

Mackenzie's Proposal

Special Committee Report on the Vancouver, V. & S. Connection Laid Over.

The Contract Awarded for Extension of Electric Lighting Station.

Introduction of Port Angeles Ferry By-Law Delayed-General Business.

The principal item of business put through at last night's meeting of the city council was the awarding of the contract for the extension of the electric lighting station to Messrs. Smith & Elford, whose tender of \$1,900 was the lowest received. There was quite a keen competition for the contract, the next tender being \$5 higher than that of the successful firm, and two others being under \$2,000.

The introduction of the by-law embodying the scheme for ferry connection between the city and Port Angeles was postponed for a week, the city solicitor explaining that he had not had time to draft the by-law. The delay did not suit Ald. Macgregor at all, and he wished made as widely public as possible the reasons for the delay. He considered that the petition of the ratepayers should be treated with every respect, and thought the delay in considering that petition was quite sufficient without there being also this delay in submitting the draft of the by-law. The explanation of City Solicitor Bradburn threw the onus upon the promoters, Mr. Frank Higgins, their solicitor, having requested Mr. Bradburn to see Mr. Cushing before drafting the by-law, and this Mr. Bradburn tried to do on Saturday morning. He said the by-law should be prepared to-morrow, and at the request of Ald. Macgregor promised to mail a copy to each of the aldermen, so that it might be considered by them before the next meeting.

A long discussion took place about a small matter of some pipe originally supplied by Mr. Keller, rejected by the engineer, and left in the corporation yard. The pipe has now disappeared, and Mr. Keller claims \$25.50 for it. The city engineer and solicitor recommended that he be paid \$15, and after much talk their recommendation was adopted.

His worship the mayor called the meeting to order twenty minutes after the regular hour of commencement, all the aldermen being present and City Clerk Dowler and City Solicitor Bradburn in their places.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and duly adopted, the reading of communications was proceeded with, the first of which again came from Major C. D. Dupont referring to the Cadboro Bay Road Drainage nuisance.

The writer acknowledged the letter of the council informing him that they had referred the previous communication to the city solicitor, and continued to the effect that it might be useful for the solicitor to know that in an injunction of the supreme court prohibiting the city from allowing drainage to run through Major Dupont's land, the writer also informed the council that he now withdrew the permission he had previously granted to the city to run the drain through his land, and begged to remain etc., etc.

Referred to the city solicitor on motion of Ald. Humphrey.

Another Ditch.
O. S. Baxter called attention to the unsanitary open ditch along Jubilee avenue and Richmond road. It is blocked up with vegetable growth, and although comparatively dry, emits an unpleasant and dangerous smell, which should be remedied.

Referred to the city engineer on motion of Ald. Stewart.

A Crossing Wanted.
Some of the residents on Haughton street asked for a sidewalk crossing to be laid on that street at a point mentioned opposite the residence of the gentleman whose name headed the petition, but which was inaudibly read. Referred to the city engineer for report.

The Fire on the Flats.
H. M. Grahame, as agent for the Douglas estate, again called the attention of the council to the nuisance created by the fire at the head of Belleville street. He noted that in acknowledging his last letter the clerk informed him that the matter had been referred to the city engineer, but he also noted that the nuisance still continued, and on the previous evening was worse than ever.

The mayor said he believed that on the evening to which Mr. Grahame had referred some one had lighted a fire willfully, without permission.
Ald. Humphrey said that if the fire was not to be allowed to continue some other disposition would have to be made of the rubbish.

Ald. Cameron said there had been a nasty, disagreeable, smoky fire there every evening since last Monday when they had referred the matter to the engineer. It was not as though an effort had been made to make a big blaze to destroy a quantity of easily burned stuff, but there was an underground fire which was slowly burning rags, fish oil, and manure, and the smoke therefrom is sickening. If the engineer said another dump was necessary—the council had better go to work and find one. Take the rubbish further out of town. He moved that the letter be referred to the engineer and that official asked if he cannot get the fire.

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worse nuisances than fires. The engineer is already at his wits' end to know what to do about it.

Ald. Williams seconded the motion to refer the matter to the engineer, and in doing so said if water was not at present available to put out the fire it could be conveyed to the scene in pipes. It was not an engineering difficulty at all, in fact he rather favored referring it to the road superintendent.

The letter went to the city engineer.

