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**CITIZENS URGE
BLOCK PAVING**
**DEPUTATION WAITS
UPON CITY COUNCIL**

**Aldermen Make No Fresh Move
Respecting Cause-
way.**

On Friday the city council sitting as the streets, bridges and sewers committee was waited upon by a deputation of residents of James Bay asking that the James Bay causeway should be paved with wooden blocks rather than brick. Among those present were ex-Mayor Redfern, ex-Ald. Cameron, Herbert Kent, R. L. Drury, W. J. Pendray, Thos. Cusack, Chris. Spencer, Dr. Milne and A. G. Sangison. The situation was presented by the members of the deputation and a number of the aldermen also gave their views. Nothing was decided by the committee.

C. V. Redfern, the first speaker, advocated block paving for the causeway. The wood lasted for eight or ten years it would have done its work, and then brick could be used. If thought wise, why experiment on the causeway? It would be more inconspicuous and less desirable to have brick than wood in that place. If the blocks were kept dry below by water being kept from getting under the blocks wood would last a long time.

W. J. Pendray pointed out that after careful consideration a former council had decided to creosote blocks. A plant had been put in costing \$20,000. Creosoted blocks would, it was believed, last fifteen years. It was a mistake he thought to run to another style of paving until the block paving had been tested. It would be a mistake to make the causeway, one of the most traveled streets, a noisy one. This summer has been one of the most important for the city. The causeway should be paved at once if the engineers thought the filling had settled sufficiently to allow it. If brick could not be got until the fall it would be a detriment to the city to have this work postponed.

R. L. Drury stated that he had had conversations with P. M. Rattenbury and Thos. Sobry that day. Both thought it would be unwise to put brick paving there. Mr. Rattenbury said it would be a decided mistake to put a noisy paving in front of the hotel there. It would pay the city even to put down only a temporary paving there this summer.

A. G. Sangison could see no reason why blocks should not be used. The causeway was the last place in the city to experiment on. Brick paving was an experiment as yet as far as Victoria was concerned.

Dr. G. S. Milne could see no reason why creosoted blocks should not be continued. It was advisable to have a noiseless paving on the causeway. He felt that the hotel management would endorse a noiseless paving. If the causeway were properly drained he could see no reason why block paving should not last a long time.

Chris. Spencer said that the noise of brick had, he thought, been too much emphasized. He viewed the matter from the standpoint of economy. Unless something were done very quickly he feared that even wood would not be laid on the causeway this year. He would rather see the road put in first-class shape this year so as to be prepared to pave it next year.

Ald. Stewart said that the subject must be looked upon from a practical standpoint. Block paving had been tried on Government street and it had been torn up in six years. New creosoted blocks were now becoming damaged on Government street. A by-law would have to be submitted before the paving would be done on the causeway. In view of the facts it would be difficult to get the people to vote for wood. The causeway was so flat that a brick paving was necessary. It had been tried in Seattle and bricks had lasted seventeen years and was still good. If there was any place where brick should be laid on the causeway, as he felt, he would object to wood paving being laid there. Practically all the traffic of the city had to come over the causeway. Provision had to be made while the paving was being laid for traffic by some other way. What street could the traffic be diverted to?

Ald. Turner interjected that this did not affect the quality of the paving. Ald. Stewart admitted that, but it was a question of time. With respect to the noise question Ald. Stewart said it was a pity there was not more noise in Victoria. If there was noise there was business.

Ald. Henderson admitted that brick might outlive blocks but he rather doubted it. It was not fair to compare the paving now put down with that put down some years ago. He cited the price of paving in front of the Bank of Commerce which was treated with carbolium and was laid when Government was first paved. After a full investigation by the council it had been decided that creosote was the better preservative and that had been decided upon as the treatment to use. In Seattle he had talked with Mr. Thompson, the city engineer of that city, who was splendidly informed. He had visited Europe and he said that there was only one way of treating wood to make it last. He described the treatment which was exactly the one used in Victoria.

