

CIVIC FATHERS ON FORGERY CHARGE

CLERK AND ENGINEER ARE COMPLETELY EXONERATED

Solicitor's Charge is Reputed by the Council—Stormy Discussion Engaged in

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The city hall on Victoria was never more densely packed than it was last night, when those expected to reach a crisis in connection with the engineering department.

These were the city solicitor and the city clerk, and their differences of opinion in regard to the charge of forgery, committed on one of the official reports of a local improvement work, proved sufficient, not merely to arouse the greatest excitement and apparent antagonism between the respective officials, but also to enliven the body of the aldermen either way or the other and make a general "pot-pourri" of the proceedings.

Eventually a resolution was adopted completely exonerating the city clerk and the city engineer, together with their respective staffs, of the charge of forgery, preferred indiscriminately against them in the letter of the city solicitor to the city engineer, which letter was incorporated in the mayor's indictment of the last-named official.

Immediately the crowded house had been brought to order by Mr. Dowler in order to ask that the investigation which had been promised in regard to the forgery charge be proceeded with on the same day as the full board at the outset it was decided to wait until there was a few minutes' delay sufficed to fill the vacancies and then Mr. Dowler voiced his complaint.

He declared that the statement of the city solicitor to the effect that forgery had been committed in his office and also in the office of the city engineer did not merely reflect upon the occupants of the city clerk's office, but charged deliberate forgery. Inferentially, he said, it referred to the engineer as being the agent of the forgery, but that was not sufficiently explicit to absolve the city clerk and his subordinates.

He went on to quote the Criminal Code as to the meaning of forgery, and stated that it meant altering a document for the purpose of deceiving, and that he knew it to be false, and that it rendered the culprit liable to a term of imprisonment not less than seven years and not exceeding fourteen. If there was any one in the city employ who was deserving of that punishment then an information should be taken out against him and a case taken to the courts in the proper manner.

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City Clerk (warmly)—I challenge the accuser to prefer that charge in the police court.

Ald. Moresby—You are entitled to an investigation. The charge impeaches your honor and the integrity of your staff.

City Clerk—Then I will ask the accuser to formulate his charge.

stated that two men had come to his office and had taken a tracing of the print but he did not observe any blot as a result of their handwriting. When asked to swear to that testimony, however, Mr. Bradley could not go beyond his knowledge and belief.

Ald. Humber—Well, what difference does it make, anyway?

City Solicitor—Not a bit.

Ald. W. F. Fullerton—Then what's the trouble?

Ald. Humber—I don't know.

City Solicitor—The trouble is that the city engineer tried to make the street 38 feet.

City Clerk—It is really no alteration in effect, he says, and yet he has stated that there has been deliberate forgery committed.

City Solicitor—Any alteration is a forgery.

City Clerk—Excuse me. You are a legal man, and you should know that a forgery is an alteration with intent to defraud. I think it is your logical duty under the circumstances to make a complete withdrawal of the charge.

Ald. Langley then moved that the city clerk and the city engineer, together with their respective staffs, be absolved from the charge of forgery. Ald. W. F. Fullerton seconded this.

The city solicitor protested against this action as it appeared to reflect upon him and he called for the original tracing. He declared that it had "48" feet in it. As to his letter to the engineers in which the charge of forgery was made, he stated that it was a private letter and he thought he was entitled to use the language he did in order to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Ald. W. F. Fullerton—Oh, it was a private letter, was it? Then how did he do it get hold of it?

City Solicitor—That is another matter. (Laughter.) Slightly disconcerted Mr. McDermid resumed that "even if he did get hold of it from me, he is the chief executive and was entitled to it."

Ald. Humber thereupon challenged the city solicitor to prove that the blue print had been altered, and offered to donate \$100 to the Jubilee Hospital if the proof was forthcoming.

For a moment he and the city solicitor devoured one another with their eyes, and then the latter conceded that if he erred in calling the letter a forgery he was not at all. His statement was made was never intended to set the light of day.

Ald. Humber—Yes, something like Wilson's. (Laughter.)

The committee rose to report progress when Ald. Gleason, who had sat silently throughout the discussion, but in change had been made. He was immediately pounced upon by Ald. Moresby and Ald. Humber for not saying what he had to say when the matter was under discussion.

