

UNION WAGES PROPOSITION

ALD. FULLERTON'S MOTION DEFEATED Resolution Dealing With Rates to Be Paid on Civic Contracts Voted Down.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

After being before the city council for the past couple of months, Ald. Fullerton's resolution providing for the union rate of wages on all civic contracts was last night voted down by a majority of four, the members dividing three for and seven against. The resolution provided that not only should each contractor tendering for civic work make a declaration that he would pay union wages on the work to be done but that he was also paying it to his employees at the time of the tender. The penalty for not observing the terms of the resolution was cancellation of the contract and the confiscation of all the money. The majority of the members took the ground that section 318 of the Municipal Clauses Act covered the ground as far as necessary. There was considerable discussion on the resolution.

The council had concluded its regular business about 9:30 o'clock and were ready to adjourn when Ald. Fullerton asked that his resolution, which had been before the council since early in the year, should be disposed of one way or the other. He then moved as follows:

"That in all tenders called for by the council the following clause shall be inserted:

"The person or company shall make a declaration that at the date of tendering for the contract they were paying, and if their contract be accepted, will continue to pay the trade union rate of wages to all men in their employ, and is observing, and will continue to observe the trade union schedule of hours and working conditions on all work done in the city or district of Victoria, the onus of proof to rest with the contractor. If the contractor of this clause shall involve the cancellation of all work contemplated or in progress when such contract is cancelled. The rate of wages, and the schedule of hours and working conditions in force at the time of the awarding of the contract shall be regarded, as the wages, hours, and working conditions to be observed during the life of the contract."

Ald. Henderson wanted to know whether this clause would affect the contract that the city had made with the new waterworks distribution firm. As he read the resolution he thought it might.

City Solicitor Mann—No, it would not.

Ald. Fullerton also assured Ald. Henderson that it would not, as it would apply only to work done in the city and the vicinity. He thought that all the aldermen had promised to support of this resolution at the time of the elections.

Ald. Hall—No, no.

Ald. Fullerton, continuing, said that the resolution had been long enough on the table and he would like it disposed of. It was especially desired that the matter should be dealt with now as the city was about to let a number of contracts and he did not want local contractors placed at a disadvantage, as might occur under certain circumstances. He explained the working of the Dominion fair wage law and said that if there were an offer to enforce section 318 of the Municipal Clauses Act there might not be so much necessity for this resolution.

City Solicitor Mann explained that the provisions of the section in question were incorporated in all contracts for work to be done locally.

Mayor Hall remarked that there had been no complaints made to the council about any breach of this section on civic contracts.

Ald. Fullerton replied that if that was all that was wanted he would see that complaints were forthcoming. There was the case of the Victoria West school, for example, where carpenters were being paid less than the union rate.

Ald. Mabo—Whether or not the resolution was necessary.

Ald. Fullerton explained that the resolution was offered by the Typographical Union and was a credit to that body, whose members were not builders, and who were not much affected by it. The resolution was being introduced in the cities of Canada.

Ald. Hall asked what was the union rate of wages. The rate might be changed at any time. A man might take a contract at a certain price and the men might demand an advance in wages. The men were protected by the Municipal Clauses Act by the eight-hour day law and by the law against the employment of Asiatics on any civic work. The result of the adoption of the resolution would be to put all contracts to be given out by the city in the hands of a few wealthy men who would be able to secure the heavy bonds that would be necessary. If the confiscatory clause of this resolution were inserted in the contracts, it might also force the city to do all its work by day labor. But the position in that event would also act as a leverage on private industrial concerns. If workmen were a unit on union labor there would be no necessity for such a resolution. He was the last one to object to workmen getting the best wages going and had voted for the various labor measures which had come before the legislature while he was a member and had also voted only the other day for an increase in the rate of pay of the workmen employed by the city. He, however, felt called upon to vote against Ald. Fullerton's resolution.

Ald. Pauline agreed with Ald. Fullerton that this resolution should be disposed of. He would like to refer the members of the council to the wording of section 318 of the Municipal Clauses Act which he read as follows:

"All municipal contracts shall contain provisions whereby the workmen, mechanics, artisans, and laborers employed on municipal works shall be entitled to such wages and remuneration as are generally accepted as current in the municipality and where all contractors and sub-contractors shall be bound to pay such wages."

