

Urges that the Flats Be Filled

Architect Rattenbury Advises City Council to Proceed With Greater Expedition

Senators Templeman and McDonald Desirous of Helping Causeway.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

In the absence of His Worship Mayor McCord last evening, Mr. Rattenbury, who was moved to the chair as president at the regular session of the city council, Alderman Yates, though back from his country trip, did not attend. The business transacted was purely routine in character, the most important item being a letter received from Mr. Rattenbury, re the C. P. R. hotel site.

Letters were read from Hon. Senator McDonald and Hon. Senator Templeman replying to an application from the council for their assistance in the proposed causeway at Rock Bay. The gentlemen have written to the department at Ottawa urging that the request of the council be acceded to. Letters received and filed and written to be thanked for their good services.

A letter from the deputy attorney-general was also read, in which he stated that the council on the Rock Bay matter has been forwarded. The letter was also read from Mr. Rattenbury, who stated that the request of the council be acceded to. The letter was also read from Mr. Rattenbury, who stated that the request of the council be acceded to.

The following letter was read from F. M. Rattenbury, architect C. P. R. Hotel.

"To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria.

Gentlemen: Since I returned from Montreal, now over three weeks ago, I have been busily occupied preparing the working drawings necessary for the construction of the new C. P. R. Hotel on James Bay embankment. These drawings will soon be completed, and we shall be prepared, ready to commence work.

I wish, therefore, to call to your attention that the flats still require some more filling in, at least five feet. I should judge, so as to bring them up to the level of the adjacent streets. The work is being done by the city, and I am sure it will be completed in a few days. I am, gentlemen, very respectfully, your obedient servant, F. M. RATTENBURY, Architect.

A letter was received from the Victoria Labor Protection Union regarding the employment of alien labor on the construction work of the Point Ellice Bridge. The letter referred to the condition of the house he occupies. He referred to the sanitary inspector for report.

A letter was read from Oliver Johnson asking permission to move two houses from Humboldt street. Referred to the city engineer.

A letter was received from Mrs. Otto Weller to nuisance in the neighborhood of her dwelling. She stated that she was instructed to abate the nuisance.

The following letter was read from the city engineer.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the city council, the following applications have been received and referred to the city engineer for report, viz:

Chas. Marshall, who has applied for a sidewalk recently laid down on Pandora street, south side, be extended easterly as to accommodate two houses on Pandora street, and to the city engineer.

D. E. Campbell, et al., calling attention to the condition of Powell street at its junction with Milligan street.

Jas. Rose et al., calling attention to the necessity for repairs being made on St. Louis street.

J. B. McCallum et al., asking that the sidewalk now being laid down on the north side of the city, be extended to a distance of about 400 feet.

P. S. Lammann, re sidewalk Belcher street.

A letter from the water works employees was read asking for gun boots. The matter was referred to the water commissioner for report.

The following letter was read from the finance committee.

Gentlemen: Your finance committee having considered the undemanded subject, beg to report and recommend as follows:

That the treasurer be instructed to write off the uncollected balance amounting to \$6,544.34.

That the finance committee submit a voucher for the payment of \$500 for the substructure of Point Ellice bridge, which followed the usual course.

The council then adjourned.

May Move On—A number of loose characters and vagrants have been served with summonses to appear before the police magistrate for vagrancy. It is probable that some at least will move on by the light of the moon instead of waiting to meet their vagrancy and frequenters of houses of ill fame.

Changing Telephone Quarters—A squad of men are now busy placing wires in position for the change of quarters of the local telephone company from the present premises to offices in the Bank of Montreal building. It will take upwards of a month or six weeks to complete the work of transfer. The fine new switchboard is now in course of installation.

The Colonist's Christmas Edition—The Colonist will present its readers on Christmas Eve with a special holiday edition, replete with seasonal articles and illustrations. Dr. W. H. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is a valuable old-time "yarns" entitled "Old Jackson: A Story of a Saint and a Sinner." It is a story of a saint and a sinner, and is a story of a saint and a sinner.

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VETERAN SEA CAPTAIN DEAD.

Alameda, Dec. 21.—Capt. Robt. L. Merriman, one of the oldest and best known sea captains sailing from New York, Me., in 1830. He came here from Boston recently.

LITTLE ALPONSOS' BRIDE.

Yonah King to Wed His Cousin, the Daughter of Infanta Maria, the

Madrid, Dec. 21.—According to the Spanish newspapers a project is on foot to marry King Alfonso XIII. to his cousin, Maria Del Pilar, aged 13, daughter of the Infanta Maria Del Paz.

"THE TWILIGHT OF THE GODS."

Berlin Has a Most Unusual Meteorological Experience.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Berlin at midday was in a most unusual meteorological position. The capital is carried on by artificial light. The meteorological office has not observed such a phenomenon in a long time, and attributes it to the light of the city.

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Proceedings in The Will Case

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper K. C. Objects to New Issue Being Introduced.

Three Witnesses For Defendant Examined at Yesterday's Sitting.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Yesterday's proceedings in the Supreme court action, Hopper vs. Dunsen, were opened by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C., who explained that he had agreed with the opposing counsel regarding the amended statement of claim. He stated that the case was introduced, when he first made application to become a party to the suit, opposing counsel had similar views.

Witnesses were examined in the case. The first witness was Mr. Hopper, who was examined by Mr. Tupper. He stated that he was a resident of San Leandro in 1902, and that he was a partner in the business of Hopper & Dunsen. He stated that he was a partner in the business of Hopper & Dunsen.

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