

DEFINITE ACTION ON WATER PROBLEM

COMMITTEE'S REPORT FINALLY ENDORSED

By Majority of Council Last Night—Mayor's Scheme Shelved—Special Meeting Thursday.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) At last the water problem has advanced a full step in the direction of a settlement.

The regular meeting of the city council held last evening witnessed a development of exceptional importance. The water committee, under the aggressive leadership of Aldermen Stewart and Fell, and backed by a bare working majority, obtained the up-hand of Mayor Morley and his supporters and used their advantage to the limit. Upon motion they shelved the Mayor's scheme for six months. This was carried by a margin of one vote. Then they took up their own proposal, discussed and adopted it by a good majority. All this was done in such workmanlike fashion, in the light of previous debates of the water difficulty by this body, that it must be concluded that the committee, determined that the dead-lock should not be allowed to continue, had outlined their plan of action and, assured of the support necessary to carry it through, entered upon the matter with more confidence than heretofore. The result is that a by-law will be prepared next Thursday evening recommending the committee's project and may be expected to be placed before the voters in the course of a few weeks.

A motion by Ald. Yates, seconded by Ald. Goodacre, providing that a by-law be introduced for the raising of a fund of \$300,000 for the improvement of the Victoria water works system, was introduced.

"Are you ready for the question?" asked the mayor. An impressive silence followed, broken at last by a caustic query from Ald. Vincent: "We've discussed this before, haven't we?" (Laughter.)

"Are you ready to abandon this resolution?" inquired Ald. Fell.

"Certainly not," answered the mayor. "I understood you had some proposition and wanted the water question fully discussed."

Ald. Fell acknowledged the truth of this assertion. He, however, wanted the by-law for the \$300,000 proposal considered first. The two could not be dealt with simultaneously.

The resolution providing for the new by-law was upon the table, it was explained, and could not be voted upon until taken from it.

Ald. Yates moved that the by-law be taken from the table in conjunction with the water committee's report.

In amendment Ald. Fell moved that the \$300,000 by-law motion be taken from the table "this day six months."

He stated that an effort was being made to "lack" the former petition to the water committee's scheme. He did not intend to allow such a thing if it was in his power to prevent it. Both projects would be considered upon their merits.

The mayor, in a brief address, went into the situation carefully. There were two petitions before the council, the one endorsed one scheme and the other another. In all probability the \$300,000 by-law would be voted for, beside upon a vote of four to five if the sentiment was the same as heretofore. He defied the aldermen to justify a report on a majority of one in a council of nine. The point was all the stronger when it was remembered that the petition was endorsed by ratepayers representing the required amount of real estate.

"I am quite prepared to justify my action," said Ald. Stewart.

Table listing costs for water works: Reservoir on Smith's Hill \$30,000, Elevated tank 17,000, Connecting reservoir and tank 20,000, Connecting reservoir and distributing system 35,400, Pump on 12-inch main 5,000, Clearing etc. the lakes (if it is decided to borrow the money under by-law) 15,000, Incidental 600, Total \$136,000.

Ald. Yates moved in amendment that \$40,000 be included in the proposed expenditure for the installation of water meters.

"It's quite evident," said Ald. Stewart, "that you've tried to knife the water committee from the beginning and the same base is in your bonnet," addressing Mayor Morley in reply to a remark from the latter with reference to the many changes in the views of the committee since the opening of the question.

He quoted from Expert Adams' report to show that their proposal only included what that authority considered to be desirable. What was the good of obtaining these opinions if it was not the intention to recognize them? The Mayor had overlooked the advice obtained through his instrumentality.

Quoting from the recommendations of Expert Adams he pointed out that what the committee proposed was referred to as the "easiest, cheapest and best" method. "The easiest, cheapest and best," Ald. Stewart reiterated, looking at His Worship.

"Read further on," demanded the mayor.

"That's enough for me," replied Ald. Stewart, and then he went on, "easiest, cheapest and best," in a tone of triumph.

