

URGED TO BUILD ROCK BAY BRIDGE

DELEGATION WAITS UPON CITY COUNCIL

Corporation Barrister Makes His Report Relative to Expenditure on Heywood Ave. Sidewalk.

Before the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening a deputation from the board of trade waited upon the Mayor and aldermen requesting an answer with respect to the building of Rock Bay bridge. President Pitts, Secretary Elworthy, Lindley Crease, Simon Leiser, James Muirhead, Capt. Grant and others were present as members of the delegation.

The committee expressed a fear that the bridge would not be built. The council assured the delegation that it had not given up its intention of building the bridge. There were points connected with the scheme, however, which required careful consideration before proceeding.

There was a question as to the city's right to construct the bridge without the permission of the Dominion government.

The meeting of the council was given largely to routine work. A letter from the city barrister upheld the contention of J. S. Helmcken that the Heywood avenue sidewalk could not be constructed upon the local improvement plan.

The postmaster-general wrote informing the council that a telephone committee had been appointed to inquire into the subject, and asking for information of various kinds and recommendations from the council on the subject.

Ald. Stewart did not think the city council could give any information in question as to the building of the Heywood avenue sidewalk.

The collector thought it well to acquaint the minister with the fact that the city council had placed itself on record in favor of public ownership of telephones in connection with the Fernie railway.

The motion of Ald. Stewart carried. The deputy minister of marine and fisheries wrote with respect to the fisheries on Rock Bay, asking a series of questions in relation to the status of property on the bay.

This was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The school trustees forwarded the resolution passed at the last meeting relative to and protesting against the reduction of the appropriation for school purposes.

Ald. Oddy moved in favor of acquainting the school board with the fact that no change could be made.

Ald. Fullerton said that as he understood it this same question had come up at a previous time and the council got the worst of it. There was no use going against the trustees if that was the case.

Ald. Hall said the cases were entirely different.

The motion of Ald. Oddy was carried. The board of trade wrote forwarding a resolution relative to the reported increase in insurance rates.

Ald. Oddy moved that the board of trade be informed that the council was in favor of a full-paid fire department, and that there should be an allowance in rates of insurance if the paid fire department were organized.

Ald. Hanna said that as he understood it the board of trade doubted whether this reduction was to be made even if a full-paid department were in force.

Ald. Hall moved in favor of referring this question to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The board of trade committee from the board of trade could then be heard before that committee. He believed it was likely that the rates would be reduced, but it was wise to have the fullest information.

Ald. Hanna's amendment to refer the question to the streets, bridges and sewers committee and hear the committee from the board of trade carried.

The Melrose Company asked for a wooden crossing into their property on Broad street, and that the cement sidewalk should be removed now to facilitate the architect's work.

Chas. Stevens, mayor of Kamloops, wrote advising the organization of the various municipalities for protective purposes in connection with legislative matters.

His Worship thought it would be a good thing.

On motion of Ald. Hanna it was decided to acquaint the writer with the fact that the council favored the proposition.

ments unless authorized by statute, and a grant of power to levy assessments for roads or streets does not carry power to assess for such purpose. The right to levy assessments being purely of statutory creation, it necessarily follows that where a statute provides only for the improvement of streets, alleys and highways, etc., no other public grounds can be improved at the expense of the property owners.

It is to be noted that in the province of Ontario a special section has been introduced into the Municipal Act for the purpose of enabling municipal corporations to make assessments of the character proposed here. A similar section, however, does not appear in the British Columbia Municipal Clauses Act.

The corporation has the power to abate the roadway in question and convert the land into flower gardens, or to construct buildings thereon for the "use," and to fence along the division line between the private property and the park.

The corporation also possesses the power to restrict public entrance to the park to specific points. Under these powers, it seems to me that the remedy is very much in the hands of the corporation.

The city solicitor wrote forwarding a form of agreement for granting occupants of boathouses a lease of property along Dallas road. It was agreed that the lease would be merely nominal.

The city solicitor was instructed to proceed in the matter.

The city solicitor also wrote forwarding an agreement in connection with the Ordinance property. It was decided to affix the corporation seal to the agreement.

