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## Local and Provincial News.

*From the Daily Colonist, August 5.*

### Workingmen's Meeting.

It was 8:30 o'clock last night before Coun. W. A. Robertson took the chair at the workingmen's mass meeting at Philharmonic Hall. Mr. Archibald Dods occupied the position of secretary. The audience was a small one, numbering not more than 70 persons.

Mr. Robertson said the meeting was not as large as he would like, whether through the apathy of the workingmen or not he did not know. It was certain there was a decided opposition to the meeting in some quarters. The workingmen had been so far ignored in the reception of public men, and at a recent banquet they were not recognised among the toasts. He claimed that Sir John had been elected in Victoria by the workingmen, and at much length eulogized Sir John and the country. He thought it was only right that they should present an address to Sir John, and this meeting had been convened for that purpose. He said we had now in our midst several distinguished personages connected with the great transcontinental railway, and he deemed it only right that they should be shown in some measure that the people of British Columbia were thankful for their labors in that behalf. He then called upon Mr. Eli Harrison to move the resolution.

That gentleman took the platform and in a brief speech, prefaced by the remark that he was not a Canadian, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this meeting do appoint a delegation of representative workingmen to wait upon Sir John A. Macdonald to tender a hearty welcome to Sir John and Lady Macdonald. Also, to give Sir John the assurance of our confidence and our appreciation of his great abilities and the value of the great services he has rendered to Canada, and especially to British Columbia.

Mr. E. C. Johnston, being called upon, seconded the resolution very briefly, and the chairman then called upon Mr. West, who dwelt at length on the Chinese question, and said Sir John Macdonald's government was largely responsible for the blight the "pagan garbage" was inflicting on British Columbia. He would on some future occasion have more to say with reference to that question. The chairman said it was due to Sir John Macdonald's government to say that we had to thank it for the passage of the Restriction Act.

Mr. Thomas Earl Humphreys, being called upon, said he was sorry the meeting was not larger than it was—that it ought to have been. He then proceeded to tear out his character of being a "small potatoes" politician by ignoring entirely the object for which the meeting was convened, and proceeding to rillify gentlemen who, unlike himself, had been endorsed by the people at the polls at the last general elections. He delivered a homily on morals which caused a broad grin throughout the audience. He blamed the mayor and others for not having given representative workingmen a place on the platform on the occasion of the reception to Sir John. After repeating his old set speech, now so familiar to all, and announcing to the rehearsal delectation that after hearing Sir John, he had knocked him, he sat down.

The resolution, upon being put to vote, was carried unanimously.

The chairman then read a list of names which he submitted as delegates to wait upon Sir John Macdonald, submit the resolution, and interview him.

The secretary read the list as follows: E. C. Johnston, Thomas Elliott, Fredk. Norris, John Braden, Wm. Lorimer, Eli Harrison, W. A. Robertson, M. Conlin, F. L. Tuckfield, James Mann, Henry Benson, Archibald Dods, Mr. Tuhey, T. W. Bragg, Henry Badge, Mr. West, Geo. Kinsman, Donald McDonald, James Smith, David McFee, James Baker, Michael Baker, W. Boddy, W. B. Nichols, L. K. Winch, Jas. Walker, S. Whitley, Mr. Erskine, L. Humber, George Geeves, Mr. Stephens, E. C. Johnston, John Grigg, James Boyd, S. Holloway and Thos. Burns, Jr. All these names were carried without a vote, except in the case of Mr. Tuckfield, and Mann. Mr. Jos. Davies objected to Mr. Tuckfield, and on being asked his reason said that a gentleman had told him that the reason Mr. Tuckfield joined the Knights of Labor and other societies was that he might make all the money he could out of them.

Tuckfield: "Name the man who told you! name him!"

Mr. Davies: "The man was T. E. Humphreys."

Mr. Humphreys arose and said he had no recollection of it.

