

FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW COUNCIL

MAYOR REVIEWS AND OUTLINES CITY WORK

Sewerage Will Require the Early Attention of the Board - Other Improvements Contemplated.

The council for 1902 held its inaugural meeting last night. Each of the newly elected members were in their places, the representatives of the old council taking the one side of the aldermanic circle in the formation as follows: G. H. Barnard, T. W. Vincent, T. I. Worthington, H. Grahame, A. G. McCandless, J. S. Yates, W. G. Cameron, R. T. Williams and John Kinsman.

Credentials of those present were first read and before proceeding to the regular business of the council the mayor submitted the following statement, reviewing last year's work of the council and outlining that before the board at present.

To the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria: Gentlemen—Before referring to some of the matters which the council will be called upon to consider during the year, I desire now formally and sincerely to thank you, gentlemen, for returning me a third time as Mayor, and for the signal honor they have conferred upon me in electing me to that position for the last year by acclamation.

It is pleasing to note that our young business and professional men are taking an increasing interest in civic affairs, and that some of them have been returned as aldermen and trustees at the recent election.

Their energy will find full scope for exercise in the problems which await solution. Turning now to the duties before us, I need hardly say that among the first matters demanding our most careful and earnest attention, are those relating to the public works, for which a large sum of money was voted by the ratepayers last year.

The reclamation of the James Bay sand flats and the construction of a roadway there has proceeded most satisfactorily to its present stage, and there are good reasons for believing that with the valuable assistance of the new hydraulic engineering works, kindly placed at our disposal for three months by the department of public works at Ottawa, not only will the work originally contemplated be fully completed, but that the retaining wall, including, perhaps, a modified Fairbairn Gate, may be continued to the foot of Millers street.

As to the Point Ellice bridge, by a resolution passed by the late council, all questions relative to the work were referred to a committee of the whole council, and as a result correspondence has been opened up with many well known bridge experts as to the propriety of detailed plans and the cost of supervising. Considerable support has been given in the public press and elsewhere to the suggestion that the original idea of constructing a steel bridge should be abandoned in favor of a stone structure.

The points urged in favor of stone are its safety and durability and the small cost of maintenance, and much may be said in its favor. Situated at a point that secures natural attractiveness, at the junction between the inner harbor and the pleasure waterway beyond, and visible from all points, it is highly desirable that a structure there should not only accommodate safely every kind of traffic, but should present a pleasing picture to the eye, and a stone bridge would do this better than any other.

The fact that in that event the artistic features of a stone bridge would form a desirable adjunct to the park. Besides which, this is the only point in the harbor where a bridge can be erected without a draw, because the fact that such a bridge existed there previous to 1872; and further, all the material required in the construction of a stone structure could be procured in or near Victoria. Against all this is the increased cost. The city engineer has been requested to report upon this phase of the question, and we shall know at an early date whether it is possible and desirable to entertain the proposal.

The paving of Government street has been provided for, and will be commenced as soon as the weather permits.

Sewerage. I do not propose to now refer to all the subjects likely to occur our attention, but among the most important to be dealt with the first on the list is undoubtedly the extension of the sewerage system. This necessary work, on account of its cost, bristles with difficulties. But the scheme propounded during the recent election campaign, viz., to appropriate the revenue derived from sewer rental to the payment of interest and sinking fund for a new loan for this purpose, commends itself as providing some relief, without additional taxation.

The consideration of the necessary amendments to the Municipal Finance Act, many of which occupied our attention last year, should be again dealt with as soon as possible.

A change should be made in the location of the Home for the Aged and Infirm. The present building has outlived its usefulness, is quite unsuitable, will soon be surrounded with graves, and its removal has become a necessity. If funds permit it is highly desirable that additional sections of the water shed, consisting of 200 and heavier pipe should be acquired.

Tourist Association. Special preliminary meetings, having in view the inauguration of an organization for the promotion of tourist travel to Victoria and Vancouver Island, have recently been held, and there is no doubt but that a strong society generally supported by the public will result. In this connection I would advise that the annual grant of the council for advertising purposes should be placed at the disposal of this organization.

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Agricultural Association. The successful agricultural, mining and industrial exhibition held here last fall, after an interval of several years, necessitated costly repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds, besides additional expenditure in connection with the Royal visit there. The receipts were, I regret to say, not sufficient to meet these unusual demands, and I therefore strongly recommend that this indebtedness be paid at once, by the council.

Reference is frequently made in the public press to matters affecting the city's interests upon which the writers are generally imperfectly informed, due doubtless to the fact that it is not known and appreciated that all reports, plans, estimates, proceedings, etc., of the council are available at the city hall, and open at all reasonable times for the inspection and information of the ratepayers.

Finance. The estimates of the current year, both of the council and board of trustees, will be laid before you in the near future, and in view of the many calls upon our resources, I cannot but express the hope that the board of school trustees will heartily co-operate with the council in the endeavor to maintain a high degree of efficiency in all branches of the civic service, but having due regard to the revenue available for that purpose.

I am not sanguine enough to expect that upon all matters coming before us during the year there will be complete unanimity of opinion. This is not desirable, however, it were possible. What is essential, however, and what I am glad to believe is possessed by all of us, is that we have at heart the best interests of the city. If our united endeavor be to promote its welfare, great and lasting benefit is certain to ensue. His Worship next announced the standing committees for the year as follows:

Acquisition of Indian Reserve—Ald. McCandless, Yates, Cameron, Kinsman, Vincent.

