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FIRST MEETING OF THE CAMPAIGN

CANDIDATES ADDRESS SOUTH WARD ELECTORS

There Was a Small Attendance at the Meeting—Improvements Advocated by Various Aspirants.

The municipal elections campaign was opened last night by the meeting of the South Ward candidates in the Assembly hall of South Park school. The attendance was very small, but doubtless as the time of election approaches the meetings will be more largely attended. The speakers were Alds. Cameron and Hall, and Messrs. Barnard and Fell, while Truseff Belyea told the electors something about the campaign. The first speaker was Chas. E. Redfern, who was voted to the chair, and with the approval of the meeting called upon the several aspirants to air their views first, and then the freshmen.

The first speaker was Ald. Cameron, the senior representative for South Ward and chairman of the finance committee of the city council. He prefaced his remarks by pointing out that the task of accounting for the money in which they had fulfilled their trust was to the aldermen a very comprehensive one, covering much ground. He also took occasion to publicly thank the electors for returning him to the council, after which he proceeded to deal with the finances. The total expenditure of the city from ordinary revenue was about \$125,000 yearly, or something over \$1,000 a day. Of this nearly one half, or \$212,000, was paid under the following heads: Interest and sinking fund, \$123,000; schools, \$61,000, and police, \$28,000, leaving \$213,000 for streets, sewers, water light and all other necessary city works.

The year 1901 had witnessed large expenditure by the corporation. The sum of \$4,000 had been expended on the 12-inch main had been laid on Government street at a cost of \$7,500. This had proved of the greatest service in the recent big fire, supplying eight lines of hose with heavy water pressure. The balance of the pumping station had been completed this year and paid for, the total cost being \$25,000, including the erection of an engineer's residence.

The board of health had more than \$15,000, including the grant to the Jubilee hospital and the expenditure involved in the conduct of the isolation hospital, which had proved of the greatest importance. The expenditure of royalty cost \$4,000 and the fire department \$23,000. The speaker also referred to the special loans, and observed that some of the public works were for advanced. The James Bay causeway was well under way, while he believed that the Point Ellice bridge question would be satisfactorily and harmoniously solved. Rapid progress was also being made on the High school building. Owing to a misunderstanding with the Tramway Company, actual work on the Government street paving had not been commenced this year, but the great deal of preliminary labor had been accomplished.

The financial wants for 1902, Ald. Cameron explained, would be to have the carrying on many of the public works on the local improvement plan. The city should derive revenue from the waterworks, sewerage and other corporation institutions.

In South Park a number of improvements were required. Dallas road was badly in need of repairs, and a new sidewalk was wanted along Belleville street, in front of the parliament building. An arrangement could doubtless be entered into between the city and government as to the cost.

A change should be made in the method of sprinkling the streets, for which salt water should be used. He also supported bicycle paths, and although not a cyclist himself he recognized the desirability of an improvement in the direction of the park. The proportion of Victorians who used the wheel, he also denounced the Vehicle Tax by-law as unfair and unreasonable. He wanted to see it repealed.

The sewerage question was a vitally important question. Connection with the sewers should be strongly enforced throughout the city. A great deal of property was not connected, but it was absolutely necessary that the owners be compelled to make the connection. The amendments desired by the council last year contained a clause dealing with this question, but, unfortunately, the legislation did not deal with them. There should be a frontage tax on sewers, which would prove a source of considerable revenue.

had always manifested an active interest in all works of public utility, and had not missed two meetings. He would not touch on the points noted by Ald. Cameron, except to express his pleasure at the excellent progress made in the large improvements. He had had a great deal to do with the park which had been more largely visited this year than ever before. It had also been vastly improved. Steps had been constructed from Dallas road to the beach, and had filled a long felt want. The hand carts had been very successful and the delight of visitors to the park during the past year owing to the heavy storm, an expenditure of \$500 was required to remove the large trees which had fallen and the further improvements were contemplated by the speaker, and if elected he would do his utmost to have them carried out. (Applause.)