Some exception was raised that Seattle did not use blocks. Ald. Henderson pointed out that blocks were more expensive there than bricks.

W. J. Pendray called attention to the fact that the paving was being done by the city. The noise was deafening. If he were the Emperor people he would oppose brick. In the old country he had seen macadam used as the great road material. The rock was specially adapted for it and they were treated well. He never saw streets like them.

Mr. Drury pointed out that the causeway was a pleasure walk and he felt brick paving would be a detriment to it. Herbert Kent wanted to see action

commenced at once so as to be ready for the tourist season. He preferred block paving.

Thos. Cusack favored block paving. The noise was enough now and with brick paving it would be worse. The people should decide which paving should be laid.

Mayor Hall felt that blocks should be tried a little longer before deciding that they were not good. He thought creosoted blocks should still be used. If blocks could be got from timber cut from a side hill when the sap was down the blocks would last far longer. Ottawa with a first-class engineer was not putting down wood nor brick. A special block was being made there and in Montreal.

Ald. Bishop had visited Tacoma during the time the feet was there and he had heard no complaint about the noise. He did not think that the noise should play much part. He had been visited by a number of men from James Bay, who admonished him to stand by the bricks.

The deputation then withdrew.

COMOX NOTES.
Tennis Club Selects New Management Committee for Year.

Comox, March 19.—A meeting of the Comox Tennis Club was held on Monday evening at the K. of P. hall, when a new committee of management was appointed for the coming season. The accounts were examined and discussed and a balance of \$22 was carried over. It was decided on motion to get G. L. Wood to act as secretary-treasurer of the club. Mr. Wood has accepted the position.

Mr. Giddings held an "at home" on Tuesday afternoon. Among those present were: Mrs. D. Beadenell, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. Robb, Mrs. and Miss Hall, Mrs. H. Barber, Mrs. Llewellyn-Wood and Mrs. Downey.

Rev. H. Martins has left for Victoria, where he will undergo medical treatment at St. Joseph's hospital.

GAMBLING HOUSE HELD UP.
Vancouver, March 19.—A Chinese gambling house at 518 Carroll street was held up at the point of a gun last night and in consequence Sun Yuen is under arrest charged with robbing the joint of \$80.

"According to the police received all the affair lacked to make it a typical 'stickup' or early day times when gambling was prevalent all over the west, was that the alleged hold-ups failed to line the occupants of the place up against the wall with their backs turned and rob them also.

The police secured very meagre details with considerable trouble, but they were enough to make it clear that a hold-up occurred and Sun Yuen was one of the alleged instigators.

A chuck-a-luck game was at its height, the players being all Chinese, when, it is alleged, Yuen and his companion walked in and began gambling. For some reason, which was not explained, the dealer refused to pay a bet which Yuen won, so Yuen adopted his own means of collection by pulling from his hip a revolver in true western style, a six-shooter which he shoved under the dealer's nose while his companion is alleged to have quietly taken the bankroll, amounting to \$80.

While the robbery was in progress at its height and before the police arrived the alleged robbers escaped. Yuen was the only one captured, the other one apparently being safe in hiding for the present. Magistrate Williams this morning adjourned Yuen's case till Wednesday.

**USING PURGATIVES
INJURES THE HEALTH**
In the Spring a Tonic Is Needed, But Not Harsh, Drastic Medicines.

A spring medicine is an actual necessity to most people. Nature demands it as an aid in carrying off the impurities that have accumulated in the blood during the indoor life of winter months. But unfortunately thousands of people who recognize the necessity for a spring medicine do not know what is best to take and dose themselves with harsh, griping purgatives. This is a serious mistake. Ask any doctor and he will tell you that the use of purgative medicine weakens the system, but does not cure disease.

