

AMENDMENT FOR THE RESERVE BILL

PASSED COUNCIL AT MEETING ON MONDAY

Claims for Expropriation of Property in James Bay to Be Paid Forthwith.

Victoria's claims to the Songhees Indian reserve will again be urged upon the provincial government. At last night's meeting of the city council an amendment to the Songhees reserve bill now before the House was proposed, if it succeeded in amending the bill against the government it would be tantamount to the defeat of the government. Furthermore, the government could not deal with crown lands in the way suggested.

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The secretary of the James Bay Athletic Association complained of hacks and other vehicles blocking the crossing in front of the club house on the arrival of steamers at the C. P. R. wharves. Referred to police commissioners.

W. H. Knight asked for a connection with the water main on Chatham street. Referred to the water commissioner.

F. B. Kitto, on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, asked for a renewal of the corporation's amnity, and suggested that further aid be given to the society. Referred to finance committee for report.

H. Turner reported that no harm has been done to the property of the B. C. Agricultural Association. Received and filed.

The water commissioner reported recommending the purchase of water meters at a cost of \$750, for use on public property. Approved, tenders to be called for these by the city purchasing agent.

City Clerk Dowler reported having referred the following requests to the city engineer for report: H. Wollson, asking for sidewalk improvements on Wallace street; Edwin Johnson, desiring that a sidewalk be laid on Ormond street; S. Tenant, for a drain on the east side of Fourth street; G. Mouteth, et al, requesting that Danton street be opened up from Esquimalt road to old Esquimalt road; Paul Rochussen, et al, asking that Beacon street be graded and drained. Received and filed.

Property owners on Johns street petitioned against the name of that thoroughfare being changed. The petitioners stated that there was no other street of the same name in the city.

Referred to streets, bridges and sewers committee.

F. J. Hall and several other residents on North Park street also wrote protesting against the name of the street being changed to Pioneer street. This communication took the same course.

The finance committee reported recommending accounts totalling \$6,012.98. Carried.

A further report from the finance committee recommended the payment of the amount of \$13,833.35 to settle the claims of the Weiler family and Bertucci estate arising out of the expropriation of property in James Bay.

This was received and adopted.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee reported as follows:

Geatlemen—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee, having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to submit the following recommendations to the council for adoption, viz:

Re communication from J. A. Sayward, desiring permission to connect his lumber store with Rock Bay bridge. Recommended that the barricade at the southern end of Rock Bay bridge be moved 21 feet north of its present position, to enable Mr. Sayward to connect his building by platform with the bridge, and Mr. Sayward be given permission to connect, upon the understanding that the council reserves the right, should it see fit to do so, to do away with the bridge altogether, and upon condition that the city is in no way responsible for the safety of the existing bridge, and upon receipt of a communication from Mr. Sayward, agreeing to these terms, that the city engineer be instructed to remove the barricade as aforesaid.

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GOOD WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDLY HELP

Three Hundred and Eighty-Nine Applicants Assisted in the Last Twelve Months—Secretary's Report.

The members of a worthy institution—the Friendly Help Society—held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon. Among those present were Bishop Perrin, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, Rev. Mr. Ard and Rev. J. P. Westman. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Perrin; first vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Cooper; second vice-president, Mrs. Willis; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Powell; fifth vice-president, Mrs. McDowell; sixth vice-president, Miss Carr; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Miss M. B. Lawson; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Wood.

Mrs. Day presided at the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Helen Carr. The president's annual report was an inspiring one, full of encouragement. The secretary's report says: "Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen: In presenting to you our tenth annual report we have to thank the giver of all good for His continued care and guidance in the past, in giving health and strength to our workers and raising up new workers to carry on the work."

As our name suggests, the work of the Friendly Help is carried on by volunteer workers. Our rooms are kept open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 12 to 2 a. m., attended by different ladies of the association, consequently all donations are given direct to the poor, and nothing sent to administration.

