

# HEATED SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

## PROPOSAL OF MAYOR STRONGLY OPPOSED

### By-Law For Dividing the City Into Five Wards Was Passed.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council last evening, His Worship presented a request asking for the reconsideration of the resolution passed at the meeting on Monday night with respect to the agreement reached for an improved water supply. He submitted that an alternative proposition, namely, the laying of a 30-inch main to Elk lake mentioned in the by-law, to be presented to the property owners for their approval or disapproval, in connection with the water committee. The Mayor's action was voted down as being out of the order of municipal procedure, which provided that a resolution passed at a meeting could not be returned for reconsideration by His Worship at an adjourned session of the same meeting, such being last evening's meeting. The meeting proved a very stormy one. His Worship made a strong plea for the reconsideration of his motion, and his course was just as warmly opposed, especially by Ald. Stewart, Fell and Hall, between whom and the chair there was some heated discussion. A part from this subject there was considerable business transacted, amongst which the passing of a by-law calling for the dividing of the city into five wards and increasing the number of aldermen to two for each ward.

In the course of routine W. E. Oliver wrote on behalf of the Oak Bay municipality, asking that the drain be connected with the city main on Davey street.

Ald. Vincent suggested that the council's policy with regard to making outside connections be that the authority of the directors, but the directors feel that the answers and proposals would be sanctioned by the shareholders.

In the event of these proposals being favorably considered by the corporation, the directors as soon as they receive notice of the meeting will call a meeting of the shareholders of this company in order that the proposal in question may be submitted to them for their consideration and ratification.

The subject of the last paragraph in your communication, the directors wish to remind the corporation that any veiled threat or intimidation has no effect upon the company, who desire and intend to carry out a purely business proposition, and that they are quite prepared to deal with any emergency as it arises.

The present cost of pumping is about \$2,000 per annum; this cost will be increased by the additional pump.

The cost of the proposed 30-inch main extension to the lake is \$50,000, entailing an annual cost of less than \$4,000. The 24-inch extension to the present 24-inch gravity main would save at least two-thirds of the pumping, equal to \$8,000 per annum.

This shows a net gain of not less than \$4,000 per annum in favor of the 30-inch main, as against the pumping method adopted in the report.

It being in every other respect a safer and more permanent asset, the council requests the council to give the ratemakers an opportunity to choose between installing another pump and of replacing the 12-inch pipe on the gravity main with a 30-inch.

The council proceeded to consider the motion for an appeal to the Goldstream water works case, after which the meeting adjourned.

### THE WHITE PLAGUE.

Reference Made to Crusade Against Consumption at British Columbia Medical Association Meeting.

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"Though purposely avoiding special mention of the diseases, which through scientific investigation have been prominently brought to public and professional notice, I cannot refrain from asking your serious consideration of the movement and interest aroused by the universal efforts to combat the ravages of 'The White Plague'—tuberculosis."

"Upon the medical profession depends, to a great degree, the success of efforts to intelligently apply the modern methods of opposing and counteracting the communication of this subtle and dread scourge of humanity. It is our duty to educate the masses, as to the contagious character of the disease, and to do so manfully. Though greater progress has been made in the eastern provinces of the Dominion and the republic south of us, we are now taking more active interest in making such an advance, and through the untiring efforts of the secretary of our provincial board of health, definite steps are now being taken for the establishing of a sanitarium."

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As follows:  
To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:  
Gentlemen—I have the honor to report in respect of the following schedules of proposed permanent sidetracks, viz.:  
1. South side of Gorge road, from Government to David street.  
2. South side Caledonia avenue, from Douglas to Blanchard street.  
3. Both sides Fingert street, from Douglas to Blanchard street.  
4. North side of Cormorant street, from Blanchard street to Quadra street.  
5. North side of Fort street, from Stanley avenue to Elford street.  
6. Both sides of South Turner street, from Simcoe street to Dallas road, including boulevards.  
7. West side of Clarence street, from Simcoe street to Niagara street, including boulevards.  
8. North side of Richer street, from Menzies to South Turner street.  
9. South side of Michigan street, from Government to Douglas street.  
10. East side Oswego street, from Quebec street to Belleville street.  
11. East side St. John street, from Kingston street to Quebec street; and  
12. North side of Elliott street, from Government street to Douglas street.

