

# Forty-Five Minutes

## Board of Aldermen Dispose of Business With Remarkable Dispatch.

### Rate of Taxation Placed at Nineteen Mills—Tramway Fares.

The board of aldermen dispatched the weekly business last evening in three-quarters of an hour, commencing at 8.15 and rising as the city hall clock announced the hour of 9. There was not much business of importance—at least such as there was of moment to the aldermen preferred to take time to consider, and decided to meet again on Wednesday evening to dispose of three by-laws introduced, and read a first time last night.

The only absentee was Ald. Beckwith, who is in the north on a business trip, and not expected to return for three weeks or more. The eight other members of the board, His Worship the Mayor, City Solicitor Bradburn, and Wellington J. Dowler, C. M. C., were in their places.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and duly adopted the council took up communications as follows:

**Mineral Exhibit.**  
Hon. William Mulock, Postmaster-General, acknowledged receipt of a letter from the council asking permission of the department to place a glass showcase in the post office to contain an exhibit of minerals from various portions of Vancouver Island. Mr. Mulock said he understood the application referred to the old post office building and he was informed that such building was now used entirely for stores, and therefore under control of the department of public works. If it referred to the lobby of the present post office, he was advised by the inspector that it would not be advisable to have such an exhibit placed here, and he did not see any reason to differ with the inspector.

Ald. Stewart moved that the letter be received and filed, Ald. Williams in seconding the motion pointed out that there was some mistake in Ottawa as the reference was never intended to have any reference to the old post office building at all.

His Worship agreed that there must have been a clerical error on the part of the Postmaster-General or of one of his clerks, and then the letter was filed.

**More Drainage Complaints.**  
Major Dupont drew the attention of the council to the imperfect drainage on Cadboro Bay road and Stadacona avenue, which causes sewerage to be deposited on his land and render it unfit for pasturing cattle, it being now the time milk taken from cows feeding upon such land. He offered free right of way if the council would lay a vitrified pipe drain; otherwise he requested them to make some arrangements for disposing of the drainage.

On motion of Ald. Brydon the letter was referred to the city engineer and sanitary inspector for report.

**Tramway Fares.**  
George Caldwell, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, asked the cooperation of the mayor and aldermen in securing for the workmen of the city a reduction on the street cars between the city and Esquimalt during the hours of 6 and 8 a.m. and 5 and 7 p.m. The fare at present charged, said Mr. Caldwell, works a hardship on the men employed at Esquimalt. It was also requested that the council would help the workmen in obtaining the concession from the tramway of transfers to other parts of the city during the hours mentioned at the reduced fare. The Trades and Labor Council complimented the aldermen by saying that they are sure the tramway company will grant the request immediately the board of aldermen call their attention to the matter.

Ald. Humphrey moved the letter be received and filed and a copy sent to the tramway company, and the mayor suggested that the company be asked to give it favorable consideration.

Ald. Hayward suggested a more likely method; that a committee be appointed to interview the company. The finance committee, of which Ald. Hayward is a member, for instance.

Ald. Williams seconded the motion of Ald. Hayward and recommended that when the committee waited upon the company it would be well for them also to take up the matter of equalizing the fares in Victoria and Vancouver. The Terminal City people enjoy privileges in the matter of transportation denied to Victorians.

Ald. Stewart was strongly in favor of the committee urging this upon the tramway company, especially as the financial reports show that the earnings in Victoria exceed those in Vancouver.

His Worship quite agreed with Ald. Stewart and also with the endeavor to secure for the workmen the boon they ask.

Ald. Stewart was reminded of another matter the tramway company might be asked about. In Vancouver they provide a cinder path for cyclists between the rails, at least on some streets. Why should they not do the same here?

The motion to refer the letter to the finance committee with instructions to interview the company upon all these questions and report to the council was then carried unanimously.

