

WILL NOT GIVE A LEASE AT PRESENT

COUNCIL CONSIDER TURNING OVER MARKET

Judges' Award on Carnegie Library Adopted—Victoria West Water Supply.

Monday's meeting of the city council proved a most important and interesting one. The question of giving the lease of the market building to the Victoria Terminal Railway Company was discussed, but no decision was arrived at because of the divided opinion of the council.

An invitation from the mayor and council of Vancouver was received, asking the mayor and council of Victoria to attend the Dominion Day festivities in that city. Accepted with thanks.

H. P. Gowan, secretary of the Eastern Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, wrote asking the council for a division of good roads in this city, the work being a part of a comprehensive plan applying to the whole Dominion for the betterment of roads.

Heisterman & Co. gave notice of a property in Work estate being injured by the construction of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company. Andrew Hocroft, the mortgagee, asked compensation to the amount of \$1,500.

Miss G. M. N. Parcell wrote stating that she thought that there must have been some misunderstanding regarding her claim against the Victoria Terminal Railway Company. She therefore enclosed a copy of the claim. Received and filed.

Fenbertson & Son, in regard to the blocking up of St. Andrew's street, wrote requesting that the council take immediate action. Laid on the table.

J. G. Elliott, secretary of the Vancouver fire underwriters, drew attention to the unsatisfactory condition of electric wiring system, and asking that the by-law relating to the same be strictly enforced.

In this connection the following resolution from the Electrical Workers' Union was read: "This union deems it of vital importance to bring before the Board of Fire Underwriters of Victoria, B. C., the present unsatisfactory condition of electrical construction work in this city. We consider that in the interest of the property owners, and of the public at large, that the time has arrived when the city of Victoria should appoint a competent person for the inspection of all wiring and for the enforcement of the by-laws relating thereto, who shall devote all of his time to such duties. And it is the opinion of this union that such official should not be connected either directly or indirectly with any firm, electrical contractor, or corporation engaged in or at the electrical business in this city."

Ald. Vincent thought that the council was not in a position to act in the matter. Ald. Cameron said that at one time the fees hadly supported an inspector. Now, however, an inspector might be appointed under the by-law. The Tramway Company had been supposed to pay half the fees, an agreement having been arrived at to this end, but apparently those fees had not been forthcoming. Applications for an inspector might now be called for.

Ald. Grahame endorsed Ald. Cameron's remarks, and it was therefore agreed to call for applications for a wire inspector whose salary will comply with the by-law.

S. Jones applied for a permanent sidewalk on Yates street in front of his hotel. Referred to the city engineer for report. A number of communications regarding sewer connections were next referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee.

T. A. Brydon asked for an extension of time in which to remove a building and sewer connection, which request being different from others, was granted.

W. Ridgeway Wilson wrote protesting against the award of judges on the plans for the Carnegie library.

Ald. Yates moved, seconded by Ald. Dinsdale, that the communication be laid on the table, to be taken up later, and this course was adopted.

T. Lubbe, secretary of the Esquamet Water Works, replying to a communication from the city clerk, stated that he had examined the petitions sent to the council regarding the alleged inadequacy of the water supply in Victoria West, and out of the 171 signatures appended thereto only 108 appeared on the company's books. The letter added:

Victoria, B. C., 19th June, 1903. His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City Hall:

Sirs:—We beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Mr. W. J. Dowler, C. M. C., dated the 16th inst., and to say that the petition signed by William Peddie and 170 others in reference to the water supply to residents of Victoria West has been examined by us and we find that of the 171 names only 108 appear on our books.

In reference to the charge that the water supply is inadequate, we beg to say we are aware that there are 8 consumers on the high level who have a grievance (only two of these, however, have signed the petition, the others refusing). Preparations have been under way for some time so as to remove the cause, and we expect to have, before the end of the year, an additional head of 100 feet over the whole system.

As to the claim that the rates are excessive, we beg to say that our charges are either a flat rate of \$1 per month, or, if service metered, 20 cents per one thousand

Imperial gallons, meter rent 25c. per month. We beg to refer you to sections 12 and 24 of the Esquamet Waterworks Act, 1885, and section 14 of the Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Amendment Act, 1892. When this latter act came into force the city rates for water supplied were identical with ours; since then the city rates have been changed time and again, but, of course, with this we have nothing to do. We have no intention of changing our rates.

Coming back to the 108 petitioners, 53 pay a flat rate of \$1 per month, the remaining 55 have metered services. We may be permitted to observe that if consumers object paying a dollar a month for the convenience of having a water supply in and about their homes, then such consumers may, if they choose, form themselves into "communities" and draw their water by the pitiful from community taps which can be placed here and there on the streets; such supplies are in existence in India and also upon the reserve across the harbor, where the Songhees have 8 community taps, the monthly charges never exceed \$10, and this their wants are supplied.

