

The Board Of Aldermen.

Variety of Subjects Brought Up at Last Evening's Meeting.

Failure to Light the Streets a Subject of Discussion—Craigflower Road.

The city council discussed a variety of subjects last evening utterly regardless of the flight of time, some radical changes being the result of the discussion, particularly on the Craigflower road sidewalk question.

After considerable discussion the first portion of Ald. Beckwith's resolution regarding the removal of the now notorious sidewalk, was carried.

The Mayor took the chair shortly after eight o'clock, Mr. Mason, the city solicitor, being also in attendance.

After the usual preliminaries a communication was read from F. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, Ottawa, re the proposed reconstruction of Rock Bay bridge, in which the council were referred to a previous communication and to "Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes of Canada." This was in reply to the following communication from Messrs. Fell & Gregory, addressed to Hon. Sir Louis Davies on the subject.

Sir: Referring to your letter of the 28th November, 1898, and your reply to same, dated 13th December, 1898, and further re: By 25th January, 1899, we have the honor to advise you that the city of Victoria are again proposing to deal with this matter in conjunction with the B. C. Electric Light Company, and propose to put additional beams of piles between each row, as the bridge is presently constructed in that portion of the bridge west of the water, also all to the same in with slabs, and also filling the westerly half of the span over which the draw extends and making permanent the closing of the swing.

Should this be done will not only interfere with navigation in these waters and will cause the deposit of a large amount of silt in that portion of Rock Bay which will be open to the action of the current, which will be closed. The city of Victoria has a sewer for surface drainage opening into that portion of Rock Bay, and it is inevitable that this sewer will have an effect upon this portion of the bay that in the course of a few years, the water will become so shallow that it will be absolutely impossible to do anything.

We have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servants, FELL & GREGORY.

The communication was, on motion of Ald. Humphrey, referred to the city solicitor and city engineer, and the special committee dealing with Rock Bay bridge.

H. Mortimer Lamb, managing editor of the B. C. Mining Record, notified the council that it was the intention to publish a handsome edition of the Record during December in which considerable space would be reserved for next cuts and corresponding information advertising Victoria. It was the intention to publish 10,000 copies. He asked for assistance from the council, suggesting that a bonus of \$1000 be appropriated in aid of the movement. Of the 10,000 copies to be issued 50 would be presented to the council.

Ald. Hayward thought the proposition a commendable one. Victoria needed advertising, and he moving that the matter be referred to the finance committee, with a recommendation that the committee make the necessary appropriation.

Ald. Stewart in seconding Ald. Hayward's motion, coincided in that gentleman's opinion of the proposition, as he considered the proposed edition would have a most beneficial influence as far as the city was concerned.

Ald. Brydon wanted to know who would supervise the "write-up." Ald. MacGregor also expressed himself in favor of the motion, which was after considerable discussion, passed.

A communication was received from Wallace Craig, San Juan avenue, notifying the council that he intended to apply for compensation for injuries sustained by one of his horses through defective road on Belleville street, and that the petition was accompanied by a certificate from Dr. Hamilton, veterinary surgeon, certifying to the injuries received by the horse. Referred to the city solicitor and city engineer.

A communication was received from E. Fawcett concerning a petition in which a petition to which he had signed his name asking for a light in the vicinity of Mr. Dunsmuir's residence on Craigflower road, had been dealt with by certain members of the council.

Ald. Humphrey said that as far as he was concerned, no motion was made of Mr. Fawcett's petition as that petition was not aware of the petition having been forwarded to the council within the last few years.

The Mayor did not remember the petition being forwarded.

Ald. Stewart said that such a petition had been forwarded to the council in 1895.

The communication was finally "received and filed," with the rider that Mr. Fawcett be notified that no such petition as that he referred to had been received since 1895.

John W. Coburn wrote asking permission to plant shade trees on Pioneer and Blanchard streets near their junction, also to make an improvement in the sidewalk at this point. Received and referred to the city engineer.

