

THE MEETING WAS SOMEWHAT DIVIDED

CAMP OF TRADE ON HARBOR QUESTIONS

Mr. Ker Speaks of the Facilities For Wharves and Need of a Breakwater.

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The report of the committees was read, after which C. E. Redfern stated that the recommendations submitted from a similar constitution as to that vested in harbor commission boards in the East. He pointed out that few wharves of the inner harbor allowed of vessels drawing more than 10 feet of water. A firm like that of Sayward was seriously handicapped in shipping their output.

The salaries in connection with boards of harbor commissioners was found to be small. Such a board would agree upon a comprehensive plan, and every expenditure of money would be systematically devoted to carrying this out. This money would be saved. It would have the confidence of the Dominion government, and as half of them would be named by the government, hence they would be more likely to get a better grant of money for harbor improvements than at present.

J. Kingham did not see why this meeting had been called. He thought that the representatives of the Board of Trade, which served on the joint committee, should report to this body. They should receive or reject such a report, as the other bodies represented had done.

Mayor McCandles said that he thought that on the strength of the annual grant which was given by the Dominion government, varying from \$10,000 to \$15,000, a board of harbor commissioners might carry a sum of perhaps \$200,000 from the Dominion government at a reasonable rate of interest. In this way a great deal could be done. The settlement of the Indian reserve question also promised to be of interest in this connection. He thought that would become a site for wharves quite the equal of those on this side of the harbor. He thought that vessels like the San Francisco steamers should call at the inner harbor. The outer harbor would remain the place of call for the large vessels. He fully approved of such a scheme.

T. C. Sorby, taking up the question of an export trade like that which could be obtained by the sawmills, showed the members of the board that by having an additional charge for taking the lumber from their mills to the place of loading on the large vessels. Owners of ships requiring firms had to make an increase of from 10 to 15 per cent. on account of the ships having to be docked either at Esquimalt or at the outer wharf. To get their iron additional charges of 50 cents a ton for unloading at the outer wharf and 50 cents a ton for bringing to their works was necessary. He gave other instances by which industries were placed at a disadvantage owing to the inner harbor not being available for steamers to call.

Referring to Montreal he said that the harbor was only 2,500 feet long by from 700 feet to 1,000 feet wide. All the vessels docked did so in that space.

D. R. Ker said that he saw little benefit for the city in this scheme as advanced. In the hands of a competent man might some time be built that more could be done with the small amount available than would be by a board of eight, who might pull in different directions. He thought that perhaps such a board might be able to draw a little more from the Dominion government.

He pointed out that flats in Vancouver, much like James Bay, was surrounded by mills which competed in foreign timber trade with mills like the Hastings, situated at deep water. He thought nothing could be urged against the chances of a mill situated as Mr. Sayward's was.

to accommodate all vessels operating in inland waters? 4. Is the construction of a breakwater between Holland Point and Lallys feasible, and would its construction make the water calm and safe for the construction of piers similar to the outer wharves? In answering the above questions and adding anything further that you may think will be of interest in this discussion you will greatly oblige.

D. R. KER. Reading the answers from these captains the opinion was general that the outer harbor was an excellent place of access and capable of accommodating the largest vessels of the world. The deepening of the inner harbor to accommodate the coasting vessels was all they advocated, as large ocean-going vessels would not come in even if there was sufficient depth of water, on account of the crooked entrance. They considered Brochic ridge feasible, though some favored a breakwater from Ogden point.

Wm. Laird asked what this had to do with the question of the appointment of a harbor commission board. Mr. Ker said that he did this in order to put a stop to this damaging report which was constantly being spread abroad that there was not harbor facilities in this city. He gathered this information in order to put a stop to this. He proved that they had the best harbor facilities in the world. The question of cost had been urged as a deterrent to this in the past. He had taken the trouble to get an estimate made by an engineer of repute. He ascertained that about 337,000 yards of rock would be necessary to build the breakwater. W. H. Paterson, M. P., had estimated it at about the same. He was assured that this would cost no more than \$1 a yard, and that \$340,000 would complete this breakwater. He had no personal feeling against anyone in this. The intentions he believed were good on the part of all.

Mr. Redfern thought there was a misunderstanding as to the object of the meeting. They were called together to discuss the advisability of a board of harbor commissioners. The board of harbor commissioners would look after the outer harbor as well as the inner harbor. He thought that the board might get valuable assistance from a board of harbor commissioners.

D. W. Higgins took exception to Mr. Redfern's statement that he had advised some of those present to come here to listen to this report and give their views. After that they expected to be discharged and leave the Board of Trade to discuss the matter. He did not think those he had invited to be present.

Lindley Creese thought they should regard the members of other institutions present as their guests, and that they should thus be given greater latitude in speaking.

J. S. Beckwith thought there was some misunderstanding in this matter. Apparently Mr. Ker thought they came here in some antagonistic spirit. He favored the appointment of a harbor commission. He felt sure that such a body would seek improvements to the outer harbor. The object was to improve the shipping facilities of the harbor. He expected the harbor commissioners would advocate this very scheme which Mr. Ker brought up. He thought there should be no opposition to the improvement to the inner harbor. He hoped the Board of Trade would fall in line with this proposition and follow the example of other cities in the East. Too often it was urged that Victoria did not know what it wanted.

In answer to a question of Mr. Luginis as to where the funds would be found for such a board of harbor commissioners, Mr. Beckwith said that he had felt sure eight men would be found who would serve in this capacity without remuneration.

Anton Henderson objected to the Board of Trade being described as an opposition to this scheme because of their expressions of one member. The action of the Board of Trade in seeking harbor improvements was explained.