Ald. Cooley being absent, G. H. Barnard, next speaker, was accorded a hearty reception. He prefaced his address by alluding to his long residence in South Ward, since 1872, and his interests were identified with those of the ward. He did not believe there could be a development without expenditure, and he spoke most favorably of the large improvements undertaken by the city last year, and was gratified to note the progress being made. In regard to the Point Ellice bridge, in his opinion the council would have to decide between a steel and stone bridge. He understood that a structure of steel would require an outlay of \$1,000 per year for painting, which would be unnecessary if a stone bridge constructed. He pointed out that if a stone bridge was built the money would be expended in the city. It would also be permanent and most attractive, while a steel bridge was temporary and anything but prepossessing.

Mr. Barnard was strongly in favor of an improved sewerage system. He had been an advocate of the septic tank system, but the ratepayers had decided that something must be done in this direction. Last year the revenue from sewer rents was \$6,000, out of which the council had appropriated 2,800 feet of sewers. At that rate it would take a long time to sever the fifty miles of streets in Victoria.

The improvement of the sewerage money, but the city was in splendid condition financially. He could stand on the expenditure. Another important matter was the absolute necessity of property being connected with the system, and should he be returned he would take every step to see that it was. He advocated continuity of office for each ward could retire each year, which would give each alderman a term in this case would be better than the present. He opposed aldermanic compensation, and believed it should be done in the past. He also thought that the council should be more in touch with the various departments under their charge. His chief officials should have more able to the board, and he would move to do away with the payment of indemnity to aldermen.

He repudiated any insinuation that he was coming out in the interests of either the B. C. Land Investment Company, or the B. C. Land Transfer Company, of which his firm were legal advisers. Should ever a question in which one of these clients were interested come up he would refuse to vote. If the question became acute he would resign. But he would not sacrifice the interests of the city for any of his clients.

He pledged himself to faithfully look after the interests of his ward and city if returned. (Applause.)

Thornton Fell, the next speaker, opened his remarks with a reference to the sewer question. He believed the sewer rents tax could be increased, and this, together with a reasonable frontage tax, would provide a very substantial revenue. The present system representing an outlay of \$40,000 was a splendid one as far as it went.

The speaker paid a high tribute to the vigilance of the health officials, which had undoubtedly averted a repetition of the epidemic of 1902. It would be wrong to show parsimony in dealing with the isolation hospital, expending the money, and Mr. Fell proceeded to point out the great advantage of such an institution.

He did not agree with the previous speaker regarding aldermanic term of office. He believed that the more frequently the representatives consulted the electors the better it would be for the advancement of the city's interests. If returned he would make it a point to submit all important questions to his constituents and abide by their opinion.

He was an old resident in the city, and one of its largest ratepayers. The interests of the city were therefore his. He recognized that Victoria would never be a commercial center; but her beauty was her fortune. Clean streets and beautiful parks were needed. He advocated boulevarding the streets as in the American cities.

Victoria would have to confront heavy expenditure this year, and men should be selected as representatives who had been successful in their own business. The speaker in dealing with required improvements condemned as disagreeable the condition of the streets to the outer wharf and the inner harbor docks. He devoted some time to this subject, commending the council for the manner in which the tramway company had let Superior street at Menzies, after double tracking. If the tramway company tore up a good street they should be compensated. The council had given the company too much latitude in the past.

The bridge question was another matter of great importance. The council must determine whether it is to be of the opinion that a bridge was evident, however, and it was that a bridge was shortly be required at the foot of Johnston street. The Indian reserve will come into possession of the city in the near future, and a good structure will

be needed to span the harbor at this point. The mayor acted more wisely perhaps than he knew when he vetoed the council's award of the Point Ellice contract. Had the work been permitted to go on the city would have had several litigations on its hands. The speaker then showed the irregularity of the course adopted in the matter, and outlined the statutory measures required before the council could be in a position to undertake the improvement. He was certain that had the work been started an injunction would have been taken out.

