

WATER QUESTION IN EVERY PHASE

**ALDERMEN DISCUSS FIRE,
LAWN AND DOMESTIC USE**

**Declaration of Independence Against
Esquimalt Water Works Company
Proclaimed by Mayor.**

(From Tuesday's Daily.)—
When water was mentioned last night at the meeting of the board of aldermen there was a heavier precipitation than Victoria had previously experienced. Luckily it was only talk, if the water talked about had been anywhere at hand there would have been a second edition of the flood. Water for sprinkling; water for vegetable gardens; water, both fresh and salt, for fire protection; drinking water and every other kind of water; all were mentioned. Of course Goldstream water bobbed up serenely as usual, but according to the Mayor the city will be independent in future, and compel the Esquimalt company to make any further overtures.

The funniest thing in the whole business was an appeal by Ald. Fell. He begged the local newspapers to obtain a list of shareholders in the Esquimalt Waterworks Company. This should not be hard to get, he said, even secret agreements had been obtained and published. It may be stated that the Times is in possession of many of the names, including that of an important shareholder whose identity has not even been mentioned in connection with the corporation concerned.

A letter from Alexander Muir, of Oak Bay avenue, brought up the first phase of the question. He wrote calling attention to the bad water service. The communication stated it was impossible to get water at all from 9 to 9.30 p.m. for domestic purposes, and hardly any at all could be obtained for his garden. He also notified the council that if his house took fire and damage occurred through want of water the city would be held responsible. As a partial way of meeting the difficulty he asked that a meter be installed on his land so that water could be used at any hour.

This caused a debate that will probably cause a decided change in hours and other arrangements for sprinkling. Ald. Vincent pointed out the present hours for sprinkling, 5 to 9 a.m. and 5 to 10 p.m., were extremely unsatisfactory. Water was wanted for domestic purposes particularly between 8 and 9 in the morning and from 5 to 7 at night. These hours were both in those allowed for sprinkling, and consequently there was much dissatisfaction. He suggested that sprinkling hours be altered to 5 to 8 a.m. and 7 to 10 or 11 p.m.

Ald. Fell agreed with this. In his opinion water for domestic purposes should come first. He thought that there should have some restrictions during the hot months. They could afford to be a little liberal.

The Mayor fully endorsed this, and thought meter users should have water settled time for sprinkling. There was more water wasted than would supply all comfortably if care was exercised in the use of water.

Ald. Stewart revived the old project, giving each ward two days in the week. He thought this could be done. Some lawns were getting a dozen times more water than necessary, being sprinkled all day and every day in the week. The users wanted to get all they could for their \$175.

This brought forth a declaration which is interesting, giving statistics as to the water used by the Mayor and a couple of aldermen. They water their lawns as follows:

Ald. Stewart—Twice a week.

Ald. Mayor—Once a week.

Ald. Stewart—At all; reserving all his available water for growing potatoes. The latter said he could only get water between 10 and 11 at night. (This is breaking the regulations which places 10 p.m. as the hour to quit.)

Ald. Fell thought that it would be well to divide up the hours and give those without a meter from 5 to 8 in the morning and meter users from 6 to 9 at night.

Ald. Hall, as usual, found it difficult to arrive at any conclusion beyond the fact that a good deal of water, more than necessary, was used on lawns. The matter was eventually turned over to the water committee and commissioner with power to act.

Fire protection was next discussed, this portion of the water question being brought up by Ald. Hall. He enquired from the chairman of the committee concerned if all the fire engines would pump sea water. If so, it would help in case of a bad fire.

His Worship did not consider this very important, as the only place that sea water could be easily pumped was where the fresh water supply was most plentiful.

Ald. Fullerton, replying to the question, said that two engines were fitted for salt water pumping—the John Grant and Deluge. He also stated the matter had been considered by the committee, and a proposal for a special salt water main discussed, but it was adjourned until the general water question was taken up. Salt water could be used if fires occurred in the

business property along the water front. The matter of fire protection dropped without any reference to the threat of Alexander Muir.