Ald. W. F. Fullerton explained that the change on the tracing was not made by the city engineer, but was made by the city clerk and his subordinates.

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SMITH'S REPLY TO THE CHARGES

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Finally assessed against the property, the estimate being only for the purpose of giving the owners an idea of what the work will cost.

However, the estimate comes to estimating for special purposes, and bidding against contractors in open competition for different city works, I have made special efforts and am not ashamed of the results. My bid in every instance has been the closest to the reasonable figure that was given for any of the works.

I refer you especially to both the Dallas Road and Ross Bay sea walls, the incinerator, the public works, the rock blast and grading on Aquath, Cecil, Forbes and Victor streets, bids for cement sidewalks, and more especially to the bids for the asphalt pavement, curb and gutter. My figures in this list case were very close to the figures accepted.

I take considerable credit for the manner in which the local improvements have been initiated and put through, and thrown open to paving contractors throughout the city.

When I reached Victoria the council were wrestling with pavement promoters who in Victoria, as in other cities, sought to impress the council with the sacredness of petitions and endeavored to secure from the newspapers per capita specifying their particular class of pavement and the price to be paid. To change all this required a great deal of time.

Cost of Pavements is Less. I would like to call your attention, in this connection, to the fact that since my arrival here the price of pavements has decreased from \$2 per square to \$1.25 per square yard. Victoria is now paying less than any other city on the continent that I know of for a pavement equal in quality. I refer you to the telegrams procured for the purpose of the last investigation, as attached. I figure that the city is paying \$300,000 this year for its pavements, as against \$400,000 paid by the cities below cited:

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 2, 1911. Bituthic, 1909, \$2.88 per square yard; 1910, \$2.90. Thickness of concrete base six inches; surface two inches. No asphalt here.

A. J. LATORNE, Vancouver, Oct. 2, 1911. Average cost per square yard, asphalt on six inches concrete, one inch binder, two inches wearing surface, \$2.40. Bituthic on six inches concrete, two inches wearing surface, \$2.70. Both inclusive of excavation.

CITY ENGINEER. "St. Boniface, Man., Oct. 2, 1911. "Bituthic only here; 6 inches base, two-inch surface; \$3 per yard complete. No repairs for six years.

"M. P. BLAIR," Montreal, Oct. 2, 1911. "Asphalt concrete, 6 inches; wearing surface, 3 inches; average price 1910-1911, \$2.13. Bituthic, none. 1910-1911, \$2.65.

"GEO. JANNIN, City Engineer," London, Ont., Oct. 2, 1911. "Bituthic, \$2.65; asphalt, \$2.15; base, 6-inch concrete; 1-inch binder, 2-inch top.

"GEO. WRIGHT," Toronto, Ont., Oct. 2, 1911. "Bituthic, 2-inch; asphalt, 1-inch binder, 2-inch surface, 6-inch foundation, \$2.15; asphalt, same as above, 5-inch foundation, \$2.

"C. H. RUST," Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 2, 1911. "Asphalt pavement, base, 6 inches; top, 2 inches; average, \$2.55 square yard, 1909.

"H. N. RUTTAN," Seattle, Oct. 2, 1911. "Average, 1909, \$1.70; 1910, \$1.68; 1911, \$1.63. Thickness pavement, 1-inch binder, 2-inch surface, 4-inch base, 1.47. Rakers and roller, \$3.50; concrete base, \$2; sand and gravel, \$2; cement, \$2; asphalt, \$18 at wharf. Letter follows.

"R. H. THOMPSON," Sewer Pipe Contract. Early in June this year it was reported that there was a joint stock company being formed to manufacture pipe required for city sewerage purposes, about the 1st of June the mayor phoned me asking for the sewer pipe contract. I immediately procured the tender of the B. C. Pottery Company who had the contract for vitrified clay pipe, and took it to the city solicitor's office to see if a contract had been drawn. While I was in the solicitor's office the mayor came in with another gentleman, who was the promoter of the new company, quoted the city's prices for vitrified clay pipe, and he gave approximate figures for cement pipe, which were nearly half those of the B. C. Pottery Co.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1911, the council met, and Mr. Morley handed me a sheet of paper, herewith attached, on which were type-written quotations. This paper had nothing to show where it came from, nor any signature or writing to identify it. The mayor asked me to compare the prices on the paper with what we were paying for pipe, and if these were the lower to recommend their acceptance at the next council meeting on Friday, June 9.

