

# Will Meet at Phillipi

### Electors of Victoria West Will Organize to Fight for Justice.

### Strong Speeches at Last Night's Indignation Meeting in the Suburb.

The big patriotic demonstration in the drill hall last night somewhat militated against the size of the audience in Sempie's hall, but there was no lack of interest among those who were present. The Craigflower road matter, the "King pin" of suburban grievances, was last night relegated to a subordinate position, the tone of all the speeches being one of the most intense indignation at what the residents believe to be studied neglect of their district at the hands of the city council.

It is unfortunate that the mayor and the majority of the aldermen decided to remain away from the meeting, for it would have afforded them an excellent opportunity of discovering the temper of the people who reside there. There were no violent measures suggested, but the whole audience seemed animated by a common purpose to make their influence distinctly felt at the polls in the coming municipal election.

The striking feature of almost all the speeches was the indignation expressed at the remarks made by one of the aldermen in reference to tar and feathering him, and the lack of courtesy, as they stamped it, shown by the council refusing to attend the meeting. Several of the members were opposed to appointing a committee to wait on the council, but finally a representative body consisting of Beaumont Boggs, G. J. Jenkinson, T. Redding, Thos. F. Gold, Capt. Gaudin, J. Coigdarrie, Revs. Barber and McRae, J. Ramsay, S. Shore, Percy R. Brown and Thomas Nicholson was appointed to lay the resolution passed before the aldermanic board.

The chair was taken by Beaumont Boggs. In explaining the reasons for the purpose of meeting the mayor and aldermen and discussing with them questions affecting Victoria West. Unfortunately a misconception had arisen among some of the aldermen regarding the objects of the meeting. Some of the representatives had expressed the fear that they would be tarred and feathered. (Laughter.)

"Now I am sure," continued Mr. Boggs, "that no one desires to do such a thing, much as some of them may desire it if it appears to them that we are the outlanders of Victoria, and that we are to be denied our rights by the Paul Kruger, who rules at the city hall." (Laughter and applause.)

The chairman then read the list of subjects which it was proposed to discuss, and added that there was nothing in it to indicate that the people of Victoria West were such hoodlums as some of the aldermen would have them appear. (Applause.)

Secretary T. Goldthorn submitted a statement of receipts, and expenses incurred in connection, as the chairman put it, "of asserting our rights." It showed an expenditure of \$751.50, there being a deficit of 85 cents, which would be covered by outstanding subscriptions. The chairman did not know whether the meeting intended to ask the city council to meet this expense or not.

Ald. Williams, Beckwith and Brydon, the only representatives of the aldermanic board present, were invited to the platform, and took their seats amid applause.

The question of improved fire protection for the suburb was then taken up, and Rev. Rural Dean Barber, who presided over the meeting, expressed his surprise that such a large and respectable portion of the city as Victoria West should have such a shur cast upon it as was implied in the speech now celebrated "tar and feathers" speech. The speaker had lived in Victoria West for some time, and had seen the necessity for improvements which the city council had never thought of. Numerous instances of this had taken place. Take for instance the case of the fall of the Point Ellice bridge. Very indifferent steps were taken at that time to provide means of transportation to the city from Victoria West.

Then there was an appeal to show a gentleman from the Northwest the little shanty which represents the population of the district demanded at least a respectable building.

He had been a silent but very deeply interested spectator of the Craigflower road difficulty. His understanding of it was that many years ago a gentleman had cut up one of the city's best lots. This had been done illegally, and it was only natural to suppose that the council would oppose it. But this had not been done. The council here had been invested with somewhat extraordinary powers—powers unthought of in England. There seemed to be no doubt that through some influence the legislature put in the Municipal Clauses Act a section giving the council power to close roads, and immediately what was at first an illegal act, became the law of the land.

This brought up a serious question. It meant that the city council had the power to close over the main arteries of travel. Of course this would be very unwise, because there the bulk of the voters lived. But it was different in the suburbs, and it meant that the public right might often through interested manipulation be made to suffer for private interests. (Loud applause.)

If certain people had bought this land with their eyes shut, it was no reason why the city should reimburse them any more than the government should reimburse the Manitoba speculator who found his land submerged in water.

If these people had suffered loss the city council should balance against it the loss to the public by closing Craigflower road and pay them the balance out of

the city treasury. "By doing so the aldermanic board," he added, "is not doing a just act to us and a kindly act to the gentlemen interested." (Applause.)

He hoped that the council would take a sensible and a just view of the matter. "Al Victoria West wanted a measure of simple justice from a large and important part of the city to a growing young member of the community." (Applause.)