The Royal City's Invitation.
F. R. Glover, city clerk of New Westminster, on behalf of the mayor and corporation of the Royal City, extended a very cordial invitation to the mayor and aldermen of Victoria to attend the annual exhibition during the first week in October.

The mayor said he should be there, and Ald. Williams, in moving that the invitation be accepted with thanks, said he thought it would be well for the aldermen to be there as well as the mayor.

His worship said he had attended the Westminster exhibition ever since he had occupied his position, but unfortunately had not been quite so well supported by the aldermen as he could have wished.

Several of the aldermen stated they would be there, and Ald. Williams gave as a reason for desiring that as large a delegation as possible should be present that there was a possibility of the show being held in Victoria next year, and then we should like to see the Westminster people come to Victoria.

The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Ald. Williams's Graceful Act.
The Henderson Publishing Company asked for a share of the city's patronage for their new Gazetteer.

"What will Ald. Williams say to that?" asked Ald. Hayward.
Ald. Macgregor moved that the letter be referred to the purchasing agent; it was customary to purchase the directory from Messrs. Henderson.

And Ald. Williams magnanimously seconded the motion, which carried without further consideration.

Cost of Moving Poles.

The city engineer submitted to the council an account received from the B. C. Electric Railway Company for the cost of labor in moving their poles on Fort street into the sidewalk, as follows:

3 linemen at \$2.50 a day.....	\$7.50
2 laborers at \$2 a day.....	4.00
Foreman at \$4 a day.....	4.00

Total per day.....\$15.50

Five days at \$15.50 per day.....\$77.50

In a letter accompanying the account, the Electric Railway Company went into the circumstances connected with the removal of the poles, explaining that they were charging merely the actual cost of doing the work rendered necessary by the change in the curve and the rearrangement of their wires.

The mayor said he thought while a portion of the charge was right and should be paid, it seemed hardly fair to ask the city to pay the cost of changing the overhead wire rendered necessary by changes in the curve, a change which had been made at the request of the company and to suit their convenience.

A little discussion ensued, and Ald. Humphrey moved to refer the account to the finance committee for report.

Ald. Williams seconded the motion and desired that the committee when reporting upon this should also deal with other matters connected with the company. The council had been trying for over a year to get the company to increase their service along the Gorge road, and something was needed to be done to bring the company time.

The mayor said other matters could hardly be discussed under this head, and Ald. Williams agreed, adding that something would have to be done to bring the company up to the required point.

Ald. Beckwith had a little objection to the account, but it went to the finance committee and city engineer for report.

Mr. Topp's Report.

The city engineer submitted his usual weekly report, which was dealt with by clause as follows:

1. Report from Messrs. Pemberton & Son about deepening a ditch on St. Charles street. The engineer had examined the place and found that immediate attention is desirable. He had given instructions accordingly. Adopted.

2. Regarding the desirability of acquiring more gravel on Spring Ridge. The engineer had examined several lots and thought it would be desirable to buy a quantity of gravel by measurement rather than to purchase lots. Therefore, when funds were available he recommended that a quantity of gravel in front of Mr. Fleming's property on North Chatham street be acquired.

Ald. Williams said the city had been buying gravel by measurement for the last six or seven years, and by doing so there is always a chance for the city to come out second best. It would be far better to own the lots and then we know what we have and can take the gravel as we need it. He could not see how the gravel could be bought by measurement. What is to prevent the owner selling gravel to someone else during the season the city is not using it?

Ald. Humphrey felt a good deal like as he said, why did he not move in that direction? The idea was always to buy gravel could be bought by measurement.

Ald. Hayward moved the adoption of the clause. He thought there are plenty of lots on Spring Ridge, the owners of which will be glad to let the city take the gravel for a small amount for the purpose of cutting the lots down to the level.

Ald. Williams didn't think there were many people giving away something for nothing and if Ald. Hayward thought as he said, why did he not move in that direction? The idea was always to buy gravel could be bought by measurement.

Ald. Humphrey seconded the motion to adopt the clause, and Ald. Macgregor agreed with Ald. Williams. If the city was going to buy gravel, the better way would be to buy the lots, and he did not think anyone would give away the gravel even for the sake of having their lots levelled, and even if they did it would not be good gravel, it being second quality. Perhaps the quality required would be better than the rubbish further out of town. He moved that the letter be referred to the engineer and that official asked if he cannot get the fire.

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would have funds sufficient for the purpose in a few weeks, and that would be the most satisfactory way of obtaining the gravel.