On Friday, June 9, Mr. Morley came into my office and asked if I were going to submit a report on the cement pipe referred to in the schedule which he had given me. I told him that it would not be advisable to give out the prices before bids were called for, and that I would recommend that the matter be thrown upon to competition, and that all classes of pipe would be considered.

The gentleman previously referred to, visited the engineer of the sewer department and got the quantities of the different sizes of pipe which would be required, the quoted price amounting to \$40,000.

Had I reported as suggested by Mr. Morley the city would have been committed to a contract without competition, with a contractor of whom they knew nothing, and without a specification for pipe and material, and could be compelled to accept pipe worth \$10,000. The city could not have in any way helped itself, because there was no proportion given for the concrete or thickness of the walls of the pipe. The

REALTY MARKET IS SLOWLY PICKING UP

Majority of Dealers Report an Increasing Movement—An Unique Window Dressing

(From Saturday's Daily.)

It is hard to define the exact condition of the real estate market at the present time. This is the dull season, and naturally the market is quieter than at other times of the year, but as to whether business is going ahead or going back there is considerable difference of opinion amongst the dealers.

Some say the present work has been better than the previous three or four months, while others contend that the movement in real estate is becoming slower day by day. However, in view of the fact that a number of fairly good sales have been made within the past few days, and that they are in the majority, it is safer to accept the opinion of the former.

The influx of investors from the prairie provinces and mainland parts of British Columbia is generally well under way at this time of the year, but so far the local dealers have been rather disappointed in the amount of business done with these people. That they are coming in there is no doubt—the fact that on Wednesday there were in the neighborhood of 100 newcomers from the mainland stopping at the Empress hotel is prima facie evidence of the fact, but to use the words of one of the real estate men, "they are not opening their hearts to any great extent."

The demand for residential property is strong, and many of the firms are doing almost all their business in that kind of property.

In connection with real estate it seems not out of place to mention the beautiful window-dressing to be seen at Moore Johnson's place of business. This firm is one of the youngest in the city, but has a name for energetic and original methods. Among its specialties has been the production of the splash of attractive window effects, and although Mr. Johnson, who attends to this feature, has exerted his extremely fertile mind with great effect in the past, he most undoubtedly has outdone himself this time.

The cards advertising property are beautifully colored in harmonious shades and are decorated at the top with the splashes of electric globe, and the switchboard is so arranged that each light will flash in irregular order at intervals of ten seconds. In the evenings the flashing lights lighting the splashes of gold, bring out the tasteful colorings of the cards and never fails to attract the passer-by in great numbers.

Some of the more important recent sales for the week are as follows: The well known real estate firm of Leeming Bros. has put through several sales of considerable importance within the last few days. Lot 1041 on Johnson street, lot 1913 on Superior street, and lot 1042 on Quebec and St. John streets, and a corner on Quebec and Montreal sold for prices aggregating in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

A large piece of acreage on Burnside road, 2,000 acres, surrounded and subdivided into lots, was sold for \$2,000. Moore & Johnson sold a house and lot in the James Bay district for \$5,500, a lot on Fisgard street for \$1,200, a lot running through Fisgard to Grant for \$2,000, and a lot on Albany street for \$2,500, house and lot on Pembroke street, \$3,000; lot on Rose street for \$850, and two lots in the Beechwood subdivision for \$1,600.

F. Landsberg, of the Empire Realty Co., sold a house and lot on 16th and B. C. streets, formerly owned by R. Scott, for \$12,000; house and six lots, corner Arm and Craigflower streets, formerly owned by Z. M. Hamilton, for \$10,000; a house and lot on Taunton street, formerly owned by F. Landsberg, for \$2,000; lots 67 and 68, Craigdarroch, formerly owned by McDonald and Raymond, for \$3,500 each.