Competitive plans should be called for and tenders invited in the selected design. The speaker would advocate reserving blocks on the Indian reserve when acquired for school purposes, and a section for a university site. This would be an ideal locality for a higher educational institution. Beacon Hill park should also be kept in first class condition.

As to revenue, the speaker did not think the present license system equitable. He considered it unfair that a small business should be compelled to pay the same as a large departmental store. The amount of taxation should be based on a percentage of business transacted.

An official map for the city was also required. The speaker favored a rearrangement of North ward. Here there were 2,240 voters, while in South ward there were about 1,300. Victoria West should be lopped off North ward, called West ward, and given a representative of its own, which would leave North ward with two representatives.

The speaker did not wholly approve of the present reclamation plan. To fill in the level with the same dirt as the Victoria filling it to the Reformed church, and Mr. Fell anticipated compensation cases. He outlined a plan which would obviate this difficulty, and provide a much more attractive appearance.

As to school expenditure, during the past six years, \$32,000 had been collected from school tax, which had not been expended for school purposes. This should have been kept separately for school expenditure, but instead had been spent by the council for its own works. He considered this a breach of trust. He believed, however, that aldermen should have more control over the school board in matters of disbursements. There should be an aldermanic representative on the board, and the council should have the power of veto over the trustees. (Applause.)

The chairman referred to the statement that past councils had been guilty of misappropriating revenue. When the government handed over to the city the collection of the \$3 per capita tax nothing was said about it being a special tax. It was purely a revenue tax. The government, however, empowered the city to levy two mills for educational purposes, and this money had been used for no other purpose. The schools, however, had received many thousands additional to that derived from the special two mills levy.

Trustees Belyea corroborated Mr. Fell's statement, and contended that when the city was compelled to pay for its schools the revenue placed at its disposal by the government for the purpose were the \$10 per capita government grant, the \$3 revenue tax, and the two mills levy.

The school board had to approach the council with its hat in its hand. A great deal had been said about the board's extravagance, but as a matter of fact the cost per pupil today was \$2 less than it was ten years ago. In that time there had been an increase in the attendance by one thousand children necessitating the appointment of twenty-five teachers with salaries averaging \$800 each. He would not give \$10 for all the real estate in Victoria if it could not equip and maintain an adequate and permanent primary common school system. (Applause.)

No further addresses were delivered. Mr. Vincent and Ald. Cooley not being present, and the meeting was terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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"For more than a year I was suffering from the agonizing pains of sciatica, and after trying all that medical skill could devise, and using many remedies, patent and otherwise, I concluded to try the Hot Springs at Banff, under the superintendence of a medical man. I took the treatment thoroughly and carefully for six weeks, and came home at the end of that time racked with pain and weighing 43 pounds less. At this juncture, when hope had almost fled, I heard of Paine's Celery Compound. It seemed suited to my case, and so to my druggist, Mr. J. W. Higginbotham, of this place, and asked about it. He recommended it to me, and I took a bottle. I soon began to feel better, and after taking the second bottle I was cured, and threw away my crutches. I have always been a farmer, and am able to do hard work now as ever I was."

The value of the ship's cargo was as follows: To British Columbia, \$780; to Montreal, \$7,834; to Melbourne, \$1,800; to Curlew, Wash., \$1,723; to Nelson, \$2,481.

Nothing has been heard from the missing members of the Walls Walla disaster and it is feared that they all went down with the steamer. The statement of the lookout man Johnson, to the coroner at Eureka, that he saw the lights on the large Mack and warned the officers on the bridge of the Walls Walla, is denied by them. Other members of the crew of the Walls Walla corroborate Johnson's assertion that the lights on the French barge were visible. The conflicting statements will be investigated by the United States marine authorities, and the responsibility for the disaster fixed.

