

SHORT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

NO DEBATE PRODUCER AMONG THE BUSINESS

Several Applications for Permanent Sidewalks Received—Tenders for More Meters.

The business before the city council Monday was transacted in short order, there being no subjects of a controversial character in the weekly accumulation. The calm, even tenor of the proceedings was not disturbed in the slightest when the treasurer reported on licenses granted to Chinese in accordance with the council's request, and the report was filed without discussion. None of the aldermen rose on "questions of privilege" Monday, an oversight which, if intentional, may be taken as a tribute to the accuracy of the council reports.

The Horticultural Society applied for a grant for its third annual flower show, to be held in August. Referred to the finance committee for report.

Messrs. Higgins & Elliott requested the council to convey its approval of the proposed undertaking of the Victoria Dock Company, to the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa. The company proposes to construct a wharf on certain submerged lands abutting on the harbor. Referred to the streets committee and city engineer. J. A. Smart, secretary of the Retail Grocers' Association, complained that Victoria retail grocers were not fairly dealt with as far as liquor licenses were concerned, and asked that the grievance be remedied. The writer will be informed that it is the intention of the council to take up the matter at an early date.

T. N. Hibben & Co. informed the council of the proposal to publish the stories of D. H. Higgins in book form, and asked the assistance of the council by securing a certain number of copies for the library. Referred to the finance committee for report.

Thos. Hendry renewed his complaint against the occupancy of his property on Pleasant street by a lumber mill. The letter was referred to the city engineer for report as to the streets involved.

Donald Grant applied for certain improvements on Turner street, near the intersection of Henry. Referred to the city engineer for report.

Mrs. McCracken, of 22 View street, asked permission to sell candy and nuts in the park during the summer. The writer will be informed that the council does not propose to grant any further privileges of this kind.

The city clerk reported on a number of applications which had been referred to the city engineer since the last regular meeting of the council. Received and filed.

The city treasurer reported on the granting of liquor licenses to Chinese, the facts of which have already been made public.

Ald. Stewart moved that the report be received and filed. He did not think the council could refuse a wholesale license. The motion was carried without discussion.

Messrs. Moresey & O'Reilly, on behalf of Worthington Bros., owners of Porter's wharf, pointed out that the proposed extension of the city wharf, opposite the lighting station, would interfere with their property, and asked that the plan of extension be changed.

Ald. Oddy moved that the writers be informed that the council did not intend to change the plan. This was carried.

P. A. E. Irving and others petitioned for concrete sidewalks and water closets to be laid on Cook street, between Fort and Labouchere streets, under the local improvement plan. Referred to the streets committee.

P. A. E. Irving and others also applied for the laying of a permanent sidewalk on Richardson street. This took the same course.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$9,715.02 for the usual purpose. This was adopted.

The same committee recommended a further appropriation of \$1,000.00 of the Point Police Loan Diverting By-law. Adopted.

The streets, sewers and bridges committee recommended that information be obtained from Mr. Tait regarding the use of oil for sprinkling the streets; that notices regulating the speed of vehicles, and that cement sidewalks be repaired in front of Chalmers & Mitchell's store. Adopted.

The water commissioner recommended that the purchasing agent and water commissioner be authorized to purchase a supply of meters from the Hersey Manufacturing Co.

Ald. Vincent moved that the recommendation be adopted, the price not to exceed that of last year.

Ald. Fell moved in amendment that tenders be called for.

AM. Beckwith did not believe the meters installed last year gave satisfaction to everybody, and he favored calling for tenders.

AM. Stewart thought that a better figure would be obtained if tenders were invited.

The amendment was carried, the time limit being fixed at two weeks.

Ald. Fell's motion providing for certain repairs to the old cemetery was then introduced and carried.

The expenditure by-law was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed. The same course was adopted with the bicycle and Ross Bay Cemetery amendment by-laws.

The council then adjourned.

MAY ALTER ROUTE.

Vancouver Said to Be Ready to Support J. Cain's Proposition if Modified.

John Cain, who has been in the city for several days past, left Monday for Port Angeles. Since the provincial government refused to endorse the subsidy asked for by Mr. Cain has been considering the proposition from other standpoints. Among these is the asking of a land subsidy alone from the government. He has considered such a proposal, but may have to consult his backers in New York in such a matter.