Mr. Davies—"But you did just before the election, when we were standing on the corner of Government street and Trounce Alley. (Cheers.)

Mr. Tuckfield's name, when being put to vote was carried.

Mr. Duval objected to Mr. Mann on the ground that when he in common with two other gentlemen had gone to Mr. Mann as a committee for the purpose of obtaining at the disposal of Chinese help, they had been grossly insulted. Mr. Mann's name was negatived by the meeting.

The committee was then as a whole endorsed, and it was announced that a meeting would take place at the premises of Mr. Eli Harrison at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

His Worship the Mayor then ascended the platform, and said he was astonished to hear Mr. Humphreys speak as he did. He had done the best he could in selecting representative men for footing the platform on the occasion of Sir John's reception. It was impossible to have everybody. The workingmen were well represented by the chairman of the meeting, Coun. Robertson, and by Coun. Smith, a defeated candidate at the last election. (Laughter.)

The meeting then adjourned.

### Menagerie at the Horticultural Show.

FIRST COURSE.

She—I do so like the fragrance of heliotropes.

He—Why?

She—Because it reminds one of vanilla ice cream.

He took the hint.

SECOND COURSE.

She—Oh! look at that delightful ice plant. It's just too lovely for anything.

He—Yes, it is beautiful.

She (musingly)—I wonder why they call it an ice plant? Is it because they use it to freeze cream with?

He also took the hint.

A DEPUTATION—Herman Cohn, late steward of the U. S. Marine hospital at Port Townsend, is a defaulter to a considerable amount and is in hiding near Victoria.

*From the Daily Colonist, August 5.*

### Municipal Council.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council was held last evening, His Worship Mayor Fell in the chair.

Present: Aldermen Barnard, Humber, Lipsett, Higgins, Vigelius, Robertson, Styles, Smith and Grant.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from A. A. Aronson, pawnbroker:

Gentlemen—I plead by unofficial the privilege lately granted by the issuing of licenses to Chinese for the purpose of opening pawnbrokers this city, would amount to an act of criminality on my part. Your attention, therefore, is called to the following:

It must be obvious to the most dormant mind that the object is to, elude the vigilance of the police, and give to the thieves (particularly if Chinese), safe protection, and make it difficult to trace or recover property stolen from the citizen or farmer in Victoria. By reference to the criminal record of this city it will be found that I have brought to light many robberies, as well as the arrest of many Chinese thieves. This statement can be verified by the testimony of the police department. My motives are not of a mercenary nature, but prompted by an act of justice towards my fellow citizens of Victoria. Pawnbroking business, like unto others, should not be hampered by Chinese competition. If it is the purpose of the council to grant licenses to Chinamen to carry on this business, I shall have no further use for the telephone laid in your honorable body in my behalf, for it is only natural to expect, that property stolen by Chinese will be taken to Chinese pawnbrokers.

Trusting your sole in this matter will be in consonance with the desires of your constituents, I beg to subscribe myself,

A. A. ARONSON.

His worship stated that there was no preventing the issuing of a license to carry on the business of a pawnbroker.

Coun. Lipsett thought that the matter should have been brought before the board.

Coun. Higgins said that it was a regrettable circumstance that there was no law to regulate this matter, but the application should have been brought before the council.

Communication received and filed.

From Edwin Johnson, enclosing bills for legal work in connection with private bill, referred to finance committee.

From Edwin Johnson, with reference to a complaint from Mr. Everett, expressing his opinion that the bylaws gave full power to abate all nuisances.

Coun. Higgins said that important rights were involved in the question, and he would move in amendment that the matter be referred to the sanitary committee. Seconded by Coun. Vigelius. The amendment was lost.

From A. and W. Wilson asking for permission to open the milk from the Union Club. Granted.

ACCOUNTS.

For the month, amounting to $3,515 82, were then read and referred to finance committee.

Coun. Robertson said charges had been preferred against the cemetery keeper, and he would like to see the matter taken up.