Mr. Laird called attention to Col. Anderson's recommendation for the appointment of a harbor commission.

Mr. Creese thanked Mr. Ker for bringing the claims of the outer harbor up, and he thought the building of extensive wharves at the outer harbor should be kept forward.

J. I. Shaikross called attention to the fact that in connection with the asking for a board of harbor commissioners, there were many powers included. Among these was that of acquiring the wharves and the taking over of the management of the piers. He thought it would be better to consider this fully before asking for such powers. He desired to introduce a motion in which it was expressed as unwise to ask for the appointment of a board of harbor commissioners with the powers suggested, and that a body purely advisory should be appointed.

It was deemed wise to lay this over for the present.

It was decided that the board should be represented in urging in conjunction with Vancouver Board of Trade for better freight rates to Winnipeg and Calgary.

The resolution passed was as follows: "That this board desires to express its hearty approval of the efforts which are being made by the Vancouver Board of Trade and the wholesale grocers of Victoria and Vancouver to obtain better freight rates as will enable the merchants of the coast cities to compete on equitable terms as far west as Calgary. Edmonton and Lethbridge, and."

NEW QUARTERS ARE TO BE SECURED

NEW ASSOCIATION TO WIDEN ITS INFLUENCE

Chamber of Commerce to Obtain Suitable Apartments For Meeting Purposes.

The principal business discussed at the regular meeting of the chamber of commerce held Friday evening in the Pioneer hall was that of securing quarters and the appointment of a secretary. Both matters were left in the hands of committees. There was a fair attendance. Vice-President Carter occupied the chair in the absence of President J. L. Beckwith. Secretary Morley, pro tem, was at his usual post again, having entirely recovered from a severe attack of la grippe.

Thos. C. Sorby, on application, was duly elected a member of the chamber. The chairman asked if there was any



LORD DUNDONALD, G. O. C. Canadian Forces, Who Will Probably Visit Victoria During May.

business arising from the minutes. He wanted to know whether a committee had been appointed to carry out the recommendations of the "home industries committee." He was informed that the same committee had been selected for this purpose with power to add to its number.

The Tourist Association submitted a communication from J. H. Falconer, proposing the inauguration of a business men's excursion to the Yukon about the middle of August. The secretary read Mr. Falconer's letter, which gave a number of reasons why such a trip would be of great benefit to the business men of Victoria.

Transportation at the time of the year suggested, he pointed out, was comparatively cheap, and the results, he contended, could not be overestimated. It would promote friendly feeling between the merchants of Dawson and other Yukon points, and undoubtedly have the effect of diverting a large amount of the Yukon trade into the hands of Victoria merchants.

Mr. Levy moved that the letter be received and filed.

Mr. Morley thought the suggestion affected more the wholesale than retail merchants. He moved that the communication be received and laid on the table for future consideration. Carried.

W. J. Dowler, city clerk, wrote a congratulatory resolution passed by the chamber in regard to the appointment of harbor commissioners. Received and filed.

A report was invited from the canvassing committees. Members reported satisfactory progress.

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NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at their office, No. 2 Broughton street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1903, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may be brought before said meeting.

MEXICANS AND IN LABOR

TWO INJURED MEN WILL PROBABLY BE KILLED

Many Miners Are Idle in Cripple Creek District—Discussing A Matter of Commission.

Oxnard, Cal., March 24.—A fight between Japanese and Mexicans, the trouble arose from a temporary union laborer to sign on a wagon occupied by men. Perfect Ogas and his partner die of pistol wounds. Two other Mexican were also injured. The men are connected with the beet sugar industry.

Cripple Creek Struck. Cripple Creek, Colo., March 24.—A strike situation in this district assuming an acute phase, an every indication that every district, with the exception of a few, and the Portland would be closed down within 24 hours. The Gold King mine's force of 50 men last night example will be followed in session, until at least 5,000 men out of employment.

Discussed Award. Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 24.—A meeting of the U. M. W. Workers took place here last evening to discuss the award of the commission award, but near closed to make any comment. However, would indicate that the findings and carry out provisions. An official of the union said the award was a vindication of the coal miners' fight for the 10 per cent. increase of hours to the firemen was conceded. He said that the review of the coal mining industry of great significance would be in no unmissable language, peace and normal conditions in this region for the next few years.

All the local company officials their clerks at work to-morrow up the bonus coming to each the 10 per cent. increase of wages earned since the strike ended. The Lehigh Company employ 35,000 men, and a million men received from \$25 to \$300 since the strike ended. Profit by the award to the from \$40 to \$80 each on the part of the miners. The award of the only corporation that was sent before the commission, have agreed to abide by the award. They will pay their the same rate as in the same as all the other companies.

KILLED BY HIGHWAY

Further Details of the Attempted Trip of Los Angeles Electric

Los Angeles, Cal., March 22.—Particulars were gathered to-day attempted hold-up last night of the Los Angeles-Pacific electric mile outside the city limits, which followed one passenger A. Griswold, of Manson, Ia., and three others wounded.

It is believed that one of the men was badly wounded, because he was heard to say out and was seen fall off the car immediately after the hold-up occurred at the junction of the Park electric line. The robbery placed a great toll, a large hole in a cement barrier on the track and near where it runs through a large yard. The moment the car started men wearing white masks or chiefs over their faces sprang weeds along the track. One boarded the front end of the car, the other two the rear end. The man boarded the front end cut the cables over the top of the open seats at that end to put hands, and when one of them complied he fired a shot.

A man named Henderson was within six feet of the post when rubber boarded the car, and had