Another scheme has presented itself to him. It is to make connection by way of Vancouver with a ferry from that city to Nanaimo, and thence by railway to the north end of the island. This plan does not present serious difficulties, and is regarded as perfectly feasible by those promoting it. In connection with this assurance are said to have been received from Vancouver that that city will give the project hearty support, and that every assistance will be afforded the promoters to put it through.

It is possible in view of this that some of the plan may be evolved by which the desired connection may be given by this route.

REPORT SUBMITTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Management Committee of the Aged and Infirm Women's Home

Last Evening.

On Monday the annual meeting of the management committee of the Aged and Infirm Women's Home was held, there being a full attendance. The chair was occupied by the president, Mrs. W. L. Clay, who opened the proceedings with a few introductory remarks, in which the progress of the past twelve months was referred to. She then called upon the secretary, Mrs. L. Gould, for her report, which follows:

Madam President, Ladies:—Presenting this, the sixth annual report of the Aged and Infirm Women's Home, I am glad to say that we have made progress during this year, as well as in preceding ones. It is true that we have had many obstacles to surmount, but, thanks to the generosity and fidelity of the many friends of the institution, we have been able to overcome all, and at the close of the year are conscious that we have comfortably cared for those worthy women who were unable to care for themselves.

During the year thirteen women have been in the Home. At present there are eleven, one having died during the year, Miss Lawrence, and one has gone out to try to earn her own maintenance. Of this number, four pay what they can for their own maintenance, two are supported by the provincial government, and five are maintained at the city's expense.

In September an "At Home" was given, and at which more than \$70 was raised for the Home.

The I. C. C. Society, to whom the management are so much indebted, equipped the house, as well as the matron's cottage, with electric lighting facilities during the year. They too, held an entertainment and sale of dolls, which was enjoyed by all, besides their realising a substantial amount which was divided between the Home and the Orphanage.

The committee of management desire to convey thanks to all who so kindly assisted during the year, some of whom are the above mentioned society, Drs. Fraser, O. M. Jones, F. Hall, Carter and Robertson, Messrs. Dunsinuir, Mr. Fernie, C. F. Todd, J. H. Todd, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Berridge, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. McVish, and many others who have assisted in so many ways with donations. To the different societies who have given, and entered into the spirit of the aged ladies, especially the Junior C. E. Society of First Presbyterian church, also to Mrs. Tite and Mrs. Andrews, for devotional services held with the aged ladies each week, and to the matron, Mrs. Robie, who gives each inmate a daughter's care and keeps the wheels of the machinery running so smoothly, and also the cleaners who visit the aged ladies. To one and all is extended heartfelt thanks from the aged inmates, as well as the management.

FLORENCE OIL, President.
LAURETTA GOULD, Secy.-Treasurer.

This was adopted unanimously. The election of officers was then taken up and resulted in the re-election of all last year's officials as follows: President, Mrs. W. L. Clay; vice-president, Mrs. James; secretary, Mrs. McVish; Mrs. Capt. Gould.

Donations for April were gratefully acknowledged from the following: Mrs. P. Todd, cash \$5; J. Todd, cash \$5; Mrs. Henry Clay and Mrs. Patterson, hot cross buns; Mrs. Goodacre, eggs and jam; Mrs. Vernon, eggs and flowers; Mrs. (Capt) Wise, books and soap; Ladies' Auxiliary Metropolitan church; Mrs. Tite, ginger snaps; Mrs. A. Bostock and Mrs. Armon, reading matter; Mrs. S. A. Stoddard, clothing and books; Times and Colonist, daily papers; Miss Shannon, lace curtains. The meeting then adjourned.

WEST COAST MINING.

"Most of the West Coast mining properties of any importance will do well this summer," remarked a prominent mining man on Monday, "as the public are beginning to display more confidence in their value." He did not think that there would be any boom, but that the advancement would be sure and steady.

Under the new management the Yreka properties were showing up splendidly, and regular shipments would be made to the Crofton smelter. The Juno group, adjoining the former mine, was giving indications of rivaling the neighboring property. Mining could therefore be expected to very advantage at Quintana for the next five or six months.

At Alberni the outlook was not quite so favorable. The new mine, the Southern Cross, was doing remarkably well, but being high-grade and accessible, but outside of this little development was being carried on. Only the Monitor and one or two others were going ahead. All, however, were being kept busy and likely to produce.

At Port Alberni, George T. Hepburn, chief inspector, J. J. Oabe, Boston.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET.

