

Sewers and Pumps

Fully Discussed by the City Council at Last Evening's Session.

Report on Pumping Station Equipment Referred Back to the Committee.

The principal subjects of discussion at the regular session of the council last evening were the question of the construction of the law on the part of many Victoria citizens in connecting their premises with surface drains, and the report of the committee dealing with the specifications for the pumps and boilers for the new pumping station. The first matter arose from a communication of J. G. Brown on the subject, while the last was suggested by the receipt of the report of Andrew Gray, the expert consulted by the council, enclosed in that of the committee dealing with the subject. Unfortunately, however, in the early portion of the evening full half an hour was utilized in a discussion as to whether or no a detailed record of a private committee should be embodied in the minutes of the council. Having threshed the matter from every conceivable point of view the council settled down to business.

G. H. Burns and the B. C. Land & Investment Agency wrote requesting that sewer connection be made between the Heywood estate on Port street and Cook street. Laid on the table at the suggestion of the mayor.

James Gaudin informed the council of a complaint received by him from M. Morrissy regarding the action of the corporation in closing the swing of the Rock Bay bridge. Enclosed in Captain Gaudin's communication was that of Mr. Morrissy, in which the writer directed attention to the fact that his property would be affected by the action of the corporation in this respect, and asking that the bridge be opened.

The mayor suggested that the communication be referred to the special committee now in charge of the matter, they being engaged in preparing a case to go to the government.

Ald. Stewart—"Has that gone yet, your worship?"

The mayor replied in the negative, whereat Ald. Stewart gave vent to the remark, "Pretty slow."

Ald. Beckwith, however, did not agree with the mayor as to the disposition of the aforementioned communications, and after some further discussion they were received and filed, with the rider that Captain Gaudin be informed that the matter was receiving the consideration of the council.

Dr. L. W. Powell wrote deprecating the action of the telephone company in destroying ornamental trees in laying their lines. The communication directed attention to the fact that on Burdette avenue all the tops of the large trees had been decapitated. Ald. Williams favored receiving and filing the communication and informing Dr. Powell that an arrangement would be made with the telephone company, but Ald. Beckwith combated this idea, pointing out that such a course would not diminish the actions of—"Vandalism."

Ald. Beckwith—"Yes, vandalism." The telephone company had too much power over the streets as the matter now stood, and the speaker moved that the communication be received and filed and the telephone company informed that they must not destroy any more trees without permission.

With all the enthusiasm of a true lover of nature, Ald. John Hall remarked that he thought the foregoing a very good resolution, while Ald. Yates volunteered the suggestion that the company would be committing their deprecations in the park next, a remark that caused the unwelcome fire to crimsonly flash in the eyes of the zealous guardian of the park.

Ald. Kinsman took a retrospect, and remembered when, as chairman of the street committee many years ago, he had given orders for the destruction of the "broom, beautiful broom" and because his orders were not carried out he received many expressions of censure. He advocated the destruction of a great many rotten trees in the city, as they were, instead of ornaments, menaces. Ald. Beckwith's resolution was carried.

Bodwell & Duff wrote acknowledging a communication from the council regarding the Craigflower road, and informing them that the aforesaid communication had been forwarded to Mr. Bodwell, Received and filed.

Benjamin Boggs, agent for J. Deane, wrote accepting the offer of the council for the purchase of a lot for the erection of a fire hall on St. Catherine street, Victoria West, for \$700. Received and filed.

Rev. W. G. Ellison wrote offering for sale a lot for the above-mentioned purpose, extending 132 feet on St. Catherine and 60 feet on Langford streets, Victoria West, for \$700. Received and filed, and Rev. Mr. Ellison to be notified that the council had decided upon the purchase of a lot.

A communication asking for assistance was read from the relief committee formed at Sirdar, B. C., in consequence of the fire at Kuskanook on Wednesday evening last, and was received and filed.