It was decided to inform the petitioners following a larger main on Toronto street that this would have to stand over for another year.

The city veterinary surgeon, Dr. Hamilton, reported that there was no contagious disease among the horses in the city at present, and recommended the reopening of the water troughs.

It was decided to comply with the recommendation.

The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee was adopted. It was as follows:

Gentlemen—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee, having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to submit the following resolutions for adoption by the council, namely:

Resolved, That the sum of \$200 be voted for the purpose of assisting in defraying the expenses of the representatives from the city to Blaisy.

Resolved, That the Tourist Association be informed that upon a more minute examination by the city engineer into the conditions prevailing at the bay on the Dallas road, where it is proposed to erect a cafeteria and bath, the city engineer has found that the work will cost the sum of \$732 instead of his previous estimate of \$400, and that if the Tourist Association is willing to make up the difference, namely, \$332, the work will be proceeded with.

Resolved, That a box drain be laid down on Spring road, at an estimated cost of \$51.

Resolved, That sketch No. A of the proposed building for use as a home for the aged and infirm, as submitted by the architect appointed by the corporation, be approved, and the architect requested to furnish an elevation plan corresponding to same.

Resolved, That the purchasing agent be instructed to invite bids from local business firms for the work and articles of furniture and supplies recommended by the library commissioners, as necessary for the library building, in their report of the 29th ultimo.

Resolved, That the city solicitor be requested to report as to the terms and conditions upon which the Sayward Lumber Company is occupying Constance street and the foreshore of Rock Bay.

Resolved, That time limit given plumbing firms for disposal of their old stock of cast iron pipes before enforcement of the new regulations as to size of same, be extended 60 days.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

By Ladies' Committee of B. C. Protestant Orphanage—Meeting Monday.

The ladies' committee of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage held their regular meeting Monday afternoon, and transacted a considerable quantity of business. The minutes reported the receipt of the following donations for May, which were acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. Van Tassel, rhubarb; Weller Bros., sharpening axes, knives and scissors; Miss E. Gibson, picnic for five boys; Maggie Dee, papers and flowers; Dominion Bakery, 45 loaves of bread; Fernon Dancing Club, per Mr. Winch, sandwiches and cake; Mrs. W. Wilson, carpets and clothing; S. P. C. A., per Mr. Huggitt, magazines; Mr. Sangster, magazines; Mrs. Myers, 95 Toronto street, molasses and clothing; A. Friend, shoes, stockings, clothing; Mrs. Simard, per Dixie H. Ross, rhubarb; Mrs. McDermid, John street, sewing machine; provincial government, 40 young salmon; A. Friend, per R. Mowat, clothing; Mrs. Van Tassel, rhubarb; Mrs. S. G., carrots and clothing; Times and Colonist, daily papers.

The special committee having in charge the internal improvement of the home reported having incurred an additional debt of \$48 for extra linoleum, which was approved and ordered paid.

Two applications for adopting a boy and one for the services of a girl were referred to the special committee.

It was decided to hold the annual pound party at the home on Wednesday, June 28th, and a committee of the whole was appointed to arrange details.

Accounts amounting to \$115.28 were ordered to be paid.

Mrs. W. Scriver and Mrs. J. A. Van Tassel were appointed visitors for June. There were present at the meeting: Mrs. W. F. McCulloch in the chair; and Mesdames Bishop, Shakespeare, Higgins, Toller, Scott, Sprague, Huckle, Andrews, Hutchison, Munsee, Fell, MacTavish, Van Tassel, Wilson, Milne, Crow Baker, Todd, Beridge and Miss Aubin.

KING ALPHONSO

Opens Long Programme of Engagements—Received Ambassadors at Buckingham Palace.

London, June 8.—The King of Spain opened a long programme of engagements today with the reception of the diplomatic corps at Buckingham palace. All the ambassadors and ministers now in London with the staffs of the embassies and legations attended.

Subsequently King Alfonso, escorted by a detachment of Horse Guards, proceeded to attend the celebration of mass at the Roman Catholic cathedral at Westminster. There was some excitement on the way there caused by members of the escort being thrown owing to their horses slipping on the wet asphalt.

THE SPEAKER'S RESIGNATION.

