

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office. Jan. 16th to 22nd, 1900. The weather has been generally cloudy and abnormally mild for this season of the year.

And Still Another

City Council Receives a Further Proposal Regarding Victoria-Chilliwack

Conference Arranged for Tuesday Evening-Discussion Regarding Tram Passes.

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Aldermen last evening was of a lengthy character, it being just 11 o'clock when an adjournment was taken.

Before commencing the regular business Ald. Yates rose to a question of privilege, denying having made use of the expression in reference to the C.P.R., attributed to him by the Colonist on Saturday morning.

After the usual preliminaries the following communication was read from Messrs. Bodwell & Duff, which is self-explanatory:

Gentlemen: Re the proposed extension of the Victoria & Sidney railway to Chilliwack:

In this matter we are instructed to inform you that, if the city of Victoria will grant in aid of this undertaking a bonus of \$40,000 a year for twenty years, a number of gentlemen of good financial standing, who are all business men of the city of Victoria and whose interests are entirely with the city, are prepared to undertake the construction and operation of this railway.

We are not at liberty at present to mention the names of our clients, but we beg to assure you that their standing in this community is sufficient guarantee for their bona fides, as well as their ability to perform any undertaking they make with the city of Victoria, and if this proposition is accepted, the undertaking will be in the hands of persons whose interests are identical with those of the citizens of Victoria generally.

investigated the complaint and could not understand how, from what Mr. O'Connor had told him, the water could reach the floor of the house if it did not cover the road.

Ald. Williams moved that the matter be referred to the city solicitor, while Ald. Yates moved in amendment that Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmsken be informed that the council were not liable in the matter.

The following communication was read from the manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company:

Gentlemen: Re Rock Bay Bridge—With further reference to the offer made by this company of \$700 in connection with Rock Bay bridge, we may say that we are advised by the city engineer that the repairs made to the bridge will result in this company being enabled to run its big cars over the bridge, that being the condition that influenced us in offering the \$700.

It is perhaps unnecessary for us to remark that it will be a matter of pleasure to us and one of great convenience to the public when it will be possible to put the large cars on the Esquimaux.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant, ALBERT T. GOWARD, Local Manager.

Received and filed. Adjutant Galt, of the Salvation Army, wrote directing attention to the good work performed by the army in the past and asking that \$150 be appropriated for the purchase of another horse in place of the one they had lost.

T. Matthews, of Vancouver, wrote offering grants for curbing, for sale if required. Referred to city engineer. The clerk reported a number of communications referred to the previous council to the city engineer. Received and filed.

The engineers reported as follows: Victoria, Jan. 22nd, 1900. To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report: Re communication from F. J. Claxton requesting certain improvements on Pandora avenue, easterly from Fernwood road, a distance of about 180 feet.

Upon examination of this locality I do not consider the improvements suggested at all urgent, as many of our central streets are in a much worse condition. However, I would recommend the large boulders be removed from the sides of the street, together with minor repairs. Estimated cost, \$20.

Re communication from Fanny Haynes asking to have the drain extended on Parkington street, a distance of 120 feet, so that connection can be made with the main sewer. I would respectfully commend the above extension to be carried out at once. Estimated cost, \$50. Total estimated cost with water pipe connection for flushing, \$60.

Re Government street, between Esquimaux and Cormorant streets, which is paved, etc., is about to be surfaced with stone. After due consideration I would recommend sufficient curbs to be carried from the market and set throughout the above block. Estimated cost, setting, hauling, etc., \$60.

Re drainage in the vicinity of Stadacona avenue, Cadboro road and Elford street. In accordance with instructions I have the honor to submit an estimate of the cost of a 12 inch pipe drain between Stadacona and Belmont avenues; the same to follow a straight line nearly parallel to Cadboro Bay road and through Major Dupont's property. I would suggest that this drain be used for surface drainage only, and if constructed I will have the houses inspected before any permits be granted for connection therewith. Estimated cost, \$215.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, C. H. TOPE, City Engineer.

distate report on the sanitary condition of your Chinese quarters.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, C. J. FAGAN, Secretary.

Dr. Fraser, Medical Health Officer, Victoria. This communication was received and filed.

Tenders for the yearly supplies were then brought up, the mayor stating that it was imperative for the city engineer to have a number of same. But when the figures were made known, their complex character caused the board to refer the matter to the finance committee and city engineer, with power to act.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$3,332.25, and the monthly payment of \$20 for three months to the Salvation Army Shelter Home. Received and adopted.

The fire wardens reported as follows: Gentlemen—Your fire wardens committee having considered the undermentioned subject, beg to report and recommend as follows:

The fire wardens of ground, erection of a fire hall and equipment of same in Victoria West is necessary and should receive immediate attention.