George Jeeves, G. H. Fisher and W. Murray wrote applying for the position of superintendent of construction of the buildings of the pumping station. D. F. Fee also wrote applying for the position of superintendent of machinery. Laid on the table.

Mason & Bradburn wrote regarding the legal aspect in connection with the proposed sidewalk improvements on Government street between Courtney and Humboldt streets. The solicitors pointed out that the corporation would be compelled to compensate the owners if damages ensued in the raising or lowering of the present sidewalk, the amount to be determined by arbitration. Nor would the amount of the damages be mitigated

by the improvements or advantages received by the property. Received and filed. Ald. Cameron pointing out that the council should determine on their course of action in the matter, and ascertain the extent of the damages resulting from the proposed work.

The city clerk wrote mentioning a number of communications that had been referred to the city engineer, the communication taking the usual course, after which a communication was read from Thomas Sorby, asking for a copy of the report of the committee on investigation of the Sorby harbor scheme. Received and Mr. Sorby to be notified to refer his request to the general committee, who would undoubtedly accede to it.

The following communication was read from J. G. Brown:

Victoria, B.C., March 29th, 1900.
To the Mayor and Aldermen, City of Victoria.

Gentlemen: I desire to bring to your notice a state of affairs in connection with the sewerage system in our city, which, in my humble opinion, should not obtain.

Knowing that others had been permitted to connect sewerage drains to surface drains, I applied for permission for property on North Chatham street and was refused.

2nd. It is within the knowledge of the city engineer and sanitary officer, and the plumbing inspector that such connections have been made without the necessary permits and against the law.

3rd. Parties so connecting are liable to a fine, and the plumbers, etc., who do the work are also liable to punishment for the same. So far as I am aware no attempt has been made to carry out the law.

I would submit to your honorable body that a grave injustice is being done a large number of ratepayers who are being taxed for construction of sewers in certain portions of the town and other portions are left unprotected for, and permission to connect to surface drains refused, while other citizens possessing more or less influence are allowed to make connection to the surface drain and nothing said, enjoying all the privileges of sewer connection and at the same time defrauding the city sewer rental. I have no desire to get something for nothing, and am willing to pay the regular sewer rent, nor do I wish to evade the law, as some have done, and make connections to sewer without permission, and trust to the willingness of the authorities to raise the whole question; but if the law regarding the use of sewers, etc., is not to become a farce, its provisions should be immediately enforced, or at least let us all have equal rights.

Yours respectfully,
J. G. BROWN,
Agent for C. P. Brown.

This caused protracted discussion, Ald. Yates pointing out that the report of the city engineer had embodied the general substance of Mr. Brown's communication. He would consequently move that the communication be received and filed and Mr. Brown be notified that the city engineer had been instructed to attend to the alteration of the surface drains into sewers, and collect the rental. On the other hand, Ald. Brydon asserted that Mr. Brown's statements called for an investigation, as it was quite patent that citizens were breaking the law in this respect, in emptying their sewerage into the surface drains without permission. The speaker instanced a case on View street, where sewerage is being emptied into box drains. Permission had been granted many years ago for a party on one of the principal streets to connect with box drains, and the same thing still existed.

Ald. Stewart also pointed out that many citizens caused their sewerage to be emptied not only with surface drains but also with box drains. The sanitary inspector had been most diligent in endeavoring to locate these people who broke the law in this respect.

Ald. Cameron emphasized the necessity of an investigation, and a report being made there seemed to be a running fight between the council and a number of citizens who persisted in breaking the law. About three or four years ago the council in conjunction with the police took the matter up, and made a house to house inspection. Although this caused some friction, it nevertheless effected a great amount of good, and the speaker closed by directing attention to the seriousness of the matter. The communication was finally received and referred to the sanitary inspector and city engineer.

The city engineer reported as follows:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Communication from Wm. Hodges requesting a drain on Ocean street, and I recommended the construction of box drain in the above locality on December 11th, 1899. Estimated cost, \$150.