The Premier and Leader of Opposition Express Regret.

London, June 8.—At this afternoon's session of the House of Commons, William Court Gully, official secretary of the resignation on the ground of ill-health of the Speaker, which he had held for a decade, Premier Balfour and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in their speeches of regret, after which the premier announced that to-morrow he would introduce a resolution praying the King to elevate Mr. Gully to the peerage, as he was unable to do so himself.

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PALE, FEEBLE GIRLS

A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY RESTS ON MOTHERS OF GROWING GIRLS.

A great and serious responsibility rests upon every mother whose daughter is passing the period of girlhood into womanhood. She is at a crisis, and she must be pale, sunken-eyed, languid and bloodless at the time.

There are also rumors to the effect that this will only be the first of the improvements started by the erection of the new Chancery Chambers.

NEW YORK-PORTLAND RACE.

Bad Roads Responsible for Slow Progress of the Automobiles.

North Platte, Neb., May 30.—"Any bad roads?" "Yes, every foot of the way." Such was the greeting and answer between James W. Abbott, of the office of public roads, inquiry, and Dwight B. Huse, driver of "Old Scout," the little seven-horsepower Oldsmobile, in the New York-Portland transcontinental race on his arrival here last night.

Mr. Abbott, who is succeeding the racers by train, getting their reports as a basis for an address before the National Good Roads Convention at Portland, June 21st, says that more rain has fallen in the section traversed by the racers during the past week than the whole average for May in any past year on record.

He says: "I never saw a worse rain than yesterday, but the weather bureau station promises clear weather from now on, as there are no more storms in sight."

Huss and Wigle in "Old Scout" have made very slow progress, yet are fully equipped for the race. They are driven by Megargue and Stanchfield, in "Old Steady," who were last heard from at Grand Island.

In telling of their run Huss says: "I don't think I will ever put in a more disagreeable time in my life. We left Overton yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock and had gone but three miles before we got stuck in a mud hole and to make matters worse commenced to rain very hard. We walked two miles and got some shovels and boards and succeeded in getting the machine out

NEW CHANCERY CHAMBERS OPENED

HANDSOME ADDITION TO CITY'S BUSINESS BLOCKS

Latest Structure Near Law Courts—Made to Harmonize with Surrounding Buildings.

Another splendid building has been added to the number which are designed to cater especially to the wants of the Victoria firms desiring modern and elegantly appointed offices, either single or en suite. This is the new Chancery Chambers in Langley street, next to the law courts, and very handsomely setting off the block by its location on the corner of the law courts, and at the other side of the law courts.

The Chancery Chambers building was designed by F. M. Rattenbury, who was also the designer of the law chambers. The block is built in accordance with the same general plan, and the exterior has been made to conform to a large extent with the outside appearance of the law chambers.

The outside of the chancery chambers is finished in native woods, hard pine, and the effect is exceedingly pleasing. At the first landing in the main staircase is a very fine window of leaded glass, after the baronial, or Elizabethan pattern, which gives a decorative touch to the exterior.

Every floor has its own series of lavatory accommodations, fitted up in the latest style with every modern improvement. In the basement is the furnace building, which is supplied to the whole building its hot water heating. The lighting is electric throughout.

On the first of June the new building was opened to the occupancy of tenants, and such well-known firms as Pooley, Luxton & Pooley, Fell & Gregory, Harold Grant, and Gore & McGregor, the latter being the owners of the building, entered into possession.

Messrs. Gore & McGregor occupy a suite of rooms on the top story, specially designed for their office work. The suite is pierced by a great cupola light, which sheds a flood of illumination on the draughting tables below, and so facilitates the work of the draughtsmen in an incalculable extent. It is expected that by the end of June the whole building will be in occupation.

The Chancery Chambers were erected upon the site of an old building, which formerly stood on the old Langley street, Langley street and Chancery lane. The improvement and transformation in the appearance of the locality may be marked without exaggeration.

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THE CHICAGO STRIKE.

Efforts Again Being Made to Settle Differences Between Teamsters and Employers.

Chicago, June 5.—Cornelius P. Sica, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and leader in the strike which has existed in Chicago for the last two months, and Hugh McGee, president of the Truck Drivers' Union, were arrested and taken to jail to-night, both men charged with conspiracy. They were later released on bail.