This clause, he said appeared fair, and reasonable and entirely covered the point. His objection to the resolution was that it was retroactive in saying in effect that no contractor, who had not been paying the union rate of wages, should be allowed to secure a civic contract, no matter how willing he then might be to meet the union's demands. This he thought was unfair. As an alderman he was there to represent not only union labor but all labor. The council should not prevent any one from getting employment on civic works. He would vote against the resolution.

Ald. Cameron said he was in accord with Ald. Hall. At the time of the elections he had referred to the section of the Municipal Clauses Act read by Ald. Pauline as embodying his view and had not since changed his opinion. At best the resolution affected only a couple of trades. There was also a difficulty about the resolution, that some work might not be handled by union men. If the section in the act referred to were read fairly it applied to both union and non-union workmen. What more could be asked? Ald. Fullerton's resolution was so indefinite that it might very easily lead to complications.

Ald. Norman said that, although a member of a union, he was forced to vote against the resolution as presented, although he was in favor of a portion of it. He objected to the portion which referred to the wages, and a man was paying at the time of tendering. He did not think that the council should go beyond the wages paid in connection with the contract. He was also opposed to the penalty clause.

Ald. Fullerton announced that he was going to stand by the resolution even if he were the only one in the council to support it.

The vote was then taken, Aldermen Fullerton, Gleason and Meston voting in favor and Aldermen Cameron, Henderson, McKewen, Pauline, Hall, Mable and Norman against.

PROTESTS AGAINST ENFORCING PENALTY

Andrew Gray Sets Forth Reasons Why He Should Not Be Mulcted.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A letter from Andrew Gray regarding the penalty imposed upon him by the city council for his delay in delivering the crosscutting plant last year caused some discussion at last night's meeting of the civic fathers.

Mr. Gray said that owing to a strike of the boilermakers and blacksmiths for an eight-hour day at the time the contract was let, April 27th of last year, he was obliged to let the contract for the erection of the plant to the Moran company of Seattle, although it had been intended to do this work in Victoria. Owing to delays in getting the plates from the mills and also because of delay in the delivery of the material did not reach Seattle until long after it should have. There was also further delay in getting the plant from Seattle to this city. If nothing had occurred to delay the delivery, every word would have been made on time, so that he did not think it fair that he should be penalized. He also asked for payment for a hoisting engine which he had supplied and for the erecting plant after it had been examined by Messrs. Topp, Pusey and Hutchinson. This engine, it is claimed, is not now giving satisfaction, but Mr. Gray says that it is doing all that he said it would and all that it was said would be required of it. He is willing, however, to make any business exchange for a large engine.

In view of these facts he asked for payment of his account.

Ald. Hall said that apparently Mr. Gray had done all in his power to deliver the plant in time, but was prevented by conditions over which he had no control. He thought that it would hardly be fair to penalize Mr. Gray in view of the circumstances.

Ald. McKewen stood out for the enforcement of the penalty, the total amount of which according to the contract was about \$1,000. He thought that Mr. Gray was getting off light with \$500.

Ald. Norman favored reconsideration of the matter. If a settlement were not reached a law suit would follow and he was opposed to going into the court if it could be avoided. He also thought that Mr. Gray had done the best he could.

The matter was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee, Ald. Fullerton remarking, however, "He'll get no reconsideration from me," to which Ald. Henderson added, "Nor from me."

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ISLAND FOR PANATICS. Russian Consul Suggests Haven of Rest For Doukhobors.

Montreal, March 24.—M. De Struve, Russian consul in Montreal, who has taken a deep interest in the Doukhobors, has made a suggestion which at present is under consideration by the French government, that the fanatical section of the Doukhobors should be permitted to settle on the big small unoccupied islands under the French flag, near the French dependency of Tahiti, in the Pacific ocean.

B. C. TIMBER. Provincial Government Will Allow Large Shipments to Leave For Puget Sound.

Vancouver, March 24.—The provincial government has decided to allow the export to Puget Sound of from sixty to eighty million feet of timber which will relieve the glutted market in British Columbia.

STEALS FARE BOX, GETS SIX MONTHS

Albert Frock Has Justice Meted Out to Him in the Police Court.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Swift and sure was the punishment meted out to Albert Frock in the police court this morning for having stolen a fare box from the Esquimalt car last Thursday evening. After a hearing lasting fifteen minutes he was found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail. He was arrested at the other wharf yesterday afternoon by Detective W. H. Clayard, and while being brought to the police station on a car made a bolt and succeeded in getting away, but was recaptured by the detective after he had fired a shot from his revolver into the air to scare the fugitive.