Petition from Walter H. Smith and 18 others re Alpha, Beta and Delta street improvements. I may say the streets in question are in very bad condition, and were reported accordingly on March 2nd, 1899. Estimated cost for graveling a roadway 15 feet wide is as follows: Alpha street, \$450; Beta street, \$225; Delta street, \$215.

Petition from B. W. Pearce and others re the unsanitary condition of Cadboro Bay road from Oak Bay junction to Jubilee hospital. This matter has also been reported on August 14th, 1899, the estimate for that portion of Cadboro Bay road being \$1,450, providing second class pipe can be obtained.

In accordance with request of streets, bridges and sewers committee, see of November 10th, viz., to blast out the rock on lots fronting on Government street, east side, between Courtney and Humboldt streets, to the established grade a distance of 60 feet back from the street line, total estimated cost, including the moving of the buildings, \$3,375. I may say this rock is of good quality and would be sieged ready for the crusher, and of course could be used to advantage for street work.

Communication from the Rev. J. LeStern re sewer extension on Vancouver street: I would recommend this matter be laid over until the question of sewer extension in general is considered.

This was received and referred to the streets and bridges committee, which meets on Wednesday week.

Mason & Bradburn, solicitors, wrote regarding the contract in connection with the borings to be undertaken in the harbor by D. R. Harris. Enclosed was a communication addressed to them by Mr. Harris, in which the writer stated that the contract be executed on the part of the council without delay, as his expenses were increasing during each day of inactivity.

Ald. Brydon wanted to know the reason why the contract was not executed on behalf of the city. The corporation drew up the contract and it was signed by Mr. Harris, and as matters stood "the council was frittering away the ratepayers' money without getting anything in return." The opinion of the solicitors was not requested in the matter, and he could not understand how it was that the execution of the contract was allowed to hang fire so long. After some further discussion the communication was received and filed.

A communication was received from W. J. Dowler, secretary for Ross Bay cemetery, enclosing a statement from his assistant, E. W. Bradley, explaining the circumstances under which he handed a certificate to W. J. Hanna, regarding the burial of an illegitimate child. Mr. Bradley denied the circumstances as reported in the Colonist, and stated that had he known that the nurse referred to was the grandmother of the child he would not have issued the certificate. Received and filed.

The finance committee reported that the clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders for \$200,000 in debentures, of the Point Ellice Bridge Accident Loan By-law. Also for information regarding advertisement terms. The same committee recommended the payment of \$5,000 out of the current revenue, for accounts as yet unfiled.

A protracted discussion was engendered by the reading of the report of the special committee in connection with the receipt of tenders for the pumps and boilers for the new pumping station.

Enclosed was the report of Andrew Gray, the expert consulted by the council on the subject, in which the tender of the Albion Iron Works was recommended for acceptance. The tender of the company, however, was based on different specifications than were submitted by the special committee.

This was the only tender that was wanted, Ald. Yates remarking that it would be most unfair to other tenders, to adopt the report of the committee. It certainly would not be the proper action to accept the tender of the Albion Iron Works on their own specifications.

Ald. Brydon took the liberty to move, seconded by Ald. Yates, that the report be referred back to the committee to prepare new specifications, and call for tenders.

Ald. Stewart explained that the blunder was made in the beginning. The report was not properly made out and as a result no definite statement of what was wanted had been submitted. He had advocated publicity in the receiving of the tenders, on the ground that it was most unfair to the tenderer, that his tender should be dealt with in secret. Now, however, the matter for and the council should be prepared to say exactly what they wanted.

Ald. Beckwith and Yates took exception to the remarks of the last speaker regarding the secret consideration of the tenders, while the Mayor pointed out that it was rather foolish course to do the part of the council to refer a matter to an expert, pay him, and then not accept his advice.