The mayor explained that the proper time to talk of doing that would be at the commencement of the next year, and amount necessary could be included in the estimates. He did not think the council would be justified in calling for tenders when by the time the tenders came in they would not have money enough to buy with.

Ald. Williams's motion to lay over for a week, which was made the amendment, was voted for by Ald. Kinsman, Macgregor and Williams, but Ald. Kinsman voted in error, and afterwards supported the negative. Then the original motion, adopting the clause, was carried, with only Ald. Williams and Macgregor voting contrary.

3. The third clause of the engineer's report read as follows: "Re street improvements. Estimated cost, \$50 cents per lineal foot; total estimated cost, \$120."

Ald. Humphrey moved the adoption of the clause, and that the work be done when the funds were available. Seconded by Ald. Macgregor and carried.

4. He letter from William Dea regarding an open ditch on Cadboro Bay road. The same is not in any worse condition than are many others in the city, all of which should be done away with. The proper way would be to construct a drain to connect with that from the hospital, a distance of 2,000 feet. No immediate action is recommended.

This clause was adopted on motion of Ald. Stewart, and then the whole report was agreed to on motion of Ald. Cameron.

A Water Connection.

The water commissioner reported on the application of Mrs. Lang for water on Belmont avenue, recommending the use of one inch pipe a distance of 130 feet at a cost of \$120. Four houses to be connected. Estimated cost, \$2,188.

The adoption of the report was moved by Ald. Macgregor and agreed to, Ald. Humphrey calling attention to the need of the street being straightened out.

Tenders.

For the alteration and extension of the electric lighting station the following tenders were received and opened on a proper and reasonable expression of opinion in that direction. The tenders were as follows:

J. E. Phillips.....	\$1,887
George Snider.....	1,905
George H. Moore.....	1,908
Elford & Smith.....	1,900
Thomas Cameron.....	2,640
George Glover.....	2,638
Robert Dinsdale.....	2,188

On motion of Ald. Humphrey it was agreed to award the contract to Messrs. Smith & Elford, the lowest tenderers, and Mr. Mayor was authorized to affix the seal of the corporation to the contract.

Mainland Connection.

From the special committee appointed to investigate the proposal made by Messrs. Mackenzie Brothers, of Vancouver, the following report:

Gentlemen:—Your special committee having considered and recommended subject, and your committee having obtained an interview with Captain S. F. McKenzie, of Vancouver, on September 11th inst., herewith submit the following statements: The fast service from Victoria to Vancouver proposed by him would be over a 100-mile route, namely, by train from Victoria to Sidney, Mr. Paterson, manager of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Co., promises a two-hour minute service; also his company will build new wharves at Sidney to suit the tides. Then from Sidney to Vancouver, a distance of 48 1/2 nautical miles, McKenzie Bros. propose building a passenger steamer, estimated cost \$125,000, and if by increased traffic this boat will be fitted especially as a day passenger boat, only having sleeping accommodation for a very limited number, and small dining room.

No answer from the mayor this time. Ald. Williams—You see you forget, Mr. Mayor, your memory is elastic. (Laughter.)

Ald. Hayward denounced the action of the government in cancelling the voters' list. It was quite lengthy, thirteen foot-scrap pages in all.

Port Angeles Ferry.
The mayor asked Ald. Macgregor if he would allow his motion to introduce a by-law embodying the Port Angeles ferry scheme to stand over until next week, as the city solicitor had not had time to draft the by-law.

Ald. Macgregor thought it unfortunate this delay had occurred, and it should be made as public as possible that the reason for the delay was that the city solicitor had been so busy he could not prepare it. He hoped this would be the last delay. The petition should have been treated with greater respect. The

he wished, and he intended to do so. He had not signed the report because Captain Mackenzie had not got his scheme into shape to submit to any council. The scheme mentioned in the report was first submitted to Ald. Humphrey by running down the C.P.N. Co.—"our home company"—the motion to lay the report on the table to be considered at some date in the future, was carried.

A Light Granted.
The electric lighting committee recommended that a light be placed in position on Howard street, between Edmondson road and Pembroke street, at a cost of \$75, and that six new double carbon lamps be purchased at a cost of \$200. Adopted.

All About Ten Dollars.
The finance committee reported on the matter of Mr. Keller's bill for \$25.50 for pipe supplied by him to the city, rejected by the late engineer, but not to be found now that Mr. Keller wishes it. The report recommended that Mr. Keller be paid \$15.