Frock was arraigned this morning and pleaded not guilty.

The first witness called was Alexander Reid, conductor for the B. C. Electric railway. He had been running car No. 12 on the Esquimalt line on the night of Tuesday last, March 19th. He arrived at the Government street terminus of the line at 10:13 p. m. and started back two minutes later. He had last seen the box in question when he collected a fare at the corner of Piquard street on the way up town, but when he got to Johnson street on the return trip to Esquimalt, the box was missing. The car had been in darkness while the trolley was being turned. Five men had been on the car, but although he had seen Frock on that day, he could not say that he was on the car on the trip in question. There was between \$1.50 and \$2 in cash in the box, besides a quantity of tickets.

Alfred B. Kirby, seaman, was next called. He knew Frock and had met him at the foot of Johnson street the night of the robbery. He saw Frock go up to room 7, Occidental hotel, where he showed him a street railway fare box. He asked him to go down to get an axe with which to break the cadamie and drain Wilson street from the water. He refused and said he would have nothing to do with him. Frock then went down for the axe himself. He saw Frock next day at the other wharf, when he had offered him two street car tickets, which he, however, refused to accept.

Frock in cross-examination wanted Kirby to admit that he was drunk on the night in question, but the witness positively refused to acknowledge the corn, whereupon Frock started the court by calling Kirby a liar, adding considerable emphasis to the term.

Fred Johnson, bartender at the Occidental, gave evidence of Frock having asked him for an axe and of his having directed him to the woodshed. This was after 11 o'clock.

Detective Clayard told of having met Frock at the other wharf and of having asked him for his name, which he said was Boyd, and that he lived at John Day's hotel at Esquimalt. Letters on him showed his name to be Albert Frock and later investigation showed he did not live at Day's hotel.

After having spoken to Frock he asked him to accompany him down town and they boarded a car together, but had not gone more than a block when Frock bolted. He chased him through streets, land private property and over fences, and finally captured him. On the table in room 7 at the Occidental he found marks such as would be made by chopping. Frock then went into the box on his own account, and after being sworn said: "I was drunk that night and do not know what I did. I was with witness (Kirby) most of the time up to the loss of the box."

The magistrate in giving his decision said that the evidence was plain, all the excuse offered by Frock being that he was drunk. He would find him guilty and sentence him to six months in jail.

AUSTRALIA AT TERCENTENARY

Lord Dudley, New Governor General, Will Represent Commonwealth.

Ottawa, March 24.—Governor General Northcote of Australia cables to Lord Grey stating that Earl Dudley, the new governor of Australia, will represent the commonwealth at the Quebec tercentenary. Premier Deakin regrets that the session of the legislature will prevent him from attending with Earl Dudley.

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MONEY BY-LAWS OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE SUBMITTED WITHIN FEW WEEKS

General Business Which Was Transacted at Last Night's Sitting.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

It was announced at last night's council meeting that the four money by-laws, which have been before the council for some time would be submitted within a few weeks. These are for \$70,000 for the high pressure system, \$50,000 for sewer extensions, \$25,000 for equipment for the fire brigade and over \$100,000 for school purposes. This information was brought out at the meeting of the council last evening in a general discussion after the routine business, of which quite a large amount was transacted, was disposed of.

All the members of the council were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and the council proceeded to business.

Marine Matters

The deputy minister of marine and fisheries wrote enclosing plans for a wharf submitted to the department for approval by Robert Ward & Co., Limited. The proposed wharf is to be erected on the foreshore in front of lot 1259, block 46. The writer asked whether in the opinion of the council the proposed work would interfere with navigation or whether there was any other objection to it to be urged by the council. The letter was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

Mayor Hall wrote saying that the department was not responsible for the coroner's fee of \$20 in connection with Chan Chow, the Chinaman who died in the city police station after being removed from the Esquimalt hospital. The department had no further responsibility after the man entered the police station.

Ald. Gleason said that at the time of the inquiry he had been told by the coroner that the Dominion government was liable for the coroner's fees. The man had been brought to the station on the orders of Dr. Milne, Dominion immigration officer, for safe keeping and it would be most unfair if the city had to pay this money.