Chicago, May 3.—Representatives of the Amateur Athletic Union's Olympic executive committee have selected the important officers for the annual track and field championships meeting to be held in June, in connection with the old Olympic games at St. Louis, June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The chief officers selected follow:

Referee: June 2nd, Harry McMillan, Philadelphia; June 3rd, F. E. Rabb, Boston; June 4th, W. E. Linger, Milwaukee.

Starters: June 2nd, Thomas Aiken, St. Louis; June 3rd, J. McHugh, New York; June 4th, C. O. Duplessent, Chicago.

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OFFER ACCEPTED FOR THE LENORA

CREDITORS DECIDE IN FAVOR OF DEAL

New Company Will Have Capital of One Million and a Half Dollars.

The unsecured creditors of the Lenora mine met Tuesday with Justice Irving and decided in favor of accepting the offer made through S. M. Matson by capitalists in London, England, for the purchase of the property in conjunction with the Crofton smelter and Lloyds sawmill and timber lands at Sicker Sid-ing.

The acceptance of the offer by the creditors will, it is expected, be followed by the consummation of the deal as outlined.

In short the sum involved is \$1,500,000, which the new company agree to give for all the interests involved. In doing so the mortgagees and Mr. Bellinger, of the Crofton smelter, are all given preference shares in lieu of their claims. Mr. Breen, the other partner in the Crofton smelter, accepts a cash payment for his share in the smelter. Mr. Breen has other interests which require his attention, and in consequence he will withdraw from the company.

The unsecured creditors to the amount of about \$250,000 are given second preference stock in the concern.

There was some objection raised at the meeting of the creditors with respect to the offer. Some were strongly opposed to accepting it on the ground that the creditors' interests were not sufficiently protected, and on the ground that the money had been recovered.

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DARING SWINDLER.

Had Ten Thousand Dollars Placed to His Credit and Cut a Wide Swath.

New York, May 3.—By representing himself as Col. John D. Hewitt, president of the Buckeye Coke and Coal Co., of Bramwell, W. Va., and director of the Bank of Bramwell, a swindler has been operating in New York for two months, having drafts on Col. Hewitt's Philadelphia bank cashed and passed by that institution through New York brokers. Col. Hewitt died more than six months ago.

The papers whereby the impostor was able to open an account for \$10,000 with a large stock exchange house, negotiate for the purchase of a \$50,000 residence in Brooklyn, and live at a first class hotel, enjoy himself generally, were stolen by the man from Col. Hewitt at Atlantic City, where the Virginia was endeavoring to recover his health.

When the swindler began to use his documents here he first visited the brokers and showed them a letter of credit on a Philadelphia bank made out to Col. Hewitt. The bank reported it all right and cashed a draft for \$10,000, which was placed in the impostor's credit. He drew only occasionally on the account for a few dollars. Several weeks passed, and the man continued about his business for yachts, houses, etc., but spending little money. Suddenly, the Philadelphia bank discovered its error through Col. Hewitt's son and the impostor fled.

They informed their client and demanded an explanation. He quickly disappeared and the bank recovered its money.

The impostor is said to have used the same means elsewhere to secure financial standing.

THE PANAMA TRANSFER.

Financial Arrangements Are in the Hands of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Paris, May 3.—Having wound up the details of the big financial transaction connected with the Panama transfer, J. P. Morgan left Paris at 2 o'clock this morning for Aix les Bains. Before his departure, he gave the correspondent of the Associated Press the main points of the final agreement as follows:

The Panama Canal Company wished to have the money raised over in Paris instead of in the United States, and was willing to pay all the expenses in event of the payment here. In order to accomplish this the United States appointed the Morgan company fiscal agents for the Panama Canal Company.

It only remains for the Morgan company to make payments from time to time to the Banque de France, selected as depositary. This will be done so as to cause no derangement of the American or French money markets.

The report that a syndicate of Paris bankers is interested is incorrect. The appointment of the Morgan company as fiscal agents places the whole transaction in their hands. They will associate with Lazard Freres and other houses of the same class in New York and here, but so far as the United States is concerned, it entrusts the financing operations to the Morgans.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Charge Against Mrs. Mary Ann Powell is Now Being Heard.

Dover, Del., May 3.—The real fight for life for Mrs. Mary Ann Powell began to-day, Attorney-General Ward called on the jury to return a verdict to prove that the prisoner had wretchedly and brutally murdered Essie Abbin on February 9th last because of a quarrel over a few trifles.

