

# Business Dispatched

## The City Council Holds Another Brief Session-Permanent Sidewalks.

### Special Meeting to Meet Mr. Croft-Ald Beckwith Announced.

There was but a short session of the city council last evening, the board rising at 9.25. All the aldermen were present and his worship the mayor presided, City Clerk Dowler and Acting City Solicitor Bradburn being also in attendance.

One of the principal items brought up was a request by the newly appointed city engineer that the necessary by-law defining his duties and powers be passed. The mayor said he had some time ago had a rough draft of such a by-law drawn up. It was agreed by the aldermen that it would be well to have the duties of that official, and also of the street superintendent, properly defined.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and duly approved, the council proceeded to the consideration of Communications.

Dr. E. B. C. Hanington addressed a personal letter to the mayor, saying that his brother had informed him of the safe arrival at St. John's, New Brunswick, of the swans donated by the city of Victoria. The letter was read as a matter of satisfaction, the formal thanks of St. John's to follow later.

L. H. Fullagar, on behalf of St. James Church, complained that through a misinterpretation of the Municipal Charter Act, the property of church, was rendered liable to unfair and excessive taxation to the amount of \$13 or \$14 a year. Mr. Fullagar thought that \$50 per annum instead of \$60 would be the proper amount. Mr. Bradburn, city solicitor, said Mr. Fullagar had called upon him before writing the letter and had been informed that his proper course was to bring the matter before the Court of Revision. The letter went to the city solicitor for further report.

Barbers' Poles. Mr. Frank Higgins applied on behalf of a firm of barbers in the old post office building for permission to erect a pole in front of the premises. This led to a long discussion, the mayor referring to the by-law passed some time ago authorizing the engineer to remove all posts heretofore erected. Some of the aldermen complained that as some barbers enjoyed the privilege of having poles in front of their premises it would be a hardship upon those who were late comers not to have the same privilege. Some aldermen considered that the engineer should have carried out the provisions of the by-law, but his worship said there would not be a difference of opinion among the aldermen as to what streets the poles should be allowed to remain on.

Ald. Cameron moved that the communication be received and filed. Ald. Williams finding no objection for his amendment granting the application. The motion was adopted.

Referred to Commissioners. City Clerk Dowler reported having received several letters applying for various pieces of street work, and he had referred them to the various sub-committees.

Wanting the Job. Two applications were received for the position of foreman of the permanent sidewalk construction, and were referred to the city engineer.

Wanting a Fair Share. C. Maloy called attention once again to the Belcher avenue drain, and to the condition of Jubilee avenue, expressing the hope that the council will give the residents of that neighborhood consideration they are entitled to. Referred to the city engineer.

Compensation Needed. City Solicitor Bradburn reported on the matter of the Pembroke street drain which is intended to run through property of Messrs. Jones and others. The drain is to be laid along the site of a proposed roadway running in a northerly direction at right angles to North Pembroke street. The road has never been opened and at present forms part of a field on which a crop is growing. The owners are willing to allow the work to be done, but the tenant insists upon being paid for damage done to the crop. The city solicitor referred the matter to the council for further consideration.

The report created considerable discussion, opinion being expressed that the \$50 was an exorbitant demand. Some of the aldermen, especially Mr. Byron, believed the work should be proceeded with immediately, the nuisance being so great already and likely to be much more serious with the arrival of warm weather. It was not considered wise, however, to yield to a demand of this nature as it would establish a dangerous precedent. A motion was made that the communication be received and filed, an amendment was suggested that the work be done and then the mayor suggested that some arrangement be made with the tenant, whereupon Ald. Beckwith moved that a special committee be appointed to consider the matter and report to the council. Seconded by Ald. Kinsman the motion carried, and Ald. Beckwith, Hayward and MacGregor were appointed on such committee.

Engineer's Report. City Engineer C. H. Topp reported upon the cost of several pieces of the work referred to him for that purpose, as follows:

Three hundred feet of box drain on Pine street, estimated cost \$36.

Grading and graveling of Pine street, estimated cost \$68.

Two hundred and seventy-five feet of box drain on Belton avenue, estimated cost \$33.

Improvements, Belton avenue, grading with gravel, etc., estimated cost \$135.

Application from Messrs. Heisterman & Co., for the usual allowance on permanent sidewalk. No statement having been received of the total actual cost of same, no report can be made.

Considered clause by clause the work was ordered carried out and Messrs. Heisterman will be informed of the necessity for sending in a statement of the cost of the permanent sidewalk.

Ald. Hayward asked if the city usually paid for the cost of the sidewalk work without any regard to the amount claimed, and was informed by his worship that the allowance was governed by the estimated cost given by the city engineer.