The matter was referred to the city solicitors.

Fee Remitted

A letter from Thornton Fell, clerk of the legislature, enclosing \$300, half the fee paid by the city in connection with its private bill, to amend the Victoria Waterworks act, was received with thanks.

Public Board Protest

John A. B. B. B., chairman of the parks board, wrote asking if the council could not advance that body a portion of its appropriation in order that it might be able to proceed with its work.

The council decided to advance the sum of \$1,000 for the parks board, and the parks board was asked to submit a plan for the use of the money. The council also decided to advance the sum of \$1,000 for the parks board, and the parks board was asked to submit a plan for the use of the money.

A request from Thomas W. Palmer for a grant of \$1,000 for the prevention of cruelty to animals was referred to the finance committee.

James E. E. E., a moulder, who has been for eighteen years a resident of Victoria, wrote asking the council to inspect the pipe for the new water works distribution system at 27 cents per ton. This was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee and the waterworks committee.

Filling James Bay Flats

C. H. Topp, city engineer, presented a report on plans for two subdivisions and regarding some sidewalk work and also enclosing a letter from C. E. Cartwright, divisional engineer of the C. P. R., regarding the filling in of the James bay flats. The reports were adopted, but there was some discussion on Mr. Cartwright's letter.

Mr. Cartwright asked that the council should be asked to supply at least 3000 or 4000 yards of filling as soon as possible, as much of it as they could of black earth, eye yard of which the company had bought for two of the other. The council decided to supply the city with the remainder to be supplied by the city could wait.

Ald. Henderson said the city was advertising for filling at 15 cents per yard, but the company was offering to supply the city with the remainder to be supplied by the city could wait.

The city solicitors wrote saying they had submitted a draft bylaw dealing with streets and lanes in new subdivisions and with the fencing of property to the chairman of the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The city solicitors wrote as follows regarding the power of the city to collect road tax from any one living outside the municipality, even though the person worked in the city.

Sire—We beg to advise on this matter that the city can only collect road tax in respect of persons residing within the city. Workingmen actually resident in a municipality outside the city, although working in the city, should be taxed by the city collector. They are only liable for the tax to the municipality in which they reside. Workingmen who have a residence outside the city, but come into the city and reside there for their convenience whilst working, may or may not be deemed to be residing. A fair view of the situation would be to take the thirty days limit of residence, which the statute fixes as sufficient to create the liability in district municipalities, and which would seem to us to be fair also in city municipalities, so that if an out of town workman resides in the city for the convenience of his work, for say over thirty days, he be taxable in the municipality in which he has his permanent residence. If a workman resides in the city for the week in the city and on the Saturday

returns to his home outside the city, he should not be taxed in the city.

We think we have dealt in this with the greater number of the cases which arise in the course of collection of the tax.

Another letter from the city solicitors was taken as read.

Finance Committee

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts, totalling \$7,428. The report was adopted.

A recommendation from the finance committee that applications be called for the position of second assistant librarian brought Ald. Fullerton to his feet. He asked that the English system be introduced here, that is that when any public position is to be filled any applicant who canvasses the members of the body to which he or she is making application is thereby disqualified from securing it. The time had come for a change in this respect in this city. The life of an alderman was made miserable by the importuning of office-seekers. For himself, he had pretty well made up his mind hereafter to vote against the appointment of any one who canvassed him.

Mayor Hall—What if it is a pretty lady who canvasses you?

Ald. Fullerton—I do not care who it is.

Home Committee

The home committee presented a report enclosing a set of regulations for the government of that institution. The report was adopted.

Mayor Hall asked what had been done about the admission of a man named Brown, who had asked for permission to become an inmate.

Ald. McKewen replied that the man did not live in the city and so was not eligible for admission. He was, however, in receipt of a pension of \$150 per year and he had communicated with the provincial government about granting enough to provide a total of \$15 per month for the man's maintenance.

A further report from the home committee recommended the admission of a man named Robert Foster to the home. The report was adopted.

Mayor Hall reported that while in Vancouver he had examined the motor chemical and motor hose reels and had found that they had thus far given good satisfaction.

Asks About Bylaws

Ald. Fullerton asked how the petitions for bylaws were coming on.