"Further down you will see that Expert Adams recommends a 'better' scheme. If yours is the 'best' it could scarcely be bettered," retorted the mayor. Continuing he said, "I am only trying to do what I consider in the best interest of the city."

Ald. Stewart went on to speak emphatically of the changes in the policy of those in authority upon the water question. He pointed out that the Mayor had altered his stand as well as the committee. He wanted to know why the Mayor had changed from a 30-inch wooden pipe to a 24-inch steel main.

The Mayor introduced the original report of the water committee. He stated that Ald. Fell had contended that the present proposal was much the same as that first introduced. He then thought, explained Ald. Yates' proposition that now there was no provision for redistribution. In his opinion the undertaking would prove much more expensive in the long run than originally proposed.

Ald. Douglas seconded the amendment. He did so for the purpose of avoiding the waste of thousands of gallons of water daily.

A vote was taken and resulted as follows: Nays: His Worship Mayor Morley, Ald. Douglas, Yates and Goodacre. Yeas: Ald. Stewart, Fell, Hall, Fullerton, and Vincent.

The action having been taken the majority of those voting for the amendment explained that they were not opposed to meters. They simply objected to the money necessary being placed in the by-law. If it was decided to install them they should be paid for from the current revenue, it was argued.

"Case of voting against conscience," remarked the Mayor.

"Lack of moral courage," corrected Ald. Yates.

Ald. Hall objected to this, however. He stated that the including of \$40,000 in the water committee's by-law would practically kill it. "That fact, he thought, explained Ald. Yates' pronounced stand. (Laughter.)

Upon the motion being put for the adoption of the water committee's report it was carried by a majority of five. The division was as follows: Ayes: Ald. Goodacre, Stewart, Fell, Hall, Douglas, Fullerton and Vincent. Nays: His Worship the Mayor and Ald. Yates.

ILLUMINATIONS WERE EFFECTIVE

BRILLIANT SCHEME BY VICTORIA FIRM

The Parliament Buildings Were Much Admired—Many Difficulties Encountered in Stringing Wires.

On all sides there arises a chorus of approval and delight as to the exquisite beauty and effectiveness of the illuminations on the parliament buildings during the reception of His Excellency Earl Grey, and Countess Grey.

Amongst the large crowd were men and women who have travelled in all parts of the world and seen most of the rotatable public buildings illuminated; the verdict of one and all was that this was quite the equal in effect of any they had before seen.

It is quite true that the architectural features and the effective position of the buildings materially assist in the display, but both these points might easily have been destroyed from a scenic point of view if it had not been for the harmony of the scheme of illumination combined with the proportions being exactly suitable for the buildings.

There was not one light too many or too few, hence the public will join in complimenting those who carried out these illuminations, and rendering to them the praise which is justly theirs.

It is easy to talk about beautiful illuminations, and given an artistic mind it is, comparatively speaking, easy to draft out a good scheme, but having got the scheme on paper, days and nights of toil, risk and trouble have to be spent before the mind of the artist is depicted on the building. Here are a few points. Figure out the miles of wire used to connect the three thousand lights, reaching not only from end to end of the building, but from the base right up to the pinnacle of Vancouver's clocked hat. The crown in the centre of the building looks a mere toy in the distance, but as a matter of cold fact it is twelve feet high and twelve feet wide, and is covered with wires and globes, making it quite a heavy piece of electric furnishing to hoist into position.

Ten days was the utmost time that could be allowed for the work of illuminating the buildings and as the cost had to be kept down, there was no margin for erecting scaffolding; every inch of wire had to be put in position by the risky process of crawling over the leaded roofs. Probably the most risky part was the lighting up of Vancouver when the only foothold was the sword-bill or an arm and where scrambling up the legs monkey-fashion had to be resorted to. It would have been impossible to carry out the illuminations at the economical prices called for by the contract had it not been for the youth and agility of the electricians, enabling them to dispense with the expense of scaffolding. Three days before the reception there was almost a tragedy. One of the electricians, in scrambling over the leaded dome slipped and might easily have been hurled to a terrible death had it not been for his foot catching on a part of the curb on the edge of the dome.