**Swans at Harrison.**  
Charles Wilson of Harrison Hot Springs gratefully acknowledged the receipt of the swans donated by the council which arrived at their destination safely. Filed.

**Drains, Etc.**  
City Clerk Dowler reported the receipt of communications during the week referred to proper departments, as follows: W. W. Bolton and six others, re drain on Belcher avenue; W. Moore and eight others, re box drain on Milne street, and a thin letter complaining of the condition of Henry street, with the

request that the street be graded and a sidewalk laid. Communication filed.

**Engineer's Report.**  
City Engineer Topp sent the following:

After due consideration of the various matters referred to my department, I have the honor to report and recommend as follows:

1. Re drainage on North Chatham street, from Fernwood road, a distance of 369 feet in a westerly direction. I would recommend the above to be constructed, using 8-inch pipe at an average depth of 4 1/2 feet, the estimated cost being \$100, exclusive of pipe.
2. Re plank walk on Russell, Langford and Catherine streets—I would respectfully recommend a total of 948 lineal feet to be laid, six feet wide, at an estimated cost, inclusive of grading, of \$210.
3. Re petition from Messrs. Hong Yuen & Co., and Wah Yuen & Co., on the north side of Cormorant street east of the fire hall, asking for a new sidewalk, which was referred to me for an estimate—After making the necessary arrangements, etc., I would recommend a concrete walk ten feet wide, with granite curb, at an estimated cost of \$3.10 per lineal foot, for a total frontage of 149 feet 5 inches.
4. Yee Yick & Co., south side of Cormorant street, between Government and Store streets, estimated cost \$3 per lineal foot, with granite curb, a total frontage of 50 feet.
5. Re letter from George Sangster, on Richmond road repairs—I have instructed the city carpenter to make the necessary repairs to the bridge, and would recommend no action on the road at present, as it is in better condition than several of the streets in the central part of the city.
6. Re open ditch on Oak Bay avenue, east of Richmond road—I would respectfully recommend that the same be deepened with a box drain constructed, thereby rectifying the nuisance, the estimated cost being \$55.
7. Re communication from E. Hooper, on behalf of J. L. Levy, asking permission to connect with the View street sewer—I would recommend that he be allowed to make connection at the manhole of said sewer, providing the work be done to my satisfaction, and as his expense as said connection would not form a part of the permanent system.

Ald. Stewart was in favor of adopting the report as read, but his worship thought it would be better to take it up clause by clause and it was so decided. Clause 1 and 2 went through without discussion. Ald. Stewart moved the adoption of clause 3, but Ald. Humphrey asked if there would be enough money to do the work? His worship said if the work were decided upon the walk would have to be done in his turn.

Ald. Humphrey then called attention to the fact that a large number of quite good planks will be taken up on Government street, which should neither be given nor thrown away. There is plenty good enough to be laid elsewhere.

Ald. Cameron thought if these walks were to wait their turn, as his worship would be falling through, the work would be falling through. He would like to see one in front of Messrs. Saunders' place on Johnson street for instance, and another on Yates street.

The mayor said the piece at Messrs. Saunders is only a small one, but Ald. Cameron maintained there should be increase the gangs if the work is to be done in any reasonable time.

Ald. Brydon thought that to adopt such a plan as this had the effect of raising the false hope among the people that the work done that they will have it done immediately. Would it not be better to let the parties lay the walk and tell them the city will contribute its share of the expense?

The mayor reminded Ald. Stewart that the council has already decided by resolution that all this permanent sidewalk work will be done by the city.

Ald. Stewart—The by-law says it can be done either by day or contract.

His Worship—Yes, by the city.

Ald. Cameron—So can the owner of the property.

Ald. Kinsman favored putting a few more men on the work and have it done promptly, but Ald. Hayward and Humphrey together said it was a question of money. Ald. Hayward continued by saying that what he expected would happen had happened. There was a shortage of money for work. Early in the year he had said if the resources of the city were squandered there would come a time when the pinch would be felt. It was being felt now.