Mayor Hall replied that they were being drafted. There will be a number of bylaws to be submitted and all the petitions are being prepared for signature at the same time, including one to raise \$50,000 for sewerage purposes. It was explained that this would not require a petition. It was also announced by Ald. Henderson that there was enough revenue in sight for the purpose, and almost enough to permit of \$75,000 being raised.

In reply to a statement of Ald. Henderson that he would like to see the sewer bylaw put through as soon as possible, Mayor Hall announced that it was expected to submit all the bylaws at once, in about three weeks time.

Ald. Gleason wanted the question of the installation of an incinerator taken up at once and Mayor Hall replied that this would be done at a meeting in the very near future.

Work to Be Undertaken

The following resolution of which Ald. Henderson had given notice was passed:

"That the city council hereby determines that it is desirable to grade, macadamize and drain Wilson street from Oak Bay avenue to Cowan avenue, and to construct permanent sidewalks, curb and gutter with boulevards (including maintenance) on both sides of said street; also to grade and macadamize the street from the 20th and 15th streets; also to construct a permanent sidewalk with curb and gutter and boulevards (including maintenance) on the north side of Southgate street between Vancouver street and Cook street, said works to be done by day labor and carried out under the provisions of the local improvement general bylaw and amendments thereto."

In Secret Session

Following this the council went into secret session to discuss tenders for \$100,000 worth of debentures recently offered for sale.

Streets, Bridges and Sewers

The streets, bridges and sewers committee's report was adopted, as follows:

Gentlemen—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee, having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Communication of Maurice Hills re sewerage connection with premises of R. W. Dunsmuir, Esquimalt road. Recommended that owing to the great difficulty of connecting this home with the sewer, that the council will allow drainage into the septic tank on the Dunsmuir's property, providing an assurance is given the council that the said tank will be kept in a perfect sanitary condition, and that all sewer rates and taxes chargeable to him be paid to the corporation as they become due.

Re communication of Albert T. Goward, local manager of B. C. Electric Railway company, desiring to know about what time the council proposes to start the work of paving Port street, easterly from Yates street to Oak Bay avenue. Recommended that Mr. Goward be informed that he will be duly notified as soon as the matter is definitely decided upon.

Communication from W. D. McGregor, offering to deed over to the city a piece of land (25 feet) at the south-west corner of lot 22, Vancouver street, for the purpose of widening same, and desiring that a permanent sidewalk be

laid on the north side of Southgate street, between Vancouver and Cook streets. Recommended that the offer of the land be accepted and that the sidewalk be constructed with boulevard as requested, provided an assurance is given the council that houses will be erected on Southgate street in the near future.

Communication of H. S. Griffin re removal of rock on Davis street. Recommended that the writer be informed that it is the intention of the council to grade and macadamize this street, and that the rock in question will be utilized in so doing.

Petition of T. H. Slater et al. re improvement of Wilson street and Cowan avenue. Recommended that Wilson street be graded, macadamized and drained from Oak Bay avenue to Cowan avenue, and that permanent sidewalks, with curbs, gutters and boulevards be constructed on both sides of said street, under the provisions of the local improvement bylaw.

Communications from Messrs. Francis J. O'Reilly and J. J. Shalloo, desiring to have a railway siding constructed in front of their premises on Store street. Recommended that the company be informed that before the council can consider this proposition, a plan, showing the location of the proposed siding, must be submitted for the information of the council.

Requests from Messrs. J. H. Frank, E. E. Wooten, P. de N. Walker, Parker Clark and Sol. Cameron respectively, for sewerage extensions to the localities mentioned in their letters. Recommended that the writers be informed that there are no funds available for such extensions, but that as soon as another sewer loan bylaw is passed their several requests will be considered.

Recommended that Mr. W. S. Duncan be informed that the condition of May street, as complained of in his letter, is receiving attention.

Petition of W. H. Walters et al., requesting that a cement sidewalk be constructed on the east side of San Juan avenue, under the local improvement plan. Recommended that the request be granted.

Re communication of Robert Ward & Co., requesting that a wooden block approach be constructed in front of their warehouse on Erie street. Recommended that the writers be informed that the council regret that they cannot accede to their request, but that the roadway will be repaired by placing macadam thereon.

Any expenditure contemplated in the foregoing to be subject to favorable report thereon by the finance committee, and adoption of said report by the council.

Communications Referred.

