

### CIVIC WORKMEN ASK CHANGES WEEKLY PAY-DAY IS SOUGHT BY THEM

#### Difficulties Pointed Out in Arranging It—Other Matters Brought Before Council.

The city council met a deputation of property-owners from Belmont avenue Monday night just before its meeting. The straightening of that thoroughfare between Gladstone and Mill street will cost much more than the permanent work asked for by the owners would cost, and council wanted the opinion of the owners before going further.

After discussion the deputation withdrew for conference and subsequently submitted, through Ald. Gleason, their views. They ask that the city should secure title to the street from the freeholders and procure an agreement from owners to purchase the strips of land which would be thrown back on the east side when the street is straightened, and that the city engineer be asked to prepare an estimate of the proposed work for the street as it exists and as it should be if straightened. They are almost if not quite unanimous in desiring to have the straight street if it will not cost too much and in any case they asked the council to proceed with the work at once.

The city assessor and the city solicitor will continue with the work of securing title and the engineer will prepare the estimates.

#### A Wash-house Inquiry.

Early in the evening the council went into committee of the whole in order to conduct the inquiry into the sanitary condition of the houses on motion of Ald. McKee. It was decided to take up first the case of L. J. Quagliotto's building on Store street, adjoining the E. & N. railway station premises.

R. Lowe, for the owner, asked for an adjournment for a week, to enable him to submit to the building inspector a plan of what he proposed to do to improve the building. Mr. Lowe said he was informed that his client had repeatedly tried to obtain a notification as to what the sanitary authority required but had been unable to get it. A plan was now ready for alteration of the building in such a way as was expected to meet with the approval of the sanitary inspector and building inspector.

In the matter of the wash-house at the corner of Quadra and Fort streets a notification is to be sent to the owner, Dr. Morrison, before anything further is done. Sanitary Inspector Lancaster stated that it was not practicable in this latter case to order a man to move his building back to the city line when he had not five feet of space to spare, nor to move it ten feet from a boundary fence.

#### Civic Workmen's Payday.

A discussion on the method of paying civic workmen was precipitated by the reading of a letter from the secretary of the Victoria Laborers' Protective union. The following resolution passed at a meeting held on Friday night was enclosed: "That the civic employees instruct the secretary to write the city council asking it to restore the fifth and the nineteenth of each month, respectively, as the regular pay-days." Another resolution passed on the same occasion requested the council to take a referendum vote at next municipal elections on a weekly instead of a semi-monthly payday. In regard to the latter the secretary wrote that in conversation with an alderman since he had learned of a system of weekly pay in operation in a large city and thought that if the workmen had known that the introduction of such a system was practicable they would not have asked for a referendum.

Mayor Hall suggested that the council should call for applications for the office of paymaster, to commence duties at the first of the year. The staff was so large that it took a great deal of time to make up the time. Other cities had a regular paymaster, which relieved the treasurer and the engineer's departments of this work. Even with the change which had been made in the pay-days the treasurer would have to have more assistance at the first of the year.

Ald. Hall objected to appointing a new official. Ald. Cameron suggested that if the point with the men was to get money around the first of the month they could be paid about the 28th or 29th. He thought it would be better to make no new appointments, however, in view of the need for an early reorganization and systematizing of the whole civic service.

The aldermen all showed a disposition to meet the wishes of the men as far as possible, but it was pointed out that it takes four or five days to prepare the pay lists, and that as the pay is calculated to the end and middle of the month it is several days later before the men can be paid. It was finally decided to refer the matter to the finance committee, and advise the laborers' union that the committee would consider whether the request could be granted.

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#### REVIEWS EVENTS IN ANGLICAN CHURCH Suggests Steps to Celebrate Jubilee of Diocese Next Year.

In spite of the heavy downpour of rain there was a large attendance at the annual cathedral Monday evening to hear Bishop Perrin's address to the synod of the diocese over which he presides. The address was a masterly review of the events in the Anglican church during the past year and touched a high note of enthusiasm and advance.

The evening service was conducted by Canon Bevan and the scriptures were read by Archdeacon Scriven. The choir of the cathedral led the musical service in their usual pleasant manner and the preparatory prayers of the audience in the right frame of mind to enjoy the address.

Pan-Anglican Congress. His Lordship began his address by a happy reference to the Pan-Anglican Congress which met in London last summer and spoke of its wonderful influence upon the life of the church and indeed of the world. The daily papers gave excellent reports of the meetings and the bishop quoted an authority as saying: "Every London was moved by the splendid work of the Pan-Anglican Congress which closed the congress, was referred to as the greatest work of the century contributed by this diocese to that of the world."

The splendid work of the Columbia Coast Mission under the superintendence of Rev. J. Antle was spoken of and the needs of the missions impressed upon the synod.

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Furthermore, the Emperor adopted the proposals made by the Prince concerning the future conduct of state affairs. The result is believed to have ameliorated the serious internal situation in Germany for the past fortnight.

This meeting, which was watched by the entire German people with profound interest, is an outcome of the much-discussed "interview" with an Englishman published in the London Daily Telegraph on October 28th, in which the Emperor was credited with a frank statement of the world policy of the German empire; and also with being friendly to Great Britain. The publication was followed by a furious outbreak in Germany against his Majesty. He was severely criticized in the German press and in the Reichstag for his "indiscretion," and his assumption of the prerogative of unwarranted interference in the state affairs of the nation.

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### PLAN TO GET SHRUBB AND LONGBOAT OUT WEST

#### Vancouver Committee Now Arranging for Big Race.

There is good prospect that Shrub, Longboat and other distance runners of renown will be seen in races in Vancouver. A committee of Terminal City gentlemen are entering into negotiations and the scheme of touring all the big cities of Canada, including Vancouver, has already been taken up by Tom Longboat's backers.

The Times has reported that a committee of three has been formed to take care of the money the Indian may make in his professional career. The trustees being Rev. J. D. Morrow, Mr. J. D. Ward, and Mr. Little of the Montreal Star. His first race will be with Dorado at Madison Square Gardens on November 25th, and he will be matched against Hayes and Shrub in a series of races which will be held throughout the Dominion. Another runner the Vancouver committee say they will want to see in the race which it happens is Julio Wada, the Japanese who has been picking up considerable money in the north at his racing and gold digging. He is the northern champion at 1, 25, 35 and 60 miles, and he is better at the longer distances than the short ones.

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#### English Writer Gives Impressions of Trip Over Grand "Trunk Pacific."

B. B. Osborne, who has been making a tour of the Dominion as special commissioner for Canada, the Illustrated London Weekly, and is a regular contributor to the London Times and other English and American journals, has returned to Winnipeg from a journey over the Winnipeg-Wainwright section of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. Mr. Osborne, who spent a few days in this city recently, gave the following account of his experiences as a Free Press representative.

"Canadian people seem to have been 'knocking' the G. T. P. for political purposes, I should say, speaking from the standpoint of a strictly disinterested observer of Canadian politics, that this was a mistake in tactics, and any rate it was bound to be resented by the settlers along the 666 miles of recently-opened line and also by all those—the vast majority of the people living on the prairies—who want to see the factor of competition introduced into railway business. Western Canada has long required a second transcontinental railway. The way has grown too big to be held by the ball-and-chain of a single through line with the setting sun at the end of it.

#### REVENUE SMALL FROM ISOLATION HOSPITAL

#### Board of Health Will Inquire Into Whole Matter Next Tuesday.

It is the opinion of all the aldermen that the work