The city engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen: I have the honor to report on the following communications referred to me: Mr. Lewis Hall, re improvement on Catherine street, between the old Esplanade road and the present one. Upon examination and survey, it was found that the sidewalk had been laid on a higher level than the street, and before recommending any permanent improvement on the road, in question, it would be necessary to fence now projecting on the street by means of a concrete curb, which may say portion of ditching, etc., which no doubt would be a benefit to the residents there.

Communication from J. H. Frank at Chestnut avenue, improvement. The street in question has never been graded, and I can see no objection to its being graded the same with stone or gravel until such time as the weather is such that it is possible to work; besides there are several other streets now travelled, and these should have first attention. Hoping this will be satisfactory. I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, C. H. TOPP, City Engineer.

The report was discussed clause by clause. Ald. Beckwith stating that St. Catherine street was a sidewalk which he considered should be improved, as in its present state it was a source of much inconvenience to passers-by.

The Mayor reminded Ald. Beckwith

that the clause referred not to sidewalks, but to streets, and Ald. Beckwith rejoined that the clause really opened up a general discussion.

Ald. MacGregor inquired as to the powers of the council in regard to cases where people allowed obstructions in the way of traffic, and the Mayor replied that the council had certainly power to force the removal of such obstructions.

Ald. Williams moved that the first clause be adopted and the city engineer be instructed to prepare plans of the road in question. Seconded by Ald. Brydon and carried.

After some further discussion on the second clause the report was adopted in its entirety.

The council's home committee reported that more accommodation was necessary in the home premises as there was but very little room at the disposal of the inmates.

The Mayor stated that he had consulted with Dr. Fraser on the subject, who said that it was absolutely necessary to have more accommodation. He suggested that a small house in the vicinity be rented for the purpose. Referred to the home committee.

The water commissioner, Jas. L. Rayner, reported regarding the petition of D. H. Batt and others for an extension of the water main to Baronet street. The estimated cost of a three-inch pipe if taken from Richmond avenue by way of Leighton road, was \$440, from Oak Bay avenue via Hulton street, \$435. Referred to the water committee.

Assessor Northcott reported regarding the petition dealing with the Chilliwack railway project, signed by Hon. E. G. Prior and others, that there were in all 216 signatures on the petition, representing property to the amount of \$2,500,184, this being in excess of one-tenth of the total of the assessed property in the city.

