

A Park On Pandora

Residents in the Centre Ward Want the Gore Beautified.

A Street Cleaning Crusade Suggested-Short Session of the Council.

The city council sat for only one hour last night, the mayor and aldermen being anxious to attend the drill hall meeting.

The first communication was from Premier Laurier, acknowledging the receipt of the council's motion relating to the Clover Point range.

Mr. Smith also notified the council of the appointment of Messrs. Brydon, Lovell and Piercy to the licensing and police boards.

The communication of Major Dupont withdrawing the offer made to the city to lay certain sewer pipes through his grounds was laid on the table.

Fell & Gregory asked why they had received no reply to their letter of Jan. 20th, re Rock Bay bridge.

Rev. J. Campbell asked the city to extend their sewer line up Fort street to the corner of Fort and Lincoln avenue.

P. R. Brown entered a complaint against the pound keeper. On Sunday afternoon, while his cow was quietly grazing on the Indian reserve, and his boy approaching to drive it home, it was seized and taken to pound.

The publisher of the Wave, of San Francisco, intimated that an article would appear in a forthcoming issue of that paper, consisting of 4,000 or 5,000 words, and of three full page illustrations.

Skene Love complained of the wretched condition of the streets, in the accumulation of filth and rubbish on the city highways.

Ald. Beckwith complained that a piece of sample sidewalk on Quadra street, built by the engineer, was being used as a roadway.

Ald. Yates thought the accumulation of "chips" on the street might be due to the shutting up of gambling houses.

Ald. Cameron said complaint was being constantly made in regard to the untidiness of the streets.

The request of M. R. Smith & Co. for the right to purchase some crushed rock to pave their yard was referred to the city engineer, with power to act.

J. J. Ronald, of Brussels, had seen that the corporation intended purchasing another fire engine.

V. Bodwell reported re the Victoria-Chilliwack railway that he had had several interviews with his clients, and they were unfavorable to altering the terms upon which they originally approached the council.

W. A. Woods asked for the right to have a wagon for short orders and lunches on the street at nights.

Ald. Stewart-No. 10 for night hawkers' license.

Mr. Stewart added that he should at least pay a license, as such an institution would come into competition with restaurants which did pay license.

B. H. Swinerton asked for the repair of the sidewalk around the Masonic Temple, which the Masonic Association had laid twenty years ago.

The B. C. Electric Railway wrote referring to the work being done on Rock Bay bridges suggested the policy of the caps and piles under the span which was not to be filled in.

W. A. Ward, general agent of the British Empire Mutual Life Insurance Company, suggested the placing of a \$1,500 policy on the life of each member of Strathcona's Horse.

Ald. Beckwith pointed out that none of the men were married, but Ald. Yates mentioned that a number had mothers depending on them.

re condition of North Chatham street between Belmont and Stanley avenue. To improve the street in question it would mean the removal of a considerable amount of rock and other work.

Re sewer extension on Michigan street between Menzies and Oswego streets, which has been referred back to me from your last meeting, I may say about 500 feet of the locality in question can be drained easily.

Communication from A. W. Jones re drain running along Fernwood road and through the Phylaxion Estate, I would refer you to my former report of August 21st, 1904, the total cost of which is \$1,975 and of course would only abate the nuisance during the dry season.

Petition from Thomas and Ellen Speed re condition of surface drain on Speed avenue, I find in the locality mentioned a box drain could be laid covering a distance of 250 feet, in a westerly direction from Douglas street.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, C. H. TOPE, City Engineer.

The communication was received and laid on the table. R. H. Sperring forwarded, as per request of the council, a list of wiring inspected by him between Oct. 8th, 1905, and January 15th, 1906-08 in all.

R. Johnson recommended the construction of a number of stands at the market building. Laid on the table.

Ald. Beckwith moved that the request be referred to a special committee consisting of Ald. Cameron, Beckwith, Stewart and the city engineer.

The motion carried and the council adjourned.

THE BEST MEDICINE FOR RHEUMATISM. "I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Hermitage, Pa.

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Victoria's Troopers

Great Patriotic Demonstration to Bid "Godspeed" to the Departing Soldiers.

Thousands Gather to Cheer Victoria's Contribution to the Strathcona Horse.

Victorians gathered in their hundreds and in their tens of hundreds at the drill hall last evening to bid Godspeed to the brave fifteen who go as their representatives with the Strathcona Horse.

The departure of the fifteen was a patriotic demonstration. The spacious drill hall was crowded, every available inch being taken up by the mighty crowd which pushed and shoved in their effort to get near the little line of troopers who, when this reaches the reader, will be well on their way eastward.

It was not until 9 p.m. that the departing troopers were formed up facing the platform, and for some considerable time prior to then, the band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Finn, played a number of patriotic airs.

The line of volunteers was formed, the six companies of the Fifth were marched into position on either side of them, enclosing the fifteen in a hollow square.

Tien Mayor Hayward mounted the platform together with the city fathers and Revs. Barber and Hughes.

It was 9:30 p.m. when the gossipy of the thousands was hushed and the mayor addressed those present. He said that although the proceedings of the evening would be brief they would be memorable.

It was a gathering to wish the heartiest success to the bid Godspeed to the troopers who went from this city to fight with the Strathcona Horse.

He said, a pleasant duty to perform that of presenting to each of the troopers a purse of recognition of their valor to their Queen and country.

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flag, the colors of the city—a further mascot.

The presentation over, Rev. Mr. Hughes was asked to say a few words. "Fellow soldiers," he said, "I wish you (Godspeed and safe health and conduct which He can give.

He was then 10:30, and the orders were given for the march to the steamer. The crowd began to hurry from the hall, and the officers formed their commands into quarter column.

The band took up its position in front of the Government street to the west and the fifteen troopers, headed by the band and escorted by the full strength of the Fifth Regiment, swung out of the drill hall to the stirring strains of "The British Grenadiers."

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