He gathered from the speech of the mayor, or one of the aldermen, that he held that Victoria West had received back in expenditures all she had paid in taxes. The speaker, however, would like to ask how many of the debentures for the good of the city in electric lighting, sewerage, constructing a reservoir, etc., had been paid for by Victoria West, which benefited nothing by them. (Loud Applause.)

Capt. Jas. Gaudin mentioned fire protection as one of the crying necessities of the place, as most of the places which have been burnt in the suburb had been burnt to the ground before any assistance could be obtained. If anything happened to Point Ellice bridge where would the people be placed? They had some idea of their predicament in the fire which destroyed the steamers a few months ago, and to which the engines could not be got.

Then the suburb required a recreation ground. At present if a man took his family to the parks it cost him considerable in car fare. Surely the people were entitled to a reasonable amount of recreation with other parts of the city.

Coming to the Craigflower road, "that is what is sticking in our gullets," said the speaker. He mentioned the expense which had been entailed up to the point of the quashing of the by-law by Judge Drake, with which the people of Victoria were generally satisfied. By carrying an appeal, the mayor and a majority of the council had worked a hardship on the people. They had got plenty of law but no justice.

Then the speaker referred to the action of city workmen in first filling holes on the Craigflower road and then digging them out. What was the city doing? They were trying to raise the people of the suburb as though they were naughty children who have to be sent superstitious to bed.

He noticed that \$85 had been recommended by the city engineers to improve Russell street. How many people used that street? They were trying to raise the people of the suburb as though they were naughty children who have to be sent superstitious to bed.

The candidates had last year promised to conserve the interests of the people of Victoria West. They had done so by attempting to impose two hours' additional walking per week upon the people here. (Applause.)

Mr. Jenkinson objected to the insulting remark made by one of the aldermen in regard to the "tar and feathering" process. The speaker would take his share of the charge of crankiness if the member referred to would take the odium of his ignorance. This alderman said that it was not the mayor and other members who were meant but only himself. He thought that at the next election the alderman would find that the people did not want him at all.

The people were in the same position so far as benefits were concerned as when they entered the corporation. They were still walking the sidewalks, and drove over the same gravel that the government laid. (Applause.)

The fire hall was a disgrace. It wasn't half as good as at Oklands, which was not nearly as important a suburb. Victoria West was obliged to pay a higher insurance rate, and this was an injustice.

A park established in Victoria West would benefit not only this district but Rock Bay, by which it also could be used.

He moved in conclusion, seconded by Mr. Fawcett:

"That this meeting is strongly of the opinion that steps should be at once taken to erect a suitable fire hall in this western suburb, and equip it at least with a chemical engine."

Rev. D. MacRae felt with many other residents of Victoria West the greatest sense of indignation at the slanderous remarks—as slanderous as they were unwarranted—that the people intended to subject any member of the council to insult and less violence. (Applause.)

He thought steps should be at once taken to repudiate these imputations. He had been in thorough accord with everything which had been done in connection with the Craigflower road case, excepting a few steps at the outset. He also believed that the judges had ruled fairly, but nevertheless he thought an injustice had been worked upon the people of the district. But he believed the legislature had made a mistake in investing the council with such powers, especially when the administration of the law fell into the hands of men who would make such an arbitrary use of their powers as the tyrannical men who compose the majority of the present council. (Cheers.)

It was an unfortunate thing that situated as Victoria West was this interesting suburb should be united with the city. The ward was unrepresented, although their taxes were collected to carry on city government. That was distasteful to Britons and Englishmen. (Loud applause.) It was as a protest against this very principle, which Britons were shedding their blood in South Africa to-day. He felt that the press should draw the attention of the great majority of fair-minded people of the city to the gravity of the case. He felt that they did not appreciate the real importance of the matter. This was the residence of the artisans and tradesmen of the city, the best customers which the retail merchants have. Yet they had not a decent bridge to reach the trading centre. The speaker had himself been obliged to wait several minutes waiting to get over the miserable bridge at Point Ellice, and but for the suzerainty of being allowed to go over the railway bridge traffic would be congested.

He would like the merchants to feel it in their pockets, and then they would

enforce their views upon their aldermen when they would not be treated with contempt as they had been treated, as the refusal of the council to attend, after being politely requested to do so, abundantly proved. (Applause.)

"But we will speak," continued the speaker, "and we will see whether Mayor Redfern or Ald. Kinsman, or any one else, will be allowed to tyrannize over us. I have said nothing of which I am ashamed or for which I should apologize. (No, no.) But I do resent as a Britisher the tyranny which had been exercised by the council in regard to Victoria West."

Rev. Mr. Knox asked to be excused from speaking as he had been in the meeting but a few minutes. Mr. S. Okell also resented Ald. Kinsman's remarks. If he were a gentleman he would certainly apologize. He had been surprised at the expression used, as since coming to Victoria he had found his neighbors such law-abiding people. He was sorry the mayor and most of the council were not present, although three of them were in attendance.