Monk & Monteth have sold six acres at the corner of and of town for \$17,000; four lots at Shoal Bay View for \$5,200, and have made several smaller sales within the past week or so. They report that there has been no inquiry during the present week than in the three preceding.

Leeming Bros. sold a lot on Johnson street for \$5,000; a lot in the Rock Bay district for \$3,500; a vacant lot on Montreal street for \$7,000; a house and lot in James Bay for \$5,500; a lot on Forest street for \$4,700, and several lots in Hollywood Park for \$750 each.

The B. C. Sales Co. sold lots in Dean Heights and Kerr sub-divisions; a house and lot on Cloverdale avenue for \$3,700, and a house and lot on Alder street for \$5,500.

Knott Bros. Ltd. report a number of deals closed during the past week in residential and semi-business property. Fairfield and Hillside districts lead in sales actually during the week, the former in all sections is very satisfactory.

Sales by R. P. Clark include new house and lot on Denman street to a new corner for \$5,000; five lots on First street, one lot on Edmondson road, lot on First street, twelve acres off Wilkinson road at about \$750 an acre to a local syndicate, and a small frontage on Blanchard street.

A lot on Yates street, between Blanchard and Quadra streets, 60x120, has been sold through Russell & Greig for \$42,000.

The northwest corner of Fort and Vancouver streets, 60x120, has been sold for \$20,000 to a Vancouver man, who will immediately erect a three-story block thereon.

Emerald and berry are composed of precisely the same substance, except for coloring matter; amethyst and rock crystals are likewise identical.

ADVERTISING THE ISLAND

Irish Shipping Firm Writes for Literature to Distribute Among Emigrants

Several requests for large quantities of publicity literature have reached the Vancouver Island Development League during the present week. Among them are 300 for the manager of the hotel and travelling department of the Victoria Science Magazine, the "Monitor," whose headquarters are at Boston, Massachusetts.

A large shipping firm in Belfast, McCalls & Co., applied for Vancouver Island literature to be distributed to emigrants booked through them and have had their request complied with.

In connection with advertising work the "Monitor" for Miss Agnes Deans Cameron's lecture in English has been forwarded. They comprise a large number of colored ones of different views in Victoria and the Island.

ARION CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Financial Success Has Marked Past Two Seasons—Officers for Twentieth Season

The annual general meeting of the Arion Club was held on Thursday at the home of the hostesses, Mrs. Howard Russell, with P. Wollaston in the chair, when the audited accounts for the past season were presented and adopted.

The treasurer's report showed that the season's expenditure exceeded the income by \$101.42, but it was pointed out that this was after including the Arion-Orpheus reunion account, which showed a deficit of \$172.30, and that but for this exceptional cost of entertaining the visiting club, the season would have resulted in a surplus of \$71.38, compared with \$29.91 in the previous year.

Apart from the singing members, who all subscribe for concerts, there were 179 associate members who paid \$339.75 for 498 tickets for the series of three concerts. This shows an increased membership list, and much satisfaction is felt at this evidence of the continued and increasing popularity of the club.

The balance-sheet shows a surplus of \$262.24, comprising cash and a few outstanding debts. The assets also include stock of music \$671.08, valued at half cost, and furniture to the value of \$100. The reports showed that in both seasons the club has been able by increased patronage to keep within its revenue, notwithstanding the increased expenses of the series of three concerts. The subscription rates which were fixed many years ago. All offices are honorary, and the subscriptions are solely applied to the giving of concerts of the highest class to the public.

It was decided to maintain the same subscription rates during the ensuing season, viz., \$5, \$6 and \$4, for, respectively, four, three or two tickets. Subscriptions will not be accepted for any one concert and no tickets will be issued at the box office. Intending subscribers should make application at once to the secretary, E. J. Heath, P. O. Box 888, enclosing a remittance for the number of tickets desired for the course.

It was decided to engage for the second concert Mademoiselle Plumb, of Chicago, a well known contralto of very high qualifications, who will make a tour of this coast early next year.

The following members were selected as office-bearers for the twelfth season: E. H. Russell, B. A., hon. conductor; Herbert Kent, hon. president and sub-conductor; E. J. Heath, hon. secretary; B. C. Messer, hon. treasurer; D. D. Muller, hon. librarian; Frank Russell, hon. secretary of the music committee in conjunction with the conductor and sub-conductor, and the executive committee consists of all of the foregoing officers with the addition of H. Griffiths.