We have to report, with deep regret, the resignation, owing to her return to England, of our president, Miss Perrin, in June last, who has been indefatigable in the work since its inception, one who has endeavored herself to aid her fellow-workers who was always at her post ready and willing to assist one and all in carrying on any good work; a leader in every sense of the word. We miss her energetic presence, but we know and feel that she still takes an undying interest in the work.

Our first vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Grant, has since filled the president's chair with satisfaction to all, the work going on under her direction with efficiency and dispatch. The regular monthly meetings of the society have been held as usual, the district visitors reporting any needy cases that they have found in their round of visits, or have been otherwise brought to their notice.

Three hundred and eighty-nine applicants have been assisted during the year, 152 with groceries, 173 with clothing, 6 with milk daily and 96 with fuel, besides several with household furnishings, and many with other necessities. The regular monthly meetings of the society have been held as usual, the district visitors reporting any needy cases that they have found in their round of visits, or have been otherwise brought to their notice.

The Christmas donations were under the able direction of Mrs. McKelving, assisted by Mrs. Gould and the members of the association. More than 100 families were well supplied with Christmas groceries, roast beef, new clothing, and in some cases toys and books. The generous donations of the children of our city schools helped very materially to fill these boxes. The thanks of the association are extended to the schools and the kind friends who had their donations sent to the rooms free of charge, to the press for notices and reports of meetings, etc., to the Home Nursing Society for sending their trained nurses to assist those in need so promptly, to the city and subscribers old and new for generous subscriptions, and to all those who have kindly contributed clothing, both old and new, as well as household furnishings; to Mrs. Baker, our first president, for kindly greetings and a calendar to remind us daily of her thought for us in our work.

We are pleased to welcome during the year Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Clarence Cox, Miss Blackwood and Mrs. Cooper, new workers for the society. We are much indebted to our treasurer, Miss M. B. Lawson, for the good work she has so nobly done during the last ten years.

E. R. MCGREGOR, Sec. Secy.

The treasurer, Mrs. Lawson, reported: Receipts.

Cash on hand 1st March, 1904	7 20
Cash, contributions of Victoria 500 00	
Cash, part legacy estate H. Brackman	114 80
Cash, interest savings bank, H. Brackman	4 50
Cash for goods sold	6 75
	\$633 25

Cards.

Cash per Miss M. B. Lawson	13 30
Cash per Mrs. Gill	9 50
Cash per Mrs. B. Willis	7 20
Cash per Miss E. Andrews	7 20
Cash per Mr. McNaughton	1 00
	\$38 40

Donations.

Messrs. Hiram Walker & Co.	20 00
C. F. Todd	41 00
W. F. P.	17 00
The Hon. Mr. Justice Drake	15 00
The Hon. Senator McDonald	10 00
W. Grant	10 00
J. Dunsmuir	10 00
A. J. C. Galletly	10 00
Messrs. B. Ward & Co.	5 00
U. Z. Parsonson	5 00
Mrs. Gould	5 00
Mr. McTavish	5 00
Miss Leston	5 00
Columbia	5 00
Mr. Pearce	5 00
Mr. Cooper	5 00
T. S. Gore	5 00

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Miss Newcombe	5 00
The late W. Denny	3 00
Miss Crease	3 00
Mrs. Helsterman	3 00
Mrs. Scott	3 00
Mrs. Gillette	2 50
Mrs. H. Kent	2 50
Mrs. Smith	2 00
Albert and Miriam Smith	2 00
Mrs. M. E. Moore	2 00
Mrs. M. B. Sargison	2 00
Mrs. Solly	1 50
A Friend	1 00
Mrs. Hall	1 00
Mrs. Pierce	1 00
Mrs. Gaudin	1 00
Mrs. G. Powell	1 00
Mrs. Elworthy	1 00
Mrs. Rykert	1 00
Mrs. MacRae	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Mrs. Solly	1 00
Boys' School	3 00
Kingston Street School	2 00
Girls' School	1 50
High School	1 00
Spring Ridge School	1 00
Mrs. Durich	25
Total	\$907 50

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Notice is hereby given that thirty days from this I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for special licenses to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Frederick Arm: No. 1. Commencing at a post near the shore, on the east bank, about 80 chains south of entrance to Estero Basin, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, No. 2. Commencing at a post near the shore, on the east bank, about 80 chains south of entrance to Estero Basin, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, No. 3. Commencing at the S. W. corner of the No. 2 claim, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains.