R. J. Stiles recalled the remarks made by the mayor and aldermen who attended a meeting in Victoria West last spring. When asked for his opinion the mayor said: "Gentlemen, I have no opinion. I have formed none. I have come to hear your views and to be guided by them." His subsequent conduct was a strange commentary on his remarks.

The sidewalk across Craigflower road was not a sidewalk, but an obstruction. Ordinarily no policeman was seen in the suburb, but on the night following the laying of the sidewalk almost the whole force was there and they arrested the youngest boy in the crowd.

The mayor had said that he merely wanted a friendly suit with the people over in Victoria West. His appeal of the case did not indicate much friendliness.

The courts had decided that the fee was in the crown, which meant that it was public property.

Revs. MacRae and Barber then moved: "That the report published in the local press of the proceedings of the municipal council of the city of Victoria at its meeting on Monday evening last remain-

ing uncontradicted, this meeting takes the earliest opportunity of repudiating the design of the ratemakers of Victoria West in inviting the board of aldermen to a conference with respect to local municipal questions was to subject the said board of aldermen to insult and violence; and hereby calls upon Ald. Kinsman to retract his slanderous charge."

Mr. Fawcett took up the matter of electric light. Over a year ago he received over a hundred signatures to a petition for an electric light opposite J. Dunsmuir's gate. He was then told that there was not sufficient power for a light there. He had asked Ald. Williams to bring the matter up a few nights ago and it had been strenuously asserted that no petition had ever been sent in for a light at the point mentioned. Did all these petitions go into the waste paper basket?

Rev. Mr. Barber spoke for the district in which he resides, so far as electric lighting was concerned. There was no light there at all. He hoped the ward representatives present would make a note of it.

There was also put in by another speaker regarding the fire services on Esquimalt street. He was thousands of yards from any hydrant, and if a fire broke out there nothing could save the buildings from destruction. A child had broken its wrist on one of the defective sidewalks, and all this city had paid was the doctor's bill of \$25.

The chairman brought up the matter of the road through the Indian reserve and its proper care and lighting. The city had acknowledged its liability by asserting its authority over it, because the Indian department had threatened to allow the Indians to fence it. Had the road been properly lighted it would have been used by Mrs. Bings instead of the railroad and the murder would not have been committed. They didn't ask the city to improve the road, but to protect their lives. Their petitions had hitherto been tabled.

Rev. Mr. MacRae suggested legal means to compel the city to make the reserve road passable. At present it was impassable.

Phil R. Smith understood that in a large area like Victoria West it was impossible to get a sidewalk to everybody. It could not be denied that the district was unfairly treated. It was only recently that Mary street had got a sidewalk, and lights were urgently needed, especially at Russell sta-

tion. He promised assistance from his district in fighting for the rights of Victoria West.

Mr. Thomas F. Gold moved, seconded by Captain Gaudin:

"That in view of recent serious accidents arising therefrom being narrowly averted, the city council be requested to again remove the obstructions placed by them across the Craigflower road. As 'the father of a family,' the chairman suggested the following resolution, which was fathered by Messrs. Okell and Redding:

"In view of the absence of any recreation grounds in the northern portion of the city, it is highly desirable that a portion of the Indian reserve, above Esquimalt road, should be rented for such purpose."

Continuing, he said it was well known that the council could not purchase the land mentioned, but he had reason to know that for about \$50 or \$100 per annum a fine flat, clear space could be obtained. The young men of Victoria West had taken steps for securing a gymnasium, and it was unfair to expect them to go to Beacon Hill.

Phil R. Smith brought up the matter of school house accommodation in Victoria West. The grounds were small and unfit for a playground, while the building itself was the worst in the city. He hoped that a portion of the sum saved by the consolidation of the city debt would be applied to improving the school house accommodation in Victoria West.

Rev. Mr. MacRae suggested that the committee call another meeting at an early date for the purpose of organizing for the municipal election, not only to make their vote effective at the polls, but to influence as many people as possible in other districts. He had never before taken an active part in an election, but he intended this time to take his part as a ratepayer and a citizen. (Loud applause.)

Foreman Ramsay, of the Albin Iron Works, in a vigorous speech said in his experience in the old country he had never seen the city council array itself against the people. Craigflower road had been characterized as a trail, but from its importance it would yet be straightened.

The resolutions were then put and unanimously carried. The chairman referred to a conversation held by him with J. G. Tiarks in

that private considerations had influenced the council too much. (Applause.) He himself had been canvassed in his own office in their interests.

In fairness to Ald. Humphrey he felt it should be said that that gentleman had said that a light had never been petitioned for from Victoria West. He had said that a light had not been asked for opposite Mr. Dunsmuir's gate. The trouble was that Ald. Williams, in his peculiar way of putting things, has not placed the council in the possession of the information he possesses on the subject.

