

PUBLIC MEETING ENDORSED SCHEME RESOLUTION PASSED IN FAVOR OF ROAD

Features of Proposed Railway for Vancouver Island Explained to Citizens on Monday.

The citizens of Victoria, at a largely attended meeting held in the board of trade buildings on Monday, heartily endorsed the Island railway scheme.

In introducing Mr. Cain, President Todd referred to the importance of having a line of communication throughout Vancouver Island.

Mr. Cain was greeted with loud applause upon rising to speak. He referred to the fact that he had lived at Port Angeles for years, and therefore knew the disadvantages of being isolated.

Outlining it as laid before Premier McBride, he said that it meant the building of a line of railway throughout Vancouver Island with a spur to Quatsino.

He outlined the proposal as to completing the work in two years' time. The financial aid asked was also explained, as given in the Times previously.

He had endeavored to evolve a scheme fair to all parties concerned—the province of British Columbia and the United States.

Mr. McDowell explained that he had been associated with Mr. Cain and those connected with this scheme in solving the financial end of it. This was a business proposition.

The chairman stated that Mr. Galletly's letter was to the effect that he had received a communication from their New York office stating that certain parties had been introduced to his bank there who were of good financial standing.

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AN INVESTIGATION IS UNNECESSARY EX-MAYOR ACTED IN INTEREST OF CITY

Council Passes Resolution to That Effect—Strictures in Police Court Uncalled For.

That the letter of Mr. A. G. McCandless be received and filed and that the council cannot see its way to the granting of the inquiry into the question of the issuing of Chinese liquor licenses on the ground that the same is unnecessary.

This resolution was moved by Ald. Stewart, seconded by Ald. Goadacre, and unanimously passed at Monday's meeting of the city council.

The returning officer reported the results of the recent voting on by-laws. Received and filed.

Mayor Barnard reported the execution of a copy of a report of a committee of the honorable the executive council, approved by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor on the 12th of April, 1904.

The committee of council also prepared and presented would be of the greatest importance to the Island.

Resolved, That this meeting of citizens of Victoria do hereby endorse the undertaking of the Cowichan, Alberni & Port Rupert railway, and urges upon the provincial government the necessity of giving the aid asked for by the company.

The meeting then adjourned.

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FAREWELL CONCERT TO LOCAL MUSICIANS

Tendered Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Barnett in Institute Hall Tuesday Evenng.

Fellow musicians out of high regard for two of their number leaving for Vancouver to there take up their residence, and in recognition of a generosity and worth always displayed, on Tuesday tendered Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Barnett a most successful farewell concert.

The programme was somewhat lengthy. It included the principal talent in the city, and was carried out pretty much as announced.

Opening the second portion of the programme was one of the greatest treats of the evening. It was a piano selection by E. T. Watkins, which for shading and technique was a gem.

The city engineer reported on the cost of laying permanent sidewalks on Fort, Mezieux streets and Birdcage Walk.

The water commissioner reported that the estimated cost of replacing the two-inch pipe on Stanley avenue with a four-inch one was \$75.

His Worship the Mayor and the council for the city contained that the powers of the board under section 231 of the "Municipal Act" (chapter 140) of the B. C. Act, 1897, were limited to "fixing the remuneration of the police," subject to an appeal to the Lieutenant-Governor in council.

The committee, then, in the exercise of an appellate duty are bound to look at the other sections of the act in order to ascertain the intention of the legislature, and to apply the information thus gained to the construction of the doubtful section.

It would appear, then, that the intention of the legislature was to place the control of the police in the hands of the board.

NEW YORK JOCKEY CLUB. New York, April 20.—At a meeting of the stewards of the jockey club last night, August Belmont, James R. Keene and P. P. Hittcock were appointed stewards for the spring meeting of the Westchester Racing Association, and Mr. Mars Cassidy was recommended to be elected president of the Jockey Club as starter at their spring meeting.

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London, April 22.—The respondent, the Daily Times, that Port Arthur undoubtedly blocked and that... Viceroy Sends a Report On... Text of Dispatch to the... Newchwang Bombar... confirmed... Japs Execut... St. Petersburg, April... peror has received the... gram from General Kou... "I respectfully report... justify that the... Suvorov, Mukota and Gis... arrested near the stati... Kha. In their posses... three cases of dynamite... wrecking, cylinder... one and a half pounds of... maps of Manchuria, and... and a number of notes... "A court-martial he... April 20th, found them... long to the Japanese... against the bases, and in... cess for their army... damaging telegraph and... munication by means of... for the purpose, their... they were secretly into... "The officers were de... deprived of their... and in a... "I confirmed the sent... of the officers' rank co... be refused their I... "I refused their I... their lives, and they v... 6 o'clock on the evening... To Prey on Cr... St. Petersburg, April... ality, it is announced... by the Japanese navy... which were formerly in... service, together w... ships of the volunteer... vided for the purpose... to prey upon Japanese... admiralty believes that... can prevent the resump... of the Japanese navy... strike a hard blow ag... of maintaining her p... prosecution of the wa... The Baltic... St. Petersburg, April... the Baltic fleet here... be in commission next... reserves for the night... arriving for distribu... All hope is given u... of the body of Vice-... It has, however, be... turned ship. The off... eighty as the number... from the Petropolys... The Chemist... Washington, April... mail from Capt. Mar... with the Vicksburg, giv... the engagement at Ch... the Japanese and Ru... on February 9th, was... lowing account of... Capt. Marshall say... Koreitz, however, mo... a m. Captain Mars... lowing account of... 11.50 a. m. was heard... first gun fired by the... From then on, until... the last shot was fired... the engagement conti... "This statement is... own observations, a... m. about 12.30 p. m... was headed for some... at full speed, and... it was seen that the... to port and appeared... on which the... Captain Marshall say... ing there were a num... board the Variag, he... cept aboard for some... when it was reported... was sinking, two of t... whiteboats, with boat... off whaling them abo... Elba. Two Russian... were taken on board... ceased for some tim... Captain Marshall fer... to have the Z...