

AGREEMENT STANDS OVER

NEW CLAUSE ADDED AS TO MACHINERY

Aldermen Again Discuss the Development of Power at Jordan River.

The city council on Monday had the British Columbia Electric agreement before it for what is expected to be the last time before the formal third reading of the by-law and the fixing of a rate for submitting it to the people. The agreement had come back from the company as to the two clauses added at Ald. Turner's suggestion, one making it clear that the city had the right to generate light and power for its own use and the other providing for a penalty in case the company should not have the 10,000 horsepower developed at Jordan river within three years.

The first of these was quite acceptable to the company, but in regard to the second there was some difficulty as the company did not want to be compelled to install machinery ahead of the demand for power. A conference took place between A. T. Goward and A. E. McPhillips, K. C. on its side, and the mayor, Ald. Turner and the city solicitor, on that of the city. A new clause was drafted, sent to Vancouver and approved by the directors and it came up Monday night.

This clause, altered from its original form, now provides: "That at the earliest opportunity, and in any event within three years from the final passing of this by-law, the company shall erect a plant as near as possible to Victoria and tributary thereto, of a capacity of not less than 10,000 horsepower and when fully developed to cost not less than \$1,500,000, and machinery shall, from time to time, be installed so as to develop and distribute such power as may be required in extensions to the electric railway, lighting and power undertakings of the company."

Ald. Henderson objected to this as a radical change in the agreement and affecting the crux of the whole matter. It might be five, or eight, or ten years before the 10,000 horsepower was developed, and meanwhile the people would be waiting for the promised reduction of rates.

Mayor Hall said it would not be fair to the city to have the machinery to develop 10,000 horsepower if it only had sale for 5,000 or 7,000 or 8,000 horsepower, and have this plant idle.

Ald. Henderson did not think the council need worry about this; if the company had the power they could sell it.

Ald. Fullerton expressed himself as taken by surprise at the inclusion of a clause which was not put there at council's request.

Ald. Turner reminded him that it had been represented when the clause was drawn. The company would put in dams and all required for the development of 10,000 horsepower, but did not want to have to install the expensive units required to generate and distribute power except as the market required. It would not be fair to expect the installation of machinery for 10,000 horsepower when there might be a market for only 5,000, but the 10,000 would be there all the same. The main thing was having the power there, capable of generation when it was needed.

Ald. Henderson returned to the point of the reduction of rates and feared it would not be done, under this proposal, until the company was actually generating 10,000 horsepower. The mayor assured him that this was all provided against.

Ald. Turner pointed out that the company had agreed to a provision that if it was in default as regarded any obligation, and continued so for six months after the city had drawn attention to the fact, the city's obligations under the agreement ceased. The company would not agree to this unless this other clause was amended so as to protect them from having to install valuable machinery and have it lying idle. He added that while the agreement was a very valuable one to the city at large, he did not wish to let it through while any alderman thought it contained anything inimical to Victoria's interest, and therefore he suggested that the agreement lie over for further consideration. This was agreed to.

AIRSHIPS FOR USE OF ARMY AND NAVY

Series of Experiments Will Be Carried Out in England.

London, Aug. 3.—The sub-committee of the imperial defence committee, appointed to confer on matters of aviation, has given a verdict on rigid dirigible balloons for naval purposes, and on non-rigid balloons for the army.

The aeroplane committee considered that these machines possibly may become valuable to the army, but that they must be able to ascend to a much greater height than yet has been achieved before they will be useful for military purposes. Mr. Secretary Haldane announced the House of Commons yesterday that in consequence of this report the admiralty had ordered a rigid dirigible of the largest type from the Vickers works, and the government factory at Aldershot was busy with the construction of three non-rigid balloons and two aeroplanes for experimental purposes.

Mr. Haldane said in addition: "The remarkable events of recent days—M. Bleriot's flight across the Channel, and the flights in America—all point to the fact that some time in the future aeroplanes will be capable of bringing out

WATERWORKS MUST PAY COST

ALDERMEN EXPRESS THEMSELVES PLAINLY

Cost of Lowering Cook and Fernwood Mains Not on Local Improvement.

The aldermen expressed themselves pretty vigorously at Monday's council meeting as to the responsibility of the water department for the cost of putting into proper shape again streets which have been left in a disreputable state, as the chairman of the streets committee put it, after laying mains. It was also decided that the cost of relaying mains such as that on Cook street, referred to in the Times on Monday, must be borne by the water department, and under no consideration shall it be made a portion of cost of the local improvement.

The discussion originated over a recommendation from Water Commissioner Raymur that the re-laying of the Cook and Fernwood mains be charged up to the local improvement works which have necessitated their lowering. Ald. Henderson expressed his surprise at finding the Cook street mains close to the surface and said it could not have been laid at the proper depth. Therefore the water department had been profligate all these years by having done the work more cheaply than it should not complain at having to do now what should have been done then.

Ald. Raymond pointed out that the present water administration is as bad as the old one in that regard, and instanced the case of Linden avenue and McClure street, where mains had to be relaid twice at lower levels within the past two years.