And then came a report from the water committee, reading as follows:

Your water committee beg to make the following recommendation:
That the water commissioner be instructed to communicate with the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, asking them, without prejudice:

(a) At what figure the company will sell to the corporation of the city of Victoria the water rights and the water works, both at Goldstream and Thetis lake?
(b) At what figure the company will sell to the city of Victoria the waste water below the power house, now running to waste?

(c) In the event of the water company's figure being considered too high by the city, will the company be willing to submit to arbitration in the usual way, the question of the price to be paid the company, the city its part agreeing to arbitrate at the rate payers by a-law to purchase, at the price fixed by the arbitrators?

That the commissioner also ask the Esquimalt company to supply water to the city at which they will sell water from Goldstream to the city.

1. The company putting down the water main?
2. The city putting down the water main?

In submitting the report Ald. Stewart, as chairman of the committee, made a short statement. Referring to clause (b) he said the water at present was being wasted, running in fast to sea. As to clause (c) the company had asked \$1,750,000 for the water for their property, and it was thought too high. What the committee wanted to find out was if arbitration would be submitted to it a dispute arose.

Ald. Vincent said the company can't help itself under the act of 1872.

Ald. Stewart, continuing, said that the two last propositions were allied. Under its act of incorporation the company was bound to supply water at a certain rate delivered at Victoria Arm, and last year had made an offer to sell up to 15,000,000 gallons for \$20,000 per annum if the city built the dam and pipe lines. Numbers of people would ask why an effort had not been made to purchase this water should a by-law for a new system be placed before them. They were certainly entitled to be informed, and the only way in which it could be obtained was by the method proposed. Elk lake, Millstream, Sooke had all been looked into, and Goldstream should receive the same treatment. He believed in giving every possible source of supply serious consideration.

Ald. Hall seconded the motion. If a reply were received, he said, the city would not be compelled to go to arbitration. Personally, he thought the city had the right to expropriate some of the company's shareholders were willing to sell at a decent figure and give an option for a certain time. If not, particularly between 8 and 9 in the morning and from 5 to 7 at night. These hours were both in those allowed for sprinkling, and consequently there was much dissatisfaction. He suggested that sprinkling hours be altered to 5 to 8 a.m. and 7 to 10 or 11 p.m.

Ald. Vincent wanted to know the status of the agreement with the Victoria Waterworks Co., under which the electric railway power is obtained. He informed that if the whole undertaking were purchased this would, of course, be included.

Ald. Yates said the company would jump at the chance to sell its surplus water. In this way they would learn exactly how much water was used. For the time being they would sell it very cheaply, and then hold up the city if it became necessary to acquire the works.

He also brought up the question of an appeal from Justice Duff's decision, stating that if two judges gave a judgment in favor of the city it would be in a much better position to deal with the company.

Ald. Vincent did not like the idea of taking steps to purchase this surplus water. The company might, for the time being, offer it at such a low rate as to place the council in a bad light before the people if it did not accept.

Ald. Fell declared the city had to face the position of having to get water. It had been sold expropriation could be invoked, but this invited a costly and foolish law suit. If notice were given to expropriate there was no backing out. It would cost thousands of dollars. The water committee would like to get the information asked for. An attempt had been made to obtain answers to previous questions. In some cases they had succeeded, but in others they were so unfair as to preclude publication.

Ald. Fullerton dwelt on the strenuous efforts being made to get water from other sources, and was afraid the company would not meet the council in a good spirit. They would ask a more outrageous figure than last year. It would be impossible to purchase at this rate. He was "totally opposed" to the buying of water by the city. If the Millstream project were successful the city would be independent.

Ald. Yates moved that the questions regarding purchase of water alone be struck out. The time was not far off when no company would be able to hold up a municipality. Such opposition was being aroused that legislation might be introduced to abrogate the company's present rights. Dealing with the Esquimalt Water Works was a matter of diplomacy. The shareholders were not fools, but wise men. If a request for figures on purchasing the water were made the company would place them at a very low figure. This would tickle the general public and make the company popular.

The Mayor thought the committee had the best intentions, but was sorry the report had been brought in at the present time. The company should be left to come to its senses, and the city wait until an offer to sell was made at a reasonable figure.