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NINE MONTHS FOR STEALING A CASE

PUNISHMENT METED OUT TO SNEAK THIEF

Tried to Sell the Stolen Property—Said He Purchased It in Australia —Thirsty Indians.

For stealing a commercial traveller's sample case from the baggage shed at the C. P. R. wharf last night, one Frank Carlson will spend his next nine months in hard labor under the supervision of Warden John. The case in question is of substantial proportions, and it was hard to conceive of the meek, apologetic mannered individual who answered to the charge, developing sufficient boldness and enterprise to appropriate it and contents. Criminal penalties, however, are not usually exacted for the charge, developing sufficient boldness and enterprise to appropriate it and contents. Criminal penalties, however, are not usually exacted for the charge, developing sufficient boldness and enterprise to appropriate it and contents.

On the day of the case something between the arrival of the Princess Victoria from Vancouver, and 9 o'clock, it had been checked at Vancouver direct to the Victoria hotel, by its owner, D. H. McDermott, an ambassador for the C. R. Sullivan Company. Its value and that of the contents aggregated twenty dollars. In court to-day Mr. McDermott said that when he missed his property he reported at the police station. He then proceeded to the Victoria hotel, where he learned that a man had been attempting to sell a case tallying in description with his. Later, in company with an officer, he entered a fruit store on the corner of Government and Yates streets, and found that the man had been there. They located him at a restaurant, and the case was standing on the floor beside him. Mr. McDermott opened it and saw that it was empty. The man (Carlson) said he had purchased it in Australia for six pounds. Since last night all the contents excepting the sample case had been recovered. Carlson said he had just arrived from Australia on a sailing ship. He also observed that he had his clothes in a bag, and wanted to sell the value to raise enough money to pay his way to Vancouver.

John McGinnis, an express driver, said he left the sample case in the baggage room about 7 o'clock. He returned for it at 9 o'clock, and found it missing. Nobody had seen the case taken.

Constable Andrew Wood, who arrested Carlson, saw him crossing Government street at the intersection of Yates, carrying the case. This, however, was before the theft was reported to him. As soon as he learned of it, in company with Constable McDermott he went after the man and located him and the sample case in the Poodle Dog restaurant. At the police station Carlson said he paid \$100 for the case in Australia.

"Do you want to ask this witness any questions?" queried the magistrate, addressing the prisoner.

"What do you mean by that?" asked the magistrate, who was somewhat surprised to hear the proceedings of the police court described as a game.

"I mean that I don't know anything about this thing; I don't know what it means," the accused returned.

Sergeant Walker, who also gave evidence, said that some of the contents of the case were picked up by Constable Fry and himself near the E. & N. station, and taken to the police station. About 6 o'clock, he saw the accused at the police station, and after warning him, inquired about the contents of the case. Carlson said he did not know anything about the articles; said he had arrived from Seattle yesterday afternoon, and that he had purchased the case from a man in a saloon near the wharf for \$4.

The prisoner was not disposed to give evidence in giving his decision said the case was a clear one. "It was a more serious offense to steal goods from a wharf than from any other place, and Carlson was liable to fourteen years' imprisonment. He sentenced the accused to nine months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Three aborigines occupied the prisoner's dock with Carlson. All were charged with drunkenness, and it did not seem likely that they would be released. Johnny Dick, a strapping big West Coast man, was first called. Johnny made an appearance yesterday, but pleaded not guilty, and it was decided to defer his case until to-day. Again he denied the charge, so on Sergeant Walker deposed the painful duty of impeaching Johnny's word. The officer described how he located Johnny and a fellow aborigine, lying in masterly inactivity in a vacant lot on Store street, opposite Flanagan. Johnny was plainly under the subtle influence, not so badly demoralized as his companion.

Johnny questioned the sergeant rather closely as to where he and his pal had been located. He finally admitted that he supposed he must have been drunk, if the other fellow was, although he remembered being taken to the police station. He was fined \$5 or ten days' imprisonment.

Two other braves who had been afflicted with an annoying thirst were fined similar amounts. Two rather substantial fines were handed in to the clerk this morning, one was from Sam, the Indian, who was ordered to pay \$27.50 for assault on a Dominion Constable Deary, and the other was from Peter Brown, who was fined \$80 for selling blue grouse out of season.

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