Ald. Stewart stated that an expert should have been called in the beginning, while Ald. Brydon claimed that in referring the report back to the committee the council was following the lines laid down in the report.

Ald. Beckwith said that the party who tendered, generally submitted their own specifications, as was the case with the Albion Iron Works. The matter must not be delayed, and would mean the trying up of \$20,000. The speaker advocated re-arranging the specifications and calling for tenders.

Ald. Cameron suggested that a condition be inserted in the specifications providing that the plant must be in operation this year. It must be done before September or October, or it will not be running this year.

Ald. Brydon's motion was finally carried, the time limit for the receipt of tenders being fixed at Monday next, April 2nd.

Annual Loan By-law was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed, after which the council adjourned.

WANTED—A MINISTER.
Ald. McQueen, of Vancouver, the Latest Choice.

Premier Martin is still engaged searching for a minister. The latest name mentioned in connection with a portfolio is Ald. McQueen, of Vancouver. The Times correspondent at Vancouver wires as follows:

"Ald. McQueen intends awaiting the result of the Liberal convention on April 5th, before taking any definite action regarding the offer of a position as cabinet minister that has been offered him by Premier Martin."

The News-Advertiser has a column and a half address of the Provincial party, in this morning's issue.

T. G. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., returned to Montreal yesterday from a trip through the Southern States. Speaking of his trip the president says he embraced the opportunity of taking a holiday for the purpose of looking about him and seeing railways and other things, but not with the thought of acquiring new ideas about railway management or operation, "for I do not think," he said "that we have to go down south to make such an acquisition."

ALBERNI NOTES.
(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
J. Thomson is starting to build a large store near the English church here.

It is stated that Bonthron's property on Anderson lake is to start work again shortly. A cabin has been built on the lake shore mineral claim, and Mr. Bentley, the foreman, expects to have a large camp at work shortly.

The County Court was held here last Wednesday, Judge Harrison presiding. A case of great interest to miners was that of A. M. McLinden vs. F. B. Pemberton. The defendant was represented by E. M. Yarwood, solicitor, Nanaimo. The plaintiff stated his case as follows: In June, 1898, Mr. Cowell (Victoria) whom he supposed represented Pemberton, let him a contract to do certain tunnelling work on the Silver King mineral claim, one of a group of four claim in Uchirest harbor, owned by Pemberton then and since. McLinden's bill for the work amounted to \$550. Cowell paid him \$150, but the balance remained unpaid, and he now sued Pemberton as the owner of the mine for this amount. Cowell having left the country, Pemberton, in the meantime, made an affidavit using the work which McLinden had carried out as his assessment work on the claims, thus conforming to the Mineral Act.

Defendant's solicitor contended that Cowell did not represent Pemberton, but a company to whom the claims were bonded at that time, though not recorded. Consequently there was no contract with McLinden. The company having failed to make good, McLinden's property reverted to Pemberton.

McLinden not being able to produce any documentary evidence showing Cowell to be acting for Pemberton, the judge postponed the case till the May court in Nanaimo to enable McLinden to procure this, if possible.

A shipment of \$1,838,086 for the purchase of the Philippines left the United States sub-treasury yesterday.

Appraiser of Customs

Mr. C. E. Renouf Receives an Important Appointment at Dawson City.

Will Reside at Dawson City—A Recognition of Business Needs.

The great trade which has been growing in the north since the discovery of gold in the Yukon has raised new problems in the administration of affairs there which has rendered necessary the appointment of a man who could devote his time exclusively to the appraising of goods bound for the district mentioned. This want has been recognized by the merchants, and the board of trade of Ottawa, advising him of the matter and dealing with the Klondike and by the Klondike district itself. The matter has been repeatedly brought to the attention of the government and has for some time been under their serious consideration.

The news was received to-day that an appointment has now been made and that the choice has fallen on C. E. Renouf, of the firm of Nicholles & Renouf, of this city, for many years past a prominent man in the political and municipal affairs of this place. The intelligence reached him to-day in a telegram from Ottawa, advising him of his appointment and instructing him to at once assume his new duties. He will receive a salary and allowance for expenses and his headquarters will be at Dawson City.