Then followed a long, long talk, in which nearly all of the aldermen took part, which is not worth reporting. On the one side it was urged principally by Ald. Macgregor that the pipe had been supplied and used, and should be paid for. On the other side the mayor and some of the aldermen maintained that as the pipe was rejected, it would be ridiculous to pay Mr. Keller the price of it. It seemed to them unreasonable to expect the city to become responsible for it when he knew they did not want it.

The recommendation of the committee to pay Mr. Keller \$15 was adopted, Ald. Macgregor and Williams being the only supporters of the amendment to pay Mr. Keller his bill, \$25.50.

Admitted to the Home.
The committee of the Home for Aged and Infirm recommended the admission of Augustus Van Sickle, a deserving case, and the recommendation was adopted.

Yates Street Paving.
Ald. Humphrey's motion looking to the paving of Yates street between Government and Douglas, under the local improvement plan, was carried, it being explained that it is not the intention to carry out the work until the city is being informed by the mayor that the city can take the initiative, although if the majority goes against it they cannot proceed with the work.

Collecting Votes.
Ald. Williams had given notice of a motion to the effect that tenders be called for obtaining names of voters at so early a date as possible, and he had not yet heard any reason why the by-law was not prepared.

The mayor said that last week he had handed into the solicitor some suggestions of clauses he thought should be in the by-law, and probably some of the aldermen had done the same, and this caused some delay. Had Ald. Williams and Macgregor not made any suggestions to the solicitor?

Ald. Macgregor did not think it was his duty to pose as a city solicitor. The solicitor had all the information necessary to prepare the by-law, just the same as he had with the Croft scheme.

"Yes," said the mayor, "and if you remember the Croft scheme by-law was not ready the first Monday after the motion was carried."

Ald. Macgregor said he was informed on Tuesday or Wednesday that the by-law would be ready. Why was it not ready? He had no hesitation, however, in saying that it wasn't spoiling any by the delay, it would keep all right.

Mr. Bradburn, being given permission to speak, for which he thanked Ald. Macgregor, said that Mr. Higgins, the solicitor for the promoters, asked him to see Mr. Cushing before drafting the by-law, and Mr. Bradburn had tried to see that gentleman on Saturday, and waited until quite late in the evening for him. He had not seen him, and had not been able to do so until yesterday (Sunday) morning. He had worked at the by-law all day, and could not get it ready. It would be ready to-morrow evening if the aldermen wished to meet again.

Ald. Williams thought if there should be any delay with the by-law at all, it should be after it was drafted and submitted to the council, when the amendments might be made, not now, before it is introduced. With this view Ald. Stewart dissented, believing it would save time to get the by-law in good shape before it is introduced, so that as little delay as possible shall take place afterwards.

The matter was then laid over, Ald. Macgregor again expressing the hope that no more delay would take place.

Legislative Amendments.
A motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Kinsman, but Ald. Cameron wished to call attention to the necessity for the legislative committee getting to work as soon as possible, as there are several matters requiring attention.

The mayor agreed as to this, and said that the Attorney-General had told him some time ago that any amendments the city wished would have to be in the hands of the government before the house met.

Ald. Humphrey urged haste too, as the house is going to meet before the expiration of the present council's term, and this was all the business, and the solicitor had promised to mail copies of the Port Angeles ferry by-law to each of the aldermen, the council adjourned at 9.50 o'clock.

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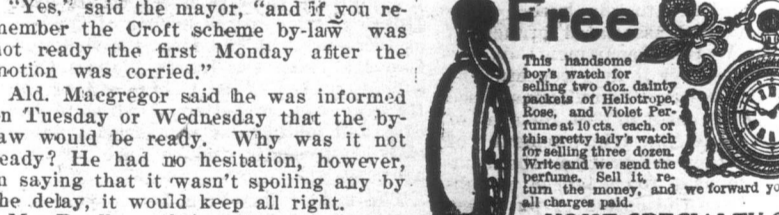
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New Development

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A large crowd of inquiring ministers will be present at the Chamberlain reception.

Previous to the Baron Rothschild of the treasury, the circumstances in connection with the government of the military situation had been no new development.

Dispatches from a warlike tone, and the situation of the British Orange Free State.

An impression not based on any public steps tending to details, while secret details of an agreement has been decided through it was a determination immediately.

Later.—The cabinet meeting at 12.30 p.m. today as they came out. Nothing transpired taken, though it is a bit adopted.

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