A letter has been received from Hon. J. S. Helmeckin objecting to the last mentioned item, but as there are two other owners named in the same schedule, he has failed to secure the number required (according to the Municipal Clauses Act) to block the work.

All the above named schedules and plan have been on the counter of this office for inspection for the full length of time prescribed by the act, and no other petition has been received with regard to any of them, and, in my opinion, the time has now passed when any such petition can be accepted.

Your obedient servant,  
WM. W. NORTHCOTT,  
Assessor.

The report was received and filed and a by-law will be framed accordingly.  
R. P. Rihet and 20 others asked for a light on Humboldt street between McClure and Rupert streets.  
Referred to the electric light committee.

Mr. Reynolds and others asked for a light on Michigan street, which took the same course.  
The finance committee reported accounts totalling \$6,125, which were ordered to be paid.

A further report from the same committee recommended an expenditure of \$10,000 for sewerage construction. Adopted.

His Worship then presented his request as follows:  
To the Board of Aldermen:  
Gentlemen—In accordance with clause 23 of by-law 33, I hereby intervene and return for your further consideration the resolution passed at the council meeting of August 6th, 1906, adopting a report of the water committee for improving the water supply.

My reason for so doing is that I do not consider it in the best interests of the city.

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Aid. Fell rose to a point of order. He said that the Mayor's report was out of order, that the meeting was an adjourned session of the meeting at which the resolution had previously been considered. If a resolution was returned to the council it would be considered null and void. He suggested that the matter be left over until the next meeting in order to comply with the rules.

The Mayor did not see why the council should oppose his action. It only meant that the matter be deferred. He could not see why his report could not be discussed.

Ald. Fell explained again that it was improper procedure.

His Worship could not see that it was, which statement led Ald. Fell to say that if His Worship had not brains he could not supply them.

Ald. Hall contended that unless the minutes be properly subscribed to they would not stand in a court of law.

His Worship pointed out that irregularities occurred in municipal matters right along. He did not see why Ald. Hall said it was necessary to have the minutes subscribed before the question was settled.

Ald. Hall: "I did not say it."  
His Worship: "I think you did."  
The reply was given with a warmth to which Ald. Hall got a little angry. Speaking to the chair, he said: "You are too fond of insinuating things and putting words into aldermen's mouths. If you only take a little of your own medicine you would be a better man."

Ald. Yates asked that the council proceed to business. He advised that he ruled that the motion be presented to the Mayor's proposed action it might drop for the present, and the motion could come up at a subsequent meeting.

In this Aid. Davey concurred.

Ald. Fullerton, rather than commit himself to any proposal, left his seat and would not vote.

In introducing the matter Ald. Fell said that the time in which to make an appeal expired on the 23rd inst. This left no more time than was required for the careful consideration of the city's case. He contended that it was petty policy on the part of the city to hesitate over expending five or six thousand dollars in ascertaining the rights of the city to an asset valued at \$60,000. He for one did not propose taking the responsibility for missing the opportunity. The opinion of one judge was but the opinion of one man, and all men were subject to errors.

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At this juncture the hour of 11 arrived, and Ald. Fell asked for an extension of time.

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(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
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## WITH REFERENCE TO GOLDSTREAM RIGHTS

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His Worship at first opposed a decision being reached last night, but finally, on being assured that the council had the privilege of withdrawing from the case after giving notice of appeal, agreed with Ald. Fell's motion.

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# A TOUR AMONG THE GULF ISLANDS

## SOME PLEASURES OF SUCH AN EXPEDITION

Party of Victorians Relate Their Impressions of Week's Cruise—Covhican Gap Fishing.