In the spring the system needs building up—purgatives cannot do this; they weaken you still more. The blood should be made rich, red and pure—no purgative can do this. What is needed in the spring is a tonic, and the best tonic medical science has yet discovered is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose of this medicine actually makes new rich blood. This new blood strengthens every organ, every nerve, and every part of the body. This is why they cure headaches and backaches, rheumatism and neuralgia, and a host of other troubles that come from poor watery blood. That is why men and women who take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills eat well, sleep well, and feel bright, active and strong. If you need a medicine this spring try this great reviving tonic, and see the new life, new health and new strength it will put into you. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PARAGUAY TO RAISE LOAN.
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**BROTHER
TOLD BROTHER**
One Suffered for Fifteen Years, the Other for Thirteen.

The convincing powers of a testimonial were never more clearly shown than in the case of Mr. Hugh Brown. A brother, Lemuel Brown, of Avondale, N. B., read in the paper about a cure for Chronic Constipation being cured by "Fruit-a-tives." Knowing the Senator would only endorse a medicine which had cured him, Mr. Lemuel Brown tried "Fruit-a-tives." They cured him of Chronic Constipation and Constipation, so he urged his brother to try them.



Hartland, N. B., Oct. 23, 1907.
"Three doctors told me that I had Liver Disease and serious Stomach Trouble. My stomach was very weak. I took their medicines for thirteen years and grew worse. My brother (who was cured of terrible Indigestion by 'Fruit-a-tives' after suffering for 15 years), recommended me to try these wonderful tablets. I bought half a dozen boxes and have just finished the sixth. I eat all kinds of hearty foods without distress and am greatly improved in every way. 'Fruit-a-tives' also cured the Chronic Constipation which was the most distressing in my case."

(Signed) HUGH BROWN.
50c a box, 6 for \$2.50; a trial box, 25c. At dealers or from Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

**SEEKS IMPROVED
STEAMER SERVICE**
Comox Development League Elects Delegates to Nanaimo Meeting.

Comox, March 19.—A meeting of the branch of the Development League was held at the Agricultural hall, Courtenay, on Tuesday night. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The secretary reported that he had \$11 in hand. Among those present were: Mr. Dundas, president; Mr. Halliday, secretary; Messrs. Byron Crawford, J. B. Holmes, W. Robb, W. Woods, Harrigan, Shopland, R. Stewart, Mathieson, J. McPhee, W. McPhee, G. Llewellynwood, Clark and Johnson.

A letter was received from the hon. secretary of the Nanaimo League, calling for delegates from all leagues to meet at Nanaimo on March 20th. The branch was urged to instruct its delegate fully on its particular needs.

On the subject of the railway, Mr. McPhee wished to have the league's views. Did they want a road to come round by Seymour Narrows. Why not ask for a branch to Beecher bay and connect with Washington. It seemed like coming back to Mr. Dundas's scheme.

Mr. Holmes favored standing out for independent action in Victoria, he said, wanted their influence. They should develop this district in order to induce the railway to come here. Schools held an important place in development, and the proposed for selling land of schools was more in the right direction.

Mr. Harrigan asked what Victoria had to do with the question. This district had markets all over the world and needed a transcontinental railway. He moved the communication be adopted.

Mr. Shopland, in seconding the motion, said the Dominion government should build the bridge over the narrows independent of any company and the land and the steamer service the subject of representation.

Mr. McPhee wished one point only, and that to be the means of getting the railway.

A warm discussion followed, resulting in the meeting showing strong feeling on the side of getting better communication at once by mail and steamer service. In general the railway was approved, but it was a question for later consideration.

Mr. Harrigan moved that the question of settlers rights be included in the instruction of the delegate, especially as some 200 settlers in this district were affected.

Mr. Crawford said the district was being held back by the exorbitant freight rates charged by the present boat and the ridiculous times occupied by the trip. Immediate improvement was necessary with a steamer every other day. A good move would be to put up post boxes where men could get mail after the stores were closed.

The president considered a daily boat important, so that farmers could reach the condensing factory.