Negotiations looking toward a settlement of the teamsters' strike were recommenced to-night with some prospect of success. It is expected that the strike will be reached some time within 48 hours.

Attorney Mayer, for the employers' association, after the failure of the peace efforts of Saturday night, announced that all conferences were off and that he would have nothing more to do with the teamsters. To-day he was asked by members of the teamsters' joint council if he would not agree to meet a committee from the teamsters' joint council.

Subsequently the teamsters' joint council appeared at a committee with full power to meet Mr. Mayer. The conference probably will be held some time to-morrow.

Albert Young, formerly president of the International Teamsters' Union, for whom a warrant was issued, charging him with criminal libel in connection with assertions made that Robert J. Thorne, secretary of Montgomery, Ward & Co., had offered \$10,000 to have a strike declared against a rival house, was arrested to-day and gave bonds.

Members of the Chicago Team Owners' Association expressed confidence to-day that the meeting of the truck teamsters' local union to-morrow night would make it possible for teaming contractors to deliver to strike-affected houses.

WORKING FOR SETTLEMENT.

Renewed Efforts Being Made to End the Chicago Strike.

Chicago, Ills., June 6.—Teamsters and employers alike were waiting in suspense to-day for the action of the truck drivers to-night on the question of arbitration. If the demand of the Joint Team Owners' Association is met and the arbitration is in favor of the team owners, the result of the strike will be short-lived. If arbitration fails, 9,000 more teamsters will possibly strike, and the struggle will be indefinitely prolonged.

An attempt was made to-day by the latest peace committee of labor men to effect a settlement with the State street street, but nothing definite was accomplished. In view of the pending important meeting of the truck drivers there was little disposition to push matters.

TO VISIT WOO SENG.

Two Japanese Destroyers Will Make a Trip to Port.

Shanghai, June 6.—Two Japanese destroyers, the Murasame and Nasama, with Vice-Admiral Uriu's squadron, off Gutzlaff islands, are coming to Woo Seng to-day. They have promised to remain only 24 hours.

The Uganda railway does not touch Uganda, but runs through the East Africa Protectorate, a vast territory that offers a home for thousands of white men. Uganda, on the other hand, is not a white man's country at all.

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BRITANNIA MINES. Probability the Company's Business Here Will Show Rapid and Gratifying Increase.

In the brief announcement published in the Times on Monday to the effect that the Britannia Mining Company, Howe Sound and Vancouver, had purchased some very valuable property on Belleville street, for the purpose of erecting thereon a handsome pile of offices for the accommodation of their own rapidly increasing staff, and also for the offices of other firms, it was not tacitly stated that this meant a very important addition to the business of Victoria.

It is now learned that the Britannia Mining Company having concluded a contract with the Crofton smelter, will ship ore from the big properties on Howe Sound to Crofton, either direct or via Victoria, and that the amount of ore to be handled is likely to reach the total of one hundred tons a day. This large quantity may be handled at first, but it is expected that it will not take long to reach that figure, for the copiousness of the supply can be appreciated properly only by those who have been privileged to visit the Britannia mines.

The departure of this celebrated British Columbia mining company from Vancouver is causing a little uneasiness among the mining men of this city and elsewhere, but it is understood that the company did not get what it considered to be fair and reasonable treatment in Vancouver. It is considered certain that the Britannia Mining Company will largely increase its clerical staff here as a consequence of the development of the business with Crofton smelter.

Other important changes contemplated by the Britannia company are to be carried out at what is known as Britannia Landing on Howe Sound, of the water end of the splendid trail built some years ago by the first company. Those improvements will, it is understood, take the form of extensive buildings for the commencing of a large working staff required at the landing; sheds or bunkers for the temporary storage of the ore sent down from the mines, and shipping wharves on the latest plans.

As those who know the Britannia properties well, the ore is there in unlimited quantities, and it can be handled, owing to the easy natural gradient from the mines to the sea, very cheaply. Mining men in Victoria are only too pleased to learn that the famous Britannia is to become a regular contributor to the smelters of Vancouver Island, with headquarters in this city.