The city engineer also reported as follows:

"In accordance with instructions regarding certain communications which were referred to me at your last meeting, I have the honor to report respectfully as follows: (1) From A. F. Gibson, regarding an open drain on the west side of Richmond avenue. This would require 1,000 feet of box drain at an estimated cost of 12 cents per foot, therefore agreed that cannot recommend the above to be done at present, as there are several other drains in equally as bad condition at more central parts of the city which I consider should have first attention. (2) From William Deany, with respect to damage done to property by blasting on Pandora street. I may say that the street inspector and myself have examined the property in front of house No. 213, mentioned in the communication, and find the damage is not worthy of mention; I would therefore recommend that no action be taken. (3) From Thomas Speed, re construction of box drain on Speed avenue - after due examination I would respectfully recommend that no action be taken."

Received and adopted. The city engineer also addressed the following communication to the council:

"I would respectfully ask your honorable body to take steps towards passing by-law re appointments here at your earliest convenience, and defining my duties, etc., as mentioned in a letter of instructions received from you. I may say I can secure copies of the usual forms used in Ontario, but I have no desire to understand Mr. Cousins is leaving at the end of this month, when my duties will be at once increased, and I will be required to complete the works commenced previous to my appointment. I therefore thought that now would be the proper time to have this matter settled, thereby giving me a fair chance to serve you as an efficient servant in every particular. I would also ask that the matter of appointing an assistant in my department be considered at your convenience, as most of my time for the future will be taken up at Beaver lake and in outside work in the city, the result being that plans, office work, etc., would be neglected."

The mayor explained that no by-law is necessary to cover the appointment of the city engineer, but it would be well to have one passed to define the duties of the office. A draft of such a by-law had been prepared some time ago.

It was understood that the by-law will be brought up for adoption.

Worthy of Her Hire. Librarian Goward made an application for a salary to be paid to his daughter who assists him in the library. His recognition has been given by Goward, the writer said, but he wished the council to make it a permanent salary. Referred to the finance committee for report.

Want More Pay. S. Cocking and 14 others petitioned the council as practical miners, asking an increase of wages of 25 cents a day, making them \$2.50 instead of \$2.25. This was urged in view of the fact that miners throughout the province are paid \$3 and \$3.50 a day for eight hours.

Referred to the city engineer and street superintendent for report. Ald. Williams incidentally mentioned that the new city engineer should put the steel drill to use and abandon the present slower method of blasting.

investigate and report upon the right of the city to levy and collect municipal taxes upon the property, known as the land owned by the Government street, which the Dominion government has recently converted into stores for commercial purposes.

Carried. Ald. MacGregor moved: That the city council hereby determine to construct and lay a permanent sidewalk of concrete with granite curbs on east side of Broad street, between Yates street and lot A., said work to be done by day labor.

This led to a reconsideration of the whole question of permanent sidewalks, in the course of which Ald. Byron expressed his opposition to this want of system in the city's work. The motion carried.

Ald. Cameron expressed the opinion that it is desirable a special meeting be held to consider once again the matter of permanent sidewalks, and if a great deal was being undertaken, and the chairman of the finance committee had warned the council that the appropriation was very nearly consumed.

Mr. Croft's Proposal. The Mayor informed the council that Mr. Henry Croft is desirous of meeting them in relation to his proposal to lease the James Bay flats for a term of years, and it was decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock to which Mr. Croft will be invited.

A Political Matter. Ald. Beckwith called attention to an article published in the Colonist on Friday last, taken from the Halifax Chronicle, desiring to contradict what he characterized the foolish and dangerous statements contained therein relative to the position of British Columbia to the Dominion. The idea was put forth in the article that a condition of Confederation was that \$100,000,000 should be expended in public work in the province, and also mentioned the amount of \$3,000,000 expended on the Crow's Nest Pass road as a special benefit granted to British Columbia. Ald. Beckwith maintained that the road mentioned was of more value to the Eastern provinces than to this province. He was desirous to see everything possible done to strengthen the hands of the representatives of British Columbia at Ottawa.

Ald. Williams agreed with this, and a motion to adjourn was put and carried at 9.35.

CAPE NOME'S PLACERS. More Letters Concerning the News of Rich Strikes. Letters continue - to come from St. Michael's confirming the news of the rich strikes at Cape Nome, the interesting letter, written in February, has been received from a man stationed at St. Michael, who deals in detail with facts concerning the country. He says the people here are looking out for the Snook river, who went in from Port Clarence last fall, have never left there, but have been engaged in getting out logs and whipsawing lumber for cabins, stoves, etc. The party numbers twenty-two, and in letters written to friends at St. Michael the members express the opinion that the country "is good enough" for them. They say four districts have been laid out, twenty miles square, commencing from the military reservation fronting along the sea.

According to a letter received yesterday a request was sent to Capt. Walker, stationed at St. Michael, January 15, to send a force to preserve order in the Cape Nome district, it having been reported that there was considerable claim jumping, and that as a result bloodshed was liable. Capt. Walker conferred with the United States commissioner at St. Michael, and decided to go to Golovin Bay and open court. A small detachment of soldiers accompanied the commissioner. According to the letter, court to have opened March 1 or 5, the commissioner having announced that he would be in the district by that time, armed with a copy of the laws relating to mining territory owned by the United States.