"We have declared our independence in sight," he continued. "We can compel them to make the city an offer. A new invention has lowered the value of their undertaking as a water power—the great power of the electric light and the electric energy by water power, and the largest industry in the city has arranged for its introduction. Let them approach the city, we are always ready to listen. In the meantime we will go about our own business and the company can do the same."

"Up to date everything appears favorable to the city of Victoria. Millstream in conjunction with Elk lake will give an ample supply of water without pumping, for many years to come. I cannot promise a full report

this week, but hope to have one before the next meeting. An interim report could have been brought in. We want the matter settled beyond peradventure. There will be a great difference in the value of the company's holdings within a few months. There are certain circumstances which we don't know, but in two months they will give a very different quotation than at present."

Ald. Vincent also mentioned a new invention that would displace the gas engine—compressed air. (Voice—"Hot air.") "No, that was not the name," he said, "it is the economic cylinder."

A vote was then taken to lay the report on the table pending the full report of the engineers. This was carried on the following division.

Aye—Mayor Morley, Yates, Vincent, Davey, Fullerton and Goodacre.

Nay—Stewart, Hall, Fell and Douglas.

The Mayor thereupon intimated that a special meeting to consider the whole water question would probably be called for Thursday, July 27th.

In regarding the discussion of the water question the Mayor intimated that a little difficulty had arisen in connection with the proposed reservoir at Lost Lake, particulars of which were given in last week's issue. The lake emptied into Deadman's river, and the water finally found its way to Thetis lake, he thought it well to enquire if the Esquimalt company considered it part of their system. If so, it might be ignored altogether and the new reservoir built at Lavender swamp, that was large enough for all purposes.

Ald. Yates suggested expropriation, and said he thought it foolish to ask the company to give away part of its watershed. It was asking something for nothing. The feeling of the board being against making such an enquiry it was decided to have both the lake and swamp projects surveyed. If the company is found entitled to Lost lake the pipes will be carried past it and the reservoir made at Lavender swamp.

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PUBLICITY EXPERTS WILL VISIT CITY

**COAST ADVERTISERS
TO HOLD CONVENTION**

**In Victoria Friday and Saturday - Local
Newspapers to Provide Suitable
Entertainment.**

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Fifty or more of the most prominent advertisers and newspaper men on the Pacific Coast, all experts in the art of publicity, will visit Victoria this week. They will come as delegates to the annual convention of the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's Association, which will be held here on Friday and Saturday. The avowed objects of the organization, which, although only in its infancy, being yet but two years old, has attained to marked influence in commercial circles of the West, are: To foster faith in advertising; to spread a knowledge of the art and practice; and to cement the guild into an active entity.

In the circulars which have been issued by the enterprising secretary, L. H. Mertz, attention is called to the fact that the meeting in Victoria is somewhat out of the ordinary, and demonstrates that the institution is spreading along the coast, caring nothing for the imaginary line which separates the United States from Canada. Complimentary reference also is made to the beauties of the capital city of British Columbia.

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On Saturday afternoon special cars will be taken to different resorts in the vicinity of the city. Among the places to be visited are Esquimalt, the George, Beacon Hill park and Oak Bay. A concert will be rendered by the Fifth Regiment band at the tramway park, and, doubtless, the majority of the delegates will spend the afternoon at that pretty resort. In the evening a Dutch supper and smoking concert will take place at Oak Bay. It is being given by the Colonist Printing & Publishing Co.

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In short the arrangements for the reception of members of the association have been made as perfect as possible. No trouble or expense will be spared in giving them a good impression of British Columbia's capital, and, at least, they cannot leave with anything but a high opinion of Victoria's hospitality.

That the forthcoming gathering will be a profitable one from a business standpoint, and that it will give the visitors some idea of the beauties of this place, should be the ardent desire of all who earnestly hope for the success of the convention.

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OFFICERS SELECTED.

Charles Hayward is Made President of the Orphanage Board.

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E. Crow Baker presided and the election of officers and committees was carried out. Charles Hayward was nominated as president. He objected at first to accepting office, advising that some one else should be selected for the present at least. He was urged, however, to accept the position and was unanimously elected.

W. Scowcroft was re-elected honorary secretary. E. Crow Baker, honorary treasurer, and Thornton Fell, solicitor.

The standing committees on finance, house and grounds and legislation were appointed.

The following were named and