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and of December, 1891, and connected with the same, but the same has been... Point Roberts Mole or other... terminus on the mainland, and the... as soon as possible, a steamer... months, will place on the route, as a... a passenger, as a rule, not exceeding... 20 knots per hour, and on a ferry boat... built expressly for carrying freight, cars... between Swartz Bay and the mainland... not necessarily of a great speed, as the... of the vessel, but it is possible to... combine, in a fast steamer, the capacity to... do both duties at a high rate of speed... Any expenditure that the Council may... require, touching the above proposal, will... be cheerfully supplied.

In conclusion, we venture to predict that if the above proposal be accepted, the citizens of Victoria, in less than a year, may take a three-hour journey from their own doors to New Westminster, and there connect with the... of the great transcontinental railway, with the... via a railway system of the United States and Canada.

Jobb have the honor to be, etc.

A. DEBOSQVOS, FRANK SHOOTER, LOWRY & CO., CHAS. E. HAYLORN, GEORGE ROAD, RICHARD HALL, L. GORDON, J. STUART YATES, JOSEPH ARTHUR, A. M. LEAH, ALEX. CLEGGHURST, JOHN T. PAGE, JOHN TEAGUE.

Referred to Finance committee for report.

W. Teague—Applying for permission to excavate under the sidewalk on the site of the new Dryd. Request granted.

Thos. Whitwell—Complaining of stagnant water on Moss street. Tabled.

W. Whitaker—Asking for extension of privileges. Water committee.

B. R. Seabrook—Requesting permission to open a portion of the George Road in order to lay a drain, and also asking what the council intended to do in regard to supplying water to the residents on the George Road.

A. D. McKILGICAN explained that the subject dealt with in the latter part of the communication, was at present under consideration, and the water would be furnished from the police committee.

J. C. Elliott, secretary of the Board of Fire Underwriters—Urging the council to take action in regard to the storage of coal oil within the city limits. Fire wardens and chief engineers.

Hon. J. H. Turner, chairman of the Illumination committee—Recommending that the Council purchase 3,200 Japanese lanterns from T. S. Fletcher. Finance committee.

The Athletic Sports committee—Requesting the presence of police at Beacon Hill on the 23rd and 25th inst. Police committee.

A. O. Roy—Calling attention to the fact that gambling is carried on every night in the building over Van Volkenburgh's butcher shop, at the corner of Government and Yates streets. The writer stated that the police were not doing their duty, and the place was a private club, and inquired if the city endorsed them in so doing.

A. D. SMITH said that he had paid a visit to the place referred to only a few nights ago, and in the presence of the police, and standing on the same footing as the Union club and the Victoria club. The Chief of Police furnished the information that the writer of the complaint had twice been fined in the police court.

MAYOR GRANT said he was glad to see that Mr. Roy had referred to it when, as in the present case, private clubs were in the habit of holding their meetings in public places, and making it their duty to make it their appearance. The police were shutting their eyes to their duty. Dozens of gambling holes were running night and day, and scores of boys under 16 were being served with liquor over the bar. The police were not doing their duty, and the council should see to it that they did.

The communication went to the police committee.

A letter from the rector of St. Saviour's church, asking for an sidewalk, was received and referred to street committee.

Chief Engineer Deary—presenting the first report for the year, and asking for the purchase of a number of necessities for the department. Fire Wardens.

W. S. Gode, deputy commissioner of Lands and Works—announcing that the provincial appropriation of \$4,000 would be at the disposal of the city on July 1st, it being understood that the sum shall be expended on the trunk roads within the recent addition to the city. After debate, the council decided to authorize the communication and refer it to the Street committee.

W. C. Ward—complaining of the discreditable condition of Moss street. Street committee.

David Hart and others—urging that the sidewalk removed by Ald. Smith at the corner of Government and Yates streets, during building operations, be at once restored to its original position. A long debate, were informed that the council had no power to act in the matter until the permit expired.

Residents on Oak Bay avenue—applying for water service thereon. Water committee.

Only one offer for the city debentures, issued by authority of the Flour Mill Bonanza, was received, and the time for receiving tenders was extended for two weeks.

ADDITIONS.

Ald. REXFORD gave notice of his intention to introduce a by-law to regulate the Bank Overdraft by-Law of 1891.

Ald. SMITH by-law, providing for the regulation of the Police Department, and Birdsong Walk, passed in its relation.

Ald. REXFORD by-law, in relation to the use of the B. C. Agricultural Association, was read a first time, as was also Ald. SMITH's by-law to amend the Park by-law.

REPORTS.

Finance Committee—Recommending that the requests of W. J. Pendry and H. J. Brady & Co. be granted; stating that the committee do not consider it desirable to present the by-law suggested by Mr. C. Wilson for the Canada Western Railway Co., an advising that a donation of \$250 be made to the Trades and Labor Council.

Ald. McKILGICAN vigorously opposed the adoption of the last clause in the report; it was creating a bad precedent for no good; the fee library answered all the purposes required.

Ald. REXFORD and SMITH debated the right of the Trades and Labor Club to a grant, and the report was adopted.

Street committees—Advising sidewalks on Government and Catherine streets, and North road, the payment of the award in the arbitration with Mann & Heron, the appointment of Mr. Lynn as streets commissioner, the reference to the city engineer of claim for the loss of the bridge over the private property, and the deferring for one week of the question of street marking and marking.

In anticipation to the plan of the tramway from Chinatown, which opened up new streets in James Bay ward.

The report was tabled until the applica-

tion for the position of street commissioner had been considered.

THE POWDER MAGAZINE.

ALD. MUNN moved, seconded by Ald. COUGHLIN, that the Dominion government be again requested to remove the powder magazine at Beacon Hill park at once; and be notified that unless the magazine be forthwith removed, it will be taken down by the city without further notification.

Ald. REXFORD said that there was a large quantity of powder in the magazine when he was in it last. He had been informed that there was no powder at the park now. It had been removed to Brober's Island.

Ald. COUGHLIN stated that the Dominion government had admitted that the magazine should be removed, and had only raised the question of expense, which was a matter of no great importance.

Ald. REXFORD enquired where it was proposed to take the magazine to.

Ald. MUNN passed unanimously, the audience testifying approval.

Applications for the position of city street commissioner were received from K. C. George, George Lyall, and W. G. Graft, and the appointment was deferred for one week, after a long and uninteresting debate.

The streets' committee's report was taken up by the council, with the exception of the clause, referring to the appointment of Mr. Lynn, as street commissioner.

On motion of Ald. REXFORD, \$10,000 was taken from the general fund for the use of the Sewerage commissioners, and \$5,000 was devoted to the Market committee account.

Ald. MUNN requested the use of Jumbo and the street sprinkler to prepare the athletic grounds at Beacon Hill track for the 24th of May celebration. These were granted. Ald. MUNN then announced that a bear pit had been ordered for the park, and moved a vote of thanks be extended for recent donations to the M. & E. Danmuth for the use of the steamers Lorne on the arrival of the Empress of India.

At 11:15, Ald. Coughlin brought up a question of music at the park, and moved that a sum of \$500 be devoted to paying for music at the park. No day was mentioned.

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