

Railroad in a Year

Mr. Bodwell Says His Company Will Operate Chilliwack Road in 1900.

The Craigflower Road Again—Police Magistrate Wants Salary Increased.

E. V. Bodwell, of the firm of Bodwell & Duff, last night submitted to the council of the city in general outline the scheme which his clients have for building a railroad from the city to the Mainland with connecting ferry. The promoters, according to his statement, are Victoria people, with interests identical with those of the city, and are in every way prepared to carry out their project. They ask for a bonus of \$40,000 annually for a period of 20 years.

In submitting his proposals, Mr. Bodwell admitted that he thought it better for the city to take stock, but the ratepayers seemed disinclined to do so. His people were willing to take the matter up and, if possible, carry it through. If the rules of the House could be suspended and the necessary legislation secured, he saw no reason why the road could not be in operation by the end of 1900.

Ald. Williams wanted to know if the company would put up a deposit of say \$50,000. Mr. Bodwell replied that he presumed his company would be willing to undertake the work under the usual conditions.

Continuing, he said his people were perfectly sincere, and if the grant were made by the city there would be no fooling with the proposal, but an honest attempt to carry through the scheme.

What Ald. Yates and Ald. Stewart wanted to know was whether the company would be willing to assume the city's share of the guarantee of \$9,000 on the V. & S. To this Mr. Bodwell replied in the negative.

Mr. Renouf said that he thought if the council was prepared to give aid to a company that a subsidy was preferable to a guarantee, for his experience of the latter was that you always had to pay it.

The mayor said there was a certain attractiveness about a guarantee over a subsidy, as people all hoped that they wouldn't have to pay it. (Laughter.)

Ald. Cooley doubted very much if the ratepayers would endorse a bonus of \$40,000 a year, with the additional guarantee of \$9,000 to meet on the V. & S. They might consider that bonus if the \$9,000 were included in it.

A number of the aldermen expressed the view that the original offer of Bodwell & Duff included the \$9,000 guarantee.

The mayor thought that if the two schemes were placed before the city he was afraid that the offer of Tupper, Peters & Petts would commend itself as the more reasonable of the two.

Mr. Bodwell promised to consult his clients, but he doubted very much if the company would entertain the matter of the \$9,000 guarantee.

The conference being concluded, Mr. Bodwell withdrew and the council went into regular session.

The first communication was from the secretary of the school board, giving a detailed estimate of the yearly ordinary expenditure and also for extraordinary expenses for the year. These were for ordinary expenses, \$53,200; and for extraordinary expenditure (exclusive of a High school), \$40,000.

Ald. Stewart moved that the request be laid on the table awaiting the preparation of the estimates, while Ald. Cameron thought it better to send it to the auditor for review.

His worship explained that the law was such that it was not competent for the city council to question the ordinary expenses, but they could so in regard to extraordinary expenses.

Ald. Yates suggested that the school board be asked to assist the council in keeping down expenses by reducing their estimate, and to that end he suggested a conference with the board. These estimates were creeping up every year.

Ald. Beckwith was skeptical about the effectiveness of such a conference, as the board knew that the council was bound to pay what they asked.

The mayor remarked that unfortunately the ratepayers didn't realize this fact during election, nor that they were one of the largest spending bodies in the city. They were then elected, without pledges, and an oversight that might some day be remedied when the estimates had crept up to \$76,000.

Wm. M. Brewer, who has been appointed manager for the New York Mining and Engineering Journal, asked the council to advertise in that publication. The communication was laid on the table.

The city engineer reported as follows: I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following: Communication from Horace J. Knoff re condition of the north end of Harrison street. I have examined the locality in question, and find some settlement has taken place over the box drain constructed last year. The matter will receive attention at our earliest convenience.

Communication from D. Bantfield re opening of Young street: I may say the matter will receive attention immediately, when funds are available.