After a long discussion, the charging up is largely a matter of book-keeping and of the whole people paying the expense instead of a small number. This issue is apt to be greatly obscured, that the people as a whole in groups, are paying for the blunders or worse of the past and the present.

Water Commissioner Raymur reported that the grading of Cook street had uncovered the water department's main on Cook street, laid in 1887 by Water Commissioner Somerville, on levels furnished by the then city engineer, and recommended that the lowering of the main form part of the cost of local improvement. The same would apply to the eight-inch main on Fernwood road.

Ald. Turner objected to the water commissioner coming back so quickly at the streets department in a case where that official thought he should not have to bear the cost, when the water commissioner's department was up streets and left them in a disreputable state. Why did the water commissioner not have these streets put in proper shape?

The mayor said that he did not. "I beg your pardon, it is not done," said Ald. Turner.

"It is supposed to be charged up to them," the mayor said.

"There will be a large bill against the department for Hillside avenue," remarked Ald. Bishop.

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Ald. McKeown reminded the council that there was a resolution instructing the city engineer to do the work and charge it up to the water department.

"But that work is not being carried out," persisted Ald. Turner. "Streets are being dug up and left with a hump here and a hole there and this is not being fixed up. I do not care who is to blame but the plain fact is that the work is not being done and I intend to see that it is done. I don't see why the water department should be charged up to the local improvement work there, and moved that in both cases the cost of lowering the mains be charged to the waterworks department."

Ald. Turner seconded this and the mayor said he thought that was all right.

Mable backed up the water commissioner, on the ground that if it had not been for the local improvements the pipes would not have had to be lowered.

"The water department should pay for the lowering," declared Ald. Henderson. "In the first place the pipe could not have been put down on the proper grade. There has been very little alteration in Cook street and am very much surprised to find the pipe so close to the surface. At that time so long as the pipe was covered they seemed to be satisfied. The water commissioner and water department have benefitted all these years by not having laid the pipe lower, and it is up to them to pay for the lowering of a large main like that, or any pipe not up to proper level."

Ald. Raymond agreed with Ald. Fullerton and mentioned that inside the last two years Mr. Raymur had got the levels for Linden avenue and McClure street, but when the re-grading took place the mains had to be twice lowered on Linden avenue and re-lowered on McClure street.

Ald. Turner pointed out that if the principle of charging the lowering of mains up to local improvements was to be established Mr. Raymur could go ahead and put pipes down any place he liked, knowing that subsequent lowering would not be charged to his department. This was not fair to the people who were making improvements. If Mr. Raymur did not lay pipes to proper grade he must understand that the water department had to stand the cost.

The motion made by Ald. Fullerton was adopted, and the cost of lowering the two mains will be charged to waterworks account.

RULES AND REGULATIONS PRESS CENSOR



HEARD IN THE CENSOR'S OFFICE: The Water Commissioner—"What annoys me, Your Worship, is that what these pesky reporters call 'blundering' and 'waste' is really GENIUS." The Mayor—"Of course, of course. As Harry Lauder would say, 'It's not a failing at all. It's a gift!'"

TARIFF FIGHT NOT YET OVER

THERE MAY BE SEVERAL CHANGES IN SCHEDULES

Vote on Conference Report Fixed for Thursday Afternoon.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—The senate this afternoon agreed upon Bailey's motion to hold the tariff conference report at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The objectionable language in the general schedule of the tariff bill is generally credited to Senator Lodge and Representatives Gardner and McCall of Massachusetts. It is alleged that they are trying to preserve the interests of New England alone, and they are also said to have given President Taft the impression that the boots and shoes worn by men in the street were made from cattle hides which the schedule admits free.

Upon the resumption of consideration of the conference report to-day Senator Culberson of Texas gave notice that when the joint resolution with regard to duty on leather goods was introduced he would offer another placing cotton bagging on the free list.

Clapp participated in the discussion, declaring that he would suffer no alliance with the Grand Trunk Pacific lines are completed. The future he declined to discuss.

LEAVES FOR COAST. Ottawa, Aug. 3.—Hon. Sydney Fisher left to-day for the West. He will be away two months.

MINNESOTA DAY AT A.-Y.-P. EXPOSITION

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DIRECTORS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HAYS

Proposed Canadian Board for G. T. P., Has Never Been Seriously Considered.

Montreal, Aug. 3.—Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, interviewed here to-day, stated that the project for the appointment of a Canadian board of directors for the Grand Trunk Pacific had never been seriously considered.

"It has not yet been proved," he said, "that such a board is necessary."

If it is proved, the board will be appointed without delay. The London directorate has the greatest confidence in Mr. Hays, and the management lies practically in his hands. But financial control must lie on the other side, Canadian directors will not financial interests at stake would be lavish with the company's money, and that is detrimental to any road.

Regarding the rumored alliance with the Allan line, he said there would be no alliance till the Grand Trunk Pacific lines are completed. The future he declined to discuss.