Mr. Robb recalled the time when Nanaimo agitated for a daily boat. Co-

mo, he said, is in a better position to ask for it now than Nanaimo was at the time of its agitation.

The president then called for the election of a delegate to go to Nanaimo. Messrs. Robb, Mathieson, Duncan and Crawford were nominated. On a ballot he elected Mr. Duncan was chosen by nine votes to one.

The meeting expressed confidence that Mr. Duncan would look after its immediate interests in regard to steamer and mail service especially.

Mr. McPhee moved that the name of the branch be shortened and that it be called the Comox League. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrigan and carried.

The meeting was then adjourned to the following Tuesday week.

**RECEPTION HELD AT
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL**
Ladies Thanked for Their Generous Contributions to Institution.

A very delightful reception was held Friday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital, in honor of the birthday of its patron saint, St. Joseph, the altar in the chapel being beautifully decked for the occasion with offerings of white lilies and daisies.

The reception committee, including Mesdames Briggs, Fletcher, McDermid, Stuart, Robinson and McKelving, received with the Mother Provincial and Mother Superior of the hospital at the head of the stairs. The corridors were handsomely decorated with garlands of soil, chips and wood, dandelion roots and everything in it. It was not good and could not be used on sidewalks. He had been beach graver some time. He moved that Mr. Haggerty be released from his contract. As to the question of the bond he favored it being returned.

This motion was carried. The question of a supply was discussed informally at some length. Superintendent Clark said that he had been instructed to get a temporary supply wherever available. He had got it from the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company at \$1.40 a yard.

The question of a permanent supply for the year will be taken up at once. At the meeting it was decided to place the large rock crusher at Mount Tolmie and accept an offer of Inelham & Scott for the supply of rock at the cents a yard.

Tenders were opened at the meeting for rock supply as follows: George Oliver, for rock ready for crusher delivered at E. N. depot, \$1.70 a yard.

H. James, for rock delivered beside crusher, \$1.50 a yard.

Luney Bros., under a three years' agreement, for rock crushed and delivered, \$1.90, \$2.20 and \$2.03, according to districts required.

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Ald. Stewart moved that the committee recommend that the tender of Inelham & Scott be accepted. The rock would not cost more than \$1.55 delivered in the city without the cost of maintenance of the crusher.

Ald. Fullerton agreed with this and seconded the motion.

Ald. Raymond was not so sure the city could make a better arrangement. Rock could be got near the Jewish cemetery for the taking away of it. A large face could be got and with the crusher located there the work could be done cheaply.

Others pointed out that even with 20 cents added for power and maintenance the cost of the rock from Mt. Tolmie would be only \$1.78 a yard, which was cheaper than the next lowest tender.

**JOHN HAGGERTY
DROPS CONTRACT**
CANNOT GET GRAVEL
TO FILL CITY'S DEMANDS

Pending Arrangements, Supply is Got From B. C. Sand & Gravel Company.

John Haggerty has dropped out of the supplying of gravel to the city for street work. Temporarily a supply is being obtained as required from the B. C. Sand and Gravel Company. Arrangements will have to be made once for a permanent supply for the year.

At the meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee Friday evening John Haggerty & Co. wrote asking to be relieved from the contract to supply gravel. It was stated in the letter that everything had been done to carry out the contract. As Inelham & Scott's supply did not fill the requirement they had tried to get it at Sidney and elsewhere, but failed. Unless it could be met the demand, it could not meet the demand. If gravel was got from the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company it would be guaranteed that it would not cost more than last year, the letter stated.

Ald. Raymond wanted to know why Sidney gravel was not satisfactory. It used to be good. He understood that good gravel could be got there.

Ald. Stewart said he found black soil, chips and wood, dandelion roots and everything in it. It was not good and could not be used on sidewalks. He had been beach graver some time. He moved that Mr. Haggerty be released from his contract. As to the question of the bond he favored it being returned.

