

Vancouver Board. When the "City Fathers" are men who receive (for part-time work in the city's interests) salaries in dollars running into four figures, and in the case of a Mayor a salary which was formerly as much as \$5,000 a year, it seems to show a poor spirit on their part to cut down by any percentage at all the wages of policemen, firemen, and other civic servants whose whole time practically is given to their duties, and the amounts of whose salaries in most cases can be reckoned little, if anything more than "a living wage."

Vancouver is still a young city, but surely it is old enough to have among its citizens men of unimpeachable integrity who, by fair means and business capacity, have grown prosperous with the city's growth, and who would be willing as well as able to serve the city as Councillors and Mayor for the satisfaction and honour of being of use to the city or country which made their prosperity possible.

### Quiet Sabbaths

On more than one occasion recently there have been reports in the Vancouver daily papers of complaints having been made regarding the street noises on Sundays, and it has been stated that this authority or that was to see that the noises were stopped. But nothing seems to have been done, or done effectively.

Those acquainted with the work of newspaper publication know that newspapers published early on Sunday mornings may involve much less Sunday labour for the newspaper staffs than the papers published on Monday mornings. Vancouver's morning dailies are no doubt delivered at the homes of most people who read them, and it is surely unnecessary that news vendors should break the stillness and restfulness of the early Sabbath morning by crying in strident tones: "Seattle P. I., Times," &c. Western freedom goes far enough when it allows such publications to be sold at stalls or on the streets on Sundays.

Judging by the noise frequently made in some parts of the West End of Vancouver at all hours of the morning and night—Sundays included—it might be equally reasonable to claim that some "close time" be ordered for motor cars, or at least for noisy boys cleaning them and testing their machinery. If there are those to whom Sunday is nothing but a day of diversion, there are many others to whom, apart from religious opinions, Sunday must be a day of rest and refreshment of body and mind, if they are to be fitted to pursue the work by which they earn their bread.

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The effective life and the receptive life are one. No sweep of arm that does some work for God but harvests also some more of the truth of God, and sweeps it into the treasury of life.

—Phillips Brooks.