAMA FAIR SITE

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 21.—In spite of the action of the house, arts and exposition committee in declining in favor of New Orleans as the Panama Pacific fair site, officials of the exposition company are not worried. A feeling of optimism prevails at exposition headquarters and the belief prevails that the fight for San Francisco will be won on the floor of the house.

INJURED BY EXPLOSION

New Orleans, La., Jan. 21.—An explosion of gas in the coal bunkers of the battleship Kansas, now visiting England, is reported in private cables received here. Ensign Theodore Wilkinson was severely injured, it is said. Wilkinson and eight men were testing the coal bunkers. They entered with an unprotected light and an explosion followed. The ensign was burned about the head and arms.



THE CANDIDATES
Mr. Lloyd George in a recent speech said he "did not anticipate any difficulty" in obtaining 500 gentlemen ready and willing to become peers.

NEW PROCEDURE IS TO BE TRIED

COUNCIL APPROVES OF THE MAYOR'S SCHEME

Old Streets Committee is Hereafter to Be Known as Board of Works

After some debate, it was decided, at Friday night's special meeting of the city council to give the mayor's plan for a change of procedure in council work a two months' trial. Under the system thus adopted the council will meet but once a month, the old streets committee, which had been known as the board of works (composed of members of the whole council), and this body will hold meetings every Friday evening.

Several matters of importance were brought up at the board meeting of the Jubilee hospital Friday night, and among them: the president, Dr. E. Campbell, urged on the board the necessity for formulating plans that would result in the complete rebuilding of the hospital on a large scale.

The matter is now left in the hands of the building and executive committees. In connection with this matter the board discussed the necessity of converting what is known as the convalescent ward into a regular ward. The members of the board realized that the hospital is overcrowded with convalescent patients who should be inmates of an infirmary, but are inmates at the hospital because the city has no infirmary.

Dr. Hasell brought the matter up and it will be fully inquired into by the house committee which will report back.

The board will make another representation to the city council to have repairs effected to Richmond road between Cadboro Bay road and the hospital gate. The members hold that the road is at present in a disgraceful condition.

An offer from the medical council to appoint a small committee to confer at times with the board on medical matters was accepted, as it was considered that such discussions would be of general benefit. Reports from the standing committees were received as follows: Day's stay for December, 2,691; total admissions, 454; discharges, 173; treated patients, 148; daily average, \$7.45; free patients, 42; cost per patient per diem, \$2.15.

ROUSING SMOKER LIBERALS GIVE OPTIMISM OF THE WEST JUSTIFIED

WARD ONE ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS FIRST SOCIAL

Speeches by Local Leaders and Music by Best of Talent

The Ward One Liberal association is a life wire. In the space of a month or so it has quadrupled in membership and the smoker which it gave in Semple's hall on Friday was a revelation. More than anything else, perhaps, it brought out the fact that the men of the Liberal party, especially the young men, are full of enthusiasm.

"Rousing speeches and splendid singing were interspersed, and the function creates a record of its kind. It is, indeed, a good augury of the future of the Ward One association, and sets a worthy point of emulation by the other ward associations formed or to be organized within the next few weeks.

"With the president, Lt.-Col. A. W. Currie, on the platform were H. C. Brewster, M. P., P. A. Pauline, acting president of the Victoria Liberal association; M. B. Jackson, vice-president of the central association, and Mayor Hall.

The chairman hit one of the causes of Liberal defeat in Victoria on the head when he explained what had happened to a large percentage of the invitations sent out by the association to the smoker. These were sent to every voter on the list in Ward Two, but a very large number came back "not known," or "left" or some other office remark, which gives clear proof that the way the lists have been staffed with men who cannot be found by the postman but who nevertheless turn up on election day to vote the Conservative ticket.

Col. Currie spoke of the alertness shown by the new association and foretold new victories for clean government as soon as the party is thoroughly reorganized here and throughout the province.

Mr. Brewster got a great reception and congratulated Ward One the very best Liberal association it possessed, and declared the surroundings were so congenial as to encourage any speaker. The members of the association were not only active workers politically but showed that they knew how to get up a "cooking" good smoking concert.