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**BUYS PROPERTY ON
GOVERNMENT STREET**
Fred Foster Secures Building Occupied by Western Union and E. Andernach.

Fred Foster, the furrier of Government and Johnson streets, has completed the purchase of the building on the west side of Government street, occupied by the Western Union Telegraph Company and Andernach's jewelry establishment. While it is understood that Mr. Foster has some plans in view for the improvement of the property, he prefers not to discuss the matter just at present.

Mr. Foster has conducted a fur store and taxidermy establishment on Johnson street for many years, and a little over a year ago he took a two years' lease on the shop he occupies on Government street. Mr. Foster has now moved in the Royal Bank purchased the property and announced that they intend to build a new block for their own use as soon as the lease expired. It is doubtful in anticipation of this that Mr. Foster has decided to purchase the Government street property.

**FIRE BREAKS OUT IN
CENTRE STAR MINE**
Task of Subduing Blaze Proves Difficult One—Damage Slight.

Rossland, March 19.—Fire was discovered at 5 o'clock this morning in the Centre Star. At that time only blasters, pumpmen and skip-tenders were in the mine and they were quickly brought to the surface. The Centre Star's efficient fire-fighting plant was quickly in operation, and one stream was soon playing on the blaze, being reinforced by a second stream. The Rossland fire department lent its assistance, and later a third stream was used in suppressing the blaze.

The fire fighters bent their efforts to confining the blaze to the stone area to prevent it from reaching the shaft. The officials of the Consolidated company, assisted by the shift bosses and the mine employees, put up a splendid fight and by 1 o'clock the subterranean conflagration was under control.

The fighting of the fire was a difficult task, owing to the heat, the dense smoke and the steam, and the difficulty of getting at the fire as it crept from sill to sill. The men who were playing on the flames and chopping their way through the sill floors were relieved every half hour and sent to the surface in order that they might get the smoke and steam out of their lungs.

There was no shirking and every man called on responded to the call and each and every one concerned did effective work even though it was hazardous work.

The fire is completely under control, although it may smoulder for some time yet and will have to be closely watched. The actual damage is very slight.

**RHEUMATISM
WEATHER THIS**
But Dodd's Kidney Pills Always Cure Rheumatism.

What They Did for W. H. Craine, and Why They Always Cure Rheumatism—They Remove the Cause.

Toronto, Ont., March 19.—(Special).—In these days of sudden changes of temperature known to so many suffering people as rheumatism weather the experience of W. H. Craine, of 103 Gladstone avenue, this city, is of widespread interest. Mr. Craine suffered from rheumatism. He is cured and he knows the cure. It was Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"Yes, I know Dodd's Kidney Pills cured my rheumatism," Mr. Craine states. "For after I started taking them I used no other medicine. I never cease recommending Dodd's Kidney Pills to my friends."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure rheumatism by putting the kidneys in condition to strain the uric acid out of the blood. It is uric acid in the blood that causes rheumatism. Cold or damp causes it to crystallize at the muscles and joints, and then comes those tortures every rheumatic knows only too well. Dodd's Kidney Pills cure rheumatism by curing the kidneys. The cured kidneys remove the cause of the rheumatism.

ARTIC RESCUE EXPEDITION.
New York, March 20.—Plans for a rescue expedition to go to the relief of Dr. P. A. Cook, the Polar explorer, who is believed to be alive in the Arctic regions, were outlined yesterday by Captain Osborn of the Arctic club. Contributions for this purpose have been coming in recently in encouraging numbers. He said the committee contemplated purchasing a small vessel to carry a rescue party, which will sail during the early summer under the American flag.

Two prominent officials of the Tehuantepec National railroad will be in Seattle next week, W. E. Munday, general European agent, and E. H. Moore, general traffic manager. They are travelling up from Mexico on board the Jensen liner Ella and may visit this city.