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The total loss resulting from the series of fires which yesterday afternoon and last night threatened the destruction of the city, is to-day placed at between \$175,000 and \$200,000. More than a dozen buildings, mostly wooden structures were consumed by the flames, which were not brought under control until after midnight. Among the buildings destroyed was the Snohomish county court house.

At 10 o'clock last night, after the conflagration had raged for several hours, the mayor requested that the local company of state militia be called out and 35 armed men were sworn in as deputy sheriffs to guard property and prevent further operations by the incendiaries. Hundreds of citizens enlisted as volunteers to assist the sixteen exhausted firemen. An appeal for assistance was dispatched to the Seattle fire department and 15 men were sent from that city on a special train at midnight to help fight the fire. It was not until two o'clock this morning that the flames were brought under control.

SPANISH TROOPS AGAIN ATTACKED

FIGHTING IN PROGRESS IN VICINITY OF MELLILLA

Revolt of Native Population Adds to Gravity of Situation.

Lisbon, Aug. 3.—Fifteen thousand Moors are savagely attacking entrenched forces of Spaniards in and about Mellilla and the situation of the beleaguered Europeans is desperate, according to a message received here to-day.

The situation of the Spanish garrison is made doubly desperate because of a revolt of the native population of Mellilla, which heretofore has remained quiet and has not participated in fighting.

Word was brought by wounded refugees who succeeded in running the besiegers' lines that the garrison was holding its own against the Moors, but that if the native population took part against them the Spanish force at Mellilla would be doomed.

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SOLDIERS DRIVEN BACK BY REBELS

SUFFER SEVERELY IN FIGHT NEAR BARCELONA

Commander Informed That Trustworthy Reinforcements Cannot Be Sent.

Barcelona, Aug. 3.—Regular train service from Barcelona was resumed to-day with its re-establishment came a train of 1000 men from the revolted province of Catalonia. Passengers arriving this morning say that the government forces are fortifying their position in the central city in anticipation of an outbreak. The revolutionists are encamped in the mountains surrounding the city where they took refuge following the slaughter of the last few days.

Barcelona is now in possession of loyal troops, but the condition of the defenses and the position of the loyal forces make it probable that the succeeding fighting will be bloody. Allowing for exaggeration by terrified refugees who have arrived here, it is estimated that the list of dead at Barcelona reached 2,000 in the three days of fighting there.

Troops Relieved. Cerbera, France, Aug. 3.—Troops sent from Barcelona to dislodge the rebels entrenched in the mountains were repulsed with heavy losses, according to messages received here to-day.

The situation in Catalonia is very serious and the followers of the late Don Carlos, pretender to the throne of Spain, are making efforts to advance the cause of his son, Don Jaime, but it is thought that there is little chance for him to wear the crown. If Alfonso is dethroned there is greater likelihood of a republic being formed. That the army is being disrupted by the work of the revolutionists and the reverse is shown by the fact that the troops at Santiago, in command of the troops at Barcelona, received notice from Madrid that it was impossible to send them reinforcements.

Following the defeat of his forces sent to the hills to combat the rebels, this news has greatly discouraged the Spanish commander.

The Carlists are working with renewed activity since learning of the many reverses met by Alfonso's retainers. Don Jaime's lieutenants are making a determined effort to seat the pretender and are working throughout the provinces to that end. They are particularly active among the Baedques and country people of Catalonia and demonstrations are being held throughout the kingdom. Those who believed Carlism died with Don Carlos, father of the present pretender, now acknowledge their mistake.

Don Jaime, 32 years old, a bachelor, and a soldier of distinction. For many years he was an officer in the Russian army and fought at Manchuria during the Russo-Japanese war. He was estranged from his father during the declining years of the latter's life and went to Paris, which city he now calls home. On frequent occasions he has visited his father and at one time stayed openly at San Sebastian, which gave rise to the rumor that he was willing to acknowledge Carlism to be dead.

This was disproved when following the Carlist advance in Italy, July 29th, Don Jaime caused it to become known that he had no intention of surrendering his claim to the throne, which he sincerely believes is rightfully his.

TELEPHONE EXTENSION. Kamloops Board of Trade Takes Up Proposed Line to Grande Prairie.

Kamloops, Aug. 2.—At a meeting of the council of the board of trade, the proposed telephone line from Kamloops to Grande Prairie was discussed. It was pointed out that while those along the route were anxious to have the line established they were not making much actual effort to forward their ideas, but as Kamloops is also vitally interested in the matter it was decided on motion to ask Martin Burleigh, M.P., to place the requirements in this connection before the proper authorities at Ottawa, and the secretary was requested to ascertain what the B. C. Telephone Company was prepared to do in the matter.

Another effort is to be made to have a proper measure of protection established at the west bridge railway crossing. The railway commission would affect this in case of a walk out. It is known that the elevated railroad men have been considering the question of wages and working conditions some time, and that there is considerable discontent felt by the men.

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Chicago Surface Carmen Are Alleged to Be Fomenting Discontent.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—A situation threatening to precipitate a great strike on the surface car lines of this city was made more desperate to-day when it was learned that the employees of all the elevated street railways are contemplating a strike.

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