A tour among the many beautiful islands grouped about the southeastern coast of Vancouver Island is something occasionally spoken of by Victorians, but the attraction of which can only be realized by those who have been fortunate enough to make the trip. The development of the motor launch microbe which has advanced so rapidly during the past few months has had the effect of turning the attention of enthusiastic devotees of the sport towards these inland waters. Having procured a mapha, gasoline, or steam launch, the first question of the proud proprietor is, "Where can I obtain the most enjoyment out of my new toy?"

While deciding this momentous query the craft's engines are constantly being exercised in daily runs to and from the Gorge and Esquimalt. The chances are that by the time vacation time arrives he thinks of the Gulf Islands, maps out a tour and on some glorious summer morning sets out on a tour of exploration among the aforementioned protected waters, which are dotted with innumerable picturesque islets.

Only recently a number of Victorians returned from such a trip and the healthy tan of their faces, the smiles which bedecked their countenances, to say nothing of the bedragged appearance of once immaculate summer attire, bespoke a happy carefree holiday. Approached by a newspaper representative they were slightly reticent. Natural modesty made it impossible for them to speak of the pleasures of the outing, but they were quite willing to tell of the many beauties of the places they had visited for the benefit of any who may contemplate a motor or yachting cruise of the waters mentioned. The reports of Kuper Island, made as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ford and Robert MacLay, of Covhican, on board the launch Antic, were particularly interesting. They had a little over a week and the outing had been one round of unalloyed pleasure.

Among the points called at was the Maple, a well known camping spot on the coast of Salt Spring Island. A magnificent beach for bathing, beautiful shade trees, and a cool bubbling spring near at hand made it an ideal spot and many delightful hours were spent in that locality. A friendly call upon Mrs. Roberts, of Kuper Island, who entertained the wayfarers to a "swim" and a refreshing afternoon tea, formed the feature of another day, while on another occasion the residents of Adzebyth were visited, the outing being in a measure the combining of pleasure with business, the latter then needing a little replenishing. But one of the most exciting and pleasant experiences of the entire cruise was met with at Covhican Gap. Those who have called at that point in a boat need not be told that it is considered one of the most dangerous stretches of water in the vicinity and that it is not to be attempted at any time, and except at very low or high water, form a rip which is feared even by the most hardened mariners. On the first day on the little launch Antic panted through the tide races, in fact the vessel hauled in almost as quickly as the lines could be thrown out and brought back again. This is no exaggeration, but a simple statement of what occurred, and the members of the party recomended enthusiastic disciples of Isaac Walton could not do better than to visit the Gap while the present run is in progress.

To sum up, the excursionists pronounce a week's run among the Gulf Islands as one of the most enjoyable outings to be obtained in this neighborhood. The many who have taken a trip to the Gulf Islands, and the steamer Iroquois have obtained a glimpse of the beauty of the archipelago. But it cannot all be appreciated at once, and it would not be necessary before the lover of scenery could possibly be satisfied. Every mile between Victoria and Nanaimo along the coast discloses something new, and the sight-seeing is kept continually on the alert, and to give an adequate description of the gradeur, the agricultural simplicity and the prettiness of the scenery would play havoc with the vocabulary of even a Marie Corelli vocabulary.

### FIERCE FIRES.

C. P. R. Employees Are Fighting Them in Vicinity of Cascade.

From Rossland comes the news that the woods in the section along the Columbia between Rossland, Cascade and the Bullock tunnel are ablaze in places. At 12 o'clock to-day the flames reached Farron, where they destroyed the station, the round house, the water tank and a large boarding house, inflicting a loss of about \$5,000. The employees of the railway at Farron made a strong fight against the flames, which, after destroying the buildings, passed on toward the Bullock tunnel. The fires now extend along the road for about 20 miles, and the entire available C. P. R. force from Cascade to Robson is engaged in an endeavor to save the trestles of which there are several which are high and long, and which, if destroyed, would stop the line for a month of dry hot weather, and once a fire is started in the forest it burns itself out as there is no stopping it.

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