"If this gold district should be up to the outlook," says the letter, "the country will prove a very rich one. It may be that the chief town of the new district will be at Snook. The water is much better there and they have Sledge Island to protect them."

WHOOPIING COUGH. I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I tried that but any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house. - J. L. Moore, South Burgetstown, Pa. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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# The Sorby Committee

## The Government Will Be Asked to Defray the Cost of Harbor Borings.

### Mr. Sorby Authorized to Proceed to Ottawa on Once.

The committee to which has been delegated the duty of investigating the Sorby scheme held a meeting yesterday at which sufficient business to detain the committee about half an hour was transacted. Treble that time, however, was consumed, most of it being taken up in drafting a resolution asking the government to defray the cost of the borings.

His Worship the Mayor presided, and there were also present Ald. MacGregor, Byron and Hayward, Capt. J. G. Cox, Messrs. B. W. Pearce, T. B. Hall, C. A. Holland, Gavin H. Burns and C. F. Templeman.

The first business to come before the meeting was introduced by the reading of several telegrams which had passed between the committee and Senator Templeman. These were as follows:

Ottawa, May 25th, 1899. Mayor Redfern, Victoria: "Sir Louis Davies says deputation can have interview with Mr. Tarte or himself or other ministers of government at any time after arrival here. Consult your own convenience."

Wm. Templeman. To this the Mayor replied: "If city sends Mr. Sorby to Ottawa now can ministers give him sufficient time to lay scheme fully before them and explain all details?"

Senator Templeman replied: "Certainly Sorby will get the time necessary. He may have to wait few days to get ministers disengaged but there is no doubt he will be fully heard."

Mr. B. W. Pearce, for the engineering committee, said that while his committee had no formal report to submit he might give the result of their labor. The sub-committee had instructed Mr. Gore to proceed with the work of boring the harbor in certain specified sections.

From the outer wharf to work island, another from Colville Island to a point north of it, one from Beacon light island and another opposite the Marine Hospital and Bastion streets. Mr. Pearce further reported it was found that the provincial boring plant which the committee had hoped to secure the use of is scattered all over the province. Mr. Gore had thought iron rods might be employed for the borings, but the speaker was of the impression that, excepting mud, they might be useless. A letter was then read from Mr. Gore in which the writer said he would be unable to proceed with the borings unless the tools from Mr. Roy. The boring would be in five sections of forty feet each.

This brought up the question of the smallness of the appropriation recommended by Mr. Gore and asked for by the committee for borings, several of the members expressing the opinion that \$400 was altogether inadequate for the purpose. Mr. Pearce observed that the whole scheme depended on the result of the borings, and that such result would be the first thing asked for by Mr. Tarte when they went before him.

Ald. MacGregor failed to see why, in face of the telegrams, the committee should delay in sending Mr. Sorby to Ottawa. Ald. Hayward said it would be money well spent. C. A. Holland and Mr. Burns expressed the same view. In the discussion, Ald. Hayward said it was evident the preliminary inquiry was going to cost more than was anticipated. Mr. Burns said that perhaps the government might be induced to bear the expense of the preliminary inquiry, and T. B. Hall suggested asking them to do so out of the unexpended appropriation of \$10,000 for Victoria harbor.

Mr. B. W. Pearce moved, seconded by Capt. Cox, "this preliminary investigating committee of the Sorby scheme for the improvement of the Victoria harbor through our representatives at Ottawa the desirability of making the borings which may be necessary to enable the resident engineer or other officer to make proper calculations, based on the available data, and the cost of the work proposed in said scheme, and that the cost of this work of boring and other calculations involved be charged to the appropriation made by the Dominion government for the improvement of Victoria harbor."

The resolution was carried without dissent and was ordered to be sent to Senators Templeman, Reed and McDonald, and to Messrs. Prior, Earle, McInnes, Bostock, Maxwell, Morrison and Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper.

It was then moved by Ald. Brydon and seconded by Mr. G. H. Burns that Mr. Sorby be despatched to Ottawa to lay his scheme before the ministers and that \$600 be placed at his disposal.

Mr. Pearce wanted the appropriation amended to \$500 for two reasons. In the first place he considered that amount sufficient and secondly a considerable sum had already been expended out of the \$600 appropriated. This view did not meet with the approval of the committee, and the motion prevailed.

The committee then rose. FREE ART CLASSES. Those desiring free instruction in art should apply to The Canadian Royal Art Union, Limited, 238 and 240 St. James street, Montreal, Canada.

The Art School is maintained in the Mechanics' Institute Building, Montreal, and is absolutely free. Monthly drawings, on the last day of each month are held at the St. James street office for the distribution of Works of Art.

TATTOO ARTIST KILLED. Chicago, May 31.-Ernest Devere, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who claimed to be the champion tattoo artist of the world, was killed instantly at Blue Island yesterday by a Chicago and Grand Trunk train. He fell between the cars and was crushed under the wheels.

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# Proceedings To Be Taken General Merit Other Offices.

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