About the hydrant pressures, the fire wardens have no just cause for complaint, our hydrant pressures are incomparably better than city pressures at any given level. This fact is readily ascertained from the daily records at the fire hall in the market building.

Yours faithfully, T. LUBBE, Secretary.

Another communication bearing on the same subject from the city water commissioner, was read, as follows:

Victoria, B. C., June 22nd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Dear Sirs:—I beg to take exception to certain remarks which I understand are contained in a letter addressed to you by the Esquamet Waterworks Co. to the effect that the water pressure at the hydrants in Victoria West is much better than at the hydrants in this part of the city. As a matter of fact the pressure at the city hall stands at about 60 lbs., with a correspondingly higher reading in the lower portions of the city; true, when the Yates street pump is running, the pressure in the business part of the city is less than at other times, varying according to the consumption on the higher levels, but when a fire alarm is sounded the pump is stopped and the pressure is again at its normal of from 50 to 60 lbs. to the square inch.

I enclose pressure cards for the last week, which will bear out what I say, also report from the chief engineer of the fire department on certain tests which he made to-day.

I am, Dear Sirs, Yours truly, JAS. L. RAYMUR, Water Commissioner.

Ald. Grahame moved that the gentleman whose name first appeared on the petition be forwarded a copy of Mr. Lubbe's remarks. As for the statement about the pressure, that was all nonsense, the pressure, as shown on the register on the market building was only 50 lbs. He also moved that a letter be written to Mr. Lubbe drawing his attention to the inaccuracies in the letter in dealing with the pressure, and that a copy of the water commissioner's and both motions carried.

City Clerk Dowler wrote reporting that the following communications had been received and referred to the city engineer for report, viz: Thomas Tubman, requesting the extension of the sidewalk on Bellot street, from its present terminus to his residence, and from Thomas Jacklin, calling attention to the condition of an open drain on Hulston street. Received and filed.

Another communication from the water commissioner was read, advising the board of the injuries to the water main likely to result in consequence of the removal of the tramway line on Douglas street.

Ald. Stewart regretted that the letter had not been previously received, as he was one who favored the application for the removal of the track. He would favor now of revoking the former action of the board.

Ald. Yates complained of not having heard the application, but endorsed Ald. Stewart's remarks. He moved that the company be notified to stop work at once in the matter of removing the track.

Ald. Cameron was in accord with stopping the work, but he thought the question might be open to further consideration.

The motion carried.

Another report from the water commissioner advised that the petition from Mr. Blyth be not granted. Carried.

The city barrister reported as follows: Victoria, B. C., June 19th, 1903. W. J. Dowler, Esq., Clerk Municipal Council, Victoria, B. C.:

Sirs:—With reference to the question submitted for an opinion in the letter from Mr. Eaton, secretary of the board of school trustees, to yourself, of date June 11th, I beg to suggest that a test case be had in the following matter:

Let the council introduce and pass a first reading a by-law for the purpose asked. Have a ratepayer then apply to the Supreme court for injunction to restrain the council proceeding further, taking the ground that a petition, according to section 69 of the Municipal Clauses Act, is a necessary preliminary. By this means the question would be squarely raised and determined.

There is an apparent conflict between section 37 of the Public School Act and sections 68 and 69 of the Municipal Clauses Act. Section 68 confers a power upon the council. Section 69 prescribes as a condition precedent to the exercise of that power a petition.

Section 37 imposes a duty upon the council of introducing and passing a by-law under the circumstances therein prescribed, and which exist in this case. The Municipal Act conferring only a power arising after petition and the Public School Act imposing a duty.

It is advisable to have a decision as to which to prevail.

I have the honor, to be, sir, Your obedient servant, W. J. TAYLOR.

and that it be informed the council had not altered its opinion.

Ald. Stewart coincided with Ald. Yates's views, and the motion was carried.

The city barrister reported as follows: Victoria, B. C., June 20th, 1903. J. M. Bradburn, City Solicitor, Victoria, B. C.:

Re Victoria Terminal Railway Co. Dear Sirs:—With reference to the two questions submitted for an opinion, I beg to advise as follows:

No. 1. Is the purchase by the V. T. R. Co. of the steamer Victorian in the United States and the conversion of such steamer in Victoria into a railway ferry steamship, a sufficient compliance with clauses 2 and 23 of the agreement between the company and the corporation, in so far as such agreement requires the company to build, equip and put in operation, etc. Clause 23 makes provision relating to the construction of the steamship in Victoria; the two together show clearly that the intention was that a new ship should be built and not an old ship remodelled for the purpose. Upon a strict construction of the sections the remodelling of an old ship would not be a compliance. It seems to me, however, that the main object of the agreement is to provide a ferry service, and a sufficient compliance with clause 4 of the agreement between the city and the company. Clause 2 requires the company to build, equip and put in operation, etc. Clause 23 makes provision relating to the construction of the steamship in Victoria; the two together show clearly that the intention was that a new ship should be built and not an old ship remodelled for the purpose. Upon a strict construction of the sections the remodelling of an old ship would not be a compliance. It seems to me, however, that the main object of the agreement is to provide a ferry service, and a sufficient compliance with clause 4 of the agreement between the city and the company.