THE NEW HALIBUT FISHING INDUSTRY

The British Pacific Fishing & Canning Company Will Begin Operations Within Few Weeks.

The prospects of the British Pacific Fishing & Canning Company, Ltd., has been issued. The capital is \$200,000, divided into 200,000 shares of \$1 each. Col. Prior is president; E. S. Eaton, secretary, and C. W. D. Clifford, Wm. F. Best and W. W. Duncan are directors. The company expect to start the new industry in about four weeks. A station will be opened near Port Simpson, and three men will be sent up from here to make preliminary arrangements.

The company intend to construct a wharf and the necessary bridges as business requires. During the coming year it will operate ten boats, one of which has already been acquired. Ultimately a steamer will be purchased, and for this reason the capital of the company has been placed at the figure mentioned in order to cover expenses of this kind.

Capt. Johnston, who has been identified with the fishing business at Gloucester, will have charge of the shipping of the halibut. In the eastern states there is a market for all the salted fish the company can furnish. For the poorer quality there is an immense market in Japan, that country having in 1900 imported over a billion dollars' worth.

The prospects of the company is given in full in another column.

CONFLICT PROBABLE. No Agreement Reached Regarding Military Reforms in Hungary.

Vienna, March 7.—Judging by reports received from Budapest a conflict between the crown and the Hungarian nations appears possible and even probable. The contending interests cannot agree on the matter of military reforms, and particularly on the question of the Hungarian language in the Hungarian army as the language of commands. It is declared that this reform must be instituted, and the Emperor holds that it is impossible. Neither side shows signs of weakening, and the question is more pregnant of danger than ever before.

MANY INJURED. Passenger Coach Fell From Elevated Road to Granite Pavement Beneath.

Chicago, March 7.—Overturning elevated in the air on the Lake street high road to-day, a passenger coach with 80 persons aboard escaped being dashed to the granite pavement below. One woman was pinned on the tracks with a few inches of the deadly electric third rail, and though finally extricated alive, she is fatally injured. Forty other passengers were injured, but not seriously.

KIDNEY SEARCH LIGHTS.—Have you backache? Do you feel drowsy? Do your limbs feel heavy? Have you pain in the loins? Have you dizziness? Have you a tired dragging feeling in the regions of the kidneys? Any and all of these indicate kidney troubles. South American Kidney Cure is a liquid kidney specific and works wonderful cures in most complicated cases.

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RUSSIAN CAPTURE WITH

St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, the outcome of the of the fate of Gen. army.

The most important Russian source Press information ready have reached pass is twelve miles well westward of of retreat. It is in Russians are able of Fu pass, Gen. and perhaps additional off and have to the mountains which are reported to be racing toward

BATTLE LINE

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Mukden, March 7.—The fire is now in vicinity of the against the Japanese national troops are a contingency.

The narrow strip is literally covered by a concentration of the hospitals here a plan formulated for the day's fight apprehending the selves rushing north.

Preceding the heavy firing, which ended south front, audible at Mukden night and increased approach the we to be impossible to return the Russians position, but is upon the extension northward and up.

The evacuation involves several hundred square battle and fires along the line, and longer hospitals here the service continuing.

Only sunlight against weather here supports and rescue to dig down and plain and lie wide to escape the shrapnel broadest for fifty

Warsaw, March 7.—The strike of house servants here suddenly collapsed to-day. This is attributed to the action of the police, who have severely whipped domestics, and the others fearing similar treatment gave up the struggle.

Servants Whipped.

Binger Hermann, member of Congress from Oregon, and former commissioner of the general land office, was on Friday indicted by the federal grand jury at Washington, D. C., on the charge of destroying public records.