Clause 3 was then adopted.

Clause 4, 5, 6 and 7 were also went through, no discussion taking place upon any of them.

**New Fire Hall.**  
Buildings Inspector W. W. Northcott reported that contractor Geo. Snider has completed his contract for the erection of the Camosin street fire hall, which is now ready to be moved to the city. There are still some necessary things to be done, such as the installation of light and the alarm bell, etc., but as far as the contractor's work is concerned the building is finished. The nearest sewer is 690 feet away, and some arrangement will have to be made for temporary drainage until the sewer is built up to the hall. Mr. Northcott also recommended that insurance to the amount of \$2,000 be placed on the building.

On motion of Ald. Stewart, seconded by Ald. MacGregor, the report was received and filed and the recommendations ordered carried out. The fire brigade will move in at once.

**Mr. Pendar's Request.**  
The finance committee submitted a report upon the letter received last week from Mr. W. J. Pendar, in which that gentleman made an application for exemption from taxation for 15 years on the new building he intended to erect as a manufactory, and also that he be supplied with water for a like period free of cost to him. The report stated that they could not do it without the privilege asked to be granted without submitting a by-law to the ratepayers. The report was adopted and a copy ordered sent to Mr. Pendar, the mayor remarking that even the ratepayers could not grant free water to Mr. Pendar, as the water clauses act specifically forbids it.

**Current Accounts.**  
The standing committee on finance recommended the payment of accounts to the amount of \$776.74, and the report was adopted, one item not certified to by the treasurer being passed on the assurance of his worship that it was only a clerical error.

# Another Gold Cargo

## Steamer Queen Brings Many Passengers and a Ton of Dust.

### Party of United States Congressmen Return From a Pleased Trip.

The by-law fixing the rate of taxation was introduced on motion of Ald. Hayward and Stewart and read a first time. Ald. Hayward said he did not know when he consented to introduce the by-law that the rate was inserted in it. He did not wish to be committed to that rate. His worship said it is necessary for the rate to be inserted when the by-law is introduced. The aldermen could discuss it and change it in committee.

The rates proposed to be levied is 19 mills, one mill more than last year, the increase, his worship says, being due to the school trustees requiring \$7,000 or \$8,000 more than in 1898. One sixth rebate will be allowed on all taxes paid before the 31st of October.

When the question of the second reading came up some of the aldermen, especially Ald. Cameron, urged the advisability of holding a special meeting to deal with it. It is an important by-law he said and it should be properly considered. It was finally decided to meet again on Wednesday evening, and at the same meeting the by-law to amend the fire protection by-law, introduced by Ald. Hayward, and the by-law to ratify the Croft scheme for the reclamation of James Bay flats, both of which were also introduced and read a first time, will also come up. Ald. Hayward in moving the first reading of the latter made the slip of saying he moved the "bill" be read a first time, which caused the idea to set around that Ald. Hayward had thought himself occupying a seat in the House.

The by-law closing up a portion of Craigflower road was reconsidered, and finally passed and the council rose at 9 o'clock.

# News Nubs From Dawson

## A Fashionable Wedding at the Klondike Capital—Banquet to J. Cran.

### A Seattle Man's Narrow Escape—No Fever in the City.

The latest available Dawson news was received last night in files brought down by the Queen. These were up to the 23rd of June, and from them the following items are gleaned.

A fashionable wedding took place in Dawson on the 20th of June, the bride being Miss Swan, of Fruitvale, Cal., or, as it is, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music. The groom was Rev. Albert E. Heatherington, B.A., pastor of the First Methodist church at Dawson.

H. A. Ferguson, a director of the McDonald Bonanza Klondike Company, has reached Dawson with six saw teams by rail, and his party is busy at present in installing on Big Skookum Gulch and No. 2 above on Bonanza. It will be the largest plant of its class in Klondike.