There is an absence of authority upon the point. It is a case of first instance. As it involves a very considerable liability upon the corporation, I should suggest that it is essentially one of those cases in which a ratepayer should be had to apply by injunction to restrain the corporation paying the bonus upon the ground of non-fulfillment of this clause by the company.

The board of judges' report on competitive plans for the library building has already been published. Ald. Stewart, seconded by Ald. Vincent, moved that the report be received and adopted.

Ald. Yates objected to this plan of proceeding, and the large number of young Liberals who were present, and took an active part in the proceedings. The meeting in every way was a very representative one.

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Prinze Henry's Fleet Sailed the United States Squadron on Its Arrival—Exchanging Calls.

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THE POST OFFICE. Bill Dealing With Salaries of Mail Clerks and Newspaper Rates. Ottawa, June 23.—The postmaster-general introduced a bill in the House to-day to amend the Post Office Act. It affects departmental salaries and the rate on newspapers and periodicals. One provision states that the mail clerks shall be appointed on probation for a period of six months at a salary of \$400, with an additional allowance for mileage, and on the confirmation of the appointment he may get \$500 and mileage, with annual increases of \$50, until the maximum of \$1,200 is reached. The railway mail clerks must pass yearly examinations, and no increase will be given if this examination is not passed. Weekly newspapers will be carried for 300 miles from the place published at quarter cent per pound, instead of half a cent, as at present. Messrs. MacDonald and Gilmour have arrived here. Mr. Melnes is expected to-morrow. SURRENDERED IN NEW YORK. Former Cashier of Sarnia Branch of Bank of Commerce Gives Himself Up. New York, June 23.—Hamilton C. Wallace, formerly cashier of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at Sarnia, Ont., was held in \$1,000 bail in the Tombs police court to-day upon his confession that he was wanted on a charge of absconding with \$558 belonging to the Sarnia bank. He surrendered voluntarily.

CYRUS H. BOWES, CHEMIST, 88 Government St., Near Yates St. VICTORIA, B. C. TELEPHONES, 425 AND 450. MINERAL ACT. (Form F.) CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. NOTICE. "Bessie" Mineral Claim and "Mona" Fractional Mineral Claim, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Omineca District. Where located: On Mount Sicker. Take notice that Margaret Manley Melrose, Free Miner's Certificate No. 98588, and William Vanstone, Free Miner's Certificate No. 879487, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 15th day of June, A.D. 1903. MARGARET MANLEY MELROSE, Per Robt. H. Swinerton, Agent. WILLIAM VANSTONE, Per Robt. H. Swinerton, Agent.

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Winnipeg, June 25.—(Times) of Maple Creek, committed to-day by taking carbolic acid, has returned to the P., acting in the capacity of Engineer Killed on the C. P. R. tracks near night. He was sleeping in a car, and was on his way en route to Montreal. Surrendered. C. F. Gordon, a deserter Northwest Mounted Police, himself to the Winnipeg police. The Manitoba House is officially denied that it is expected next dissolution is near at hand, and is the probable date of polling. Sent to Jail. Cobourg, June 25.—Chief right arrested a tramp who name as William Armstrong had in his possession a number from Collingwood, and admitted in the vicinity of Collingwood. He was committed six months as a vagrant. Remanded. St. Thomas, June 25.—(Times) manager of the Elgin Loan Company, who disappeared last night, has returned to the city and appeared before Police Magistrate this morning and was remanded to the city jail. The charge is stealing \$4,000 from the company. He was admitted \$8,000. Fete at End. Montreal, June 25.—The St. Juste celebration was brought to-night by a monster banquet given at the Hotel Windsor, where over 3,000 people were present. The fete was presided over by Mr. J. I. Tart Prefontaine, Mr. F. D. Mc and other leading French-Canadians. The speech made by the speaker and the French-Canadian vote more attention to practice in order to keep abreast of nationalities. Well-Known Tailor Dies. R. J. Inglis, one of the merchant tailors of the city died this morning. WITHOUT THE OP Member of Rochester City Staff Impeached for Mother-in-Law. Rochester, N. Y., June 25. sensation, with political and entanglements, was created in the city by the death of the late Frank L. Pearce, of engineer's staff, to serve six months penitentiary for abusing his law, without the alternative of a fine, and the fact that he was the immediate confidant of the former before he could procure an appeal. It is the outrage family entanglements, and the fact that he was the immediate confidant of the former before he could procure an appeal. It is the outrage family entanglements, and the fact that he was the immediate confidant of the former before he could procure an appeal. It is the outrage family entanglements, and the fact that he was the immediate confidant of the former before he could procure an appeal. It is the outrage family entanglements, and the fact that he was the immediate confidant of the former