Re rock blasting: I would respectfully recommend that an appropriation be made of \$500 for rock blasting on Upper Johnson street.

Communication from Messrs. Fell & Gregory re Rock Bay bridge: Herewith you will find a copy of special committee's report of January 12, 1900, wherein is stated the improvements are to be carried out with the exception of the two spans at the old swing, which is the only place I consider navigation might be interfered with. We are at present simply improving the pile portion of the said bridge, but it is not the intention to do anything to the locality where the old swing is situated,

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We are informed by the city engineer that the work proposed to be done will not affect either the swing of the bridge or the navigation, and therefore we would suggest that Messrs. Fell & Gregory be informed that no interference whatever or work upon the swing of the bridge has been done, and that it is not the intention of the Dominion government authorities to sanction their doing so.

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Needs of Similkameen

Princeton Delegates Enthusiastic Over the Future of That Rich District.

The Government Asked to Build a Wagon Road From Hope.

Messrs. A. E. Howard and James Anderson, the Princeton delegates now in this city, have arranged for an interview with the provincial government to-morrow morning. Representatives from the boards of trade of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, and Mr. Smith Curtis, secretary of the Sunset Copper Company, will support their request with regard to roads and bridges where the Similkameen district may be rendered easily accessible for mining and trading purposes.

The delegates ask for a commodious school house at Princeton, where population is rapidly increasing. The townsite owners long since sold all the lots on the business street, and have sold a goodly number of residential lots.

The removal of the mining recorder's office from Granite Creek to Princeton was also asked for, because the latter is the mining and trading centre of the whole district, and headquarters for prospectors and mining men, and therefore the removal will be a great convenience to the most interested.

The delegates request that a bridge be built at Princeton across the Similkameen river, to connect with the wagon road to Copper Mountain, that the wagon road from Princeton to Kereomes be completed, and that the Hope-Princeton wagon road be repaired and completed.

Mr. Howe is a merchant, having two large general stores, one at Nicola and the other at Princeton, and is therefore well posted on the resources, requirements and progress of the district, and able to give a sound opinion as to its future. He is very enthusiastic about the district, whose mineral wealth is not surpassed by any other in the whole province. Roughly speaking, it is fifty miles square, and covers a large part of the Coast cities than Roseland is to Spokane, for want of thirty or forty miles of good wagon road over the Cascade range, its rich lode claims, some of them like the Sunset and Copper Mountain strikes some 2000 feet deep, and the streams can be made to yield handsome profits. Coal in abundance is found at Princeton and is of good quality, and some of it is said to make a fair coke.

If it will play an important part when smelters are erected, as they will be, to treat the enormous deposits of copper ore shown on Copper and Kennedy mountains, which is 12 miles south of Princeton, on opposite sides of Similkameen river. Copper ore is also found away to the north (at Doodie) to the boundary line on the south, and to the west. Rich silver-bearing galena is found at the summit of Hope Mountain, and gold and silver lodes are frequent. There was a great increase in the number of prospectors last year, and this year will see a big rush to that district.

A great deal of the territory is still practically unprospected, but the Kootenay prospectors have begun to stream in. Rosland, 250 miles away, being well represented, while the Coast is not in at all.

The delegates instance Copper Mountain, and state that it alone has to-day a bigger showing than Rosland had in 1894 and that it is destined to rapidly outstrip that mining centre. They have brought a lot of samples, and one from the famous Sunset mine on Copper Mountain, and intend to give one to each of the members of the House.

Mr. Anderson says he took averages at the 85ft. level, and got from 14 per cent. to 20 per cent. copper, besides \$3 to \$12 in gold and silver, giving a smelter value of about \$35, or double that of Rosland ore. The values are still increasing with depth. The shaft is 102 ft. 8 in. all in solid ore, and at the 100 ft. level is being cut by a vein of gold. The thickness of the shaft is not known, but the surface mineralization has an average width of over 600 feet. Three shifts are now at work. There is a steam plant capable of hoisting and pumping from a depth of 500 feet. For the depth attained, it is claimed that the Sunset has no equal in the province. Several other properties on the mountain show good shipping ore, and there is every reason to believe that there will be a number of rich mines on Copper Mountain and bigger than any yet opened in the province. Kennedy Mountain is also showing plenty of copper ore, so also is Friday Creek, both being on the opposite side of the river from Copper Mountain.