C. B. Johnson, of Seattle, together with Mrs. Johnson and their two-year-old baby, narrowly escaped from a fire last night, and sustained a severe loss in losing his saw loaded with knock-down furniture on June 19th. Mr. Johnson had brought his saw safely through the Bowing Burn, but when the fire broke above the Sixty Mile river, when a heavy current threw the boat into a drift pile, when it capsized in a moment, the occupants escaping death by climbing on the logs and trees.

The health of the city continues exceptionally fine, and not a case of fever has come to the notice of the Miner this spring. This condition of affairs is due to three things chiefly—the securing of the city from the south, the removal of garbage or sanitary regulations and improved drainage.

Charles Meadows is building a new theatre 40x100 at Dawson to be known as the Grand Opera House. This fine building will be three stories high and elegantly furnished, with a seating capacity of 2,300. Contractor C. H. Albertson is pushing the work to an early completion, and Mr. Meadows expects to open not later than July 4th.

Dawson papers of June 23rd, announce the arrival from the outside of Louis Wash, Port Arthur, W. H. and E. B. Scrogie, Montreal, and W. D. Wood, president of the S. Y. T. Co.

A farewell banquet was tendered to J. Cran of Dawson on the 20th, upon the occasion of his departure for Ashcroft to take charge of the bank's agency there. There were present: Rev. Dr. Grant, Alexander McDonald, Dr. McDonald, Col. Macgregor, Capt. Thorburn, R. P. Ritchie, C. M. Woodworth, Messrs. Lithgow, Liddle, Mum and Coste. Rev. Dr. Grant proposed the health of the guests of the evening in an appreciative address. Mr. Cran replied in a few appropriate remarks. He stated that he came to Dawson at the urgent request of his employers and he was glad he had come, as there were many good people here among whom he found many warm friends; he regretted to part with them, but longed to join his family, who were at present in Victoria, B. C.

The men of government town lots, advertised for sale on June 1st, has been postponed until the 5th of July at 10 a.m., at the crown land and timber office. The delay is on account of representatives made on behalf of a number of people on the creeks and elsewhere, who are owners of cabins on these lots.

The stamped to Cape Nome from Dawson still continues, notwithstanding the fact that there is no verification of the truth of the rumor.

The passengers of the Canadian Development Company's steamer Canadian presented Captain Moore and the officers of that boat with a highly eulogistic address on their arrival on the first trip back to Dawson.

The Star theatre, Hamilton, was gutted by fire last night.

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Steamer Queen arrived at the outer wharf about 11 o'clock last night from Juneau, Sitka, Skagway and other Alaskan ports and proceeded on to the Sound an hour later. She left Juneau at 7 a.m. on Saturday and so made the run down amid beautiful weather in 64 hours, a trip which comes very near to being a record.

Her passengers numbered about 350 and comprised returning miners from Dawson, disappointed prospectors from Atlin and other points and well pleased excursionists, among the latter being several United States congressmen with their wives. But this was not all the favorite excursion steamer brought for the general public. A party of about a dozen were in the possession of the fortunate owners there was at least

A Ton of Gold  
on board, an estimate corroborated by some of the members of the congressional party, one lady of which, perhaps detecting a skeptical look in the reporter's face, assured him she "had seen it with my own eyes." After such an assurance the persuasive voice of a cultured American lady doubt vanished and the ton of yellow dust became a reality even to the newspaper man who has "been there before."

The most fortunate of the Klondikers most of whom left Dawson but ten days ago was John Wilkinson, a canny Scot, whose son it was that came down earlier in the day by the Roseale. Mr. Wilkinson brought with him about 200 pounds of gold dust, worth about \$60,000 contained in two very carefully handled satchels. Another well satisfied Klondiker was Henry Peterson, credited with from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Henry had been admitted to having \$25,000 and was said by others to have almost as much more than that. Then there was a neat little shipment of \$75,000 in bullion from the Treadwell mines, and possibly \$150,000 worth of gold dust.

