## VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST

# **CITY WILL MAKE ITS APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT** Public Meeting Decides to Press for Passing of Wa-terworks Bill

(From Thursday's Daily) a unanimous vote a resolution

**Resolution Submitted** 



March 6, 1368

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(From Thursday's Daily) Ey a 'unanimous vote a resolution miging the government to allow of the full being presented to the house at this session was passed last evening reld at the city hall for the purpose of considering the recent action of the river works bill being presented by the river works bill being presented by the river an amendment preventing the city, an amendment preventing the river from expropriating any part of the reservoir site below the power proposed by Mr. Luxton, solicitor for the commany, the city decided to grave sum in its plant, I had been claimed that the electric com-pany has \$10,000,000 invested in the province, but Mr. Taylor declared that the fact must not be forgothen that the fore the works it meeting was called by Mayor Hall to considering the matter, and decide upon what action should be taken to-kifter lengthy discussion, during which the city barrister, W. J. Tay-ciaims. The meeting was fairly ord-ciaims of the private bills com-mittee, H. B. Thomson, M. P. P. A. 'Luxton, K. C., Mr. Bodwell, K. C. and Ald Riohard Hall and D. R. Ker, and the following resolution usu unanimously passed, and today at the assolution subuilted **B**. C. Electric **C** mait is prosenting was called by Mayor Hall to chairman of the private bills com-ment, and this great property and fix atom a large deplutation of ratepayers will wait upon the ministers and pre-sent if to the government: **Resolution Submitted** 

It had been claimed by the Esqui-malt company that should the city take any part of the lands or plant such would be a 'repudiation and con-fiscation of the company's rights. The city did not wish to repudiate or con-fiscate such rights, but it strongly ob-Whereas, in 1873, the cify of Vic-toria obtained a right by statute to take lands or waters from any points ithin 20 miles of the city for water ork purposes. And whereas, in 1892 the Esquimalt fiscate such rights, but it strongly ob-jects to repudiation or confiscation of any statute rights conferred upon the city

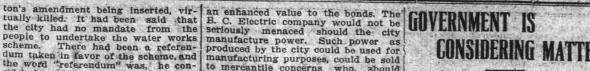
Water Works Company obtained a right to take the waters of Gold-stream and lands necessary for water works purposes, subject, however, to the prior rights of the city of Vic-toria At this stage of the proceedings Mayor Hall read letters from Premier McBride, H. F. W. Behnsen, M. P. P.

And whereas, it was expressive provided in the act authorizing the Esquimalt Water Works Company to take the waters of Goldstream that nothing in such act should be construed as in any way limiting or derogating from any grant of privilege accorded to the city under its act of 1873, and further that such right of the Esquimalt Water' Works Company should be subject to the rights privileges and powers of the city under its act of 1873.
 And whereas, it is advisable in the interests of the city's rights.
 And whereas, it is advisable in the interests of the city that an act should be passed confirming to the city all such rights and declaring that the same may be exercisable to the fullest in order to remove any doubt as to the meaning of such acts, to facilitate the borrowing of money for the purpose of enabling the city to chian a necessary supply of water and to remove all udgers of delay in connection with such proceedings.
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Makes Indignant Denial

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tually killed: It had been said that the city had no mandate from the sort are deen a referent dum take in favor of the scheme, and the word "referendum" was, he considered by the city could be used for manufacturing purposes, could be sold to mercantile concerns who, should not he word "referendum" was, he considered it would have been had refused to give the city the right to take any part of the reservoir sittle in locating here. Mr. Thom on considered it would have been be obtained, would not here any part of the reservoir sittle in locating here. Mr. Thom on considered it would have been be allowed to tunnel from the lake. This would mean that after the city had spent large sums on making the house as a committee of the whole.
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whether a watershed of the company or not, aiming, without doubt, at the lands of the company at Goldstream.
Mr. Luxton had no objection to urge against the power clauses of the city's bill. If the city wanted the Esquinalt tworks it could have them, but noti piecemeal. Mr. Luxton declared that it the tunnelling of the company's reser-t voir was a very risky thing for the company. The city has stated that it did not want the reservoir site, but when the company admitted an amend-accept the bill. He referred to the setimate of Mr. Adams that the tunnel mot get it, then the city refused to accept the bill. He referred to the setimate of Mr. Adams that the tunnel mot get it, then the cost at \$33 per had estimated the cost at \$33 per foot.
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The question of the remission of the

per foot. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., solicitor of the B. C. Electric company, declared that as the law now stood the city had two ways of getting an adequate supply of water, which was the main considera-tion just now. There was absclutely no doubt but that the city could pur-ply to all cities. The question of the remission of the personal property tax, the premier stated, was one which necessarily must rest with the finance minister. The latter had already made a statement in the house upon the matter. If any-thing was done, it would have to ap-ply to all cities.

water, which was the main considera-tion just now. There was absclutely no doubt but that the city could pur-chase Goldstream. The acts of 1873 and 1892 provided for this, and the company's right to take Goldstream was subject to the city's right to ex-propriate the Esquimalt Waterworks company's plant and holdings, at a

J. B. Simpson While Out Driving Sus-tains Painful Injuries and Ren-dered Unconscious valuation to be decided on by arbitra-tion. Or secondly, the city can go to Sooke lake. In that mase Mr. Bod-well thought the proper course would (From Thursday's Daily)

to Sooke lake. In that case Mr. Bod-well thought the proper course would be to have all surveys made and data collected in regard to the construction of the tunnel and go to the govern-ment next year. It would take all this year to get thet proper data so that nothing would be lost by waiting until next year. Quick Action Necessary. D. R. Ker declared that if anything were to be done in the matter of pressing the city's case it should be done at once. Mr. Bodwell's informa-tion was very important. He read portions of the house reports on the bill of 1892 and showed how the legis-lature of that time had meant that the city's rights should be carefully guarded. If the city wished to acquire the rights of the Esquimalt Waterguarded. If the city wished to acquire and tater Lr. Frank Hall also the rights of the Esquimalt Water-works company it would be willing to give a fair, even a liberal, compensa-tion, but the city would certainly not

e give a fair, even a liberal, compensa-tion, but the city would certainly not give a million and a quarter, the amount which the company has asked. The accessity of instant action was imperative. The city will soon be that worse condition than ever, as today Elk lake is lower than ever, as today Elk lake is lower than ever, as today the above resolution and Ald. Hall sec-onded it, at the same time declaring that the rights of the city must be maintained. The companies were, he t stated, attempting to convert the priv-leges granted to them into monopolies. He contended that not only water but also power must be had, and what the city wanted was a clear title to go a abaed, and, whether a tunnel cost \$18 or \$33, the city was paying for it and it was no concern of any one else. He objected to the efforts of the corpora-tion to throttle the city.



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o'clock, and adjourning at 1 o'clock. The finance and road committees re-ported on the amount of work that had been accomplished in the muni-cipality and submitted an estimate of that still to be done. Amherstburg, Ont. Mar. 3.—While on a visit to his daughter, Samuel Brodie, land surveyor at. Qu'Appelle, was stricken with hemorrhage of the brain and died. yesterday.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

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