So much traffic has of late been obtaining between British Columbia and Mexico, both for the Southern Republic and for the transhipment of ore, that the two gentlemen will discuss the situation with the Canadian-Mexican line officials and Jensen line's agents. It has only been within the past few months that the possibilities of the Tehuantepec route have been realized. A large amount of passenger travel to Europe is anticipated.

**SLEEPLESS LITTLE BABIES
ARE SICKLY BABIES**

When babies are restless, sleepless and cross it is the surest possible sign that they are sick. Well babies sleep soundly and wake up brightly. Sleeplessness is generally due to some ailment of the stomach or bowels, or cutting teeth. A few doses of Baby's Own Tablets will put the little one right, and give it sound, natural sleep. Mrs. Jos. Gonnell, St. Evariste, Que., says: "I have found Baby's Own Tablets a splendid medicine for constipation and stomach troubles. I give them to my little girl and they keep her lively and well." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

**WILL ENLARGE
BUSINESS BLOCK**
W. S. FRASER & CO.
ADDING TO PREMISES

Present Warehouse Proves Inadequate for Increasing Trade.

That this is Victoria's growing period is quite evident, for every day fresh evidences of prosperity come to light. New blocks are being built in the business part of the city and in the residential districts houses are springing up with the greatest rapidity. Besides all this, people who have hitherto been content with modest premises in which to do their business have been forced to enlarge these in order to accommodate their ever-growing trade.

The latest firm to decide upon making additions to their quarters is W. S. Fraser & Co., the wholesale and retail hardware merchants, on the corner of Wharf and Bastion Square. This house has done a large business in the past in a two-story building with a one story building at the back. They have put off increasing their floor space for some time, but now the business is altogether too great for the place, and they have decided to make extensive additions. The present buildings were designed especially for additions whenever required, so three new stories will be built on the back part of the place and two in the front, making a large square block four stories high. This will be done by day labor and it is expected that the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$9,000.

The above improvements even are still considered insufficient, for it is understood that the firm is negotiating for a property on Government street, near the new C. P. R. yards, where they will be able to keep their wholesale stock and thus save transportation.

When the new block is completed it will be a great improvement to Wharf street. This street is not yet paved, and many of the property-owners and merchants are grumbling a good deal at the delay in proceeding with the work. With a newly paved street and improvement to the properties, the place will hardly be known in the near future.

**CISSIE COMING HERE
LOOKING FOR LUMBER**
British Ship Will Sail Shortly From San Francisco—Vessels Chartered.

San Francisco, March 19.—Two more British ships have been fixed for the coming season to load grain or merchandise at this port for Europe. They are the Blackbraes and Wiscombe Park, which arrived this month from Rotterdam, with the California, Scottish Glens and Scottish Moors there are now five vessels under charter for this business, all taken at union rates of 25s 6d for wheat, 23s 9d for barley, or 26s for merchandise.

The British ship Cissie will depart shortly for Royal Roads, seeking a lumber charter, which will leave only one disengaged British ship in port, exclusive of the British bark Battle Abbey and the Uruguayan ship Drumr, which are not acceptable as grain carriers. The idle deep water tonnage suitable for lumber numbers 11 vessels.

The Norwegian steamer Henrik Isben cleared today for Melbourne with lumber. Later she will return to this coast to ply between Portland and the Orient, the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company having been chartered for that business for three years. The Pacific Coast Company's steamer, Governor left this afternoon for the Sound, and the Japanese steamer Nippon Maru for the Orient.

**BALFOUR'S MOTION ON
NAVAL PROGRAMME**
Vote of Censure on Government's Policy—Wants Eight Dreadnoughts

London, March 20.—A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the house of commons, has decided to have this hour of debate as to whether four or eight Dreadnoughts should be definitely included in this year's naval programme. He has given notice to move a vote of censure of the government on Monday, declaring the proposed provision for ships of the newest type is not sufficient to secure the safety of the Empire.

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The transient hotel population of New York is figured at 250,000 people a day.

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