It is never an easy matter to obtain definite information as to the amounts brought out; there is necessarily a goodly amount of guess work but carefully made inquiries justify the opinion that the people seemed to vie with one another in the attempt to make us welcome.

Another Picture.  
But then there were passengers on the Queen to whom the northern country had been unkind; to whom life itself was barely left after their struggle with the elements of the vain search for gold. The most pitiful contrast to the well satisfied appearance of successful miners was that presented by Charles W. Parker, of Toronto, who stretched on a bed laid on the wharf awaiting the arrival of the ambulance to take him hence to Seattle yesterday.

Mr. Parker is fighting against the hope that he may be able to reach home and loved ones ere his eyes are closed in death. It is now about two years since Parker braved the perils of the north in a hunt for wealth, and unreturned to Seattle yesterday. Naturally some inquiries had been made by himself and others of the congressional party, which enabled them to form a better opinion upon the merits of the question, but the trip had been so short and the opportunities of thorough investigation so limited, that the results might be better described as likely to enable them to grasp the question more easily when it comes up for discussion.

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country which belongs to us. We have been lost in admiration of the energy and also of the pioneer spirit we have seen so plentifully displayed on every hand. We have been touched beyond expression by the warm welcome of the people of the north, for at almost every point the people seemed to vie with one another in the attempt to make us welcome.

At Skagway where we spent the glorious 4th, we were entertained royally; made a trip on the new nearly completed Yukon & White Pass Railway as far as the Summit, and learned something of the wonderful change in transportation facilities made in the last two years. Why, when we first heard of the rush to the Klondike, and read of the terrors of the White or the Chilcotin passes, we were inclined to think those who attempted to get through must be insane. Now, it is only a pleasure trip!

When asked if he had been able to make any enquiries regarding the Alaska Boundary question, Mr. Payne intimated that he was willing to leave that work in the hands of Senator Fairbanks, who returned to Seattle yesterday. Naturally some inquiries had been made by himself and others of the congressional party, which enabled them to form a better opinion upon the merits of the question, but the trip had been so short and the opportunities of thorough investigation so limited, that the results might be better described as likely to enable them to grasp the question more easily when it comes up for discussion.

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# Six Million

Another Treasure arrived at Seattle Michael

The Roanoke Brought Three Hundred and Much

Rich Strike in District, but Nothing a Stamp

(Special to The Seattle July 18.—The arrived from St. Michael over three hundred packages \$3,000,000 in Klondike.

Of this amount the \$1,000 in his care, and the more in the stateroom, who preferred to sure where they could get in the shape of bills inside pockets of many miners.

The dust brought down this year up to \$7,000,000 is the first of the year to come down. The brought down a million was mostly in small staterooms. It was the of the other vessels there. The Roanoke's staterooms, banks and individuals, banks and

The Garonne, due to down \$3,000,000 more, that the output of the will reach \$20,000,000 of the way.

On the Roanoke was of gold from the Cape property of one of the into the place soon after. He corroborates the strikes there, but other is nothing in the district stamped.

The richest passenger were the McDonalds brought out nearly half. By a strange coincidence arrived on the second arrival of the Portland steamer ship.

The usual budget of ferings in the north were by the passengers.

# THE GARONNE

Six Hundred Miners and A Board—See Gives Vic and Proceeds to V

Steamer Garonne arriving from St. Michaels, Williams Head just taken on a pilot, proceeded to Vancouver.

Five hundred and crowded her decks, to whom were from Dawson there were a few from and contentions distinguished. The pursor estimated board at \$3,000,000, also had come down the river a great deal of dissatisfaction that she did not do many of the passengers this port.

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CANADIAN APPEAL

(Associated Press) London, July 19.—The has upheld the decision of the Court of British Columbia in the appeal in the case of Attorney-General of British Columbia vs. the Nelson & the Atton Canada.