The following communication was received from the city electrician, Mr. Hutchison, addressed to the chairman of the electric light committee: Dear Sir: With reference to vacancy in the staff of the lighting station, in the position of fireman, I would respectfully draw attention to the fact that the position is an important one and that in selecting a man there is a good deal to be considered. It is important that the man should not only be fully capable of taking care of the boilers and attachments, but he should be able to assist in cases of emergency. The man at present engaged temporarily (Mr. Ed. Vipond), is a good man for the position, and I would be pleased to have him appointed permanently. In case of absence of other members of the staff, I desire to point out that owing to bad weather encountered for some weeks necessitated an almost continuous run of the fireman, has in consequence been unable to give the usual amount of time to lamp repairs. We are short of spare lamps and although I am aware that some lamps on the circuits are not in good condition, I fully expected to be able to replace them by new ones ordered some time since. With reference to the work of the fireman, he has more work than he can properly, and I would recommend that he be relieved of the work of taking care of the horse and buggy, as the following statement of his day's work shows the necessity of the change: Train of lamps, allowing 8 minutes to each, 8 hours; 1/4 hour at stable in morning, 1 hour at noon, 1 hour at stable in evening, making all 10 1/4 hours per day. The difficulty now is that at this time of year there is only about 10 hours between shut down of plant in morning and start up in evening, so that if a lamp becomes defective there is no time to bring it in and make a change, as all available time is taken up. This is a most mind accounts for defective lamps in some cases remaining unchanged for a time. It is proposed to connect circuits from storm on Saturday evening last. I am of the opinion that the facts of the case should be presented to the council, and that one man has seen fit to at themselves in the press in a manner most misleading and unreasonable. The facts are simple. Dynamis operating each section of city started flashing at 6:45 p.m. at 7 p.m. flashing very severe, endangering new dynamis. It was switched off to avoid damage a course of necessity. I yesterday inspected lines in each section and found a number of glass insulators had been maliciously broken, that falling branches of trees had cut the lines, they consequently the lines of the opinion that trouble will be experienced from slack in lines allowing them to swing in the wind. The Barnabas church bazaar in aid of the debt now standing against the building opened in the Odd Fellows' Hall, yesterday evening. Several being present to conduct the duties ceremonially. By 6 o'clock \$70 had been received and the sale of work continued until late in the evening. The hall had been very effectively decorated and divided off into stalls and galleries in an active and successful manner. An orchestra of some eight or ten pieces and composed of competent musicians, presided. At the door of the hall a shooting gallery, in charge of Miss Wilkins, Miss Cole and Miss Snider did a banking business. Opposite to the refreshment stall which was in charge of Mrs. Hillidge, Mrs. Lyall, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Sandais catered to all. Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Cox had charge of the fancy work stall; Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Aikens and Mrs. Andrews, the refreshment stall; Mrs. Bayley and Miss Swan, the fortune telling; Miss Turner, Miss Withams, Miss Lettice and Miss Weeks, the sewing; Willing Helpers; May Moss, Florence Lloyd, Olive Lyall and Eva Jones, the refreshment stall; Willing Helpers; and Kathleen Andrews, the refreshment stall.

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One shaft is down, close to the 50 feet, the ore assaying \$10 to the ton, so I think if you Victorians would rouse yourselves to take an interest in the mining of this country, Maple Bay will yet become the great summer (we have no winter) resort of the Island. There is also a mountain mine here which will get the attention of the world. Mr. Keating (a local millionaire) I hear, has bought the whole mountain, making all the rights and everything, so that now I hope before long to see both smelter and crusher built here.

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Skinner streets, filling in the holes with gravel.

The Mayor stated that to make these repairs on streets which were closed, would be simply adopting a dangerous precedent.

Ald. Humphrey said there was no Craigflower road, and was not in favor of either making the proposed improvements or removing the sidewalk.

In 1888 an act was passed empowering the council to close roads, to erect a sidewalk, and to make repairs to the sidewalk.

Solicitor Mason being referred to, said that as St. Mary street and Skinner streets were closed, the city certainly could not make the repairs.

Ald. Beckwith remarked that the streets in question were contiguous city streets and the repairs on them would not necessitate any repairs to Craigflower road. If in the opinion of the council it was not advisable to fill in the dangerous holes with gravel he was willing to have that portion of the resolution referring to them left out—although some day some poor unfortunate might break his neck through them.

Ald. Humphrey said that the question of the ownership of these two streets had not been decided, and he was not in favor of making the repairs. He was, however, in favor of removing the sidewalk referred to in the resolution.

Ald. MacGregor said that it would be childish on the part of the council to take up the sidewalk now, and they should back up their former action by doing so. The residents in that locality had a good road and he was decidedly against the resolution.

The Mayor stated that the resolution was amended by striking out that portion advocating repairs to St. Mary and Skinner streets.

Ald. Hayward suggested that the sidewalk be taken up and a gravel walk substituted, but the Mayor stated that such a course would be equivalent to the council acknowledging that Craigflower road was a public road.

After further discussion the motion was passed as amended by Ald. Brydon.

Ald. Beckwith's second resolution suggesting that a recommendation be made to the incoming council, to erect a fire hall in Victoria West, with adequate equipment, was then read.

Ald. Stewart was of the opinion that it was not necessary to erect a fire hall in Victoria West, and that the fire hall in Victoria East, which was built, and should necessarily meet the earnest consideration of the incoming council, was the resolution was finally carried and the council adjourned.

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