Business completed a whist drive, kindly arranged by the host as an after-dinner entertainment, was strenuously entered into by Frank Sehl and J. Walton bearing off the handsome prizes which had been generously provided, and which brought a very enjoyable annual meeting to its close.

REVOLUTIONISTS ARE FORTIFYING POSITION

Two Thousand Chinese Troops Reported to Have Joined Ranks of Rebels

Shanghai, Oct. 21.—Refugees from Hankow arriving here to-day state that when the revolutionists fell back to Wu Chang it was only to obtain a new supply of ammunition, and that they at once returned to the fray and made a sensational landing on the Hankow side. The rebels are fortifying the hills at the rear of the Han Yang steel works.

Five British torpedo boats arrived here to-day from Wei Hai Wei and four from Wu Sung.

Native newspapers state that after the retreat of the imperial forces at Hankow, 2,000 Chinese troops, who were reported to have been confirmed from foreign sources.

Looters Shot. London, Oct. 21.—Special dispatches from Shanghai report rioting at Hankow, Han Yan and Wu. Martial law was declared in all three cities, but the rebels were only able to maintain partial order. At Hankow several footers were shot. At Han Yan both rioting and looting were indulged in.

A cablegram from Kiu Kiang, sent by a correspondent who witnessed Thursday's fighting, says the casualties were slight, but that immense fires were started by bursting shells.

Messages from Tokyo tell of foreign Japanese military and naval activities. This news, it is said, caused great anxiety to the Peking government.

U. S. May Send Marines. Manila, Oct. 21.—Local merchants received advices from the naval authorities to-day to deliver all food supplies which have been contracted for in behalf of the marines stationed here. It was announced that this assembling of supplies was a precaution in view of the possibility that the entire force would be dispatched for emergency duty in the foreign concession at Hankow.

That the naval authorities regard the present disturbance in China as likely to be of long duration is indicated by the fact that the collier Abarenda, which sails this week for Shanghai, took ammunition for a long campaign.

BETTER WATER SUPPLY NEEDED

Mission City, Oct. 20.—A meeting was held a few days ago at which it was decided to have the water commissioner arrange for a greater water supply and more pressure in the mains. At present the pressure is inefficient for the best fire-fighting.

CONSPIRACY TO BLACKMAIL MEN

BONNYCASTLE DALE IS VICTIM OF A PLOT

Boy Confesses Criminal Plans to Get Money From Victoria Business Man

Bonnycastle Dale, of Sooke, was on Saturday found not guilty on a charge laid against him by a boy named Arthur F. Dunn, and was shown to have been the victim of a conspiracy on the part of boys to blackmail him.

This is the third case on which he has been crooked and this one is a black matter is the worst kind of man, and I refuse to believe him."

"The accused was then discharged. Dunn said he wrote a letter to a friend in Victoria alleging that Dale had committed an offence and suggested that the friend should go to Sooke and take a revolver with him and see if they could not hold Dale up for \$500. A postscript to the letter read: "Two hundred bucks, and then Seattle or St. Louis, for Black Dale. The water was placed with the mail to post, but Dale secured it and opened it, and became aware of the contents."

"He called me a scoundrel and an ex-convict, and said he had opened it accidentally," said Dunn. "I was not the letter he told the boy he would tell his father, and the boy in the box this morning said he replied: "Within two minutes of my father putting his foot in this shack you will go out on your own."

"Dale had threatened the boy with the reformatory, and the boy replied that if he was sent there he would be a man when he came out and then he would do for Dale."

He was asked by Mr. Helmcken why he wrote to his friend to take a revolver to Sooke, and replied, "Oh, that was just a side line. The two hundred bucks would have been an end of it and he would have got off easy, too. I won't take \$500 from him now, but I would have then."

Replying to Judge Lammpan, the boy said he had done more than enough to get the \$500 that he was to get to start the prosecution, and replying to a question from Mr. Helmcken, if he was prepared to knock out the man whom it was proposed to blackmail, he replied, "That's what I would do for Dale."