A DAILY STEAMER TO NANAIMO CITY IMPROVED SERVICE TO BE ESTABLISHED

Speedy Vessel Will Make Round Trip Regularly, Calling at Several Ports En Route.

The remarkable development of trade between this city and the islands of the Gulf, and the ports between here and the city of Nanaimo, as well as the large and growing traffic between the two island cities themselves, have forced on those engaged in transportation matters the problem of providing additional facilities to handle this traffic, both in passengers and in freight. None of the companies engaged in the trade have shown greater enterprise in meeting this demand than the management of the V. & S. railway, and of the steamer Iroquois, which in the short time it has been on the route has become a most popular craft in the ports where it calls.

While not intended officially, it is now stated by those who are acquainted with the facts, that during the coming summer a large and speedy steamer will be placed on the route, affording Victoria a daily service to and from Nanaimo. It is the intention to have this steamer call at three or four ports along the Vancouver Island coast, and on the principal islands of the archipelago, and return from the Coal City to Victoria the same night. A rate in keeping with the moderate tolls exacted by the V. & S. heretofore will be quoted, rendering it possible to make a flying trip to Nanaimo and back in the same day, at a trifling outlay. The freight rates will also be on the moderate scale in force on the Iroquois.

The company has at present in view three vessels from which to make a selection, and an agent is at present in the North looking at one of the craft which have been offered for the service. By the time the vessel is ready, the V. & S. will be extended into the market building, so that the new route will be a very handy one for shippers.

The Iroquois will be retained for the short route to the Gulf Islands, where a large trade has already been worked up. The placing of this vessel in service was a boon to the settlers of the Island, with whom she has become a great favorite. One of the reasons for this is that she is a personal friend of the late judge for many years, and it had been his invariable custom to commemorate their friendship by the gift of a sprig of holly each Christmas. As a mark of respect to the memory of deceased, the court adjourned till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

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THEY SHOW RESPECT BY ADJOURNING COURT

Judges Refer to Death of Member of Bench—Another Application in V. V. & E. Injunction.

The case of McKelvey vs. Le Roi Mining Company, Ltd., was argued before the Full Court yesterday. This is an appeal by the plaintiff from a judgment of the chief justice dismissing the action with costs. A. H. MacNeill, K. C., of Rossland, appeared for the appellant, C. R. Hamilton, of Rossland, being opposed to him. The action was for damages sustained by plaintiff while employed as a miner in the Le Roi mine at Rossland, and tried at McGill, C. J., and a jury. The jury's finding was that the approximate cause of the injury sustained by plaintiff was the non-continuance of the guide rails in the shaft of the mine, which, in the opinion of the jury, caused the safety clutches to fail in their action, permitting the cage to fall and injure the plaintiff. The jury awarded plaintiff a verdict of \$3,000. The chief justice left the parties to move the Full Court for judgment, not seeing fit to enter judgment on the above finding. Both parties moved the Full Court for judgment, and the argument of both motions was heard in Vancouver in November before their Lordships. Justices Walker, Drake, Irving and Martin, and the majority referred the case back to the trial judge, who dismissed the action with costs.

At the opening of the appeal yesterday Mr. Hamilton raised the preliminary objection that the plaintiff's proper course would be to appeal from the first order of the trial judge. He wished the point noted, stating that whatever might be the result of the present appeal, he understood that the matter would be carried to a higher court.

Argument of the appeal was completed yesterday, and the court reserved judgment. No other appeals were heard yesterday, the court adjourning until 11 o'clock this morning.

The chief justice did not arrive from the Mainland last evening, as expected. To-day's session of the Full Court was brief duration. On the court's assembling, Mr. Justice Walker made some touching references to the death of Mr. Justice Gwynne, of the Supreme Court of Canada, at Ottawa yesterday. His Lordship stated that he had been a personal friend of the late judge for many years, and it had been his invariable custom to commemorate their friendship by the gift of a sprig of holly each Christmas. As a mark of respect to the memory of deceased, the court adjourned till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

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