For the present he will be attached to the local custom house for instructional purposes, and with the opening of navigation he will proceed to Dawson and take up the work for which he has been named. The bulk of the duties connected with his office will fall at the beginning of the season, and again when the Lower Yukon is sufficiently free of ice to permit of the coming up the river with their loads of merchandise.

The winter season, during which there is practically no importation of goods, will make it possible for Mr. Renouf to spend his winters in Victoria on the local staff, or to take up his duties as the department may determine.

Naturally the new official has been the subject of warm congratulations to-day, even from his political opponents, for his education and well-wishers are almost as numerous in the ranks of the Conservatives as among those of his own political complexion. Especially among the business community, whose interests are more immediately concerned in the appointment, is the selection regarded with satisfaction.

The choice is admitted on all hands to be a happy one, as he is well equipped from the character of his former business and the training which it gave him, to discharge his new duties with credit to himself and to the benefit of the great constituency for which he will act.

Mr. Renouf is a native of the Channel Islands, and has resided in British Columbia for over a score of years. He has been in business here for fifteen years, and with his partner has had up one of the best hardware businesses on the Coast. He has brought his commercial ability to play on other matters which are already fresh in the minds of his fellow citizens.

As a member of the advisory board of the committee of fifty, of the board of trade, and other organizations he has become well known and respected by the community at large. The last year has witnessed his persistent advocacy of what is the selection regarded with satisfaction.

He has long been a prominent member and office-bearer in the Liberal Association, and, although never a candidate, has contributed heavily in financial and other senses to the promotion of Liberal principles.

Being still in the prime of life, his friends look forward to his occupancy of the important post of appraiser for the Yukon territory for many years.

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Arrested in Victoria

Alleged Bank Robber Located and Apprehended by Local Detectives.

Charged With Being Implicated in Robbing the Seattle National Bank.

Through the skilful instrumentality of Detectives Palmer and Perdue, of the Victoria police department, the Seattle authorities have now behind the bars L. Parker, alias "Kid" Parker, who is accused of being one of the three men who robbed the First National Bank of Seattle of \$5,000. Immediately upon locating Parker the detectives wired the Seattle police, and on Saturday Chief Reid, Detective Wapenstein and James Nevins, superintendent of the Portland branch of the Pinkerton detective agency, came over and took their man back with them.

To say that the police on both sides of the line worked quietly would be putting it mildly, for absolute secrecy enshrouded the arrest, and the prisoner was not even incarcerated in the Seattle jail until Sunday afternoon. This was done in order to prevent any warning being given to Parker's accomplices, Robert Collins, who has, however, since been apprehended in San Francisco, and Jack McGrath, who has taken flight, and is believed to have gone to Phoenix, Arizona. According to a dispatch from San Francisco Collins has confessed his guilt, and implicates Lawrence Parker and McGrath.

The robbery of which the men are accused is one of the most audacious strokes of sneak theft on record. The three of them entered the First National Bank of Seattle a week ago Monday, and according to Collins's confession, he stole a roll of bills amounting to \$5,000, while Parker engaged the attention of the paying teller, McGrath standing guard outside the bank.

In connection with the arrest, the Seattle police were inclined to the belief that it was the work of Johnny Bingham, an ex-convict from Oregon. Every detective in the police department went to work on the case. They were joined the next day by Superintendent Nevins. Within forty-eight hours they concluded that Bingham was, however, missing from the city, knew nothing of the robbery. It is claimed that Monday afternoon and night Parker, a man named McGrath or McGaw, and a man known as "Whitely" were spending considerable money in Seattle saloons. It is claimed they confided to several local thieves that they were the men who robbed the bank. This information soon came to the police, and Detective Wapenstein and Meredith went to work to locate the three men.