A Pinkerton detective named Roberts was drawn into the matter and interviews between him and the boy Dunn were had at the Westholme hotel. The boy Stevens, who was called in and believed to have worked together with Roberts, and Dale claims that Roberts offered to stay his investigations if Dale would give him \$100. In the first case Dale gave evidence that Stevens had threatened to take him to the reformatory at that time did not know what the boy meant when he asked for the money.

The second case heard Friday afternoon was one disposed of by Judge Lammpan who, after hearing the evidence, found the accused not guilty. The boy in this charge was John Goodall.

SON OF ALBERT SEARS IS

Accident at Sidney Iroquois Man Young

(From Monday's Daily.)

Albert Avard Sears, the son of A. A. Sears, drowned at Sidney yesterday as a result of the wreck from the wharf with a number of other boys. The lad obtained permission from his parents to go fishing with his companions way wharf at Sidney from the home. The red suddenly the boy was warned. His assistance and at the wharf obtained a red back to the spot from had fallen into the water. The boy was able to swim with his clothing he continued to assist him.

He continued to assist him until the boys saw he were eventually got close to the wharf. He was eventually rescued by the body 100 feet boy sank and brought remains were brought ashore to the wharf chapel, where they Wednesday morning be removed to 824 where the funeral will be held. The interment will take place at the cemetery.

AUSTRIAN ARCHDUKE WEDS

Vienna, Oct. 21.—The Archduke Franz Joseph and Princess Zita of Parma, were married to-day in the cathedral at Vienna, in the presence of the Emperor and the King of Saxony.

The bridegroom is next in line to become Emperor-King of Austria-Hungary. He is the elder son of the late Emperor Otto and great-nephew of the Emperor Franz Joseph. He also is a nephew of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir-presumptive to the throne.

The latter engaged in a morganic marriage with the Princess Hohenberg and her behalf and of their children.

Princess Zita is the thirteenth child of the late Duke Robert of Parma, and his second wife, Maria Antonia, Princess of Portugal. She was born on March 2, 1892, and has three brothers and six sisters. She is a remarkably handsome brunette. The marriage is said to be a genuine love match. The bride is 25 years older than the bridegroom.

A large number of the Lower Mersey selected their meeting of the B. C. Catholics in this city and 16. The number subscription, and many are sending the receiver.

LOST IDENTIFIED FOURTEEN

Man, After Undergoing Operation, Tells Remarkable Experience

Seattle, Oct. 23.—Fourteen men, three thugs at the corner of Third and Eighth streets, on the night of a half year ago, under the name of Chandler Rogers, were arrested and served in the penitentiary under the name of Rogers at his home in Port.

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"I do not know what what I have been doing," he said.

"A week ago an operation was performed on me, and I was removed where it had been for fourteen years. Two days ago he was clearly and on the whole, I was a new man. My whole life to the physical."

He said: "I do not know how or what I have been doing for fourteen years. I was born in 1850, in New York city, at 418 West Thirty-seventh street."

"I was first a newsboy and then a messenger company. I used to earn a little side money. I took a job as a messenger and then started my own home. At the corner of Third and Eighth streets, I was asked for a mattress and a pass at me. I struck brass knuckles on the head of the man who was near me."

"Another man of the street with a black and white shirt. The next I knew I was in the hospital. A member catching hold of my arm and dragging from the river. I was in the hospital, in the morning."

TWO NEW SONS. Ottawa, Oct. 21.—A son for Pictou, and A. A. M. P. for Provencher, pointed to the son of the late Senator Charles Stewart, recently at St. Boniface.

TWO GIRLS. Smith's Falls, Ont. children playing in the town Hay, of Hallville, of dynamite caps, a baby they were given to amuse him. The dangerous toy exploded and immediately the explosion. The room up and the two little were seriously burned.

BOY SCOUTS ANNUAL

Owing to the large amount of business before the Victoria Boy Scouts' Association, the annual meeting was decided to adjourn after transacting a certain quantity of business till Nov. 14.

The principal decision reached was to divide the office of secretary treasurer, which A. O. Hughes resigned on taking over the duties of secretary, and to divide the duties between Beaumont Boggs as secretary, and Edwin Frampton as treasurer.