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BOUNDARY DISPUTE

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Jan. 21.—A direct agreement between Peru and Ecuador is the best means of settling the boundary dispute, according to Minister Peralta of Ecuador, who has declined the proffered aid of the United States, Brazil and Argentina in adjusting the matter.

RECIPROcity WITH UNITED STATES

REPORT THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED

Terms Will Be Published Simultaneously at Ottawa and Washington

(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Reciprocity between Canada and the United States has been agreed upon. The state department here to-day announced that a satisfactory agreement between the two countries had been reached.

The terms of the agreement will be given out simultaneously at Washington and Ottawa, probably on Thursday.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.
London, Jan. 21.—The Daily Graphic deprecates the dragging of the representatives of the Imperial conference into the whirlpool of party politics, and advises that there be fewer social functions than on the last occasion, when delegates were overwhelmed with excessive hospitality. It expresses the hope that the pedantic adherence to court precedent will not block the way of the delegates receiving full consideration at the coronation ceremonies.

FIVE PERISH IN FIRE AT TORONTO

MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN AMONG DEAD

Defective Furnace Believed to Have Been Responsible for Blaze

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Jan. 21.—Five persons, including a mother and three children, were taken to the Western hospital badly burned as the result of a fire which destroyed the residence of Percy Brooks, manager of the Fairbanks Scale Company of Toronto at 433 Indian road at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

While the cause of the fire is a matter of uncertainty, it is believed to have been due to a defective furnace. The building, which was a fine residence of two stories and an attic, was the one formerly occupied by G. A. Reid, the artist.

Percy Brooks, the husband and father of four of the victims, is at present in Chicago, where he went a few days ago.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor, Mr. McTavish, who lives across the road and to the south. He was returning from a party and noticed the blaze and turned in an alarm.

Another servant, a nurse girl, Macale McAliden, was taken to the Western hospital badly burned about the head and arms.

No one seems to know how she managed to escape from the burning building.

The first body was found by Lieut. Hamilton, of the fire department, in the bath room. He, together with the deputy chief, entered the house while the fire was still at its height, and found this body. Shortly after they had got it out the stairs collapsed. The second body, which is believed to be that of Percy, the eldest boy, fell with the stairs and was discovered just inside the front door. After this the firemen had to work from the ladders.

On the north side of the attic were found the bodies of the mother and the remaining children. The woman was burned so badly as to be unrecognizable, her identity being established by the wedding ring and diamond ring found on her finger.

The body of the servant girl Violet was found on the south side of the attic. The bodies were removed in the private ambulance of A. W. Miles.

Coroner Johnson was notified and an inquest will be held.

STUCK BY SNOWDROUGHS

PROPOSAL TO INVITE KING

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, Jan. 21.—Three unidentified men while walking along the Canadian Northern tracks from Charlemagne to Point Maux Tremblay were struck by a snowplow and hurled high in the air. One was killed and another may die. The third escaped.

MEETS DEATH WHILE HUNTING RABBITS

Young Homesteader Killed by Accidental Discharge of Rifle

(Special to the Times.)
Saskatoon, Sask., Jan. 21.—News of a fatal Sunday hunt for rabbits on January 15 has just been received by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in every hamlet, even those who were only 24 miles north of Humboldt, and by it Herbert Jones was fatally wounded within sight of his brother Walter. They had taken a shot at a rabbit without effect, and after clearing their rifles the young homesteader began to crawl through the underbrush upon a second one which had been sighted. Herbert had not gone far when the rifle went off, and the boy collapsed, expiring before he could be taken back to the shack.

ALARMING BLAZE

Fire Breaks Out on Steamer Which Carried Large Quantity of Explosives

Vancouver, Jan. 21.—Great excitement prevailed for some time during this morning on the waterfront because of a fire which broke out on the steamship Hamblin, in the hold of which was 30 tons of dynamite and a large quantity of caps and fuses, and an explosive matter to blow all the adjacent buildings and shipping to atoms had the fire once reached it.

A catastrophe was averted by the prompt and efficient action of the department. Fire fighting apparatus was dispatched to the scene, lines of hose run aboard and after a hard fight the flames were extinguished.

In making the run to the fire the engine from station No. 8 turned completely over, but neither the driver nor any of the firemen were injured.

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Former Liberal self

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