

PLACED MATTER IN LAWYER'S HANDS

LETTER TO COUNCIL ON LIBRARY AWARD

Architect Still Protests Against the Council's Action—Terminal Railway Application.

Disatisfied with the council's action in connection with the Carnegie library competition award Mr. Ridgeway Wilson, the architect, has placed matter in the hands of his solicitors, who have addressed the city fathers on the subject. The letter was read at the meeting Monday. The council did not deal with the Victoria Terminal Railway Company's application for the lease of the market building. The business was principally routine, and the meeting was, therefore, a short one.

Messrs. Langley & Martin commented the following:

Victoria, July 16, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria, Victoria, B. C.:

Re Plans Public Library Building.

Sirs:—We beg to inform you that we are acting for Mr. Ridgeway Wilson, who, as you are aware, is one of the architects who entered into the competition for the plans of this building. According to our instructions, and to what is, in our opinion, most common knowledge, this competition was a contest of some kind, inasmuch as all the plans did not fulfil the conditions upon which the competition was entered into, and that, notwithstanding which facts, these conditions were relaxed by the authorities after the plans were submitted, and the awards made accordingly.

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R. Borthwick, calling attention to the condition of the road between the sidewalk and Quebec street in front of his residence.

Received and filed.

Jas. Raymur, the city auditor, reported on the condition of the various appropriations up to the 30th of June.

C. E. Redfern and the other jewelers of the city petitioned for an early closing by-law. Referred to the city solicitor to prepare a by-law if the petition is found in order.

Tenders for sand for the filter beds, Beaver lake, were opened. They were from the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company, F. Van Sant and John Piercy. They were referred to the water commissioner and purchasing agent for report.

The cemetery committee reported that there were no funds available for entering into an arrangement with the Anglican board for re-erecting the eastern section of Ross Bay cemetery, which would cost altogether \$1,000. Received and adopted, and the synd to be informed in accordance with its recommendations.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$11,469.27 for the usual purpose. Adopted.

The fire wardens recommended that a hydrant be established on the north-east corner of Linden avenue and Becher street. Adopted.

Ald. Cameron's motion that fence viewers be appointed, next came up.

The names of Alexander Jack, Wm. Humphrey and Watson Clarke were mentioned, and they were duly appointed.

The council then adjourned until Thursday evening at 9 o'clock.

IMPORTANCE OF THE MINING INDUSTRY

Executive of the Local Association Discusses Ways and Means of Arousing Interest in It.

At Monday's meeting of the Victoria Mining Association executive the question of assisting the Agricultural Association in the collection of a mineral exhibit for the forthcoming exhibition was discussed. It was decided to hold a special meeting of the executive on Thursday, 23rd inst., to deal with the matter. The secretary was requested to urge upon the government the more prominent display of the fine exhibit at the parliament buildings so that the attention of visitors and tourists may be attracted to it. The Victoria branch of the association in common with others has received the following circular from the provincial association:

Gentlemen:—You will be glad to learn that since our meeting on August 3rd, 1902, we have been steadily progressing.

There are now 20 local organizations doing active work, and a number of others have been organized from previous desiring information how to proceed with the formation of new branches.

The Rossland and Nelson branches are making great strides, and other associations are also in good working order.

In this connection it is desirable to again point out the necessity for local branches putting forth every effort to obtain new members and keep up interest in the work. The provincial association depends entirely upon the branches in order to carry out its aims and purposes.

The executive would be very much pleased if the local associations will begin now to get preliminary work ready for the convention in January next, as we wish to be fully prepared for that meeting.

The laws and constitution require amendment; suggestions in this regard will be gladly received by the association.

Your attention is directed to the fact that under this act all taxes imposed on the 1st day of August will become delinquent and the property liable to be sold in order to satisfy the same. It is the duty of the association to make it known to others personally and through the medium of the press.

You are also probably aware of the recent action of the Dominion government in granting a bonus of \$15 per ton on lead. This is most gratifying and encouraging to the association, the executive committee having labored assiduously to the end.