Electric Light—Ald. Kinsman, Vincent, Worthington.

Finance—Ald. Cameron, McCandless, Williams.

Fire Wardens—Ald. Grahame, Cameron, Yates.

Home for Aged and Infirm—Ald. Worthington, Grahame, Barnard.

Legislation—Ald. Yates, Barnard, McCandless.

Park—Ald. Barnard, Worthington, Grahame.

Railways—Ald. Vincent, Williams, Kinsman.

Streets, Bridges and Sewers—The mayor and aldermen.

Ald. Cameron asked if it was the intention to have the whole council act on the streets committee again this year.

In reply His Worship stated that he would appoint a committee at the next meeting of the board.

The result of the municipal election were then read as submitted by the returning officer and placed on file. A communication was read from the deputy minister of marine and fisheries acknowledging the receipt of a letter forwarded to the department by the council explaining the board's position in reference to Mr. Sorby's proposal for the construction of a stone bridge at Point Ellice, received and filed.

Hon. Archer Martin drew attention to the inadequate supply of water on the higher levels in the city and of the inability of the residents in those districts to keep their tanks full for emergency purposes in the dry season. He suggested that the council consider the advisability of installing a new pumping station.

The mayor explained that within the last few days the boilers at the pumping station were receiving some attention, and suggested that possibly the present complaint of shortage of water was due to this.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

In chambers before the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin. The following chamber work was disposed of this morning: Bank of B. N. A. v. R. Ward & Co.—Application by defendant for enlargement of time in which to deliver defence. Order made enlarging time for one week, both for the plaintiff and for the defendant.

Robertson, for Eberts & Taylor, for plaintiff. Newton v. Escolme et al.—Stood over until tomorrow by consent. G. Hunter, K. C., for plaintiff, W. J. Taylor, K. C., for defendants.

Mrs. J. O. Dunsmaur v. James Dunsmaur.—Application by plaintiff for leave to strike out certain paragraphs of statement of defence on the grounds that same are embarrassing. Adjudged by consent until 2nd. Griffin for plaintiff, Lutton for defendant.

Re Clarks.—Application for discovery. Order made, all parties consenting. L. Bond for estate, Lawson & Crease for claimants.

W. Sharp & McKinnon.—Application for changing order. Miller, of Hunter & Oliver, for application. Judge's decision reserved.

Briggs v. Trust M. Co.—Application for an order for discovery. Adjudged until tomorrow. Lawson for applicant.

Reby v. Reby.—Summons for directions. Adjudged until tomorrow, as His Lordship had to attend Full court.

Smith v. Empress of Japan. Appeal from registrar's report. W. J. Taylor, K. C., for plaintiff, H. D. Helmecken, K. C., for Empress. Judge's decision reserved.

WILL RECEIVE RESOURCES. How Dominion Government Rewards Its Brave Employees. Classes Just Arrived.

Capt. Gaudin, local agent of the department of marine and fisheries, has received a handsome pair of binoculars for presentation to M. G. Clarke, light keeper at Entrance Island, at the entrance of Nanaimo harbor, and his assistant, John Roberts.

The classes are presented by the Dominion government in recognition of the heroic rescue by the two men of a couple of Indians on July 30th of last year. The latter were thrown into the water by their canoe capsizing, and their position was very perilous. The light keeper and his assistant at once put to the rescue and succeeded in saving both Indians.

The attention was brought to attention of the Dominion government by Capt. Gaudin, with the result that both men will be rewarded with a splendid pair of glasses. They will be forwarded to Nanaimo, and the presentation will be made by Ralph Smith, M. P. Capt. Gaudin will likely attend the presentation. The inscription on the light keeper's glasses is as follows: "Presented by the government of Canada to M. G. Clarke, light keeper, Entrance Island, in recognition of his gallant and humane services in rescuing from drowning two Indians near Entrance Island lighthouse on the 30th day of July, 1901."

FOUND NO TRACES. Missing Ones of Wrecked Bristol Looked for, But in Vain.

About the last hope held out for the safety of the missing boat's crew of the morning on the arrival of the steamer Amur from the North. If the men had escaped there they would have undoubtedly caught the steamer on her return voyage, but no trace of the men could be found.

On the trip a search was made, the steamer cruising along both Green and Gray Islands in the expectation of some without avail. It was night time when the steamer arrived off the scene of the disaster, but in order to assure himself whether or not the men were in the vicinity, dead or alive, Capt. McLeod remained by until after daylight. Nothing of the Bristol herself could be seen. Not a particle of wreckage was found in the locality, little if any having come to the surface. The mainland was only three miles distant, and here as elsewhere there were no signs of life ashore. As will be remembered, the last are Capt. James McIntyre, Pilot Roberts, E. Vinton, chief engineer, A. Edwards, third officer, Joseph Silva, W. Remer, and H. C. Hurlbert.

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SOUTH VICTORIA LIBERALS. The members of the South Victoria Liberal Association, and other Liberals, will meet in Colquhoun Hall on Friday afternoon, 24th January, at 4 o'clock, to appoint delegates to the Vancouver Convention. J. F. CHANDLER, H. TANNER, President, Secretary.

\$1.50 Per Annum. VOL. 32. MANY MEN LIKE TO BE DISCONTENT AMONG RIFLES AT play in Sailing of Western responsible for Ill-Feel Canadian Notes.

Halifax, Jan. 23.—Western men a portion of the Second mounted