

BLOCKADE RAISED.

The Consideration of the Levy for Health Purposes Having Been Postponed.

The Board of Aldermen Pass a Number of the Estimates of Expenditure.

The protracted discussion regarding the levy on improvements was postponed at last night's meeting of the city council.

Mrs. Scalfie, corresponding secretary of the local Council of Women, acknowledged the receipt of Dr. Bessey's letter dealing with the proposed exportation of young ladies to this province.

Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley reported that his heifer had been impounded for running at large and that he had secured her before he could secure her release.

J. Holland and Inspector Northcote, who were appointed to report on the cost of removing certain trees and a porch at St. John's church, estimated the cost at \$125.

The city solicitor reported with reference to certain amendments to the by-law recommended by Chief Deary.

The city solicitor advised the council with reference to Mr. Heisterman's claim on behalf of John Simonton in the matter of assessment for sewerage.

Ald. Cameron pointed out that the barrister and the solicitor were asked for their advice on a different matter, and they evidently misunderstood the request of the council.

When the finance committee's report was presented, Ald. Macmillan protested against the wasteful method of purchasing the medicine for the Old Men's Home.

Chief Deary, of the fire department, in his monthly report recommended that additional hydrants be placed on Boyd street, North Pembroke, Gorge road and Belcher street.

The finance committee and the city solicitor reported that the request of J. Boscowitz & Son for a refund of certain trade licenses paid by them could not be entertained.

The concrete committee recommended that street gutters on Government and View street be laid by day labor.

Ald. Cameron wished to know if the new street sprinkler had yet been ordered.

Ald. Wilson replied he was opposed to the purchase of the sprinkler selected by the council, and he did not wish to make the purchase without a resolution of the council.

Ald. Glover thought this an unusual proceeding. The council had at its previous meeting decided to purchase the London sprinkler, and he failed to see any good reason for this delay in ordering it.

Mayor Beaven replied that the city engineer would receive instructions to order the sprinkler at once.

The council then resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the estimates.

Mayor Beaven ruled that Ald. Macmillan's amendment moved at the previous meeting and which was being discussed when the proceedings of the council were terminated for want of a quorum, was out of order, as he moved a previous amendment, which was defeated.

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To remove all doubts in the matter, Ald. Marchant moved that the consideration of one mill on improvements for board of health purposes be deferred till after the items of expenditure were dealt with.

The item \$250 for medicine provoked considerable discussion, a number of aldermen holding that the item was too large.

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BRINGS ON NERVOUS PROSTRATION AND ST. VITUS DANCE.

A Young Lady Prostrated for Five Years From This Cause—Had to be Carried Upstairs—A Lesson Parents Should Heed.

Hard study at school brought on nervous prostration and St. Vitus dance. This is a very frequent occurrence in these days of high pressure study, and one of the many unfortunate who suffered thus, but now has happily found relief, is Miss Lizzie K. Marshall, of Central Clarence, N. S.

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MRS. COOK IS FREE.

She is Granted a Divorce from Her Husband, George J. Cook, by Justice Walkem.

Cook Fails to Prove Any of the Allegations He Made Against His Wife.

The divorce trial of Cook v. Cook commenced this morning before Mr. Justice Walkem and a common jury with Mr. John Jardine as foreman. Mr. W. H. Langley appeared for the petitioner, Annie Maria Cook (formerly Annie Maria Mesher), the respondent, George J. Cook, appeared on his own behalf, while the co-respondents were not present and were not represented.

Mr. Langley, in opening, read the petition and answer. The petition recited that the principals in the present proceedings were married in December, 1886, at Greenwich, England, where they resided for some time, and came to Victoria in 1891. A boy and a girl were the fruits of the marriage.

The petition set out frequent acts of cruelty and abuse, resulting in the petitioner leaving her husband for good on the 4th of January of this year, and on the 6th day of the same month she was bound over by Police Magistrate Macrae to keep the peace for twelve months. Adultery against the husband was also charged in 1895 with Edith Lipscomb, and in this year with Lillie Traynor.

The prayer of the petition is for dissolution of the marriage and for custody of the children. The answer denies adultery, and further says if there was adultery it was committed at and condoned by the wife; also that the wife in the latter part of the year 1895 left the respondent for the purpose of cohabiting with one J. C. Prescott and with him committed adultery. When Mrs. Cook took the witness stand the respondent asked that all the witnesses be excluded, and this was done.

The respondent then commenced a long cross-examination, in which he attempted to show that his wife had been unduly intimate with Jack Prescott, but all insinuations were stoutly denied. One of his questions ran thus: "In what way was I unkind to the children?"

Mrs. Cook—"You know." By putting them in winter in a room without a fire in it."

Mr. Cook—"Do you mean to say by putting them in a faterly way I was unkind?"

After the laughter had subsided the question started on another tack. Police Court Clerk Page produced the conviction of respondent on 7th January, 1891, for being drunk. Mr. Prescott testified that Cook and Miss Lipscomb had lived together as man and wife. There was no evidence offered as to any misconduct between Cook and Miss Traynor. Cook in his evidence denied that he was charged with adultery, but practically admitted the cruelty, which he said he was borne on to by great provocation. The jury answered the questions submitted to them and found as facts: (1) That George J. Cook had committed adultery with Miss Lipscomb; (2) that Mrs. Cook did not condone the offence; (3) that Cook did not commit adultery with Miss Traynor; (4) that Mrs. Cook was not guilty of adultery or any other improper conduct.

His Lordship granted the decree as above stated. W. W. Langley appeared for the petitioner.

Cook, after he had given his evidence, said he was at a great disadvantage, as several witnesses subpoenaed him were not present. It is said that Cook a few days ago went to a prominent firm of solicitors and representing that he was a clerk in the employ of Messrs. Schulz & Murphy, obtained some blank forms of subpoenas, which he took to the Supreme Court registry and issued. They were old forms and were tested in the name of the late George Mesher, father of the petitioner, and the witnesses were of course not to obey them. One of the witnesses went to the junior member of the firm and showed him the subpoena which purported to be issued by his firm. Mr. Cook has probably not heard the last ruling of the court, as the verdict he did not know whether or not criminal proceedings would be taken.

During the trial some questions asked by Cook brought forth the question from his Lordship: "Do you know where the lunatic asylum is?" Cook said there was no necessity for any reference to the lunatic asylum and his Lordship replied: "Oh, no! No one would think of your going to the asylum; there is a difference between a knave and a fool."

Cook also came in for some well merited censure from the bench when, after judgment was given in favor of the wife as to the custody of the children, he asked "both children?"

His Lordship said: "Yes, both children, you are not fit to take care of anything."

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RETURN OF SEALERS

The West Coast Sealing Schooners Return to Port With Moderate Catches.

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