While this association is absolutely non-partisan, it would seem desirable that its aims should be brought to the attention of all candidates for parliamentary honours in order that an interest in the association work may be awakened in them, and members of the association might be of great assistance by endeavoring to obtain new members from among the large number of people with whom they come in contact.

The president, Mr. Keen, spent the first fortnight of June at Victoria, and by his vigorous work has created an increased amount of interest in the association.

The second vice-president, Mr. D. W. Higgins, is in daily attendance at the office and is ready at all times to assist in advancing the interests of the association.

Before closing this circular, I wish to express upon every member of the association the wish of the president, "that we may have 12,000 members by the end of this year, and I trust that all local branches as well as individuals, who will use every effort towards that end.

The executive also discussed ways and means of arousing and stimulating greater interest in the work of the association. It was felt that in view of the increasing activity in the mining industry, Victorians should be alive to the importance of assisting it. The membership fee is only \$1, and all who desire to join are requested to send in their names to the secretary, Frank I. Clarke, or the treasurer, Joshua Kingham.

DEAFNESS OF 12 YEARS' STANDING.

—Extracted Cataract produced deafness in men. Cases. Capt. Ben. Connor, of Toronto, Canada, was deaf for 12 years from Cataract. All treatments failed to relieve. Dr. Agnew's Cataract Powder gave him relief in one day, and in a very short while the deafness left him entirely. It will do as much for you. 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—33.

HARCOURT'S LETTER

On Mr. Chamberlain's Proposals—Official Publication for the Campaign.

Montreal, July 13.—The Star's London cable says: "Copeland, agent-general for New South Wales, in writing to papers, denies that preference to colonies wheat will raise the cost of food, illustrating his views by experience in Victoria, New South Wales."

"Sir William Harcourt, in a long letter, Billing two columns of the Times, declares the elevator is really at once to decide that they will never tax food. Sir William makes a great point in the assertion that Canada and Australia will never consent to hinder their own domestic manufacturers. He also asks Mr. Chamberlain to explain the Most-favored-nation clause which would be a protective tariff, fortified by bounties. This was a special reference to the Canadian agreement for re-erecting the eastern section of Ross Bay cemetery, which would cost altogether \$1,000. Received and adopted, and the synd to be informed in accordance with its recommendations."

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MADE FULL CONFESSION.

S. H. Dougal Executed for the Murder of Miss Holland at the Moat House.

London, July 14.—Samuel Herbert Dougal, the perpetrator of the Moat House murder, who was convicted at the Chelmsford assizes June 23rd, for the killing of Miss Holland, at Saffronwaden, Essex, and sentenced to death, was hanged at Chelmsford jail at 8 o'clock this morning, after making a full confession of his crime.

The Moat House murder, as it was known, was committed over four years ago, and hope of solving the mystery had almost been given up, when the body of the victim, Miss Holland, was found last April buried in the Moat House grounds.

Miss Holland was the owner of the Moat House about four years ago. Dougal, who was supposed to be her husband, but who it was discovered subsequently had never been married to her, made his confession to the police, and was hanged on the place. Miss Holland then disappeared suddenly, and Dougal sued the woman, supposed to be his sister, but was divorced.

This aroused suspicion and led to an investigation. Dougal was arrested for cashing a cheque purporting to have been signed by Miss Holland, and while he was in custody he confessed to the murder of his sister, and to the discovery of her body in the Moat House grounds.

"The Times and other London papers publish long eulogistic obituary notices of the late Judge Armour. Arrangements are being made to take the body to Canada for the funeral."

"Lt.-Col. Sherwood, commander of the Canadian Blesley team, has been invited to attend the ball given at Marlborough House, the town residence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, to-night."

A Change of Front.

London, July 13.—A white paper was issued by the foreign office to-night giving the correspondence between Great Britain and Germany in connection with the German-Canadian tariff discussion. The general tone of the correspondence indicates a greater willingness on the part of Germany to discuss the question of special tariff concessions to the Mother Country as a separate customs territory to be made to suffer by retaliation for privileges granted to the United Kingdom.

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