"The two detectives soon learned that Parker was infatuated with a variety actress who recently played an engagement in this city. It was further ascertained that this woman was in Victoria. A Pinkerton detective was forthwith dispatched to that city to locate her and ascertain whether Parker had joined her. The detective left here Wednesday night, and Parker himself went to Victoria on the same boat with him. Once in Victoria the detective located the woman. That night Parker called on her and took her out riding.

"The Seattle police were notified of Parker's presence in Victoria, and Wednesday night Chief Reid, Wapenstein and Nevins took the boat for Victoria. They arrived there Friday morning, and had been in the city but a short time when they ran across Parker. He was taken into custody by a Victor-

ian policeman, and after some parley consented to accompany the officers back to Seattle without extradition papers.

Chief Reid admitted yesterday that several hundred dollars in bills were found on Parker's person when he was searched at the Victoria police station. He refused to give the exact amount. The money was sewed in his underclothing. Although denying his guilt Parker admitted that he was in the First National Bank on several occasions during the short time that he was in Seattle. He has not admitted, however, that he was in the bank on the day of the robbery.

"Chief Reid stated last night that he would cause a complaint to be filed to-day charging Parker with grand larceny. "The reasons of the San Francisco police for arresting Collins are unknown, but from the description which the Seattle police have obtained of him they find no fault in their belief that he is none other than the 'Whitely,' one of the men for whom they are looking, and in search of whom Detective Meredith made one or two secret trips out of the city last week."

Another count will be registered against McGrath should he be apprehended, that is for having aided Collins to secure \$515 from the office of a money-broker on Montgomery street, San Francisco. McGrath's sister has turned over to the 'Prisco' police \$400, which she asserted he handed to her out of the \$2,500 he had in his possession a few days ago.

While the importance of the arrest of Parker is diluted upon, the clever work of the local detectives, Palmer and Perdue, is worthy of special notice. When Chief Reid gave the description of the man from Seattle giving the description of the man who was wanted, he detailed the two detectives on the case. This they did on the same morning that Parker arrived in the city, and to them belong the credit of making the Pinkerton man had actually accompanied Parker on the boat not only to this city, but also in the omnibus to the Queen's hotel, with other passengers.

When Parker was arrested \$410 was found sewn up in his underclothing, which, together with the \$400 recovered from McGrath's sister in San Francisco, and \$410 found on Collins when arrested, makes the total sum recovered \$1,115 out of the amount stolen.

FOR THOSE AT SEA.
J. Walsh, in Scottish-American.

When Tempests wild the ocean sweep
And surging waves their heads uprear,
Oh, Christ! 'mid peril safely keep,
All them that to our hearts are dear,
As Thou didst in the days of yore
Guide safely to the wished for shore.

Through safe and sound the wind pipes loud
Like anguished wail of spirits lost,
And gleaming white 'neath murky cloud
The warning waves are wildly tossed,
And ships, deep staggering, reeling feel
The doom that strikes each threatening gale.

No friendly gleam athwart the gloom
Is shed by sun or moon or star,
And dreaching shows of drift and spume
Strike quivering shrouds and bending spar,
Deep toned their wrath the seas outboom,
And surging swells the threatening boom.

Death laughs aloud as waves sweep o'er
O'er fated ships that plunge and dip,
No longer life-like to upheave
Responsive to the steersman's grip;
Chariots bear the sailor's cry and save
From storm and Death's engulfing wave.

O'er sailors' graves the sea birds wheel,
And moaning winds a dirge utt'ral,
Sad stricken hearts their sorrow feel
And know no sign nor sound avail,
To them no more their loved shall come,
Nor hear the glad voiced "Welcome home."

Oh, Thou whom winds and waves obey
Subservient to Thy will and pow'r,
Speak but the word! their raging stay,
And save our loved in perils' hour!
The widow's hope and comfort be,
And orphan find a friend in Thee.

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