Ald. Williams here asserted that Ald. Humphrey's statement was that no such petition had been presented in the last two years.

He favored the spending of considerable money very soon in the way of erecting a suitable school building. A loan must soon be floated for a considerable sum for school buildings.

Ald. Brydon thought that some of the audience seemed to forget that Victoria West was only a portion of the North Ward. This ward had this year secured as much money as all the others combined. The better operation would be solved by the Scotty harbor scheme.

He strongly objected to the city council's action re the Craigflower road. He always held that if there was to be any fishing let the ratepayers do it themselves, and not let the council fight a portion of the ratepayers. (Applause.) No one could the council afford to lay sidewalks that were not wanted.

He thought that the statement that all the aldermen were tyrannical ought to be qualified.

Rev. Mr. MacRae—I referred to the action of the council as a body. The action of the minority has been appreciated and will be marked at the proper time.

Ald. Williams said he was obliged to defend himself from Ald. Beckwith's insinuations. The fact was the latter had been away from his duties for two months, and that the speaker had been a little jealous. (Laughter.)

They were perfectly right in kicking and if their own representatives would not help them he would. They have been shamefully used and he would stay with them.

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The meeting broke up with votes of thanks to the press, the aldermen who had attended and the chairman.

### NEWS FROM CANADIAN TROOPS.

The question of keeping the people of Canada posted about the Canadian troops has been solved by the Family Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, sending a special war correspondent, who sailed on the Sardinian and whose sole business will be to keep the Family Herald in touch with the troops in action. The Family Herald's correspondent goes thoroughly equipped for his work. He has a photographic outfit, will be mounted on the field and will have a mounted orderly. The Family Herald's correspondent goes by permission of Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, and with instructions specially cabled from the War Office by the Secretary of War.

### SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS.

(Associated Press.) Berlin, Nov. 10.—The agreement signed on behalf of Germany and the British South Africa Company, binding the company not to continue its railroad to the West coast from Rhodesia south of fourteenth degree, except from a point on the Anglo-German frontier, has been approved. Germany also will not construct a railway north of fourteenth degree to the West coast until a railroad is constructed south of that degree, through German southwest Africa.

### THE SAILING OF THE LONG SHIPS.

October, 1899. They saw the cables loosened, they saw the gangways cleared. They heard the women weeping, they heard the men then cheered. Far off, far off, the tumult faded and died away. And all alone the sea-wind came singing up the Bay.

"I came by Cape St. Vincent, I came by Trafalgar. I swept from Torres Vedras to golden Vigo Bay. I saw the beacons blazing that fired the world with light. When down the ancient highway your fathers passed to fight."

"O race of tireless fighters, flushed with a youth renewed. Right well the wars of Freedom beat the Sea-king's brood; Yet as ye go forget not the fame of yonder shore. The fame ye owe your fathers and the old time before."

"Long-suffering were the Sea-king's, they were not swift to kill. But when the sands had fallen they waited though all the world forbade them, they counted not nor cared. The weighty help or hindrance, they did the thing they dared."

"The Sea-king's loved not boasting, they cursed not him that cursed. They honored all men duly, and him that needed them first; They strove and knew not hatred, they were snote and toiled to save. They tended whom they vanquished, they praised the fallen brave."

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—Henry Newbolt, in London Spectator.

The London Morning Post publishes the following from Washington: "Negotiations in London have resulted in an agreement between Great Britain, China and the United States to maintain the 'open door' in China, which power will undertake to develop both British and American trade."

# The Bings Murder

### Search is Being Made for the Murderer in Seattle.

### The Murderer Took a Broad Black Belt and the Victim's Rings.

Interest is revived in the atrocious murder of Mrs. Bings by the search that is now being made by the police in Seattle for a man who is thought to have been implicated in the horrible crime.

The Seattle Times of yesterday says: There is some reason to believe that the human fiend who murdered Mrs. Aznes Bings in Victoria on Sept. 23rd last and afterwards mutilated her body after the manner of "Jack the Ripper," is in Seattle. At least that is the opinion of some of the officers of the provincial police of British Columbia who have been in Seattle on two or three occasions recently, stopping for lengths of time varying from three days to a week.

On his last visit he stopped at the Butler hotel, where he registered under the name of Beauchamp. He does not pay the usual fraternal call to police headquarters, but always makes his presence known to British Consul Day, through the latter's secretary, Mr. MacRae. The latter refuses to talk about the matter. The province of British Columbia has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer, to which the city of Victoria has added \$250, making a total of \$750 reward, which it is quite possible the Victoria detective force will share.

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Victoria, B. C., 11th October, 1899.

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