Phenomenal growth is assured, but it will be retarded for a time, in the opinion of the delegates, unless the government realizes the district's stupendous possibilities and immediately provides reasonable means of access, and if the Coast cities will do what Spokane did for a week, as it arrives at Princeton in the evening, and starts back the next morning. A good part of the rapidly increasing trade of the district is done from the East, all goods coming in via Spence's Bridge.

The proposal of the delegates and Coast boards of trade is that a through wagon road from Hope Landing, on the Fraser river, to Princeton be completed. The distance is 66 miles, and 25 miles from the landing to the summit, and

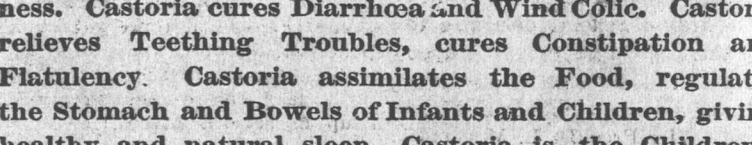
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Transport Arrangements

Negotiations Being Carried on to Secure Space for the B. C. Contingent.

So Wired the Minister of Militia to Premier Selmin This Morning.

Although the loyal citizens of British Columbia are very optimistic regarding the disposition of the provincial offer of a separate contingent for service in South Africa, it certainly can not be said that any official notification of acceptance has been received. Consequently the dispatch published in the morning paper to the effect that Premier Selmin had received notification of the acceptance of the province's offer is rather misleading, as the following self-explanatory telegram received this morning, demonstrates:

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 30, 1900.
Hon. C. A. Selmin, Victoria:
I had hoped for extra space on the Strathcona transport to accommodate the British Columbia contingent, but none is available. I am negotiating elsewhere and expect an early reply.
F. W. BORDEN.

By this it is apparent that the prime difficulty is in connection with the transportation, and the overcoming of this obstacle would likely mean the enrollment of men immediately. Should a satisfactory arrangement be made in the matter, recruiting stations will probably be established throughout the province, and it goes without saying that those in charge will be kept constantly busy in dealing with the applications. The tone of provincial sentiment has been pitched by Victoria in her individual offer, and there is no doubt that from this province will go, in the event of all difficulty being obviated, a contingent of men, equal to any contributed by the loyal colonies of the Empire.

There is a possibility in this case of the government instituting a central recruiting station which would constitute a sort of nucleus or headquarters. The Westminster fair committee, it is understood, have offered their grounds for the purpose, and it is within the realm of possibility of a similar arrangement being effected in Victoria.

All that is wanted now is the magic information from the authorities that all obstacles in the way of transportation arrangements have been surmounted, and this province will again contribute her representative contingent of men armed with the loftiest desire—to fight for the old flag.

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THEY GOWNED THEIR PASTOR.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, with a large attendance of members and adherents, was held last evening, the pastor, Rev. D. MacRae, presiding. Reports and financial statements of receipts and expenditures were submitted and cordially adopted from the session board of managers, Sabbath school, Ladies' Aid, and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, all indicating a year of gratifying progress in every department of the church's work. Besides meeting current expenses with small balance in favor of each branch of the church's work, and the expenditure of \$160 in repairs and improvements, \$400 have been raised towards the debt upon the church building.

The retiring members of the board of managers, Messrs. A. C. Muir, W. D. Mackintosh and D. Fraser, were re-appointed.

An incident of interest in connection with the meeting was the presentation to the pastor of a pulpit gown by the office-bearers of the congregation.

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