The following communication from W. J. Dowler, city clerk, was read: March 23, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the city council the following communications were referred to the city engineer to report to the meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, viz.:

Russ Humber with reference to the acceptance of the offer of the manager of the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Co. to supply gravel to the city at the rate of \$16.00 per car, and explaining his position with reference thereto, also enclosing the manager's letter of the 20th and 15th inst.

N. N. Mellis calling attention to the condition of Ladysmith street.

Mrs. W. J. Bailey, complaining of the insanitary condition of Beacon street, owing to surface water.

F. W. Jones, referring to the grading and macadamizing of Trutch street, and the construction of a permanent sidewalk on both sides of the street.

A. O. Roy, calling attention to the insanitary condition of a barn on a lot adjoining No. 427 Yates street.

Wm. Grant, et al., asking that a permanent sidewalk be laid, as a work of local improvement, on Kings road, between First and Second streets.

J. L. Forrester, complaining of the surface water on Cowan avenue, and lack of sewer connection, and of the shallow depth of the drain on Amphion street.

The following communications were referred to the electric light committee, viz.:

L. Forrester, requesting an electric light for the corner of Gonzales avenue and Fowl Bay road.

J. O. Graham, et al., asking that an electric light be placed at the corner of St. Charles and Ross streets.

Harry Webber et al., desiring that a light be placed on Pembroke street near Cameron street.

The following communication has been referred to the water committee, viz.:

W. E. Oliver, reeve of Oak Bay municipality, with reference to the supply to the said municipality of water by the municipality of the city of Victoria, and the terms upon which such supply may be furnished, the Oak Bay municipality.

W. J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

SUING C. P. R. FOR FIFTY THOUSAND

Alleged Negligence Which Caused Death of Brakeman in Alberta.

Kingston, March 24.—Action has been taken at Watertown, N. Y., to recover \$50,000 from the C. P. R. for the death of Albert B. Perney, killed in a railway accident in Alberta in August, 1907. He was a brakeman and negligence is alleged. The company has moved to have the case held in the federal court of Utica, N. Y., on the grounds that the action is brought between a resident of the United States and a foreign corporation, that the accident occurred out of state, and that the action is for more than \$5,000.

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LONSDALE MADE A FAST RUN

STEAMER FROM MEXICO ARRIVED THIS MORNING

In Spite of Adverse Weather Voyage Was Made in Quick Time.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Completing the fastest run from Carmen Island to William Head, yet made by a Canadian-Mexican liner, and one of the fastest on record for any class of merchant vessel, the steamship Lonsdale, Capt. Percy Shadforth, anchored off quarantine at midnight.

The time occupied on the run was eight days and four hours and this record was established in the face of fog, gales and heavy seas, which marked the last three days of the voyage. The biggest run for any one day was 230 miles, an average of eleven and a quarter miles an hour.

While lying in Salina Cruz harbor on February 27th the Lonsdale was run into by the Mexican steamship Manuel Heredia, sustaining slight damages to the aft boat skids on the port side, besides having a couple of plates dented. Lloyd's surveyor at the Tehuantepec terminal surveyed the damage and a claim has been entered against the National company, owners of the offending vessel.

The Lonsdale came up to the outer wharf shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, and is engaged in discharging 900 tons of salt from Carmen Island. In addition to this cargo the Lonsdale has 100 tons of ore for the Ladysmith smelter, and six saloons and two grand class passengers traveled north on the steamship, Robert Barr and C. C. Helings, of Vancouver, who took in the round trip for a holiday. W. B. Milne, of Esquimalt, who went south on the Lonsdale last trip and has been touring the Tehuantepec Isthmus and the environs of Mexico City, J. Jenne, a civil engineer, who has been surveying agricultural land in the vicinity of Tepic, and an American concern and is returning, with Mrs. Jenne and his son, Yakima county, Washington, and Alfred Hustwick, of Victoria.

The Lonsdale will remain at the outer wharf for a couple of days before following her itinerary of British Columbia ports to load for the return voyage. It is expected that she will carry a large cargo of general freight south.

Hon. Reginald Tower, British minister to Mexico, with his secretary, B. Lowther, traveled from Salina Cruz to Guaymas on the Lonsdale on a trip of inspection to the Mexican Pacific ports. He will return to Mexico City via the Lonsdale, and will visit northern centers in the republic.

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