THE NEW EIGHTEEN-POUNDER QUICK FIRER

A Powerful Weapon With Which the Canadian Field Artillery Will Be Re-Armed.

London, May 24.—The new 18-pounder quick-firing gun, which the Canadian Field Artillery is to be re-armed, will be the same as the gun just approved for the Royal Field Artillery at home and abroad. It is a most powerful weapon, and certainly no continental army has got any gun like it. It is the direct outcome of Buller's repulse at Colenso, where our 15 pounders were outclassed and out-ranged by the Boer guns.

The most prominent feature of the 18-pounder is the quick-firing arrangement and the absence of recoil. To effect this the tube of the gun is not attached to the carriage, but is suspended from the "buffer chamber" by caliper grips, which permit it to run back about four feet, the recoil being taken up by powerful steel springs in the chamber, and in turn they run the gun forward again into the firing position without disturbing the "lay." The forward thrust is eased off by hydraulic cushions. The immense advantage of this is at once apparent, as under the old system the gun had to be re-aimed after every shot. There is no change whatever in the position of the carriage or its wheels after firing.

The sighting and laying arrangements are for the most accurate and speedy character. The gun has a calibre of 3.3 inch, the grooves are 18 in number and of uniform twist, the breech block is of the "swinging block" pattern, and its axis is about three feet above the ground. The projectile weighs 18½ lbs., and with the full charge of cordite has an effective range of 95,000 yards. It leaves the gun with an initial velocity of 1,610 feet per second, or two-thirds that of the Lee-Metford bullet. The absence of recoil enables the gunners, who in action are protected against musketry and shell splinters by steel shields, to fire 20 rounds per minute. The gun carriage weighs 23 cwt., 3 qrs., 3 lbs., making a total of 38½ cwt. behind the horses, exclusive of the gunners. The wagon and its limber hold 78 rounds, making a total of 100 rounds going into action.

Each battery of six 18 pounders is manned by 5 officers, 8 sergeants, 6 corporals, 9 bombardiers, 2 trumpeters, 9 artificers and 153 gunners and drivers. Total of all ranks, 192, with 163 horses.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Two Chicago Churches Destroyed—Loss Amounts to \$200,000.

Chicago, June 6.—During a thunder-storm here to-day three churches were struck by lightning and two of them completely destroyed. The storm was the worst of the season, and besides the churches several other buildings were struck and damaged. The total loss occasioned by the lightning is estimated at \$200,000. The two churches destroyed were the United church, in Oak Park, and Sacramento avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Sacramento street.

The North Englewood Congregational church, Fifty-ninth and Lasalle streets, was also struck, but the damage was slight. At the time the storm passed over the city the churches were empty, and no loss of life occurred.

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Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Lieutenant-Governor in council to sanction and cause the issue of a Letter Patent for the incorporation into a District Municipality that portion of the territory between the Cowichan, Shalwanigan and Quamichan (except only such portions thereof as form part of Indian reservations) within the boundaries as follows, viz.: To commence at the mouth of the main channel of Cowichan river at the boundary of the said District Municipality, following the said river in a westerly direction to the mouth of the said river, thence north along the line between Quamichan and Sahlman Districts, thence south three miles more or less to the boundary of Helmecken District, thence east five miles more or less on line between Quamichan and Helmecken Districts to boundary line between Helmecken and Shalwanigan Districts, thence east on line between Helmecken and Shalwanigan Districts four and a half miles or less to junction of said line and Koksilah river, thence north four miles or less following the windings of Koksilah river to section line of the northwest and fifteen, Shalwanigan District, thence south on said line six miles more or less to said west line of the said District Municipality, following shore about nine miles more or less up to point of commencement.

JOHN J. DOUGAN, R. H. FOREST, JOHN J. DOUGAN, R. H. FOREST, Cowichan Station, May 1st, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on the Coast District, Range 1, commencing at a stake at the northwest corner of Lot 191, marked W. D. McIntosh, all chains, thence south to the northern boundary of Lot 192, thence east 40 chains along the northern boundary of Lot 192, thence north 18 chains to place of commencement, containing 27 acres more or less.

March 21st, 1905.

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