The public will join in congratulating the directors of the Hinton Electric Company, Ltd. and their employees, for the entire carrying out of the illuminations of the parliament buildings from start to finish. Had it not been that they kept a large permanent staff it would have been impossible to deal with this heavy piece of illuminating work in addition to the various other orders of a similar nature. To give an idea of the extent of this it is only necessary to mention that Messrs. Hinton have used over ten thousand electric light globes over their various contracts on these illuminations.

TERRORIST CAPTURED. One of Most Dangerous Leaders is Now in Custody.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency here reports that Vazet, characterized as the most dangerous of the terrorist leaders and the author of many crimes, was arrested on Tuesday at Mita.

He gave a false name, but it is said there is not the slightest doubt as to his identity. Vazet has been ordered over to the military authorities for trial by drumhead court martial. The greatest importance is attached to this arrest.

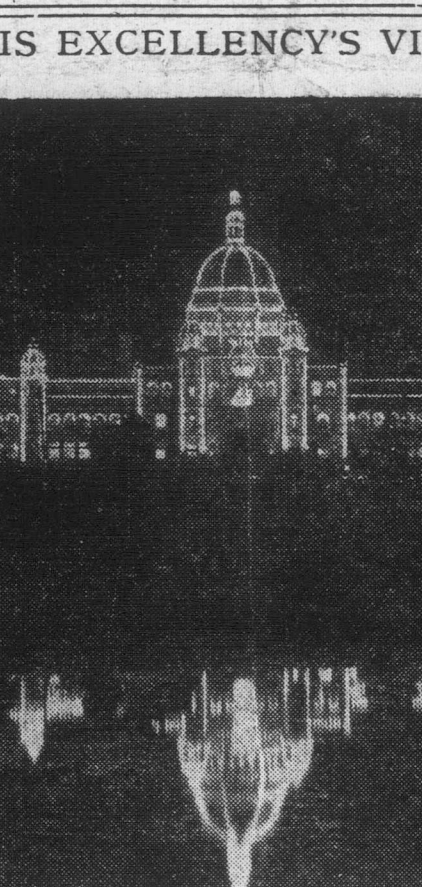
HIS EXCELLENCY'S FAREWELL

His Worship the Mayor on Wednesday morning received the following letter: Dear Mr. Mayor—I cannot leave the shores of your beautiful garden city without writing you one line, for the purpose of conveying to you, and, through you, to the loyal citizens of Victoria, an expression of my heartiest thanks for the splendid and royal welcome given to me as the representative of the Crown.

Lady Grey, and I, and every member of my family, leave Victoria with a real regret, which however is tempered by the hope that this may be only the first of other visits to which we are already looking forward.

I wish particularly to thank the city for the beautiful illuminations. It was a great disappointment to me to ascertain after my arrival at the parliament buildings on Monday night, that my carriage, by taking a wrong route, had deprived me of the pleasure of enjoying and acknowledging the demonstration

HIS EXCELLENCY'S VISIT.



Illumination of the Parliament Buildings.

which your citizens in their loyalty had so kindly prepared. I remain, with my kindest regards to you, and with my best thanks to all who have by their kindness and trouble contributed to the great pleasure of our visit. Yours truly, "GREY."

WHEAT GROWING IN NORTH. Crops in Vicinity of Lesser Slave Lake Are in Good Condition.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Superintendent Constantine, of the Mounted Police, reports from Lesser Slave lake that where grain is growing the crops are good notwithstanding the severe drought.

He says that at Fort Graham a bad spirit has existed between the Indians and white men ever since the rush to the Klondike gold fields. The superintendent does not anticipate any trouble, but it will take time to allay the animosity which exists among the Indians.

FIGHT ARRANGED.

San Francisco, Sept. 18.—It has practically been settled that "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien and Sam Berger are to box 45 rounds for the heavy-weight championship at Colona on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day.

METHODISTS LIKELY TO GATHER HERE

Committee Favor Holding General Conference in This City if Suitable Rates Can Be Arranged.