Coun. Barnard said that owing to press of other business this matter had been allowed to stand over for a time.

Coun. Robertson also asked about a charge against a person for fast driving.

Coun. Higgins asked his worship if it is during of the police committee with regard to obstructions.

His worship stated that it was the duty of the police committee to see that all obstructions were removed from the sidewalks.

A laughing discussion took place about certain holes in the sidewalk on Broad street in which the relative value of two-inch and inch-and-a-half planks were fully weighed.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Coun. Higgins moved that $250 be donated towards the expenses of the regatta on their taken up. He was prepared to have the amount reduced to $100 if it was in excess of previous donations.

Coun. Lipsett thought it was wrong to vote public money for the entertainment of a partizan in politics. He understood that over $1000 had been collected by private parties, and that ought to be enough. Styles thought the matter should be referred to the city barrister.

Coun. Humber was surprised at the idea of giving any public money for such a purpose. He mentioned a number of ways that could be judiciously expended.

Coun. Vigelius said a good deal of honor had been done to Victoria's best friend and nobody would object to the donation being given. It was for the enjoyment of the public as well as for our distinguished visitors.

Coun. Grant was in favor of the motion and understood that the regatta was given in honor of Her Majesty, as one was held on the 24th May last.

Coun. Barnard would like to see the council do proper honor to one who had been Victoria's best friend in voting $100 the council were doing very little indeed.

His Worship was sorry the discussion had taken place as it came, when very bad grace, after the ovation given Sir John at the theatre.

Coun. Robertson was also in favor of granting the sum.

Coun. Smith thought it should have been $250.

The motion was then put and carried.

BURNT WATER PIPE.

Coun. Higgins moved that the fire engine be no longer used to pump water to the high levels, was then taken up. In support of his motion the mover said that the arrangement was interfering with the fire department, and the engine was being wracked to pieces.

A report from the Chief Engineer was then read calling attention to the want of more tanks and also that a new fire engine was needed, as the one now doing duty were out of date. The back of additional tenders was also pointed out and a resolution was made that the auxiliary force be organized.

Coun. Vigelius seconded the motion.

Coun. Barnard was in favor of the idea but would like to see the time extended to two weeks.

Coun. Smith said that if the engine was taken from Fort street, the sprinkler would have to be taken off also, as otherwise an injunction would be issued against the council. The fire engine required to have new tubes, but the pumping could be continued for two hours daily.

Coun. Humber thought the city should have a good fire department. He had lately spoken honestly about it and had called down a shower of blessings on himself.

Coun. Styles had always been opposed to any interference with the fire brigade. If the department was to be kept efficient it should be protected.

Coun. Grant, while seconding the motion, said that Coun. Higgins had treated a communication from the insurance companies on this very subject in a cavalier manner.

Coun. Higgins retorted that Coun. Grant must be a student of the Times. (A laugh). He denied having ever treated any communication contemptuously or cavalierly and defied Coun. Grant to show that he had. (While the councillor was speaking, an individual considerably under the influence of liquor, climbed the corkscrew stairs, and amid laughter proceed to ask his grievances about "stinking" water. The individual was finally removed, loudly protesting against the treatment.)

The motion that the service be continued for a fortnight was then put and carried.

The report of the chief engineer of the fire department was taken up and referred to the fire wardens to formulate a scheme.

From C. F. Bloomfield, superintendent of police, reporting that the police force during the months of July was satisfactory.

WATER WORKS BY-LAW.

This by-law to authorize the loan of $75,000 was then taken up and passed its final reading.

As the joint three of the committees withdrew.

*From the sanitary committee recommending that the following be adopted:*

*That the Sanitary Committee be authorized, with the Mayor, to make such arrangements with the Sanitarium Company as may be deemed necessary for the reception of patients suffering from contagious diseases, and that the Mayor be requested to make the necessary application to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the necessary Order-in-Council.*

*That the Sanitary Committee be authorized