That we have given the question serious consideration and estimate the cost at \$9,000. We recommend the appropriation in the estimates for the year of the purpose mentioned, and also that your fire wardens be empowered to advertise for tenders for a site and to purchase a combined chemical engine and hose wagon.

That with the erection of a new hall and equipment of same the placing of six additional hydrants will be necessary in Victoria West, to afford protection to buildings at present outside the reach of the department, with a limited supply of fire hose.

In explanation, Ald. Stewart said that a guarantee as to the condition of the engine was delivered in a certain condition, and if it is not found suitable the council should reject it.

Ald. Brydon expressed his opinion that the council should exercise caution in the purchase of the engine. If it is represented to be in a certain condition let the owners deliver it in a certain condition, and if it is not found suitable the council should reject it.

Ald. Beekwith advised deferring the matter until the estimates had been prepared, so that the council could see where they stood financially.

The report was moved and amended so as to provide for the calling of tenders for the lots, but the remaining portion was to be laid over until the estimates had been drawn up.

But the council in a vote decided that such was not to be the case, neither was the report adopted and so both report in entirety, and the report with amendments, were declared lost.

Ald. Brydon's resolution, providing for the laying of concrete sidewalks on Government street, between Cormorant and Fisguard, was passed without discussion.

Business of the Schools

Principal's Salaries Increased—Trustee Belyea Not in Favor of Lady Principals

Estimates of the Schools for the Year Passed by the Trustees.

Proposal for the Erection of a New High School—Music in Schools.

At the meeting of the board of school trustees held last night at the city hall, the salaries of the principals of the city schools were raised from \$90 to \$100, excepting, of course, that of Principal McNeil, who was already paid at that figure.

The matter referred to in the editorial columns of the Times last night regarding the fact that the trustees had not taken the

Declaration of Office was taken up; Trustee Hall speaking to a question of privilege at the opening of the meeting in this regard. He said when he last set on the board he had asked Chairman Hayward whether it was necessary to be sworn in, and Mr. Hayward had replied that it was not.

The matter was then dropped until later in the evening, when it was brought up by Trustee Belyea, who had not been present when Trustee Dr. Hall had spoken.

Trustee Belyea said the members of the board were sitting there without a legal right. He believed the Times's contention was right, and by sitting without legal right they were committing a crime.

Another important matter brought up at the meeting last night was the proposal for the building of a new High school at a cost of \$30,000. Nothing was done in this matter, however.

The estimates for the year were considered in committee of the whole and passed. As decided upon by the board the estimates are as follows:

Table with columns for Expenditure and amounts. Items include Fuel, Board of Education, Advertising, Furniture, Supplies, Repairs, Insurance, Miscellaneous, Emergencies, Salaries.

It will be seen that there is an increase of \$237.50 in the appropriation for fuel. This is to allow of an increase being made in the salary of the janitor at the High and Boys' Central school.

The following committees were appointed: Finance—Trustees McCandless, Drury and Mrs. Gordon Grant.

Management—Trustees Belyea, Mrs. Helen Grant, and McCandless.

Building and Grounds—Trustees Brown, Belyea and Mrs. Gordon Grant.

Advertisement for Corticelli silk thread. Includes an illustration of a woman in a dress and a circular logo with the text 'CORTICELLI SILK THREAD'.

Advertisement for Dixie H. Ross & Co. featuring 'SHINING EXAMPLES' and an illustration of a woman in a dress.

was made the trustees had regretted it, but it was due to a demand from the public. The police and other bodies, then reduced, had not been raised to their old wage.

Trustee Drury thought principals should receive \$100 per month, which was the amount paid in Nanaimo. He did not like the idea of discrimination.

Trustee Belyea then moved an amendment to the motion that Messrs. Gilles and Tait, Messrs. Cameron and Williams be paid \$100 per month, was carried on the following division:

Ayes—Trustees Drury, Brown, Mrs. Gordon Grant and Mrs. Helen Grant.

Trustee Belyea then moved an amendment to the motion that Messrs. Gilles and Tait, Messrs. Cameron and Williams be paid \$100 per month, that the names Cameron and Williams be struck out of the amendment was lost.

When the estimates were being discussed, Trustee Brown spoke of a request for some \$30,000 or \$35,000.

For Extraordinary Expenditure, and suggested that the council be asked to introduce a by-law for the raising of that sum.

Advertisement for 'Ayer's Pills' with an illustration of a woman and a child.

Large vertical advertisement on the right edge of the page, including 'On Sale', 'British C', 'Killed', and 'The cabin'.