DISASTROUS FLOODS IN LOWER MEXICO

FIFTY-ONE PERSONS REPORTED DROWNED

Number of Towns Have Been Partly Destroyed and Five Hundred People are Homeless.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 19.—A Herald dispatch from Guadalajara, dated yesterday states that the correspondent of Jalisco Times at Mazatlan wired his paper as follows: "Fifty-one persons were drowned in the recent floods in Santiago, Ixcintula, and adjacent districts in the territory of Tepic. The bodies, it is stated, were taken from the river."

"During the flood many persons took refuge in trees remaining there until boats were sent to their rescue. "It is reported that 500 persons are homeless. "Widespread damage has resulted from the inundation in Sinaloa. Several river towns have been partly destroyed. Thousands of cattle were drowned and crops destroyed in many sections."

ONE THOUSAND LIVES LOST DURING TYPHOON

Manila, Sept. 19.—3 p. m.—Latest advices from Hongkong state that 1,000 lives were lost during the typhoon, and that the damage to property, public and private, will amount to millions of dollars.

Twelve ships were sunk, 24 were stranded, seven were damaged and one-half of the native craft in port was sunk. Shipping trade has been paralyzed through lack of lighters.

SEEING VICTORIA BY TROLLEY CAR

AFTERNOON EXCURSION TO VISITING DELEGATES Trip on Charmer To-Day to Chalmers and Crofton—All are Pleased.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The trolley excursion given by the local Trades and Labor Council to the members of the Dominion Congress yesterday afternoon was an unqualified success. Three cars were in waiting at Government and Yates' street at 2:15 to accommodate the party which numbered about 200 people, including many ladies. Dave Dewar, in charge of the observation car, told of the beauties of Victoria through a megaphone and many amateur photographers among the delegates took snap shots of the beauty spots visited.

It was a merry crowd. The reception committee had provided cigars for those who smoked. There was the true element of confraternity present, everyone talked to everyone else. Esquimalt was the first place visited. The Twickenham aroused great interest among the visitors from the prairies and many, both men and women, went down the long flight of steps to the bottom and took a stroll around the steamer under the curve of the hull. "Come here, Tom," said Sam Landers, the Hamilton comedian, to men chipping rust off the cables. "That's what we did at Kingston."

"Oh, no Jollette," chimed in fraternal delegate Rickert. "Soon it was all aboard, and, as Point Ellice bridge was reached, trolleys were reversed and a start made for the Gorge. Conductor Dewar came out steering this part of the trip. "Here is a house built on the installment plan," was the first observation, as a brick structure with a wall of shingles was passed with rapidity. "From here you can get a glimpse of the harbor, and Mount Baker in the distance. This large area, with the stone wall is the property of Hon. James Dunsmuir. It runs down to the water, the house being erected near the edge. He was recently appointed lieutenant-governor of British Columbia." Some one asked: "Would he let me sit on his fence?" but a lady pointed out that it would be a difficult thing to do with the sharp pointed stones at the top. Twenty minutes was spent at Gorge Park. Its beauties, as usual, were duly admired. Delegate Sherman, of Fer-

TRAINER INJURED. Attacked by Horse and Before Being Rescued Had Several Ribs Broken.

New York, Sept. 19.—A San Jose, Cal., dispatch to a morning paper says: "Bud Doble, the famous driver and trainer of trotting horses, was seriously, and perhaps fatally, injured by a stallion yesterday. He was about to take the animal out for his morning exercise when the horse without warning grasped him by his teeth and shook him like a rat. It then hurled him to the ground, stunned. Before Doble could rise the animal reared, then threw himself upon the prostrate man rendering him unconscious. Only the timely arrival of stablemen, who beat off the horse, saved Doble's life. Several of his ribs were broken."

—F. M. Logan, provincial inspector of dairies has left for Vernon, where he will act as judge of the live stock exhibition which opens to-morrow. Another government official, R. M. Palmer, is also absent from the city attending the fair at Nelson.

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